Welcome to the month of October. Fall is here and the end of the year is rapidly approaching, which means the start of preparations for year-end festivities. The last three months of the year are always full of activities. Three of those are Halloween, Thanksgiving’s and of course Christmas holidays. There are so many celebrations available in the next three months that it makes it hard to list them all but just look at the list for October. Can you find something to celebrate this month?

Month of October:

The month of October has a month; week; or day to cover just about anything you want. Look what you have to look forward to this month.

- Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- American Pharmacist Month
- Apple Jack Month
- Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Clergy Appreciation Month
- Computer Learning Month
- Cookie Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Eat Country Ham Month
- International Drum Month
- Lupus Awareness Month
- National Diabetes Month
- National Pizza Month
- National Vegetarian Month
- National Popcorn Popping Month
- Sarcastic Month
- Seafood Month

**Weekly Celebrations:**

- Week 1 Get Organized Week
- Week 1 Customer Service Week
- Week 2 Fire Prevention Week
- Week 2 Pet Peeve Week
- Week 3 Pastoral Care Week

**October 2016 Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:**


2nd **National Custodial Worker Day, Name Your Car Day, Oktoberfest**

3rd **Techies Day, Virus Appreciation Day**

4th **National Golf Day, National Frappe Day**

5th **Do Something Nice Day, National Kale Day, World Teacher's Day**

6th **Come and Take it Day, Mad Hatter Day, Physician Assistant Day**

7th **Bald and Free Day, World Smile Day**

8th **American Touch Tag Day**

9th **Curious Events Day, Fire Prevention Day, Leif Erikson Day, Moldy Cheese Day**

10th **Columbus Day, International Newspaper Carrier Day, National Angel Food Cake Day**

11th **It's My Party Day**


13th **Friday the 13th, International Skeptics Day**

14th **Be Bald and Free Day, National Dessert Day, World Egg Day**

15th **White Cane Safety Day, Sweetest Day**

16th **Bosses Day, Dictionary Day**

17th **Wear Something Gaudy Day**

18th **No Beard Day**

19th **Evaluate Your Life Day**

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This month we have a very interesting speaker: Mr. John Tortora, COO of the San Jose Sharks. He will be talking about the 2016-2017 Season prospects. I am sure we all will enjoy this presentation. Let’s all make sure we come out and enjoy a good lunch, friends, and presentation.

October is also another important month for Branch 32. This month we will begin to sell tickets for our SIR Branch 32 Christmas Lunch. Don’t forget to bring your checkbook. Every year the tables fill fast so if you have a group you want to sit with, make sure you get your request in this month. The December lunch is a great time to bring your wife, girlfriend, or just friends. It is also a good time for us to get to meet those important people in your life and for them to meet all your good friends.

Big Sir, Wes Howard

Membership Report

Fall has arrived and that means cooler weather, and the end of 2016 is just 92 days away. We continue to struggle with membership. Last month we had no new members join us and we lost 2 actives so our number of Actives has dropped to one less than what we started the year with. At this month’s luncheon we will be inducting Greg Caillat so please be sure and say hello and welcome him during the social hour at this month’s luncheon.

We still have one more month to bring in new members so please bring your neighbors and friends to the luncheon.

As I have said many times, the larger the membership the healthier the Branch and the opportunity to add more activities, travel and interest.

Last month we began taking pictures for the 2017 photo roster. It is imperative that we get everyone’s picture taken this month so if you missed last month this is your last chance. We will be setup to take your photo during the social hour before this month’s luncheons. It only takes a couple of minutes and won’t interfere with your socializing. Also, any member who wants to change his current picture is welcome to get a new photo. The Roster committee appreciates your help.

We offer great luncheon speakers and lots of fun activities for our membership. It is each member’s obligation to help by bringing a guest to a luncheon and/or activity.

A guest at a luncheon results in a new member most of the time.

To be inducted at the October luncheon:

CAILLAT C. Greg. Greg #38
6112 Oak Forest Way. Mary Sue
San Jose 95120-2731 (408) 781-1755
cailatgreg@yahoo.com
Supply Mgr., Applied Materials 4/26
Woodworking/Furniture refinishing/Camping/Fishing
/Sightseeing
SPONSOR: Wes Howard #134

Membership changes:

#58 Active Dave Brown died on September 3rd. A private family only service was held.

