

PRESIDENTIAL ROLL



Talent, leadership and dedication is the adhesive that cements any organization together. During the past eight years SIRARC has been most fortunate that members with excellent leadership and talent have agreed to accept the responsibility of leading our organization.

SIRARC has a wealth of talent and leadership within its ranks, and it is hoped that in the years to come those possessing these qualifications will not hesitate to step forward and offer their services, so this great organization of ours will continue to exist on its current high level.

SIRARC is no longer a new-comer to Sons In Retirement. It is of interest to note that, as of January 1, 1982, with our eight years as an organized unit, there are over fifty Branches of Sons In Retirement that have been organized since SIRARC came into existence. Many of these Branches have less membership than SIRARC.

In years to come, this SECTION V may well become one of the most interesting and important parts of SIRARC History, as it will contain all pertinent information on all of the Presidents from date of organization.



<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>HANDLE</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>MEMBER- SHIP DATE</u>	<u>DROPPED</u>	<u>SILENT KEY</u>
251	Robert W. Conley	Bob	WA6DQO	1-19-82		
252	Jack Wm. Martens	Jack	WB6RHV	1-21-82		
253	L. W. Olson	Les	W6CBI	2-5-82		
254	William R. Nodder	Bill	W6FKX	2-5-82		
255	V. C. Ryland	Bill	WA6VZG	4-8-82		
256	Frank J. Giovanini	Frank	WA6WEE	4-12-82		
257	David K. Pope	Dave	K6JKQ	5-21-82		
258	John W. Fogg	John	K6AO	5-22-82		
259	Thomas Sehabiague	Tom	W6KTT	6-11-82		

YEAR 1982

Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ completed six years service in February 1982 as our SECRETARY/TREASURER. The Secretary of any organization carries a heavier work-load than any other officer, and SIRARC is no exception. As our organization has grown, Walter's work has increased accordingly. He is extremely dedicated and has exceptional talent for this office and has done an outstanding job during these six years. Our Founder and Past President, Millard George K6ZRY, presented Walter, on behalf of SIRARC, a Certificate of Recognition, sealed under plastic, at the February 5th Luncheon, as a token of appreciation for his dedicated work.

Hard-Bound copies of this History were presented to the President and Secretary-Treasurer at the Executive Board Meeting on January 28th. Inasmuch as the above officers have need for full updated information on SIRARC at all times, it was moved, seconded and passed that these copies should remain in the custody of the current officers at all times. It was also moved, seconded and passed that an updated copy of SIRARC History would be presented to each President and/or Secretary/Treasurer at the end of his term in office.

In order to avoid possible conflict with the Rules and Procedures of our Parent Organization, Sons In Retirement, Inc., and at the request of the State Board, it was M/S and passed at the Executive Board Meeting on June 17, 1982, to Amend Rule 1, as shown on Page 9, to read as follows:

1. Regular SIRARC membership is open only to members of SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC., who hold current Amateur Licenses. An active SIRARC member who loses his qualifications to remain a member of SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC. may, at the discretion of the Executive Board, be retained on the Membership Roll of SIRARC as ASSOCIATE KEY.

A regular member who has rendered outstanding service to SIRARC may, by vote of the membership, be awarded the title of HONORARY KEY and be retained on the SIRARC Membership Roll, should he lose his qualifications for membership in SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC.

For full details regarding the necessity for the above amendment, see Page 1 of SECTION VIII - SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS and Pages 14, 15 and 16 of SECTION X - MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Founder and 1st President



Millard C. George

K6ZRY

"MILLARD"

JANUARY 1, 1974 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1976

FAMILY DATA:

Born in Kansas February 17, 1904, on a farm 15 miles to the nearest town of Kinsley. The fourth child of a family of six children. In the spring of 1900, my parents travelled by covered wagon from Central Missouri to Western Kansas to make their final home. Their three-months of travel, alone and through Indian Territory, some of which was hostile, is in itself a story book.

Married August 1, 1925 to Margaret Jane Maloney. On August 1, 1982, we will celebrate 57 years of wonderful married life. We have one son, Donald, and two granddaughters.

EDUCATION:

8 years elementary education in a one-room country school - one teacher with an average of 30 students, covering all grades from primary to the eighth. Thanks to the old basic educational system of the three R's, plus grammar, history and geography, which fully prepared me for high school and college without any problems.

