

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting May 19, 2025 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

Luncheon at 11:30 am–Executive Committee at 9:30 am

Program: The May 19, 2025, SIR Branch 110 luncheon program will be about the **CSU Concrete Industry Management Program**. The Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program combines business skills with specialized concrete industry training, giving students a career advantage with early industry experience. There are only 5 universities in the nation that have a CIM degree, and Chico State is one of them. Our speaker will be **Shirley Hall** who is the Marketer and Recruiter Specialist for the Concrete Industry Management program. Shirley attended high school at Pleasant Valley and did her undergraduate study at UC, Davis. She then spent a year in England at Durham University getting a Masters of Science in marketing. She has worked for CIM for 3 years, and is very passionate about this major.



Lunch: The price of a salad is now \$18. The price of lunch is still \$20.

Lunch Menu	Lunch Attendance Communication
Chicken Fried Steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, Caesar salad, and bread. The dessert will be a fresh baked brownie.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the May 19th luncheon. <u>Please respond to the survey</u> , but if you could not do the survey, and <u>if you WILL attend</u> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by 6:01 pm on Wednesday, May 14th.



Big Sir Message:

Due to the Rooster's Tale editor providing an erroneous deadline date, making it very difficult to prepare the usual Big Sir Message in a timely manner, it was decided to provide the following from the State SIR Organization.

May BAC Meeting 5/9/25

The next Branch Advisory Council meeting will be held by Zoom on **Friday, May 9, 2025, starting at 1 p.m.** The link to the meeting is:

<https://zoom.us/j/94269180206?pwd=f3ZE4b4nroeW1xoBRoOwpmOgfVURJw.1>

The Meeting ID: 942 6918 0206 and Passcode: 488269

Dial by your location if you need to: call 1 669 900 6833

If you are unable to attend, please send me an email with your thoughts. Your input is important! Topics which we are unable to address will be carried over to the next meeting. Please come prepared.

1. The first discussion topic will be a review of the staffing requirements for State SIR presently and for next year.

2. We will also discuss the need to have a full or part-time Executive Director. This discussion will focus on costs and benefits from a general perspective.

3. If time permits, we will also discuss the need for IT support to supplement our existing volunteer capacity.

I look forward to our upcoming meeting and getting your assistance and thoughts on these topics.

You likely have noted that the agenda for the scheduled June BAC is "Open." If you have discussion topics, please let me know. Tentatively, I am thinking that I will have the two advertising pilot projects discussed. I can invite (i) Rick Kindle to discuss the efforts in the Central Valley and (ii) Nick Feimer and Andy Danver to discuss the efforts in San Mateo.

I look forward to seeing everyone on May 9, 2025.

Best, Rich Carlston

Please check out our website for regular updates and some new humor.

Branch 110 Website: <http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

2025 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: Don Sturt		Little Sir: Ralph Skytte
Secretary: Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush	Database Mgr: Rocky Rockwell
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Director: Mike Gross (1 st term)	Director: Dave Jones (1 st term)	Director: Jan Loring (1 st term)


Health, Memorials and Wisdom

In order to include information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has had health issues or has recently died, please provide the information to Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

**History is not for us to like or dislike.
It is for us to learn from.**

SIR 110 Activities

Please remember that when planning SIR activities, it is critical that approval be obtained from the BEC and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.

Piscatology		The Sirs fishing group traveled to Lake Almanor on April 29, 30 and May 1st with 12 members fishing. The bite was slow but 3 good sized German Brown Trout were caught.
Larry Kreider caught a nice German Brown Trout measuring 22-1/2" Dana Davis caught a 19" Brown and Tim Hill caught a 16-3/4" Brown. The Sirs Fishing group meets for breakfast the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 am at Cozy Diner. Stop in and join us for breakfast. Contact Dana Davis at 530-570-1687 if you want to know more about the group.		

