

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement – Branch 110*

**Meeting July 22, 2024 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA**

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

**Program:** Unless you are living under a rock, chances are you have been the victim of attempted fraud such as "phishing" (emails), "smishing" (text messages) or "vishing" (phone calls). Further, the recent advances in Artificial Intelligence have compounded your exposure to all kinds of scams, fraud and identity theft.

Our speaker for the July 22, 2024, Luncheon is **Mike Ramsey**, Butte County District Attorney, and the longest serving elected District Attorney in California. Mr. Ramsey's vocation includes taking steps to counter multiple kinds of sophisticated digital skulduggery in Butte County. His upcoming presentation is designed to educate our members on how to recognize and thwart this ever spreading menace.



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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p><b>Yankee Pot Roast</b>, mashed potatoes, green beans and carrots topped with pan gravy Dessert: Peach Crisp</p>	<p>It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>July</b> luncheon. <b>Please respond to the survey</b> but if you could not do the survey, and <b>if you WILL attend</b>, contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b>by Thursday, July 18.</b></p>

**Big Sir Message:** My thanks to City Councilman Tom van Overbeek for the complete history of the homeless situation that we are experiencing in California. We, in Chico, all have experienced the dreadful filth and true sadness that is pervasive with every tent or some other primitive structure that litters everywhere in our town. It's hard to fully understand the misery that these poor people go through living on our streets when it's raining and freezing, as well as in the summer heat with the temperatures we experience today (110+). The Supreme Court decision in the Grants Pass, Oregon, case is due out any day. I'm sure by the time this message is printed the Supreme Court decision is now the law of the land, and I expect immediately some aspects of this huge problem can start getting better. I hope the decision takes off the handcuffs in the Citys with these current problems. I hope it ends the WHACK A MOLE program we now experience and sends us into the future in a more positive direction. The new law should help these sad individuals to start getting the help they so desperately need.



I love summer, but when we get these extremely hot periods it makes me wish I lived back in the Bay area. In this environment it's difficult to enjoy any outdoor activity. When we were much

younger these **Hot Days** were no big deal. They didn't slow down anything. We lived life in such a way that the heat was just part of everyday life. No activities were primarily planned with the hot temperatures, as the main factor, as they are for me now. All I know is that it's hot and I truly enjoy the A/C. I can't wait till football season.

This month Dave Rush is bringing Butte County's District Attorney, Mike Ramsey, back this time talking about scams that primarily target senior citizens. He will tell us some dos and primarily don'ts that we should be aware of with any of these situations. We will as always have time to ask him questions.

A quick reminder that starting this month, we are starting to charge folks that answer Rocky's survey that they are going to come to the meeting and fail to show. In June we had 6 guys answer affirmative in the survey and not show up at the meeting. In the SIR 110 world moving forward, (after the July lunch), if you miss a meeting and you ordered a lunch, you may be asked at the next meeting you attend to pay for the meeting you missed. Also, if you did not answer the survey that you were coming, you may not get a lunch ticket, if there isn't someone that didn't show up. They used to tell us they would have an extra 4 or 5 but starting in April they charged for 24 lunches that were ordered and not paid for (\$480.00). In May, it was down to 5, (\$100.00) and in June I was told that 6 guys didn't pre order and we were able to take care of them. Please answer Rocky's questionnaire. *Dave*

## 2024 Officers and Directors

<b>Big Sir: Dave Jones</b>		<b>Little Sir: Don Sturt</b>	
<b>Secretary: Bob Dinger</b>	<b>Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush</b>	<b>Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell</b>	
<b>Treasurer: Charles Staser</b>	<b>Asst. Treas. : Jose Lopez</b>		
<b>Director: Ken Edson (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Ron Braziel (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Bill Colvin (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	
<b>Director: Randy Benson(2<sup>nd</sup>term)</b>	<b>Director: Mike Nicholas (1<sup>st</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Joe Navarro (1<sup>st</sup>term)</b>	

## 2025 Nominated Directors

The Nominating Committee presented the names of three members who have agreed to serve as Directors for 2025. The BEC voted approval and they will be voted on by the membership at the August luncheon meeting. They are **Mike Gross, Dave Jones and Jan Loring**. Unfortunately, the position of Little Sir is still open. This is an important position for our Branch so please consider serving in this capacity. It is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand and there will be plenty of assistance provided from past and present branch leaders.

## 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.

# Peace is more precious than perfection.

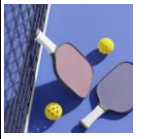
**Please check out our website for frequent updates and new humor.**


