



# BULLETIN

MARCH 2010 Vol. 17 # 3 Twain Harte Branch #172- P. O. Box 1143 Twain Harte, CA 95383 <http://www.sirtwain.org/>

## MY NAME IS EARL



On January 13 Dan Mohn, Dennis Honeychurch and myself attended the Area 27 meeting held at Greenhorn Creek in Angles Camp. The purpose of the annual meeting is to help the incoming officers of all Branches in Area 27 to feel comfortable in their new roles and to share ideas with each other. Our Area Governor, Norm Whitsed, chaired the meeting which was well attended and featured many spirited exchanges.

Dan was bombarded with questions from the other Branch Secretaries. The main area of concern centered around the format of our Minutes. It became obvious that due to the structure of our Board Meetings it made it easier for a Secretary to use the same format in preparing the Minutes. Dan continues to coach the other Branch Secretaries via e-mail. Dennis felt very comfortable in sharing his methods with the other Treasurers. Even though this was his first Area meeting, the detailed procedures that were passed on to him from our past Treasurer Rich Brandau, made him an instant authority. One point that I think surprised us all is the amount of our Quarterly State Assessments that go toward insurance. If I recall correctly, it was over 60%.

It quickly became apparent to me that the other Big Sirs seemed to have less of a defined structure than we do at Twain Harte. Yes, I am a bit biased, but it seemed as though I was constantly sharing the way "we do it" and always getting nods that indicated approval.

You will see in the Travel Article that we have adopted the idea of a unified Travel Group consisting of Sonora, Sierra and Twain Harte Branches. Everything, from here on out, will be known as Mother Lode Travel.

I was sorry to receive the resignation of Dr. John Baldwin. Apparently he has a number of other activities that demand his time. Good luck John, in what ever you do and hope to see you back some day.

## NEXT LUNCHEON

ELKS CLUB - SONORA

**THURSDAY**

**MARCH 4TH, 2010**

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

## MENU

CORNED BEEF

STEAMED CABBAGE

RED POTATOES

GREEN SALAD

ICE CREAM

## OUR SPEAKER

Our luncheon speaker for March will be **LINDA CLARK**. She is the author of "The Small Window" : The story of Hardluck Lin's beginnings, Teller of Tales, Spinner of Yarns and Keeper of the History. Linda is the wife of Sir Ron Clark.

## THEATER GROUP NEWS

by Rich Brandau

The March 17th play Guys and Dolls is on track to be well attended. We will however, have to close attendance by February 17th at the latest. If you haven't already done so, please contact Dennis Honeychurch at 586-2117 for seating availability. The next play is Dial M for Murder on April 14th at the Fallon House Theater. Your host will be Don Denhard. Don is gearing up for the play and he will be sending out the initial email with all the pertinent information in the coming weeks. Thanks for supporting the 2010 theater season.

## 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 un-excused absence. **Remember to clearly state your NAME & BADGE # when leaving a message.**

**GUESTS ONLY:** Please phone **Harvey Uhl**, 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 **Harvey @ 694-8819** for **GUESTS** only scheduling.

**Bill Anning, Attendance Chair**  
banning@umich.edu  
Harvey Uhl, Assistant

### MARCH BIRTHDAY BOYS

Dick Anderson	Ron Humann
Dick Bezerra	Charles Joseph
George Brown	George Lowder
Ron Clark	John McCreary
Sprague Edwards	Bob Nylander
Lynn Felber	Jerry Redfern
Rich Froisness	Don Walton
Ron Hawke	Robert Wellwood

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, MARCH 8th**. Email articles to: **STU HELLER**

**lakewoodancers@goldrush.com**

## CUG MEETING

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, February 18th at 5:30 p.m. at The China House in Twain Harte.** We will discuss security for a home wireless router along with other security and cleanup issues that come up. We will spend some time going over Excel and Word problems that our users have encountered. Wives, significant others, friends and neighbors are welcome. The China House says they will put out the buffet for us. Our discussion should start shortly after 6pm. Bring your questions - there are no "stupid" questions, only questions others want answered but don't know how to phrase. Let me know if you're coming and how many of you. I told China House "about 20" but if it gets much more then I'll have to call them to set more places.