Graduated from Kinsley, Kansas, High School with Class of 1922. We had our 50th Class Reunion in 1972, with 22 of the living members present. Our ranks have now dwindled to 15 and the 60th Reunion is planned for 1982. The friendship of our Class was outstanding and through the years we have all remained in contact through a round-robin letter which circulates twice a year. Through the years, each member of the Class has established a record for him or herself of which we are all proud.

Graduated from the Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas, in Business and Economics. Two years Post-Graduate work in Advanced Accounting with Alexander Hamilton Institute. A Registered Public Accountant in California.

BUSINESS CAREER:

My entire business life was spent in the Mining, Smelting and Refining Industry. One year, my first position, was with the Mogollon Mines Company, in the high timbered section of New Mexico - one of the most wonderful years of my life. The following 42 years, in general classification and administrative work, was spent with the American Smelting and Refining Company in Texas, Old Mexico, San Francisco and the Selby Plant on San Francisco Bay, where I retired from an executive position at the age of 62.

HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS:

Ham Radio, Writing, Photography, Rock Polishing and Travel. Due to age and other circumstances, Ham Radio has survived as my final hobby.

Immediately on retiring, Margaret and I spent six months in Europe travelling in our own car and following our own itinerary, which covered 22 countries, including the British Isles and Ireland. We drove over 14,000 miles and came home with over 1700 colored slides of our memorable trip.

After fifty years of combined family research on the part of three of my cousins and myself, I co-authored "THE BROYLES FAMILY TIES", which covered my mother's side of the family from 1680 to 1978, which was published in 1978.

I co-authored "THE GEORGE HISTORY", covering my father's side of the family from 1752 to 1979, which was published in 1979.

In 1980 I wrote and published "FAMILY TIES AND MEMOIRS OF MILLARD C. GEORGE - 1680 - 1980".

All data covering my years of dedicated service to Sons In Retirement and "SIRARC" will be found the PREFACE and throughout this History.

I hold a General Class ticket and have been licensed since May 16, 1957.

I am a member of Sons Of The American Revolution, awarded through the service of my Great Great Grandfather's service in the Revolutionary War.

A member of QCWA.

2nd President



Paul K. Churchill
W6QBY
"PAUL"

FEBRUARY 28, 1976 TO FEBRUARY 25, 1977

Paul was born in Santa Paula, California in 1905. He became a member of SIRARC through his membership in Redwood City El Camino Branch No. 16. He and his wife Carol moved to their new home in Ventura shortly after his term as President of SIRARC and, in recognition of his dedicated contribution to the Club, was awarded an Honorary Membership on February 25, 1977. Due to certain possible conflict with the Rules and Procedures of our parent organization, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and objections on the part of the State Board, it was mutually agreed to change this Title to HONORARY KEY in lieu of Honorary Member. See Section VIII, Page 1, and correspondence in Section X, Miscellaneous Items of Interest for details.

EDUCATION:

Paul attended both the Santa Paula and Oxnard High Schools in Ventura County. He graduated from the University of Southern California in 1926 with a Degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Paul worked for the General Electrical Company in Schenectady, New York, from 1926 to 1929, in industrial control design engineering and industrial motor sales.

He was transferred to the Los Angeles District Office in 1929, where he remained until 1933 when he accepted a position with the Southern California Edison Company as Industrial Heating Specialist and Rate Analyst.

In 1939 Paul accepted a position as District Manager for Line Material Company; his territory covered California, Arizona and Nevada. Line Material Company subsequently became a Division of McGraw Edison Company and his territory was expanded to include all of the Western States, Hawaii and Alaska. He retired from McGraw Edison Company in 1970.

RADIO ACTIVITIES:

It is interesting to note that Paul received his first license in 1922, with the call letters of 6BF. He used Ford Spark Coils with the Spark Gap connected directly to the Antenna and ground with a loose coupler and galena detector as a receiver. He later moved up to a rotary gap and a one quarter KW transformer and then on to a vacuum tube regenerative receiver and a five-watt transmitter with A.C. on the plate.

College, the job, getting married, etc., required so much attention that Paul was unable to continue with Ham Radio and lost his two-letter Call. However, in 1936 he found the time to return to Ham Radio and received the Call of W6QBY.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Member of ARRL

Northern California DX Club

Old-Timers Club

WCWA

Palo Alto Amateur Radio Club

Poinsettia Radio Club

Redwood City Branch No. 16, of which he was Membership Chairman for a number of years.