# 30 Active Ralph Pfirman’s birthday is August 17th
# 34 Active Gary Pelton has a new phone #. It is: (408) 832-2167.

# 29 Active Henry Kreuter has resigned.

Our current membership status, as of October 1, 2016 is 108 active members, 5 Inactive members, and 1 pending Inductee.

Remember, bring a guest to lunch and when they join, you win a free lunch.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Henry
Membership Chairman

Guest Speaker

This Month

The Oct speaker is John Tortora.

John is the Chief Operating Officer of Shark’s Sports & Entertainment. He oversees all aspects of SSE’s business operations and represents the organization’s ownership.

John works closely with Sharks General Manager Doug Wilson to establish and maintain a centralized and collaborative vision for the entire organization. Since being appointed COO in 2013, John has focused on creating new opportunities to connect Sharks fans and corporate partners with the Sharks brand.

For example in Feb., 2015 the Sharks hosted the first professional outdoor hockey game at Levi’s stadium in Northern California before a crowd of 70,000 fans- the 3rd largest outdoor hockey game in NHL history.

John and Wilson also spearheaded the relocation of the Sharks top development club from Worcester, MA to San Jose to join a newly formed Pacific Division of the AHL Named San Jose Barracuda. This relocation to San Jose enables the Sharks to more efficiently help develop these young players.

John joined SSE in June 2011 as Executive vice president and general counsel where he oversaw all legal matters pertaining to the franchise.


He, wife Debbie and two children live in San Jose.

Next Month

No information received.

This Month’s Luncheon

Three Flames Restaurant. 1547 Meridian Ave, San Jose CA 95125. Wednesday October 19 at 11:00am.

**Alternative menus that are always available:**

(Obtain ticket from bartender, and place on table).

Chicken breast with rice and vegetables. Vegetarian.

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### Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Call now if you know you will not be at the September Luncheon. Call Jack Vierhus, Wesley Howard, Herschel Booth or Bob Grandey before 6:00pm on Sunday October 16.

Book Club

Bring some and take some!!

Longevity Recognition

9 current active members joined Branch 32 in October.
The October members with the longest longevity are:
# 100 Don Pedrotti 26 years joined in 1990
# 68 George Paz 18 years joined in 1998

New Members

There were no new members inducted in September

Awards

There were no awards in September

Travel

July 3-15, 2017: “Alaska Yukon Land And Sea”. Escorted by Mike Console (408) 246-1080 and John Pletsch (408) 274-2992. This is a 7 night land tour of Upper Alaska and the Yukon Territory, followed by 4 night Cruise through the Inside Passage on the Holland America M/S New Amsterdam. Tour features includes: Anchorage, Domed Rail Cars (McKinley Explorer to Denali), Tundra Tour in Denali, Fairbanks, Klondike Spirit paddle-wheeler Cruise, A short (one hour) Flight to Dawson City, Yukon, Pan for Gold and if you are lucky-- strike it rich at the Dawson Historic Gold Dredge, Visit Whitehorse and "All aboard" the White Pass Train and follow the 49ers Trail down to Skagway, Over night in Skagway where we board the Holland America Cruise Ship for 4 nights. Ports of call are: Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, day at sea and end our adventure in Vancouver, Canada. 16 land meals are included along with 3 meals per day on board Ship.

Costs range from: $5150 to $5895 per person dbl/occ depending on Cabin selected. Insurance is optional, but highly recommended, at a cost of $395 to $450 per person, again depending on cabin selected. Insurance must be purchased at time of Deposit which is $800 per person.