### PINOCHLE ANYONE?

I am curious if there are members interested in playing PINOCHLE some day between Monday and Thursday for about two hours at either our homes, the Moose Lodge or somewhere in Twain Harte. If you interested, see me at the March luncheon and you can sign up at that time. If you have any questions or suggestions before then, please contact **Jerry Morrow @ 586-2979**

### MOVIES by Ray Pfoutz

This note is to bring the MOVIE GROUP to your attention, in case you are interested in being informed regarding up coming events. We have two types of outings. A lunch for SIR members followed by a movie, and afternoon movie followed by a dinner for SIR members and their wives. An e-mail notice is sent out to those on the movie list in advance in the film. The exact details are usually not known until a few days before the scheduled event. If you would like to be notified of future movie events, send me your e-mail address and it will be added to the list.

## Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big Sir	Earl Nelson	586-5661
Little Sir	Henry Beltran	586-3165
Secretary	Dan Mohn	586-4430
Ass't Sec.	Ed Nissen	586--3307
Treas.	Dennis Honeychurch	586-2117
Ass't. Treas	Rich. Robinson	588-9519

### Board of Directors

**2nd Year:** Jerry Jensen 928-1278  
Harry Vacca 586-7580

**1st Year:** Fred Ray 586-0918  
Duane Porter 533-2189  
Don Escallier 586-2280  
Raphl Bushnell 586-0637

### Activity Chairmen

Attendance	Bill Anning
Ass't Attend.	Harvey Uhl
<b>To Be Absent:</b>	<b>536-6333</b>
<b>To Bring Guest:</b>	<b>694-8819</b>
Bulletin	Stu Heller
Bulletin Distrib.	Dan Schroeder
Chaplain	Wayne Bolitho
Computer Group	Dick Chimenti
Fellowship	Bill Bamford
Golf	Richard Broddie
Hiking	Jerry Jensen
Historian	Jim Schneider
Joke Master	Arlen Richardson
Luncheon	Jim McCracken
Luncheon Asst.	Don Parr
Membership:	Larry Bertucelli
Asst. Membship	Scott Gray
Movie Group	Ray Pfoutz
Ass't. Movie	Gil Wesson
Publicity	Gil Wesson
Drawing	Rick DeSambad, Dean Squires
RV Group	Bob Becker
RV Ass't.	Jim Nolan
Song Master:	Jerry Lewis
Sound Master	Jim Johnson
Theater	Rich Brandau
Ass't Theater	Dennis Honeychurch
Travel	Earl Nelson
Website	Dick Chimenti

## MOTHER LODE TRAVEL by Earl Nelson

Notice the new name for this article and the travel group..."Mother Lode Travel ".....Sonora, Twain Harte & Sierra SIR. By combining our efforts with the other local SIR Branches, we will have greater variety and more people to fill the buses, thus assuring us of less cancellations. The upcoming schedule of events is:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Horse Races at Golden Gate Fields	March 26	\$ 68 pp
Festivals & Roses, Ashland & Portland, OR	June 9 - 15	\$ 1,465 pp
Montreal & The Canadian Maritimes	Sept 16 - 29	\$ 3,600 pp

If you have not signed up for the Canadian Maritimes, it may be too late but you can always try by calling Vantage Travel at 800-322-6677. The name of the Trip is Montreal & The Canadian Maritimes Departing Sept. 16, 2010. **Our Group Number is 480200.**

The Festivals & Roses Trip combines the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, in Ashland, with The Grand Floral Rose Festival Parade in Portland. Every night has a hosted dinner with one being on the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler. Enjoy a Jet Boat Ride up the Rogue River, lunch in Florence on the coast, see the Bandfest and attend a performance at the Shakespeare Festival.

