



THE TOWN CROWER

SONS IN RETIREMENT

North Peninsula Branch # 91

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF RETIREMENT

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BIG SIR Gus Lopez Says:

Call for Help!

Times are "a'changing" for organizations across the country and around the world. Organizations like SIR emphasize fellowship, brotherhood and continued good living in our communities. Qualities and values are passed on by our fathers from their fathers to us. One of these values is the sense of community which comes from being an American.

When we were boys, community was a very live thing. We were proud to be from our hometowns. We identified with the towns and the people we grew up with. For me it was San Bruno. Wherever I went, I made sure people in the East (where I went to college) knew I was from San Bruno. But today, I am not so sure that we all have that same sense of belonging. That is why an organization like SIR is important. It maintains and preserves that sense of community. I hope you believe as I do and that is why I ask you all to think about how we can reach out to more men to invite them to become members of SIR. And I guess I get a sense of encouragement when young people, like those from the recent high school singing group, see us enjoying life and interacting with them in a positive way.

New members are hard to come by. And once you have new members how do you keep them? Membership gains have not kept up with the losses. This is a sad situation that exists for many organizations. So, how can we turn this trend

around? If you have any ideas please pass them on to me. I promise that I will do what I can to see that your ideas are heard by the Board of the Branch. And more importantly, ask someone to attend the Board Meetings.

In addition to the recruitment issue, we have a problem in getting people to participate in the running of the Branch. I am personally inviting anyone interested in helping to maintain the strength of the Branch to step forward and join the Board. Before each Luncheon meeting, we have a Board meeting which begins at 10 AM. All members are invited to attend and participate. In the coming months, nominations will be asked for from the Branch to fill the various offices. We need your help, so please consider getting involved.

LUNCHEON MENUS

June 9, 2008 –

BBQ (NY Steak \$15)
Spinach Salad,
Three Flavors Cake.

Alternate: Salad Bar.

July 14, 2008 – Teriyaki Chicken Leg,

Tossed Green Salad,
Mango Sorbet with Cranberry Biscotti.

Alternate: Fruit Salad.

August 11, 2008 – Calamari Steak with

Lemon Butter Sauce, Spinach Salad,
Chocolate Éclair

Alternate: Chicken Salad.

August 20, 2008 – ***Branch 91 PICNIC***

REACTIONS TO OUR PATCHIE I STORY IN LAST MONTH'S TOWN CROWER

(At the house)

C. G. Adams: April 20, 2008

Our brother and brother-in-law knew our Patchie and loved her dearly. When he read our story, he was moved to tears.

Theo Hansson: May 5, 2008

I felt sad when I read this story because it reminded me of when I had to put my own pets down. We never forget them.

(At the bowling alley)

Sam Mosunic: May 1, 2008

The story on your cat was wonderful. My daughter is a “cat person” and I am going to send her the article. I can't understand how people can say that animals have no intelligence.

Jim Mahon: May 8, 2008 (Big Sir Branch #118)

I read the story of Patchie this last week. Did you ever find out where she had hidden the red ball? She must have been a very special animal; not only smart, but connected to the two of you in an amazing way.

(Editor: Yes, cats have always been mysterious. During olden times, they were considered supernatural beings and often worshipped. There are Egyptian graves with mummies of cats in them, buried with their owners for protection against the unknown.)

Jim Murphy: May 1, 2008

Did you or Karin write this beautiful story on your cat? I have a couple of cat stories, and I am going to send them to you. Maybe you can print them sometime.

And here they are:

(**Editor:** Due to limited space, we have had to condense the following two stories; thanks, **Jim**, for sharing them with our readers.)

CATCH of the DAY

We had left-over salmon skins and we put them in the garbage disposal.

The next thing we knew, we heard a muffled blood-curdling scream. We found our 10-year old cat, Rudy, with his head stuck in the disposal and his claws scrambling around frantically in the metal sink.

What to do? We tried lubricants: shampoo, Crisco, oil, etc. to no avail. We tried taking apart the disposal. Nothing worked. We tried taking out the sink. Finally, we decided that if the cat were sedated instead of screaming its head off in fear, we would be able to free him. We called 911. Two policemen escorted us to the vet (by now it was 2:00 AM). The procession included two desperate adults, two cops, one hysterical cat and the kitchen sink with the disposal still attached.

By 5:30 AM it was all over, except for the \$1100 vet bill, the plumber's bill for a new sink and disposal (now with cover), and the electrician's bill for new wiring. Thankfully, the cops were for free.

The cat is O.K., but that's more than we can say for us, the very bedraggled and more-than-upset owners.

HOW TO GIVE A CAT A PILL

1. Pick up cat.
2. Open cat's mouth and insert pill. Make cat swallow pill by gently rubbing throat.
3. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Try again.
4. Retrieve cat from bedroom and get new pill.
5. Retrieve pill from gold fish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe.
6. Call spouse for reinforcement, realizing that this is rapidly becoming a two-person endeavor.
7. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with its head just visible. Put new pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil, insert straw, blow down straw.
8. Check label to make sure pill isn't harmful to humans. Drink one beer to take taste of pill away. Remove blood from forearms and from carpet with cold water and soap.
9. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Drink another beer. Place cat in cupboard, close door onto neck, leaving the head outside. Repeat process.
10. Call fire department to retrieve cat from tree. Take a shot of whiskey. Find last pill. Tie cat's four paws together and secure to dining room table leg. Force last pill into mouth, cram a piece of steak after it, and pour a pint of water into cat to wash everything down.
11. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive to Emergency Room at nearest hospital, while doctor stitches fingers, forearms and shoulders. Call furniture shop to order new table.
12. Call SPCA to collect mutant cat from hell.
13. Check out new puppies – someone said that in order to give a dog a pill, just wrap the pill in bacon and toss it into the air.

