

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting June 24, 2024 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

Program: Our program for June will be on the **Homeless Situation in Chico.** Our speaker will be **Tom van Overbeek** who is a Chico City Council member.

Tom van Overbeek is a retired former tech businessman and a Modesto native who moved to Chico 15 years ago. He owns Whole Body Fitness, a local gym off of Highway 32.

Mr. van Overbeek, when being interviewed by KRCR TV said: "People camping in our public spaces is a disaster for the city and it's a disaster for them." "Homeless people living in tents die at five times the rate of the general population. It's not compassionate to let people sleep in a tent."

"There are some people who don't want to go to the shelters. But the public spaces belong to the public. The homeless either need to go to the shelter or the (city mandated homeless) campground, or they need to leave town. It's not acceptable for them to be camped along bike trails and in the park, because it deprives those areas from being used by the rest of the population."



Lunch: The food will be served as it has been recently. **The price of lunch is now \$20.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Chicken Fried Steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, bread, and lemon bars for dessert	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the June luncheon. Please respond to the survey but if you could not do the survey, and if you WILL attend , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, June 20.

Big Sir Message: I want to personally thank Anthony Ferro who filled in as our speaker at the last minute. One thing that has always impressed me was the job duties that most coaches and the great teachers possess that go far beyond their sport or class they are teaching. I've been involved with sports my whole life. I played 2 sports through high school and played senior softball late in my 60's. I also have 3 kids that played 2 and 3 sports all through school, including Butte United Soccer, which plays all year round. My middle son played soccer at Chico State after he graduated from Chico High. At **ALL** levels of competitive sports from Junior. high on there always seems to be a big component of being a better person, student, as well as an athlete. This was confirmed by both



Anthony last month and Craig Kielb who talked to us in February. He was the teacher that rescued the Butte College Auto Program. I'm a staunch supporter of many Chico State Sports Programs. I personally know most of their program's coaches and it's mandatory that all their players are not

only good citizens but are constantly moving forward in their schoolwork. I've personally believed that kids stay on a better life path when they are busy in school with sports or some vision of another interest that they want to pursue in the future and move forward in that direction.

I know you are tired listening to me complaining about the problem we are having each month with the lunch count. (Hell, I am too.) In April, we had about 20 folks that said they were coming and failed to show. Consequently, we had to pay for 24 (\$480.00 dollars) lunches ordered and not paid for in April. In May it was down to 4 (1 chicken and 3 salads). At the May BEC meeting, the group voted to start charging the members that failed to come and pay for the lunch they ordered by answering the survey starting in **JULY**. Rocky has a complete list of the folks that answer the survey. He is our Data Base Manager. There was, as in almost any month, a half a dozen folks that came to May's meeting that did not answer the survey. I know that Rocky always sends reminders out 2 or 3 times to the folks that did not answer the survey. I used to order 4 or 5 extra lunches each month for these folks, but because of our most recent problem, no more. Starting in May, I ordered just the number that answered the survey and we still had to pay for 4 lunches not sold. **In summary, starting July 22nd, if we are over on the lunches ordered, you may be charged for that meal the next time you come to a meeting. And in contrast if you don't call in and come to the meeting there's a chance you might not get a lunch.**

We have created a group of members who will try to help guys that have transportation needs to come to our meetings. We feel that these are important meetings that us older guys need. That was the original reason for starting SIR in the beginning. Starting this month, if you don't have a way to get to the Elks, please call me at 530-895-1022. I have an answering machine and you can call anytime. I hope to see you at the June meeting. Hope you are having a great summer. *Dave*

BEC Message: The Branch 110 Executive Committee (BEC) discussed the following idea and **Rocky Rockwell** offered to provide the following information. Gentlemen of SIR Branch 110:

Each month, we communicate to the Elks kitchen staff the number of entrees and salads we require for the upcoming monthly Branch meeting. When we convey these numbers to the Elks kitchen staff, our branch is responsible for paying for that number of meals.

If the attendees to our meeting is less than the number we had conveyed to the kitchen staff, our branch is still responsible for paying for the number of meals we had reported.

