



Greetings fellow Sirs,

January/February 2021

If the year 2020 had a lesson to teach us, it might be that it is important to set goals, consider options, and look ahead. A quote from General Dwight D. Eisenhower to provide perspective: "I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." General Eisenhower's generation is identified as "The Greatest Generation" or those born 1901-1927. We have just endured a year of uncertainties related to the Corona Virus. By contrast, the members of "The Greatest Generation" endured: The Spanish Flu (1920); The stock market crash/Great Depression (1929); World War II (1939-1945); Smallpox (1949), The Korean War (1950-1953), and Polio (1950-1953).

Many of us in SIR Branch 169 are members of "The Silent Generation" or those born 1928-1945. We have the distinction of being the richest, most free-spending retirees in history. In addition, we are known to be disciplined, self-sacrificing, and cautious. So, permit me to emphasize that with caution and personal optimism let's begin the year 2021 with the hope that our present circumstances will become memories to discuss and at some point, we will return to a "normal" schedule.

Presently SIR Branch 169 is complying with the California state mandates. We are waiting for permission to reinstate our monthly activities. We have been and are presently in contact with Pardini's Catering and they are eager to host us again for monthly luncheons. The following are highlights from our recent board meeting.

There won't be any luncheons until at least June. If you have any questions or suggestions; contact Scott Barcus @ 844-7454 or ruthless2@netptc.net

If you know of any potential speakers or have any ideas for a program, contact Dan Lindstrom @ 824-4479 or dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com

There will be a roster sent to each of you via email very soon. When you get it, check your info for errors. If you have any corrections or your profile needs a picture, send that stuff to Jim Forden @ jimfo@mail.fresnostate.edu

Know of any potential new members? Contact Jim Hiney @ 433-0306 or JHiney58@hotmail.com

There's about \$3300 in our treasury and for the first quarter our affiliation fees to the SIR organization have been suspended (usually about \$2 a member). So there will be no branch dues until we have our next luncheon and then they will be prorated or skipped for the year depending on a board decision.

We need a new Treasurer! If you're interested contact Scott. Duane Evans has volunteered to train you and can be reached for info @ 244-1506 or duaneevans@comcast.net

To make health issues that you or another member are having, known to our group; contact Bernie Hollenbeck @ 916-5832 or brhollenbeck@prodigy.net

There is a group that is currently golfing in a similar format as our branch did but it is not affiliated with SIR. It's called Golfing with Friends and is run by Ed Dorn. For questions or to sign up to play, contact Ed @ 433-0670 or edorn@att.net

If you have any interesting stories or pictures that you would like posted in our newsletter, send them to me, Lee Nichols @ nichols0803@yahoo.com

Thanks to all of you that donated to Creek Fire victim, Phoenix Bauer. The \$2700 that was raised has greatly helped her and her 2 small children. And we got it to them 4 days before Christmas! She sent us a thank you card saying how appreciative she is. She plans on putting a trailer on the same property and is currently waiting on FEMA for additional assistance.

Respectfully submitted: Scott Barcus, Big Sir, 2021.

Birthdays for January/February



Jan

Fred Bates

Bob Facciani

Jose Garcia

Bill Prince

Feb

James Miller

Jim Seay

Tony Williams

Anniversaries for January/February



Jan

Ron/Marsha Elder
 Ralph/Barbara Handly
 Bernie/Lorna Hollenbeck
 Bob/Pauline Large
 Duane/Linda Oberquell
 Jim/Margaret Peterson

Feb

Louis/Maria Dominguez
 George/Carol Finney
 Ed/Bonnie Harris
 Ted/Terry Shigyo
 Mike/Betty Torigian

SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairmen

Scott Barcus	Dan Lindstrom	Open	Duane Evans	Jim Forden	Luis Rodriguez	Lee Nichols	Ted Fox	Bob Large	Ed Dorn	Jim Hiney	Bernie Hollenbeck
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