



BULLETIN

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Don's Deliberations



Well, February has finally arrived after some of the most severe weather for a long time. At least we very rarely get the tornados that some unfortunate people are suffering in the central states. The ample snow pack did allow our Hiking Chairman, Jerry Jensen to organize a great snowshoe hike to Strawberry Peak. The view from the summit was well worth the climb.

I am pleased to report that we have an almost perfect count for contributions with only one member outstanding. I have been assured by his acquaintances that it probably slipped his mind due to surgery.

The Theater Group goes from strength to strength, so much so we have run out of suitable places with the capacity to accommodate us for dinner. We will be considering setting up 2 groups to go to different restaurants. This way we can get the group back to a more manageable size and have more social interaction at dinner.

Into my second month of Big SIR, I am enjoying it more than I thought I would. This is mainly due to the supportive team of Directors and Activity Chairmen. Like any successful venture, it's the people that count. Get the right people and let them do their job, and then sit back and take the kudos.

What's with the picture? With the country fighting recession, the housing market, the continuing war taking the lives of our gallant military, the roller coaster Stock Market, I thought I needed a reminder of better times.

See you at the next luncheon.

LUNCHEON

Elks Club - Sonora

Thursday, MARCH 6, 2008

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price \$12

MENU

CORNED BEEF

STEAMED CABBAGE

DICED RED POTATOES

GREEN SALAD

ICE CREAM

OUR SPEAKER

March's speaker will be Debbie Hernandez. She is an independent Medicare Insurance agent who works with people to improve their health costs through the selection of health plans specifically appropriate for them.

Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: www.sirinc.org. Once you are on the home page, simply click on the link **Happenings**.

ATTENDANCE

Planned Absence: Call in to our answering service **HOTLINE** at **536-6333** before 12:00 Noon the day before the luncheon if you are requesting an excused absence. Anything later than that is considered an unexcused absence.

Guests: Please phone Bill Bamford, our Ass't Attendance Chairman, no later than the Sunday preceding the Thursday meeting if you plan to bring a guest. Your help to keep the number of meals correctly ordered is appreciated. You can contact Bill at 586-7279 for GUESTS only scheduling.

Herb Spierling, Attendance Chair
herb@sierrasurfin.com
Bill Bamford, Assistant

MARCH BIRTHDAY BOYS

Dick Anderson
Dick Bezerra
George Brown
Larry Carrington
Ron Clark
Sprague Edwards
Lynn Felber
Richard Froisness
Ron Hawke
Ron Humann
Charles Joseph
George Lowder
John McCreary
Gene Momyer
Bob Nylander
Jerry Redfern
Robert Wellwood

TRAVEL

by Earl Nelson

If you were at the last luncheon, you head me introduce our "We're Reno Bound" trip coming up May 5 thru May 7. Storer Tours will be picking us up at the Junction on Monday, May 5. We will stop at John Asuaga's Nugget first, then on to The Silver Legacy Hotel Casino, where we will spend two nights. Both Casinos will be giving you cash and food coupons.

On Tuesday we will be taking a day trip to The Old Fashion Western Town of Virginia City. You will have an opportunity to browse the many quaint shops, saloons and museums. Tuesday evening will provide an optional floor show at the El Dorado. It is called Floor Play and features a collage of dance styles including Salsa, Rhumba, Cha Cha, Waltz and Tango. The cost for dinner and show is \$40.00.

We head home on Wednesday with a stop in South Lake Tahoe for a wonderful MS Dixie II Emerald Bay sightseeing and lunch cruise.

The cost will be \$290 per person, assuming we have enough interest to put 30 people on the bus. If you have some non-SIR friends that would like to join us, please invite them. A flyer insert is included with this Bulletin. If you need further information, call me at 586-5661.

LAST CALL for the Budapest to Amsterdam River Cruise. Vantage Travel is holding the last three cabins for us but they will be released back to the public on Feb. 25. If you think you want to go, call me and I will get you together with the Vantage people.

Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big SIR	Don Denhard	536-0825
Little SIR	Ed Nissen	586-3307
Secretary	Dan Mohn	586-4430
Ass't Sec.	Dick Feaster	536-9106
Treasurer	Rich Brandau	586-3399
Ass't. Treas	Richard Robinson	588-9519

Board of Directors

2nd Year:	Henry Beltran	586-3165
	Ray Pfoutz	533-9309
	Herb Spierling	536-0380
1st Year:	Bill Bamford	586-7279
	Paul Desrosiers	532-5754
	Dennis Honeychurch	586-2117