After discussing this problem in our BEC meetings, the decision was made to make those responsible for this problem accountable.

Effective with our July 22, 2024 meeting, any member who completes the luncheon survey stating they will attend and will purchase a luncheon, and then chooses not to attend that month's meeting will still be responsible for the \$20 cost of the lunch.

Rocky Rockwell

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**Curiosity is one of the great secrets of happiness.
Samuel Johnson**

Health, Wisdom and Memorials


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.

Please check out our website for numerous updates and new humor.


**Branch 110 Website: <http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>
Webmaster: Ron Braziel**


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.

<p>Pickleball</p>		<p>Pickleball coach Jay Hanson would like to inform all SIR members that our newly formed group meets Thursdays at 1 pm at the 20th Street Park weather permitting.</p>	
<p>We have a small group but plenty of fun learning and playing this popular new sport. It is the number one sport gaining popularity in the United States. I am looking forward to seeing new faces out there playing this fun game and socializing with our SIR group. So come on out and join the fun. Jay can be reached at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com. Pictured from left to right are Steve Kodad, Jay Hanson, Randy Benson.</p>			


<p>Hiking</p>		<p>No hiking activity is planned for June. The hiking program is on summer hiatus until September. For information or questions, please contact Rich Utter.</p>
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<p>Bridge</p>		<p>There were two bridge matches since last month's Rooster's Tale. Bob Dinger won one, and Ed Matzdorff won the other. 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.</p>
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<p>History</p>		<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way. This meeting will explore research methods and strategies for either the casual "Googler" or more serious researcher.</p>
<p>The topic of <u>Old Grocery Stores of Chico</u> will be used to demonstrate the different techniques. If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		


<p>ABV 110</p>		<p>About twenty sippers enjoyed a fun and informative tasting activity with dessert wines at Carol and Jim Braziel's home on May 30. The next event is scheduled for June 27 at 3 pm for wine tasting at New Clairvaux Vineyard, with a <u>possible</u> tour and the option of dinner at Lassen Steak House.</p>
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Details still have to be worked out but please save the date of **Thursday, June 27, at 3 pm.** **To be added to the ABV email list, contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).**

<p>Pinochle</p>		<p>The Pinochle game was cancelled for May. We will have lunch and play Wednesday, June 26th at 11 am at the BCCC. Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</p>
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<p>Wood Working</p>		<p>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.</p>
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<p>Piscatology</p>		<p>The Fishing Group completed the trip to Davis Lake - June 4, 5 and 6th. Five boats and 16 Sirs fishermen caught fish on all three days. The weather was perfect and</p>	 <p>Ron Imhoff</p>
<p>the moon was the opposite of "full". If interested in fishing, join us for breakfast on June 13th, at Cozy Diner, at 7:30 am. Our next trip will be to Fort Bragg for some ocean fishing. Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698 for information.</p>			

<p>Bowling</p>		<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>		

50 Years Ago:

June 6, 1974: As part of the ceasefire agreement between Israel and Syria, the last 382 Syrian prisoners of war were returned from Israel to Damascus while the remaining 56 Israeli POWs arrived at Tel Aviv after being released by Syria.

FYI, this was the conclusion of what was known as the the **Yom Kippur War**, which was an armed conflict fought from October 6-25, 1973, between Israel and a coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Syria. No this is different than the **Six-Day War**, also known as the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, which was fought from June 5-10 between Israel and a coalition of Arab states. It was also different from the **1948 Arab-Israeli War**, also known as the **First Arab-Israeli War**. And this is also different than the **1948 Palestine War**. **Yikes, my head hurts!**

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.
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On Monday, May 13, a tournament was played at Bailey Creek.