SPECIAL COMMENTS:

Organization ability and leadership is one of the most important factors in any organization - this is especially true in the organization's foundation. SIRARC, less than two years old, was young and striving for recognition when its Founder was elected to the State Board of Sons In Retirement as State Secretary. Rules and Procedures of the parent organization made it necessary to pass the leadership of SIRARC to someone else. Inasmuch as the Club was young; its membership small, there was reluctance on the part of the membership to step forward and offer their services as President. Our Vice President, W6HCE Al Bernes was too deeply involved in other organizations to accept the responsibility. Paul came forward and offered his services - SIRARC was very fortunate and will be forever grateful. His talent and dedication was a great factor in continuing to establish a solid base for our organization.

Co-Founder and 3rd President



August L. Bernes

W6HCE

"Al"

Al was born in San Francisco September 25, 1907, and passed away in Richmond, California on February 26, 1977, at his home in Point Richmond, where he and his wife Jean have resided for years. In addition to his wife, Jean, he is survived by two sons and seven grandchildren.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

After graduating from the University of Nevada in 1932, Al started his school career in Hawthorne, Nevada, subsequently becoming a member of the Richmond School Department. He served 30 years with the Richmond Schools, retiring in 1970 as Personnel Superintendent.

MILITARY SERVICE:

Al served in the United States Air Force during World War II. At the end of the War he remained in the Reserve, retiring after 25 years as Lt. Colonel.

RADIO ACTIVITIES:

Immediately upon retirement, Al joined Sons In Retirement, Peralta Branch No. 12. As a Co-Founder of SIRARC and serving two years as Vice President, Program Chairman, Etc., his assistance in organizing the Club; injecting enthusiasm and leadership; his dedicated service can be described in one word - INVALUABLE! To the great sorrow of the entire SIRARC Organization, Al was taken suddenly from our ranks only two days after being elected President.

Al was honored in 1957 as "MAN OF THE YEAR" in Richmond.

4th President



Helix C. Caldera

W6IKQ

"CAL"

FEBRUARY 27, 1977 TO JANUARY 28, 1978

Cal and his wife Dorothy live in San Ramon, California.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Cal graduated from the University of California in 1931 with a B.S. Degree in Electrical Engineering. He was employed at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in the Electronic Engineering Department, retiring with 30 years service.

RADIO ACTIVITIES:

Charter member and Past President of Northern California DX Club
Member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association
Member of the Society of Amateur Radio Operators, Inc.

Cal became a member of SIRARC on December 20, 1974, through his membership in Pleasanton Branch No. 34 of Sons In Retirement. He was elected Vice President of SIRARC on February 25, 1977 and became President two days later due to the sudden and untimely passing of President August L. Bernes W6HCE.

Cal has been a very dedicated member of SIRARC; very active in our SSB and CW Nets and the ideas and talent he has contributed to SIRARC as a member and President has helped make the Club what it is today.

Cal is completing his 49th year as a Licensed Amateur, receiving his first license in 1933 as W6HTS, followed by W6IKQ.

5th President



Robert C. Colyar

WB6ZBF

"BOB"

JANUARY 28, 1978 TO OCTOBER 6, 1979

Bob was born and raised in Oakland, where he and his wife Margaret still reside.

EDUCATION:

A graduate of Oakland High School 1933. He received his AB Degree from the University of California in 1939, and his Masters from California State University in 1956.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Teacher and Coach in Physical Education, Science and Math in Oakland Public Schools.

Teacher in U. S. Naval Reserve - N.P.S.

National Park Ranger.

MILITARY SERVICE:

Bob served in the U. S. Navy in World War II.

Served in the Berlin Airlift 1948-1949 and also in Korea. He retired from active duty in 1976.

RADIO ACTIVITIES:

Bob has been a Licensed Amateur since September 1967 and holds an Advance Class License. He became a member of SIRARC on May 17, 1976, through his membership in Buena Vista Branch No. 64 of Sons In Retirement. He is a Past Big Sir of Branch No. 64. He was sponsored in both Sons In Retirement and SIRARC by Millard George K6ZRY. He has been a very active and dedicated member of SIRARC, serving first as Vice President February 27, 1977 to January 28, 1978. Bob did an outstanding job as our President for two terms.

OTHER HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Photography, Sports and Travel.

6th President



Wilber C. Roake

W6SER

"BILL"

Bill and his wife Helen live in San Mateo, California.

EDUCATION:

A graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology in 1927, with a Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Post Graduate work at Stanford University, with a Degree in Electrical Engineering and Communication in 1934.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Electrical Design Engineer for ten years with the Union Switch and Signal Company, Pittsburgh, Pa.

USArmy OCSigO for three and one-half years as Civilian-In-Charge of Marine, Air-Sea rescue and Plant Guard of Radio.