2008 GOLF SCHEDULES

Date	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1	July 8	July 15
Course	Skywest	Sharp Park	Poplar Creek	Sunnyvale	Shoreline	Moffett Field
Time	9:30	9:30	10:30	9:30	10:00	9:30

ACTIVITIES:

Ray Calonge, Chairman – 589-3959

GOLF: Dale McAfee, 583-2332

Scores: Apr. 22nd, Moffet Field,

Par 72: Raymond 93/66, Larwood 91/69, Cannuli 81/70, Turner 95/69, Brachna 105/67. Apr. 29th, Par 72: Wehner 97/70, Turner 98/70. CTP: Mintz. May. 6th, Sunnyvale, Par 70: CTP: Larwood. Apr. 1st, WillowPark, Par 71, Wehner 96/70, Green 94/70. CTP: Green.

BASEBALL: Warren Moresco, 697-7747

BOCCE BALL: Alvaro Bettucchi, 871-9278

BOWLING: George Zorb, 345-1264.

Scores: Martz 215-523, J. Mosunic 197-570 & 203-555, Zorb 209-578.
Every Thursday morning at Bel Mateo Bowl. Practice starts at 9:50 with games starting at 10:00 AM.

TENNIS: Branch 91 SIRs play at Highland Park, Melendy Dr., San Carlos, on Wed. & Fri. 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

COMPUTERS: George Trombulak, 344-0301

Meets @ 8:30 AM every 3rd Friday of the month at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Rd., San Bruno

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN: John Costa, 873-1705

New Branch # 91 web address:

91.sirbranch.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

By: Dale McAfee, 583-2332

ACTIVE MEMBERS 176

INACTIVE : 13

NEW MEMBERS:

#96 – WILLIAM M. LIPPINCOTT – “Bill” and his wife live at 89 Santa Ana Ave., Daly City, 94015. Tel: 992-1499. Bus.Conn.: American Airlines. Hobbies: Travel, A/C Museums. Sponsor: **Nick Itsines.**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

We have a total of **16 SIRs** who will be celebrating this month
Have a happy one!

Al Bettuchi, Rom Braschi, Dan Collins, Del Del Carlo, Pepe Delgadillo, Art Dikas, Stan Doughty, John Dracopoulos, Larry Giusto, Ralph Gowan, Gus Lopez, Al Martin, Carl Martz, Johnnie Scaduto, George Trombulak, and Bill Van Horn.

WANTED:

One of our members to step forward and offer to be the Membership Chairman. The job requires the ability to use a P.C. (for which training is available). Must attend monthly Executive Committee meetings (1 hour). Job requires approximately 2 hours during the month to do related duties. The benefits are a chance to get to know many more of the members and get another hour of camaraderie with fellow SIR during Executive meetings.

IN MEMORIAM
Adrian Nolfi

May 8, 2008

20 Minute Savory Beef Stew:

1 Tsp. Vegetable oil
1 Lb. Boneless Beef Sirloin Steak cut into 1” cubes.

(Size is Important)

1 Can 10-3/4 oz. Tomato Soup
1 Can French Onion Soup
1 Tsp. Worcestershire Sauce
1 Bag 24 Oz. Frozen Vegetable for Stew

Heat oil in skillet. Add beef and cook until browned and juices evaporate. Stir often. Add soups, Worcestershire and vegetables. Heat to boil. Cover and cook over low heat 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Serves four. Good with hearty Burgundy wine.

✂-----CUT HERE-----**COUPON**-----✂-----CUT HERE-----

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO AN UPCOMING MEETING:

PHONE: Keith Barnes @ 588-8666 **AND** your table captain, by the Thursday before the lunch date, but in any event, report a “no show” in advance. Circle the date(s) you can't come, insert your name and badge number, cut off this coupon and mail it to Keith Barnes, at 1 Greenwood Dr., SSF 94080. Underline reason: **FAMILY EMERGENCY – MEDICAL – TRAVEL – PERSONAL DUTY**

Next meeting: **June 9, 2008**

Meeting after: **July 14, 2008**

After that: **August 11, 2008 (Picnic Aug. 20, 2008)**

Name: _____ Badge No. _____

Contribution: _____

VIGNETTE CORNER:

POOJIE'S KITCHEN

By: **Ralph Pujolar**

Dear Karin and Carl,

Hope you are both well. I am hanging in tough, as I close in on my 93rd birthday.

I really enjoyed your stuffed pepper recipe. Quick, simple and delicious. A winner!

It has inspired me to come out of hibernation and send you one of my favorite “quickies.” I have cooked it many times. It's “super”.

Well kids, it's 'by for now. Wishing you good luck and good health.

Mary and Ralph

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