Activity Chairmen

Attendance:	Herb Spierling
Ass't Attend:	Bill Bamford
To Be Absent:	536-6333
To Bring Guest:	586-7279
Bulletin:	Stu Heller
Bulletin Distrib:	Bill Anning
Chaplain:	Wayne Bolitho
Computer Group:	Dick Chimenti
Digital Photo:	Ray Pfoutz
Fellowship:	Carl Nunes
Golf:	Richard Broddie
Hiking:	Jerry Jensen
Historian:	Eddie Krause
Joke Master:	Arlen Richardson
Luncheon:	Henry Beltran
Luncheon Asst.	Jim McCracken
Membership:	Ralph Legg
Asst. Membship:	Bob Wright
Movie Group:	Ray Pfoutz
Ass't. Movie:	Gil Wesson
Publicity:	Gil Wesson
Drawing:	Rick DeSambad, Dean Squires
RV:	Harvey Uhl
RV Ass't:	Bob Becker
Song Master:	Jerry Lewis
Sound Master:	Dennis Honeychurch
Theater:	Ralph Bushnell
Ass't Theater:	Rich Brandau
Travel:	Earl Nelson
Website:	Dick Chimenti

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, MARCH 10th**. Please send your articles to **Stu Heller**.

lakewooddancers@goldrush.com
snail mail: 19511 Michigan Drive

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The Hiking Group enjoyed a fun outing on shoeshoes on January 16th in ideal weather. They hiked about 3 miles along the gentle ridge off of Highway 108 near Herring Creek Road. About 14 members showed up for a memorable day in the Sierras.

R.V. GROUP by HARVEY UHL

The 2008 schedule below was approved by the RV Group directors on February 4th. Contact the Wagonmasters for details.

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>WAGONMASTERS</u>
APRIL 16-MAY 4	TUCSON(19 DAYS)	Dan & Charlene Bertelli
MAY 26-29	CARSON VALLEY	Andy & Sharon Perras
JUN 17-27	BETABEL	Dan & Charlene Bertelli
JULY 13-19	BUELLTON	Don & Marlene Parr
AUG 7	RAILTOWN PICNIC	Harvey Uhl
AUG (TBA)	FT. BRAGG	Hobsons & Porters
SEPT 24-30	GREYEAGLE	Gary & Sharyn Pendleton
OCT 17	POTLUCK 2009 PLANNING	Harvey Uhl & Bob Becker
NOV	TBD	
DEC	CHRISTMAS PARTY	Harvey Uhl

We would like to extend an open invitation to those SIRS who do not own a RV to join us at any location. There are often motels or cabins at some of these sites, and you could join us for the festivities. HARVEY.

GOLF

HERE ARE THE DATE FOR THE 2008 SIRS BRANCH # 172 GOLF TOURNAMENTS (ALL ON TUESDAYS AND ALL AT DON PEDRO GOLF COURSE - FIRST TEE TIMES ARE AT 10 A.M.)

APRIL 8

MAY 6

JUNE 10

JULY 8

AUGUST 12

SEPTEMBER 9

OCTOBER 7

COSTS ARE \$31 WHICH INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART AND PRIZE MONEY. RICHARD BRODDIE WILL RETURN APRIL 1.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, March 3, 2008** at Papa's New Roost. Breakfast starts at **7 AM** and the meeting at **8 AM**. All officers, board members and activity chairmen are urged to attend. Other members of our branch are also welcome to come and sit in.

Fellowship

Please give me a call if you know of a fellow SIR or member of his family who is ill or has passed away. An appropriate card will be sent to the member or his family.

Carl Nunes, 532-9017

SIRs Hike - Melones Reservoir- February 20, 2008

Where: Heron Point Trail, Heron Point, Tuttletown Recreation Area.

When: Meet at 9:00 AM at Junction Shopping Center, in front of Gottschalks

Length: 3 miles, round trip. Starting Elevation: 1,200 feet. Gain : 150 feet.

Bring: Hiking clothes in layers, lunch, water, camera, perhaps light rain gear.

Driving: Take Hwy 49 north from Sonora to New Melones Lake. Turn left into Tuttletown Recreation Area (at Sign) before reaching the lake. Drive about two miles to the USBR (Bureau of Reclamation) parking lot and trail head. Roads are paved.

Features: Views of the Lake, Quail, shore birds, and possibly raptors. Visit the USBR web site for complete description of this unique area and operations of the Melones Reservoir. http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/field_offices/new_melones/index.html

Weather: Expect variable winter weather. Hike will be postponed for heavy rain. **Call Jerry Jensen if in doubt. 928-1278.**

SIR RULES & REGULATIONS

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities. (Rule 345). Checks, money orders or credit cards for travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency (Rule 420 & 421). Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the branch locale. (Rule 60). **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE - Article 8 - Required Attendance**

Rule 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

a. Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

b. Did not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. Note: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance. (Revised 6/6/06)

Rule 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12 month period.

Rule 102. Attendance by a State elected or appointed officer, State Advisor or State Committeeman at a meeting of the State Board, a meeting of a State standing committee or a meeting required by the Bylaws or Standing Rules, shall be a credit to his requirements. The attendance by any other member at such a meeting may likewise be so credited by the Branch Executive Committee.

State Officers: President - Tom Ross; Director Region 3 - Ken Edwards; Area Governor - Bill Andrews; Editor, *Sir Happenings*, Dwight Sale.

Websites: State website - www.sirinc.org Twain Harte 172 - www.sirtwain.org; Jackson Branch 96 website - www.sir96.org; Sonora Branch 136 - www.sonorasirs.org.

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