1 st Net = 143	2 nd Net = 145	3 rd Net = 147	4 th Net = 150	4 th Net = 150
BARGER, JIM	BAKER, KEN	ANDERSON, ED	BROSSOIT, PAUL	BRUGGMAN, DENNIS
MABREY, BOB	DAVIS, SAM	DAHL, JAKE	EBER, JEFF	HULL, MICHAEL
MCNAMARA, D.	HERMAN, CRAIG	DEMME, CHARLES	HYDER, MARK	QUINTO, RAY
WHITE, GARY	STASER, CHARLES	HANDS, DARRELL	PERTUIT, GLEN	VAN PATTEN, ALEX

CLOSEST TO PIN 8: GROSS, MIKE - 6' 7"; VELASCO, STEVE - 11' 0"; **PIN 4:** WHITE, GARY - 10' 10"; GRIFFIN, RON - 14' 8" **PIN 13:** GLAZINER, KYLE - 4' 7"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 4' 11" **PIN 16:** GRAY, MARK - 12' 11"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 15' 9"

On Saturday, May 22, 41 Sirs played a "shamble" tournament at Rolling Hills.

1 st Place Net = 134.2	2 nd Place Net = 135.2	3 rd Place Net = 138.2	4 th Place Net = 140.8
BARGER, JIM	BARNUM, DAVE	DAVIS, SAM	GLAZINER, KYLE
MABREY, BOB	HILDENBRAND, LARRY	DONAHOO, SCOTT	KNOWLTON, JACK
MCNAMARA, DENNIS	WEIDERT, JIM	HANDS, DARRELL	MAIN, ED
WHITE, GARY	WESSELS, BOB	SHOOK, DOUG	PARSONS, DICK

CLOSEST TO PIN 4: WOLFE, DENNIS - 9' 1"; CARLSON, RICH - 16' 0" **PIN 6:** WHITE, GARY - 5' 1"; SHOOK, DOUG - 5' 11" **PIN 12:** VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 7" 8"; KNOWLTON, JACK - 9" 8" **PIN 14:** WESSELS, BOB - 2' 3"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 3" **PIN 16:** LEE, LLOYD - 3' 11"; MABREY, BOB - 5" 1"


On Monday, June 3, 43 Sirs played a wild card scramble at Bidwell.


1 st Place Net = 61.1	2 nd Place Net = 61.2	3 rd Place Net = 61.4	4 th Place Net = 61.8
HERMAN, CRAIG	GLAZINER, KYLE	DAHL, JAKE	DZWONEK, TED
LAMPE, DON	MCNAMARA, DENNIS	GROSS, MIKE	HYDER, MARK
MOORE, DAVE	PETERICH, TERREL	SHOOK, DOUG	PERTUIT, GLEN
PARSONS, DICK	VELASCO, STEVE	WESSELS, BOB	WEIDERT, JIM

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: ATKIN, NORM - 10' 6"; WHITE, GARY - 16' 1" **PIN 4:** HERMAN, CRAIG - 14' 1"; VELASQUEZ, JOE - 29' 4" **PIN 7:** ANDERSON, ED - 21' 11"; GRIFFIN, RON - 25' 1" **PIN 12:** WOLFE, DENNIS - 28' 1"; HANDS, DARRELL - 35' 1" **PIN 16:** BAKER, KEN - 4' 8"; DONAHOO, SCOTT - 14' 10"

SIR 110 Information Resources

This is information related to History and Travel that does not represent official Branch 110 activities, but does provide information about other history and travel events.

History		There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. No activities for June have been identified. Contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) for more information .
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Travel		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venice and Croatian Islands Cruise, September 30 – October 12, 2024 • Fall Mexican Riviera Getaway, October 15 – 26, 2024 • SIR Grand Circle River Trip, Prague to Budapest, November 6-20, 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panama Canal Cruise, San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale, January 20 – February 5, 2025 For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.		

Music Notes

Ode to Billie Joe: In August 1967, the United States was embroiled in the controversial Vietnam War and Lyndon Johnson announced that he was sending more troops to Vietnam. Black Power advocate Stokely Carmichael called for violent revolution in the streets. But the hot topic among people tuned into contemporary music was what Billie Joe McAllister and his girlfriend threw off the Tallahatchie Bridge and why did he commit suicide.

This was a song by American singer-songwriter Bobbie Gentry released in July 1967. In its first week of release, it sold 750,000 copies and five weeks after its release, the song topped Billboard's Pop singles chart and stayed there for four weeks. It also appeared in the top 10 of the Adult Contemporary and Hot R&B singles charts, and in the top 20 of the Hot Country Songs list.