If you have interest in any of the above call or e-mail me at 586-5661 or [earlnelson@aol.com](mailto:earlnelson@aol.com)

## SIR Snowshoe Hike - Friday, February 12, 2010

**Where:** Strawberry Peak **When:** Meet at 9:00 AM @ Twain Harte Market, and car pool.

**Length:** Approximately 3 miles along a ridge top, round trip; shorter hikes are OK.

**Starting Elevation:** 5,900 feet. **Elevation Gain:** Approximately 150 vertical feet.

**Bring:** Winter hiking clothes in layers, lunch, water, camera, and sun block.

**Driving:** Take Hwy 108 past Herring Creek Rd, Park at turnout on left side of Hwy at the top of the ridge to Strawberry Peak (assuming that the turnout has been plowed).

**Features:** Views of Middle and South Fork canyons and the Dardanelles.

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

For new members, or those Sirs who have not yet joined us on one of our snowshoe treks, we typically walk from 1 to 3 miles round trip with only moderate elevation change. We will hold the snowshoe hike as scheduled unless a winter storm moves in. The location may be changed depending on snow plowing conditions on Hwy 108. Light snow or clouds will not affect the hike. Please dress appropriately for the expected weather. Several light layers of clothing that can be removed as the temperature rises and a good windbreaker should be adequate since snow shoeing is good, vigorous exercise. Everybody is welcome and no special conditioning is needed for most members. We recommend that you rent snow shoes from the Sierra Nevada Action Center (SNAC) on Washington Street in Sonora prior to the hike. The Dodge Ridge rental shop is not on the travel route, and Heidi's at Cold Springs is unreliable.

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## R.V. GROUP OUTINGS by BOB BECKER & JIM NOLAN

The first RV Club outing for 2010 is a trip to **Benbow near Garberville, CA April 19-24, 2010.** Mike Eachus is the Wagonmaster for this outing. Activities include sightseeing in the redwoods, golf, potlucks and BBQs. Flyers, more detailed trip information, and sign-ups can be obtained from Mike (532-4333) or [mheachus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mheachus@sbcglobal.net)

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## GOLF GROUP SCHEDULE

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TEE TIME</b>	<b>COURSE</b>	<b>COST+</b>
April 6	11:30	Reserve @Spanos Park	\$35 – pay at April 1 lunch
May 11	12:00	Greenhorn Creek	use 2 for 1+\$6 at May 6 lunch
June 8	10:00	VanBuskirk Park	use 2 for 1+\$6 at June 3 lunch
July 6	10:00	Creekside	use 2 for 1+\$6 at July 1 lunch
August 11	10:00	Mace Meadows	use 2 for 1+\$6 at Aug 5 picnic
September 7	10:00	Dryden Park	use 2 for 1+\$6 at Sept 2 lunch
October 12	12:00	Castle Oaks	use 2 for 1+\$6 at Oct 7 lunch

## BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, MARCH 1st** 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 his spouse who is ill or has passed away, and I will send an appropriate card on behalf of our Branch. Thanks,

**BILL BAMFORD 586-7279**

Five brave members of our Hiking Group (Donner Party?) endured the elements and went on a "short" snowshoe hike on January 22, finding deep soft snow even with the use of snowshoes. Jerry Jensen, Jim Schneider, Roy Smith, Bill Bamford and guest Jim Stephens (right) returned safely and will try again this month on February 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Membership Roster

It is important for us to keep our membership information current. If you have a change of address, phone number, email address, spouse, or significant other, please contact me @ 533-3738 so I can update our records. Thanks, **Larry Bertuccelli, Membership Chairman**

## 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 - David Reiser  
Director Region 3 - George B. Christman  
Area Governor, Area 27 - Norman D. Whitsed  
Editor, *SIR Happenings*, Don MacGregor  
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**Websites:** State website - [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
**Twain Harte 172** - [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org)  
Sonora Branch 136 - [www.sonorasirs.org](http://www.sonorasirs.org).

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