



The Rooster Crows!

The Scoop from the Coop

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Michael Garcia	Br. 128
Thom Degnan	Br. 146
Peter Dreier	Br. 149
Bruce Corwin	Br. 159
Roger Stewart	Br. 169
John Oberg	Br. 170
Tom Palmer	Br. 176

Well, the time has finally come. After 17 months, I will be stepping down as President of State SIR. Now, don't cheer too much, I'll still be around. Fred Serena becomes President at the end of this month and I wish him, and the entire Board of Directors, success as he steps into this new leadership role.

It has been an honor to work for and with so many leaders of SIR throughout the State. I have taken the opportunity to visit personally many of our branches to hear their concerns, to answer questions and to make awards. In every case, I found dedicated leaders ensuring that our Mission Statement and Vision is being satisfied. I witnessed their success through the joy, friendship and concern that I saw their branch members exhibit for each other. I have immense pride in our leaders, the quality of their leadership and the sacrifices they so willingly make for their branch. They are outstanding men.

We have come a long way in the past 16 months, a journey with successes, joys and pitfalls but we have made that journey together. We are diverse but it is because of diversity that we gain our greatest strength. I want you to know how much I have appreciated all of your counsel, suggestions and criticisms. It is with your help that we have advanced and, hopefully, improved SIR.

I want to thank the members of the Branch Advisory Council. These men voluntarily stepped forward to work with me as we confronted challenges and issues. Their help was invaluable. Thank you for so willingly giving of your time and energy.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for everything that they have done. These are dedicated men who don't get recognized enough for their dedication and hard work. I can say without hesitation that they care about you and SIR. Those two pillars constantly guide them. Thank you!

So, as I step down into the Past President position, let me simply say one last time to everyone - Thank You! I hope to see you in the future.

Rich Carlston

**You know you are getting old
when your back goes out more than you do.**



We're so sorry to hear
you're leaving!



We'll be sorry to see you go.
Honestly!

What did the zero say to the eight?
"Nice belt!"

Why was the math book sad?
Because it had too many problems!



What did the grape do when it got
stepped on?
Nothing, it just let out a little wine!

What do you call cheese that isn't
yours?
Nacho cheese!

2025 PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

Andy Danver Br. 35 2/21/25



Derek Southern Br. 8 8/26/25



Space doesn't allow me to describe the incredible work and effort made, and being made, by each of these Award recipients.

Suffice it to say that they are among the elite in SIR.

Rick Kindle Br. 143 4/4/25



Bruce Corwin Br. 159 10/9/25



In addition to Dale Decker Br. 36 9/24/24 (deceased), **only twelve other members** have received the President's Award to date.

Each of these men is an outstanding leader. Each has done truly extraordinary work and is an outstanding example of service, dedication and commitment.

Dieter Rex Br. 45 5/5/25



Mark Stuart Br. 98 10/20/25



We owe a great deal to these exceptional men! Be sure and recognize and thank them when you have the opportunity.

Bruce Henry Br. 32 7/2/25



Alan Baker Brs. 93 & 98 11/17/25



Lee Lamp Br. 129 8/7/25



Connor Chin Br. 93 11/17/25



Gary Bradley Br. 23 8/13/25



Kevin King Br. 95 11/19/25



Derek Southern is organizing an AI Committee to train and assist branches in its use. If you have experience or an interest in AI and would like to help, please contact Derek. Thank you

Some Simple SIR Sentiments



No strangers linger here,
just friends we haven't met,
And greeting each new face
becomes our safest bet.

We welcome every soul,
with handshakes warm & bright,
For friends not met just yet
still sparkle in our sight.

We thrive on lunchtime tales,
half true but twice retold,
And brag about our youth,
which somehow stays on hold.

Improving lives through fun
is basically our creed,
A daily dose of joy
is something that we breed.

Our golfers smack the air,
convinced they've hit it straight,
And bowlers celebrate
a score that came by fate.

The calendar runs wild—
events of every kind,
From walking groups to wine
that strengthens heart and mind.

Spread the word. We have **fun**. We make
friends. We are **active**. We are **happy**.
We **help** each other. We **live** longer.
WE Are SIR!

Adventures big or small
give purpose to our days,
And SIR provides the spark
that lights our social blaze.

So here's to joyful times,
and friendships growing strong,
With SIR the moments shine
and keep us going strong.

Now raise a glass to SIR,
the home of wit and glee,
Where friendship is the prize,
and every laugh is free.

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