** Note: (A discount of $125 per person will be given on final payment IF you make all your payments by CHECK).

Make Checks Payable to: ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL

Mail Checks to: Mike Console 3527 Parkland Ave. San Jose, Ca 95117

Sept 28-Oct 6, 2017: “Norman Rockwells New England” $3385 (double occupancy) $4240 (single occupancy). Trip highlights: City tour of Boston (Old North Church, USS Constitution, Boston Commons & free time), Lexington & Concord, Stockbridge MA (Rockwell Museum & Home), Bennington VT (Grandma Moses Museum) Arlington VT (Rockwell's former home and studio), Rutland VT (Saturday Evening Post Museum), Lake Placid NY (1932 & 1980 Winter Olympics) Cruise across Lake Champlain to Burlington VT (Ben & Jerry's), Stowe Village (home of the Von Trapp family) Montpelier VT (Morse Maple Syrup farm), and scenic drives through Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. Trip includes Home Pick-Up Airport transfers, round-trip air fare, eight nights accommodations, deluxe motor coach, 14 meals, admissions to museums. For information and brochure contact John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 or (408) 504-1255 (Cell) or Mike Console (408) 246-1080

November 9-20, 2017: “Florida’s Sunshine Trail”. Escorted by Mike Console (408) 246-1080 and John Pletsch (408) 274-2992. 12 days and 11 nights of 1st class Accommodations such as the Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando. The High Lights Of this trip features Florida's top attractions, such as: A free day in Orlando to take advantage of the numerous attractions There (the Hotel, Disney World, Epcot, Universal Studios, and more). Other stops include: St Augustine, Cocoa Beach, The Kennedy Space Center, West Palm Beach, Key West (2 nights), Miami (2 nights), Air Boat experience through the Everglades, Naples, Fort Myers (2 nights), Visit the Edison and Ford's winter Estates. Costs: $4250 per person dbl/occ. Single Supplement; $1375. Deposit of:
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See brochures for more information.

Be sure to stop by the travel table at the luncheon to obtain brochures on the latest trips!!

Travel Bulletin If you would like to receive your Bulletin via E-Mail, email your request to rwshields@comcast.net from the email address that you want your Bulletin delivered to. If you are not interested in travel get your name taken off our E-Mail list by contacting Bob Shields at (408) 268-4975, email rwshields@comcast.net, or your branch Travel Chairman.

Activities

Camera Club

The Camera Club critiqued the pictures taken at the Moffett Field Historical Museum and the following are the three winning photos.

Our Docent giving us all a history lesson. – Second place – Don Pedrotti.


Field Trip
Friday October 28, 2016
10:00 Gamble Garden and 11:00 Museum of American Heritage

Both sites are in downtown Palo Alto and about 6 blocks apart. Gamble Garden was willed to the city by Elizabeth F Gamble, a descendent of the co-founder of Proctor and Gamble. The property is bound by Embarcadero Rd., Waverley St., and Churchill Ave. Entrance at 1431 Waverley Street. The photo shoots will be of the gardens, in fall color, the Carriage House, and Gamble House. No inside tour so this is weather permitting.

The Museum of American Heritage is about 6 blocks down Waverley toward downtown and left on Homer Ave. Entrance 351 Homer Ave. Parking is in the street. The museum has a collection of some 5000 historical electrical and mechanical inventions dating from 1750 to1950. Not all of these are on permanent display. There is large array of items on permanent display. The present Current Exhibit is the Evolution of Film. This exhibit features a wide variety of motion picture artifacts dating from the late 1800s to 1980s. Film newsreels and
movie reels can be played in the gallery. These clips show the ever-changing landscape of film.

The museum was founded by Frank Livermore (1919-2000) and is operating thanks to his trust. The museum is located in the home of Dr. Thomas Williams, an early M.D. in Palo Alto, which was given to Palo Alto by his daughter.

The Museum does not open until 11:00 so we will start at Gamble gardens at 10:00 and continue to the museum. Along the way if interested the garage where HP was founded is left at Addison Ave. Both sites are free admission, but do need contributions to keep operating. Both are wheelchair accessible. There are lots of eating places on University Ave.

There will be no activities in November and December, Happy Holidays and see you at the Christmas Party meeting.

All Branch 32 Members and their Wives are invited to participate in the camera club activities. You do not have to have a fancy camera and some of our winning photos were made with small compacts or smart phones.

See your roster for phone and e-mail.

Don Pedrotti, Camera Club Chairman

Golf

This Month’s Area 5/20 Tournament is on Monday, October 24 at the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We’ll be playing the Valley course with scheduled tee times starting at 8:00 AM. The cost is $65 and the format is 4-man, 2-best balls. It looks like we’ll have an excellent turnout as seven people have already indicated they plan on playing in this tournament.

