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Big SIR Feaster's Feature



What a great program we had for our February meeting. Jim and Charlene Cunningham wowed everyone with beautiful pictures of Norway, many Arctic Circle denizens and scores of other pictures showing wildlife in America. Sorry if you missed seeing it, but I think that the Cunninghams may repeat the program for the Sonora SIRs sometime this summer.

Those of you who attended the February meeting also noticed that we have added an extra table to accommodate late comers and special guests. Your board hopes that this will help alleviate the problems we have had with seating in the past. As mentioned at the meeting, we plan to have a "social mixer" at our May meeting. At that meeting, there will be no reserved spaces and everyone will be randomly assigned to a table as they check in. The goal is for everyone to meet some new guys and hopefully make a new friend or two.

Little Sir Roy Sweeney announced the status of his work on organizing our propane co-op. Be sure to read his article in this bulletin.

Don Wooldrige is working on improving our menu at each meeting and I hope you enjoyed the meal at this meeting more than the "chili" we had in January.

Cheers, Dick Feaster

Our Next Luncheon

Twain Harte Golf Club
Thursday, March 2, 2006
 Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.
 Luncheon at Noon
 Price \$12

MENU

Meat Lasagna
 Mixed Vegetables
 Salad
 Garlic Bread
 Dessert

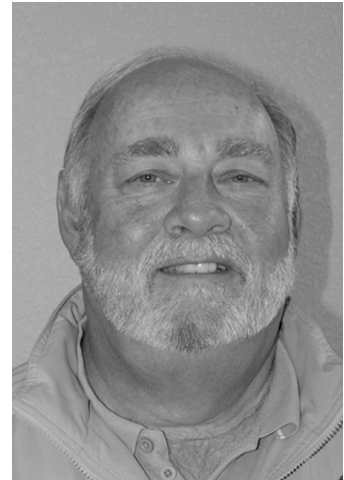
OUR SPEAKER

Mrs. Kay Huse, on the subject
Organ Donations

A recipient herself, she will tell you that there are nearly 90,000 Americans presently awaiting donor organs. Each day, about 74 people receive an organ transplant; however, 18 people die daily waiting for transplants that can't take place because of a shortage of donated organs. Although there may be many things **YOU** can no longer participate in, this option is still available and something to seriously consider.

Welcome, New Member

Ronald Clark



DIGITAL CAMERA MEETING

Show and Tell

Bring camera and photos you may want to show. Bring any questions you may have. Most likely, someone will be able to answer.

Goal: to help you utilize your camera's features and to take better pictures.

Discussion will also cover scanning pictures.

Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 21 2-4pm.
 At the home of Ray Pfoutz
 16383 Ridgewood Drive
 email: ray@sonnet.com
 Phone 533 9309.

Please let me know if you plan to attend as handout material will be available.

TIP SHEET

by John Kinsfather

SOCIAL SECURITY ABROAD

Planning a vacation outside the US? Consider the following: Getting direct deposit of your benefits, over 80% of Social Security Beneficiaries now use direct deposit.

You should be familiar with how your Medicare coverage works outside the US. If you get sick or hurt while traveling, you should know that generally, Medicare does not pay for your hospital or medical service outside the US except for some emergency services in Mexico and Canada. Be sure and check your supplement out-of-Country coverage. If you plan to stay away for more than 30 days other rules could apply. You can check out these rules on the S. S. Web site at www.socialsecurity.gov. Or, ask for a copy of S.S. pamphlet, *Your Payments While Outside the United States*.

Computer Users Group

No meeting is planned for February. We are gathering information about some SIRS who would like to have a beginner session. Please call Rich at 694-8244 or email him with your interest as we are looking for how many are interested and what level of beginners exist.

Dial Broadband has arrived Nationwide! Up to 5 times faster than traditional dialup connections from \$13.33/month! See the demo for yourself at www.BigValley.net

Rich Froisness

ATTENDANCE

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

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

\$12 Lunch, Not \$13!

The Golf Club has raised the price of their luncheons to \$13.00. However, the SIRS Board decided to fund \$1.00 from reserve funds, making the net to you \$12.00.

Fellowship

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

Carl Nunes, 532-9017

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Website: Don Denhard

Bulletin Deadline March 9

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BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting for Branch 172 will be held on Monday, February 27. 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.

Hiking Group

By popular request a snowshoe outing will be held on Wednesday, February 15, again this year. The location will be at the Dodge Ridge Ski Area at Pinecrest. We will meet at Eproson Park (by the golf course) in Twain Harte at 8:30 AM and car pool to the Ski Area. Snowshoes can be rented at the Dodge Ridge Ski area for the day, or they can be rented from other vendors prior to the hike.

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. Jim Johnson, former Big Sir, will be Trail Master for the day. Picture taking breaks are frequent. We plan to eat lunch in the Dodge Ridge lodge unless the day is really spectacular in which case some members may choose to eat on the trail.

We will hold the snowshoe hike as scheduled unless a major winter storm moves in. 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. Call Jerry Jensen or Jim Johnson, 586-8940, for more information or if you have questions on clothing or equipment rental.

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

PROPANE CO-OP

Several of you have asked me about the status of the propane co-op. It's not moving as fast as you'd like & not as fast as I'd like. A total of 93 members have expressed an interest. Considerable data has been gathered, and I'm awaiting the return of Jim Johnson from his month long cruise. We'll put together a "wish list" of items desired for our group to submit to the various suppliers. I've found there is a wide range among what members are paying for both propane and tank rental. Please be patient, as I'm convinced we should be able to develop a plan that will present a savings to many if not all of you. Hopefully, at the March meeting I will be able to give you more definitive information. It's not too late to sign up if you have an interest. Just Email me at rpsweeney@sbcglobal.net and let me know the name of your present supplier.

MARCH BIRTHDAY BOYS

Dick Anderson
Dick Bezerra
George Brown
Ed Cabral
Bill Chaty
Sprague Edwards
Lynn Felber
Richard Froisness
Charles Joseph
George Lowder
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Blythe Spirit

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

SRT Fallon House Theatre

2 pm Performance

SIRS Theatre Group

In this classic masterpiece of high spirits and ghostly goings-on, Noel Coward's trademark wit, and sparkling banter blend with high humor for top-notch entertainment. This ferociously funny comedy of manners combines the ludicrous and the sublime for an effervescent treat.

If I have you down as requesting to attend this play, please respond as soon as possible.

We have received our official group contract from SRT and are required to have payment into SRT as soon as possible so I am sending this notice out to you now.

Presently this play is sold out verbally and we have fourteen people on a waiting list. So if you would be so kind as to send me a check made out to SRT for **\$14.00 per person** (note price increase) I would appreciate it. I will be sending you information on the dinner later in the month.

Please send your checks made out to **SRT** to:

**Roy Smith
17941 Towhee Lane
Twain Harte, CA 95383**

Any questions email me or call 586-7173.

DATED MATERIAL



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