Hiking



A Sons in Retirement hike is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, at Paynes Creek Point on Bureau of Land Management land outside of Red Bluff. We'll take an approximate three to four mile semi loop hike with views of the Sacramento River and the Cascades to include Mount Shasta.

PLACE: Paynes Creek Point

DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

TIME: Meet at 8:30 am at the Park and Ride lot closest to Highway 99

WEAR: Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots

LOGISTICS: We'll drive north to Red Bluff then take I-5 a few miles to the Jelly's Ferry Road exit then drive to the trailhead. There are toilets at the trailhead parking area. Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. Liquids are essential on this hike as temperatures are rising. Also suggest bringing sunscreen and lip balm. A hiking staff or hiking poles could be helpful on uneven terrain. Include in your pack emergency contact information and medical insurance information.

COMMENTS: We will be walking over uneven terrain. We may negotiate steep sections of trail as well as rocky terrain. There are numerous trip hazards.

The url to maps for the hike:

<http://www.chicohiking.org/ValleyFoothill/mapPDFs/Paynes-Cr-Pt.pdf>

Note: We will modify the route shown on the topo map to shorten the hike.

For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl

April 23 Table Mountain Ecological Reserve Hike



Bridge



The Bridge players played last month. **Bob Dinger** was the only Branch 110 winner. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. **Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.**

History



The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 13, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way.** This meeting will focus on discussions about Old Grocery Stores of Chico and book inclusion ideas.

The more input on this the better! What are your memories of old grocery stores?

If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).

ABV 110

The next ABV activity is **Thursday, May 22, at 2 pm** at Carol and Jim Braziel's home. It will involve tasting Cabs from various countries and local regions.

To be added to the email list, contact **Don Alger** (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).

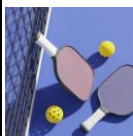
Pinochle

Pinochle report for April: Maggie Navarro - 1st, Patsy Stile - 2nd, and Cindy Heffren - 3rd. Next date for lunch and cards is Wednesday, May 28, 11 am, at BCC.

Come join the fun group. **Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.**

Wood Working

Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings. If someone has a project that needs a little help, **call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.**

Pickleball

The Pickleball team has been adding new members each week as the weather continues to allow enjoyable play. I am seeing improvement in everybody's game. Come on out and join in.

Come on out and enjoy the fun. **Jay Hanson can be reached at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com**

Bowling

SIR Bowling meets Tuesdays at 6 pm at Bowlero. This is a drop-in league that meets each week, so you can attend every Tuesday or when the mood strikes you. If you decide to show up near a holiday or as summer approaches, you might want to check to make

sure the bowling night is happening. The cost is \$17 for three games plus shoe rental. There is a \$25 league enrollment fee so your first time to bowl will be \$42 then \$17 each time thereafter.

Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.

Book Exchange

Have books you've read? Interested in reading something different? Swap for something new at the SIR Book Exchange. We're getting more books brought to the SIR Book Exchange and more books taken home. That's the idea: Bring in some of the books you've enjoyed reading and get them circulating

among our members. The book exchange starts during the social time before our lunch meeting.

Please contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions.

M is for **May**, Cinco de **Mayo**, **M**other's Day and **M**emorial Day.

Please have a fun Month!

Golf

Branch 110 Golf is a very popular activity not only for our members but also for other local SIR Branches. There are tournaments usually twice a month on Mondays with a variety of entertaining formats at different courses. Call **Darrell Hands**, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.