Design Engineer of Transmitters of RCA Radiomarine, N. Y. C., for nine years.

Reliability and Systems Engineer of RCA Advanced Technology Laboratory, N.Y.C. for 15 years.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Bill became a member of SIRARC on July 21, 1975, through his membership in Peninsula Branch No. 31 of Sons In Retirement. He has served four years as Radio Chairman of his Branch. Proper credit to the success of SIRARC must be given to those members who have exposed the general membership of Sons In Retirement to the activities of our Club.

Life Senior Member of IEEE.

Member of the Bloomfield, N. J. Radio Club 1919-1928, serving as President 1924-1926.

Member of the San Mateo Radio Club from 1975 to date, serving as President in 1980.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSES HELD:

Amateur 2nd - 2BEN - 1920

Amateur 1st - 2CUJ - 1923

Amateur 1st - 8CWG - 1928-1933

Amateur General W6SER - 1975

Amateur Advanced W6SER - 1976 to date.

Bill's talent and dedication has added much to the advancement of SIRARC.

7th President



Norman S. Buell

W6S JH

"NGRM"

SEPTEMBER 27, 1980 TO OCTOBER 31, 1981

Norm and his wife Mary reside in Kensington, California.

EDUCATION:

A graduate of Lowell High School, San Francisco, California.
Attended Stanford University under a four-year scholarship, earning a Degree in Chemical Engineering.

Post graduate work at University of California in Electronics.
Completed numerous training courses in Research and Technology in connection food processing.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

1936 to 1976 with Del Monte Corporation and its subsidiaries as Chemist, Scientific Research and Management.

Currently he is Principal Consultant of Norman S. Buell and Associates.

In 1978 and 1979 he spent several months in Turkey and Peru, aiding these countries in improvement of their food supplies.

Over a period of 27 years he was the Chairman of numerous environmental and waste control committees in California.

He is a Registered Chemical and Corrosion Engineer in California.

He is the author of two books and numerous magazine articles on a variety of subjects.

Norm is a permanent member of the U.S.C.G.A. and Boating Writers International, as well as other Local, State and National Organizations too numerous to detail.

RADIO ACTIVITIES:

Norm has been a Licensed Amateur since 1938. His first interest in radio construction was in 1926 and his first station activity was with the Lowell High School Radio Club in 1929. He is a member of:

Civilian Amateur Radio System

AARS since March 5, 1941, DNC NCAL San Francisco Presidio

Member and currently President of Northern California QCWA

Norm became a member of SIRARC June 23, 1978 through his membership in Buena Vista Branch No. 64 of Sons In Retirement. He is now a member of Peralta Branch No. 12 and is Branch Radio Chairman.

Norm's talent, enthusiasm and dedicated work as President kept SIRARC operating on the high level established by his predecessors.

OTHER HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Power-Boat Racing, Photography, Electronic Fabrication, Gardening, Swimming, Hiking, Contract Bridge, Lecturing and Writing.

8th President



Charles Buckter

W6BOW

"CHARLIE"

OCTOBER 31, 1981 TO _____

PERSONAL DATA:

Charlie was born, raised and educated in San Francisco. He and his wife Carmen are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1982.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

Chief Fire Alarm Dispatcher for City and County of San Francisco, retiring with 22 years service.

MILITARY SERVICE:

Charlie was a Staff Sgt. in the Signal Corps during World War II, serving as high-speed radio operator of Combat Team in the South Pacific.

RADIO ACTIVITIES:

Charlie has been a Licensed Operator for 56 years and holds an Advanced Class License and is a member of QCWA.

Past Secretary of the San Francisco Radio Club.

He became a member of SIRARC on February 4, 1975, through his membership in San Francisco Twin Peaks Branch No. 44 of Sons In Retirement. Charlie has been a very dedicated and active leader in our SSB and CW Nets. He served SIRARC well from September 1980 to October 1981 as First Vice President before being elected President.

