



# BULLETIN

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Twain Harte Branch #172 – P. O. Box 1143 Twain Harte, CA 95383

## Our Next Luncheon

Twain Harte Golf Club  
**Thursday, January 5, 2006**  
Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.  
Luncheon at Noon  
Price \$12

Don Wooldridge - Chairman  
586-6316  
Bill Steel - Assistant Chairman

### OUR SPEAKER

T.K. Keller

Mr. Keller will tell us about the New Melones Dam Project. Melones Reservoir is one result of the project!

**Note:** The Golf Club has raised the price of their luncheons effective with our February meeting. Then it will be \$13.00.

## A CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The Halls were jammed with the sounds of Merry (and a lot of carrying on) by a splendiferous group of Twain Harte Sirs as we gathered for our annual Christmas Party. Everyone was beautifully turned out for the occasion with wives and lady friends definitely outshining the guys. Cocktails flowed along with a luscious array of appetizers as the social hour got underway.

The evening was kicked off by our outgoing Big Sir Jim Johnson who made special recognition of Jim Dearborn's many years of service and the great job done by Gordon Molloy on our Sirs Bulletin. It was a Party not to be missed with those like Wally Sharp and his lovely wife Cathie who had traveled over 3 hours to get there.

The gavel was passed to our New Big Sir Dick Feaster as we partook of a scrumptious buffet washed down with ample amounts of fine wine. Only then did the real fun begin as the "Singing Nuns" put on a great Holiday show while getting everyone involved in some spontaneous Christmas revelry.

All and all it was a great evening and a memorable time was had by all.....

## Bulletin Deadline - January 7

Ed Nissen, Editor - edjeanne@mlode.com  
Bill Anning, Distribution

## Big SIR Feaster's Feature



Greetings to all you SIR's and best wishes for the New Year ahead. Our Twain Harte Branch had a fantastic 2005 thanks to the great leadership of our Big SIR **Jim Johnson**. I think it is also important to thank all of the activity chairmen and "extra duty" men who help make things happen for our Branch. My objective in the coming year is to help every member have a fun and meaningful time at all of our meetings and outings where we promote the independence and dignity of retirement. As you know, the main purpose of SIR's is to assist men in renewing former friendships and provide opportunities to make new friends through association with other retirees.

I encourage all of you who are not already involved to attend one or more of our varied activities such as hiking, photography, computer, golf, theater or RV. Every member of our branch has an interesting (some might say checkered) past and it is fun to get to know where they came from, what they did, what their interests are, etc. This is a great way to make new friends and increase your enjoyment of our organization. Also, let me know if you would be interested in becoming a board member or serving in some other capacity for the club.

Let's have fun and another great year in 2006!

Dick Feaster

## ATTENDANCE

If you are NOT going to be able to attend, or if you are bringing a guest, please call Herb or Bill before the luncheon. To help reduce confusion and errors when leaving a message on my answering machine, please speak slowly and be clear. Leave your full name and your badge number. If you are bringing a guest, give me the guest's full name, your name and badge number.

Herb Spierling - 536-0380  
Bill Bamford - 586-7279

## Welcome New Members!



Jim Groh



Richard Robinson



John Schwaetz



Ted Thorn



Joseph Walker

### Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big SIR Dick Feaster 536-9106  
 Little SIR Roy Sweeney 586-5225  
 Secretary Dan Mohn 586-4430  
 Ass't Sec. Norm Allen 532-8876  
 Treasurer Earl Nelson 586-5661  
 Ass't. Treas Bob Wright 586-2409

### Board of Directors

2nd Year: Don Denhard 536-0825  
 Mel Johnson\* 532-4360  
 Dave Holton 586-3910  
 Bob Wellwood 586-1952  
 1st Year: Lee Piercey 533-2353  
 Joe Smith 586-5174

### Activity Chairmen (Alphabetically)

Attendance: Herb Spierling  
 Ass't Attend: Bill Bamford  
 Bulletin: Ed Nissen  
 Chaplain: Wayne Bolitho  
 Computer UG: Rich Froishness  
 Digital Photo: Ray Pfoutz  
 Fellowship: (Open)  
 Golf: Richard Broddie  
 Hiking: Jerry Jensen  
 Luncheon: Don Wooldridge\*  
 Membership: Lee Piercey  
 Publicity: Gil Wesson  
 RV: Harvey Uhl\*  
 Theater: John Kinsfather  
 Ass't Theat. Ralph Bushnell  
 Travel: Mick Eachus  
 Website: Don Denhard

\* No email

### State Officers

President - Bob Curley  
 District 3 Governor - Al Limon

### Sirs Theater Group 2006

Your Theater group has put together a great line up for 2006, from Drama to Comedy.

March will bring us a Noel Coward Classic, *Blithe Spirits*, hosted by Roy Smith.

April the Classic *Beauty and the Beast*, hosted by John Kinsfather

May will bring a great revisit of the 60's with *Bacharach and David*, hosted by Dennis Honeychurch.

August we will be doing a little Cole Porter and Johnny Mercer number with *Nite Club Confidential*, hosted by Jim Johnson. September will bring the hilarious comedy, *School for Wives* hosted by Ray Pfoutz. October brings a fun and energetic musical, *Baby*, tentatively hosted by Joe Smith. November an all out romp with, *Hello Dolly*, hosted by Ralph Bushnell.

For additional information on any of the plays just check-out "theater" on our Great Twain Harte Sirs Web-site

We look forward to bringing you a fun theatrical year.....

Your Theater Group

John Kinsfather      Ralph Bushnell

### BOARD MEETING

The first board meeting of the new year for Branch 172 will be held on Monday, January 2. As usual, we will meet at Papa's New Roost at 8AM; or come earlier for breakfast. All officers, board members and activity chairmen are urged to attend.

### Computer User's Group

We have some great plans for the Computer User's Group (CUG) in 2006.

Rich Froishness, our new CUG chairman, wants to help SIRs who are not "computer literate" learn about how to use them for fun at home and to communicate with family and friends.

One of his first ideas is to get other members who have extra computers or printers in their home to donate them. This would make it easy for new SIRs to get a machine in their home that they could learn on.

The follow-on step is to offer hands-on individual and group training to whoever is interested in learning. Rich will be talking in more detail about this at our January meeting.

### Digital Photography Group

Contact me to get on our future events email list      Ray Pfoutz 533-9309  
 ray@sonnet.com

### SIRS RULES & REGULATIONS

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### Hiking Group

We had a great year with monthly hikes or activities. We anticipate an active 2006 schedule. By popular request we are planning a January or February snowshoe outing. There are a number of lower elevation trails for winter and early spring hikes.

We follow emerging spring flowers up-slope until some favorite trails in the high country are reached. There are still great trails suitable for our group which we haven't tried yet.

We typically hike from 5 to 8 miles round trip with only moderate elevation change. Picture taking breaks are frequent, scenic view lunches a high priority. Everybody is welcome and no special conditioning is needed for most members. Most hikes are within 30 miles of Sonora, and last from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The longest 2005 drive was to Hetch Hetchy valley in Yosemite National Park.

Please join us, and feel free to suggest new hikes or other activities that you would like to participate in.

Jerry Jensen, Hiking Chairman, JerJenRPF@cs.com 928-1278



SIRS Christmas Party with SINGING NUNS.



Jim Johnson get Past President's Badge from Dick Feaster Photo: Ray Pfoutz

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