The song takes the form of a first-person narrative. It tells of a rural Mississippi family's reaction to the news of the suicide of Billie Joe McAllister, a local boy to whom the daughter (and narrator) is connected.

The song received widespread attention, leaving its audience intrigued as to what the narrator and Billie Joe threw off the Tallahatchie Bridge.

Gentry later clarified that she intended the song to portray the family's indifference to the suicide in what she deemed "a study in unconscious cruelty", while she remarked the object thrown was not relevant to the message. "What was thrown off the bridge really isn't that important."

"Anyone who hears the song can think what they want, but the real message of the song, if there must be a message, revolves around the nonchalant way the family talks about the suicide. They sit there eating their peas and apple pie and talking, without even realizing that Billie Joe's girlfriend is sitting at the table, a member of the family."

Sorry but no answers to the Talahatchie bridge questions.

Peggy Sue: The song that would become possibly the most beloved of Buddy Holly's hits was originally titled "Cindy Lou", but Holly changed it to "Peggy Sue" for the sake of his drummer Jerry Allison's love life. Allison and his future wife, Peggy Sue Gerron, had just broken up, and Holly wanted to do whatever he could to help them get back together. That's what a friend - or, buddy, so to speak - is for. And it worked! Allison and Gerron got back together and got married, an event immortalized by yet another Buddy Holly song, "Peggy Sue Got Married," although that would prove to be a less successful single.

Buddy Holly was one of the most important and popular of the early pioneers of rock 'n' roll music in the 1950s. Having been involved in music since he was a teenager, he rocketed to fame in 1957 on the back of two smash hit singles: "That'll Be the Day" and "Peggy Sue." He remained immensely popular until he was tragically killed just two years later in the plane crash that also took the lives of Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper in the event that would come to be known as the Day the Music Died.




There are now 132 members including 8 on Attendance Relief. Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **530-520-3291** to get one via the postal service.

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2024 Roster in January, 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 2024 Roster	Ralph Skytte	John Schaller	Dan Bequette	Dana Davis
	Kevin Hennessy	Gary Marquis	Bill Knudsen	Paul Tullius

New Member in May	Guests in May
 <p>Name: Bill Knudsen Occupation: Juice Mfg. – Kundsens & Son Interests: Backgammon, Bridge, Pickleball, Poker, Pinochle, Veterans Sponsored by: Alex Lorenz</p>	<p>Joe Gallaway - guest of Darrell Hands Jim Cagno - guest of Darrell Hands Steve Miller - guest of Jim Johnson Felix Trecino - guest of Jose Lopez</p>

Announcements

Editor's Note: The deadline for the **July** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, July 4**. Send your information by email at dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at 530- 894-2452.

Future Programs: The **July 22nd** program will feature Mike Ramsey and a discussion on "Scams and Frauds". The program for **August 26th** will be "Criminal Defense Stories" by Larry Willis. For **September 23rd**, we will have Mike Egbert from the Chico Chamber of Commerce. On **October 28th**, information on CSU, Chico will be presented by President Steve Perez.

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

To all you fathers, here's hoping that you have a

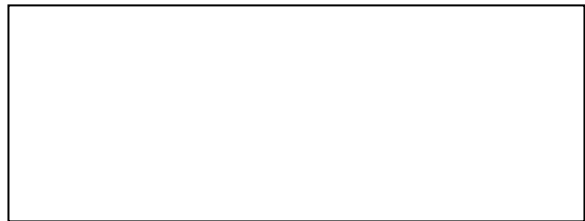




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a June Birthday, please join us at the June 24th luncheon and see what you might win.

Craig	Herman	Jun	12	Michael	Nicholas	Jun	20	Ralph	Skytte	Jun	22
Ken	Jensen	Jun	19	Richard	Carlson	Jun	20	Richard	Olsen	Jun	24
Darrell	Hands	Jun	19	Eugene	Rideout	Jun	21	Bob	Evans	Jun	29

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 plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!

RANDOM THOUGHTS

How can a SLIM CHANCE and a FAT CHANCE be the same, while a WISE MAN and a WISE GUY are opposites?