On April 23, 46 Sirs played at Wilcox

1 st Net = 56.9	2 nd Net = 58.5	3 rd Net = 59.2	4 th Net = 60.3	5 th Net = 61.8
DAHL, JAKE	BARNUM, DAVE	BROWN, GREG	MABREY, BOB	HYDER, MARK
DEMME, CHARLES	HILDENBRAND, LARRY	GLAZINER, KEN	MCNAMARA, DENNIS	PERTUIT, GLEN
GIFFORD, KEVIN	LIM, MIKE	GLAZINER, KYLE	BARGER, JIM	BROSSOIT, PAUL
MATHESON, TOM	WEIDERT, JIM			EBER, JEFF

CLOSEST TO PIN 4: MABREY, BOB - 12' 2"; HANDS, DARRELL - 14' 6" **PIN 8:** LIM, MIKE - 4' 10"; VELASQUEZ, JOE - 7' 1" **PIN 15:** CAMY, DON - 8' 8"; MABREY, BOB - 10' 9" **PIN 18:** VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 1' 8"; MABREY, BOB - 4' 4"

Please Help! Branch 110 is still in need of assistance.

Some of the needs are shown below.

There are different details for duties and requirements for the assignments listed and in particular for the "Assistant" positions. Brief indications are listed under the requirements. The needs for the assistant positions vary from just emergency occasional backup needs to full replacement responsibilities. If you are willing to help out but have questions, please ask for more information.

Assignment	Requirements
1. Activities Oversight Chairman	Minimal time responsibilities for evaluation of SIR activities
2. Recruitment Committee Chairman	Minimal requirements for providing recruitment information
3. Attendance Committee Assistant	Familiarity with using Excel and name badge responsibilities
4. Piscatology Committee Assistant	Assistance with organizing fishing activities
5. Program Tech Assistant	Back up for computer set up for speakers and songs
6. Data Base Mgr. Assistant	Familiarity with Microsoft Access Data Base Engine
7. Rooster's Tale Assistant Editor	Familiarity with Microsoft Word

IN ADDITION

We need a volunteer for a Little Sir for 2026.

Please contact Big Sir Don Sturt, if you are willing to help.

The \$25 Annual Basket Collection fee was due for 2025 by April 1. To avoid having your membership terminated, please send a check made out to SIR Branch 110 to Sam Smith at 25 Abbott Circle, Chico CA 95973.

MEMBERSHIP

There are now **135** members including **7** on Attendance Relief. Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call **Sam Smith** at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2025 Roster, some changes have occurred. The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of **current membership**. If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418).

Members not in the 2025 Roster	Mick Grey	Robert Minton	Warren Locke	Tim Hill
	Mark Frey			

New Members in April



Name: **Tim Hill**
 Wife: Rhonda
 Occupation: Treatment Operator – Gridley Public Works
 Interests: Fishing and woodworking
 Sponsored by: Tim Casaulong



Name: **Mark Frey**
 Occupation: Mechanic – self employed
 Interests: Fishing
 Sponsored by: Vern Hartman

Guests in April: Mike O'Malley – guest of Jose Lopez

Announcements

Editor's Note: The deadline for the **June** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, June 5**. Send your information by email to dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at 530-894-2452.

Future Programs: On **June 23** we will hear about the OLLI program. The **July 28** presentation will be an update on the Chico Airport. A program on Artificial Intelligence is scheduled for **September 23**.

State SIR Bulletin: (SIR Happenings) is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>.

Chico History Museum Events: **Saturday, May 17, 10 am:** John Muir and the Bidwells: The Forgotten Friendship

Our Branch Calendar: SIR activities are included on our branch calendar which can be accessed on the Branch 110 website. We also include items of interest such as Chico State Commencement. **If you have an item to post or to update on the Branch calendar, please contact Rich Utter or Rocky Rockwell.**

Ladies Day Luncheon: On **Thursday, May 8, at 11:30 am**, we will be holding a Ladies Day Luncheon to honor the ladies in our lives.

This year we will hold the luncheon in the back room at Mom's in downtown Chico. We will have the back room **from 11 am to 1 pm**. We are looking at ordering off a limited menu around 11:30 so we will have time to be served and time to eat before Mom's closes at 1 pm. Since we are ordering off the restaurant menu and paying at the restaurant, prices will be minimal. Seating in the back room is limited to 61 persons so we will limit attendance to 61.

For more information, please contact Randy Benson or Rich Utter.