OTHER HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Tennis, Photography, Music and Travel.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

- HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Awarded to State President of Sons In Retirement Harry L. Mayfield on August 5, 1974.
- * HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. Awarded to Past President Paul K. Churchill W6QBY on February 25, 1977.
- PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Past President and FOUNDER, Millard C. George K6ZRY on October 1, 1977.
- PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Past President Paul K. Churchill W6QBY on October 1, 1977.
- * ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. Awarded to Lon M. Hildebrand W6QUE on January 18, 1978.
- PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Past President Felix C. Caldera W6IKQ on January 28, 1978.
- PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Past President Robert C. Colyar WB6ZBF on January 26, 1980.
- PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Past President Wilber C. Roake W6SER on September 28, 1980.
- * ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. Awarded to William G. Gerlach W6BG on June 27, 1981.
- CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PLAQUE. Awarded to Lamartine C. Yeoman W6URA on June 27, 1981.
- PRESIDENT'S PLAQUE. Awarded to Past President Norman S. Buell W6SJH on November 3, 1981.
- CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PLAQUE. Awarded to Walter B. Jones WB6PIZ, Secretary-Treasurer, on February 5, 1982.
- * Due to possible conflict with the Rules and Procedures of our Parent Organization, Sons In Retirement, Inc., and to comply with the request received from State President Jack O. Lubbock, the following amendments have been made, effective March 8, 1982:
- Honorary Membership awarded to Paul K. Churchill has been amended to HONORARY KEY.
- Associate Memberships awarded to Lon M. Hildebrand and William G. Gerlach have been amended to ASSOCIATE KEY.
- For full details regarding the above amendments, please refer to SECTION X - ITEMS OF INTEREST, Pages 14,15 and 16.



AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
SIRARC

March 8, 1982

Sir Jack O. Lubbock, President
Sons in Retirement, Inc.
1044 Fontana Drive
Alameda, CA. 94501

Dear Sir President:

Please be advised that the Amateur Radio Club (SIRARC), a statewide activity of Sons in Retirement, Inc., has, as a matter of concurrence, changed the titles of its recognition awards given to selected individuals for their outstanding personal and technical contributions to SIRARC.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, said changes in titles shall be effective as of this date, and apply to and include the following named honorees:

Paul K. Churchill- New Title: (HK), Honorary KEY, W6QBY
in lieu of (HM), Honorary Member.

Lon M. Hildebrand- New Title: (AK), Associate KEY, W6QUE
in lieu of (AM), Associate Member,

William G. Gerlach- New Title: (AK), Associate KEY, W6BG
in lieu of (AM), Associate Member

Your understanding of this action and acknowledgement of SIRARC's allegiance to Sons in Retirement, Inc., is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Charles Buckter (by direction)
Charles Buckter, President

Walter B. Jones
Walter B. Jones, Sec/Treas

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC.

March 15, 1982

Sir Charles Suekter, President
Sir Walter B. Jones, Secretary/Treasurer
Amateur Radio Club "SIRARC"
1369 - 29th Avenue
San Francisco, California 94122

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your considerate letter of March 2, 1982, advising that the Amateur Radio Club "SIRARC", a statewide activity of Sons In Retirement, Inc., had taken action to change its recognition award titles and qualifications therefore, to conform with our joint Membership Rules.

The title "KEY" used in lieu of "MEMBER" appears unique, and in my opinion, appropriate. The actions taken and expressed are fully appreciated, and will certainly ensure to the benefit of all interests concerned.

Best regards to you, your officers, members and KEYS, with all good wishes for another great year in '82 for SIRARC.

Sincerely,

Jack O. Lubbock, President
Sons In Retirement, Inc.
1044 Fontana Drive
Alameda, California 94501

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cc: C. Sunderland, Ch. SIRARC
K. Casper, PP, Ch. AduCom



A Non-Profit Organization For Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

March 15, 1982

Sir Clyde H. Sunderland, Ch. "SIRARC"
Sons In Retirement, Inc.
1332 Singingwood Court #2
Walnut Creek, California 94595

Dear Clyde:

Thanks very much for "meeting and conferring" with me and Sir Millard George on the matter of SIRARCS honorary and associate memberships, March 3rd at the Blue Dolphin in San Leandro.

Attached is copy of Sirarcs' letter of March 8th, over the signatures of Charles Buckter, President and Walter Jones, Sec. covering the subject of our discussion, and also a copy of my reply thereto.

As suggested, I include the definitions of the following references used in our discussion:

SIRARC- a statewide activity of Sons In Retirement, Inc., a non-profit mutual-benefit corporation of California;

ACTIVITY- an organizational Unit for performing a specific function;

UNIT- a single thing, or person or group that is a constituent of a whole, part of an establishment that has a prescribed organization;

HONORARY- conferred distinction in recognition of achievement or service without prerequisites or obligations;

ASSOCIATE- to join as partner, friend or companion.

In my opinion, we have "put this one to bed", and your cooperation is appreciated. I enjoyed going on the "air" to Southbyville W6CBF ccMGeorge Best regards, Jack Lubbock

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