**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.**


<b>Pickleball</b>		The pickleball group is taking a summer vacation due to hot weather and people traveling out of town. We will resume after the hot summer days. Jay Hanson can be reached at <a href="mailto:jbirdhanson1@gmail.com">jbirdhanson1@gmail.com</a> .
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<b>Hiking</b>		No hiking activity is planned for July or August. The hiking program is on summer hiatus until September. <b>For information or questions, please contact Rich Utter.</b>
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<b>Bridge</b>		There were no SIR Branch 110 winners since the last report. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <b>Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</b>
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<b>History</b>		The next meeting will be <b>Tuesday, September 10, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way.</b> This meeting will have the same agenda as the one which was cancelled in June. We will explore research methods and strategies for either the casual "Googler" or more serious researcher. The topic of <u>Old Grocery Stores of Chico</u> will be used to demonstrate the different techniques. <b>If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452).</b>
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<b>ABV 110</b>		The wine tasting at New Clairvaux Vineyard, and the dinner at Lassen Steak House was well attended. You can check out pictures of the fun festivities on our website. Thanks to Ron Braziel for posting them. No activities are planned for July or August. <b>Thursday, September 26,</b> is the next expected date for fun ABV activities. Ideas for activities are always welcome. <b>To be added to the email list, contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452).</b>
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<b>Pinochle</b>		Pinochle report: The winners for the June Pinochle game are: Jenni Boles - 1st; Cindy Heffren - 2nd; Paul Zigler - 3rd. Next game day is Wednesday, July 24, at BCCC at 11 am. <b>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</b>
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<b>Wood Working</b>		<b>Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings.</b> If someone has a project that needs a little help, call <b>Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.</b>
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<b>Piscatology</b>		On <b>July 8th and 9th</b> we will be fishing Bucks Lake. The trip to Ft. Bragg was cancelled due to a lack of interest. To help plan our next trip to Lewiston Lake, please join us on July 11 <sup>th</sup> at Cozy Diner, at 7:00 am.
<b>Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698 for information.</b>		

<b>Bowling</b>		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.		
<b>Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.</b>		

<b>Golf</b>		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 <b>Darrell Hands</b> , the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.
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On Monday, June 17, a tournament was played at Bidwell.


1 <sup>st</sup> Net = 136	2 <sup>nd</sup> Net = 137	3 <sup>rd</sup> Net = 138	4 <sup>th</sup> Net = 140
BARGER, JIM	BARNUM, DAVE	BROWN, GREG	DAVIS, SAM
MABREY, BOB	HILDENBRAND, LARRY	CARLSON, RICH	DONAHOO, SCOTT
PETERSON, RON	STASER, CHARLES	DAY, JEFF	GRIFFIN, RON
WHITE, GARY	WEIDERT, JIM	SMITH, SAM	PORTERFIELD, CAP

**CLOSEST TO PIN 2:** BARGER, JIM - 0' 6"; BROWN, GREG - 13' 7" **PIN 4:** ATKIN, NORM - 5' 11"; DONAHOO, SCOTT - 7' 9" **PIN 7:** ATKIN, NORM - 9' 1"; DONAHOO, SCOTT - 11' 2" **PIN 12:** BARGER, JIM - 11' 0"; WHITE, GARY - 19' 3" **PIN 16:** SHOOK, DOUG - 27' 1"; WEIDERT, JIM - 29' 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.**

<b>History</b>		There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. No activities for July have been identified. <b>Contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452) for more information .</b>
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<b>Travel</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venice and Croatian Islands Cruise, September 30 – October 12, 2024</li> <li>• Fall Mexican Riviera Getaway, October 15–26, 2024</li> <li>• SIR Grand Circle River Trip, Prague to Budapest, November 6-20, 2024</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panama Canal Cruise, San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale, January 20 – February 5, 2025 You can be picked up in Chico. Call Kelly for a quote at Alamo World Travel &amp; Tours. At 1-800-848-8747.</li> </ul>		
<b>For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</b>		





**There are now 134 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)

<b>Members not in the 2024 Roster</b>	Ralph Skytte	John Schaller	Dan Bequette	Dana Davis
	Kevin Hennessy	Gary Marquis	Bill Knudsen	Paul Tullius
	Joe Gallaway	Jim Cagno	Gil Jones	Steve Miller

### New Members in June



Name: **Joe Gallaway**  
 Wife: Mary  
 Occupation: Salesman – Pepsi Cola  
 Interests: Golf  
 Reinstated



Name: **Jim Cagno**  
 Wife: De  
 Occupation: Pepsi Cola  
 Interests: Golf  
 Reinstated



Name: **Gil Jones**  
 Wife: Wendy  
 Occupation: Attorney  
 Interests: Dominoes, travel, Veterans  
 Sponsored by: John Schaller



Name: **Steve Miller**  
 Wife: Betty  
 Occupation: Real Estate  
 Interests: Astronomy, Hiking, Pickleball  
 Sponsored by: Jim Johnson

### Guests in June

**Rick Waldsmith** - guest of Jose Lopez,

**Len Spesert** - guest of Bill Knudsen

**Mark Williams** - guest of Jim Barger

## Announcements

**Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **August** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, August 8**. Send your information by email at [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at 530- 894-2452.

**Future Programs:** The program for **August 26<sup>th</sup>** will be "Criminal Defense Stories" by Larry Willis. For **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will have Mike Egbert from the Chico Chamber of Commerce. On **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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/>.





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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a July Birthday, please join us at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> luncheon and see what you might win.

Norman	Whitehurst	Jul	1	Clinton	Lancaster	Jul	8	Steve	George	Jul	18
David	Miller	Jul	1	Henry	Maas	Jul	13	Syl	Lucena	Jul	19
Ron	Imhoff	Jul	2	Edward	Matzdorff	Jul	14	Sam	Smith	Jul	26
William	Shippen	Jul	7								

**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**  
**When someone asks what I did over the weekend,  
I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"**