Music Notes

Mbube/Wimoweh/The Lion Sleeps Tonight

The happy word "wimoweh" has been universally recognized for the song known as "The Lion Sleeps Tonight." From Pete Seeger's version in 1952 (titled "Wimoweh") to the Tokens' No. 1 single in 1961 (The Lion Sleeps Tonight) to its featured role in the hugely popular Disney film and Broadway musical *The Lion King*, the song has enchanted generations, sold millions of copies and passed into the world's musical language as a modern folk tune.

However, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" has an interesting history with convoluted copyright issues. Solomon Linda was born in the Zulu heartland of South Africa in 1909. He never learned to read or write, but he had a knack for songwriting. In his mid-20s, he moved to Johannesburg, where he led an a capella band that charmed audiences in the local beer halls. He sang in a high soprano over four-part harmony chants, a style that would come to define a whole generation of Zulu music. This sound was the basis for many of Linda's songs, including his most famous, "Mbube."

In Zulu, "Mbube" (EEM-boo-beh) means "lion." During his childhood, Linda had worked as a herder protecting cattle in the African hinterlands. The main predator was the lion. The spartan lyrics of his song center on the phrase "mbube zimbe," or "lion stop." When Linda and his group, the Original Evening Birds, cut a 78-rpm recording of the song in 1939, it became the first African record to sell over 100,000 copies.

In the '40s, the song's popularity spread through Europe. Though record companies in the U.S. weren't interested, noted folk music historian Alan Lomax was. In 1949, Alan Lomax, then working as folk music director for Decca Records, brought Solomon Linda's recording to the attention of his friend Pete Seeger, leader of the folk group **The Weavers**. Delighted by the joyous call of what he heard as "Wimoweh," Seeger worked up a version with his band the Weavers.

In November 1951, after having performed the song in their concerts, The Weavers recorded an adapted single titled "Wimoweh", a mishearing of the original song's chorus of "Mbube" (EEM-boo-beh). There was no writing credit mention of Solomon Linda.

The song became a popular staple for nightclub acts. The Weavers' live version gave it another boost in 1957. "Wimoweh" was recorded by others a few times, but only achieved significant financial success in 1961, when George Weiss rearranged it with a new set of words and gave it to doo-wop group **The Tokens**, calling it "The Lion Sleeps Tonight".

Additional publicity came from ***The Lion King*** which was a 1994 American animated musical produced by Walt Disney Feature Animation and released under Walt Disney Pictures. The use of the song "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" in a scene led to even more awareness for the song but disputes between Disney and the family of South African Solomon Linda, who had composed the song originally titled "Mbube" in 1939.

In July 2004, Linda's family filed a lawsuit, seeking \$1.6 million in royalties from Disney. In February 2006, Linda's heirs reached a settlement with Abilene Music, who held the worldwide rights and had licensed the song to Disney for an undisclosed amount of money.

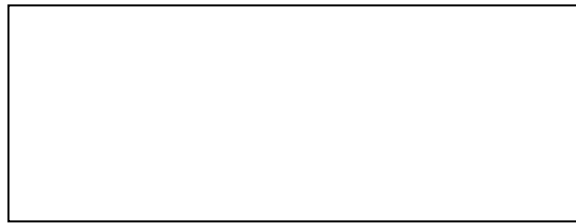
Resources: Bill DeMain <https://performingsongwriter.com/lion-sleeps-tonight/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lion_Sleeps_Tonight
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**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

If you have a May birthday, please join us at the
 May **19th** luncheon and see what you might win.

Randy	Benson	May	1	Harold	Stoner	May	9	Steven	Velasco	May	18
Joe	Viscuso	May	5	Ken	Baker	May	11	David	Jones	May	19
Frank	Moody	May	8	James	Cagno	May	12	Jim	Weidert	May	28
Charlie	Clayton	May	9								

It is possible to get a free lunch. Both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

Please, be a friend and bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!

RANDOM THOUGHTS

The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.