Just a heads up—It’s almost that time of the year when the NCGA comes calling for our annual dues. We expect that renewals will remain the same at $36 per year. We’ll keep you posted with the expectation that all of our members submit their payment by early December.

Listed below are the results of our September tournaments:

Los Lagos, 9-6

Low Gross - Bill Hawk 81
Low Net - Al Mau 67
Least Putts - Al Mau 30
CTP #5 - Tom Burton 33’

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The upcoming Branch 32 golf tournaments hosted by Al Mau are as follows:

Tuesday, October 11  Los Lagos G.C. 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, October 18  Spring Valley G.C.10:00 A.M.
(first tee time)
Tuesday, October 25  Los Lagos G.C 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, November 1  Los Lagos G.C 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, November 8  Los Lagos G.C. 9:30 A.M.

Please notify Al Mau in advance if you plan to play in the Spring Valley tournament.

Golf Co-Chairmen Al Mau and Paul Vogel

Bocce

Ten players showed for the September 6th get together at Almaden Lake Park. Of those, Team #2 consisting of Wes Howard and Ray Hall, had the best day. They won both of their games.

Two weeks later we also had ten players and this time we were joined by NJ Olson, the wife of Bill Olson for our coed day. Being on a Team #2 must be lucky. Although different players, the results were the same. Gary Pelton and Robb Walker were the day’s winners with a combined total for 2 games of 22 points to 4 for their opponents. The other game was called because of heat, no shade on the courts.

Larry St. Denis, Bocce Chairman

Gardening

Our garden club is part of the SIR Areas 5 and 20 Garden Club. Members meet on a monthly schedule to enjoy guest presentations on gardening topics.
and to exchange information on gardening. Wives are encouraged to attend.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:00 AM at the Denny’s Restaurant at 1140 Hillsdale Ave. (near Almaden Expy) in San Jose, CA.

Contact our Club Chairman, Bill Allman who will answer any questions and insure you have badges.

Bowling

Chairman: Vic Miller

Bridge Club

Be our Guest! Join us for an enjoyable Game of Bridge. If interested, call Harry Wenberg (408) 257 9969 or Lee McLaughlin (408) 356 6043. Our bridge games are played on Thursdays at 10:15 AM to 12:30 PM at the Saratoga Senior Center, Coffee is on us.

Bridge Club Chairman, Harry Wenberg

Pool Club

Pool/Billiards Next Pool event will be Friday October 14 at 1:00 PM at Cuetopia Cafe 4700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, between Cherry Ave. & Branham Lane. Please call me to let me know you are coming Galen Gipson (408) 313-9833. Come out and have some fun with your fellow SIR’S

Pool Club Chairman, Galen Gipson

It’s time to SMILE

Calling all new members and old guys that want to look younger! We are starting to compile the 2017 Branch roster and we need your picture.

If you are a new member, or just want to change your current roster picture, please get your picture taken during the social hour preceding the luncheon.

Dwight Buzick, the Branch 32 photographer, par excellent, will be setup to take your picture. It will just take a few seconds and you won’t even have to stop drinking your “tall cool one”.

Thanks for helping us maintain our record of 100% member photos.

The Roster committee.

Ladies Day Christmas Party

WHEN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016
10:30 AM TO 2:30 PM
$37.50 per Person

Tickets will be sold, and table seating reserved, at the October and November luncheons. You can also obtain tickets until Mon. December 12th by mail. Send a stamped self addressed envelope and your check made out to SIR Branch 32 and mail to: Jim Sleigh, 1525 San Gabriel Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

MENU

Combination steak and chicken, With Anna potatoes and vegetables, Served with complimentary Wine, Salad, and Dessert.

PLACE

Three Flames Restaurant
1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose

DOOR PRIZES

Christmas Poinsettias and other surprises. All ladies present will receive a box of See’s Candy.

ENTERTAINMENT

Happy Days Accordion Group

The final count must be given to Three Flames by December 12th. Cancellations after that date will not be refunded unless the tickets can be resold.