



BULLETIN

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MY NAME IS EARL



During the next couple of months, our Nominating Committee will be approaching some of you to see if you have interest in becoming more involved in the management of our Branch. We have to have the 2011 slate of Officers ready to send to State in May. I know that we have many capable and knowledgeable men who could be our future leaders. If I had \$5.00 for every time I heard the excuse "I'd like to help but I am too busy" I would be a rich man. I can assure you that there is no job in SIR that is that demanding of your time, yet every job in SIR is extremely satisfying and essential to our long term Branch survival. Being involved is the vehicle to meet new friends. If everyone is "too busy" that means we will have no Board of Directors, no Officers and conversely, no Branch 172. If you think I'm over reacting, when, and if you are asked to become more active, just say "I'm too busy".

I somehow forgot to go to the Computer Users Groups meeting last week but heard it was very informative. We are very fortunate to have Dick Chimenti who takes the time to organize this and helps us all to be a little more literate when it comes to computers. Dick, and others, have been discussing having a Beginners Session. Sounds like a great idea.

Be sure and read the "Mother Lode Travels" section of the Bulletin. There is a host of activities planned and now that we are working in concert with Sonora and Sierra SIR, each activity offers the opportunity to meet other Sirs in the area.

Our Program next month should be very entertaining. Henry has arranged for one of the co-chairman of "The Mother Lode Roundup" to come and give us not only background on the "Roundup" but also the week's activities that lead up to the Rodeo.

Oh, and one last thing. Last month I announced that Dr. John Baldwin would be leaving us due to scheduling conflicts. I indicated we were sorry to say goodbye and hoped he would be back some day. Well, I've been advised, John is back. Now there is a man of action!

Hope to see you at our April 1st Luncheon, which is a MIXER.

NEXT LUNCHEON

ELKS CLUB - SONORA

THURSDAY

APRIL 1ST, 2010

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

NOTE: THIS MONTH IS A MIXER

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SIRLOIN OVER NOODLES

CARROTS

GREEN SALAD

CHOCOLATE PUDDING

OUR SPEAKER

Our luncheon speaker for April will be Michael Shaffer, Co-Chairman for this year's Mother Lode Round-Up Queen Pageant. He will speak on the history of the Tuolumne County Sheriffs Posse and the Mother Lode Round-Up. The present Round-Up Queen Ariel Diggan will tell us about her duties as queen. Kendra Brennen, Sarah Grenfell and Kristen Barnhart, contestants for this year, will talk about why they are running for Round-Up Queen.

THEATER GROUP NEWS

by Rich Brandau

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 has sent out the initial email with all the pertinent information in the coming weeks. If you have not received the email and wish to attend, contact Don @586-0825.

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

APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS

Larry Asquith	Gerry Fountain
Raphl Bushnell	Chuck Holcomb
Roger Cabral	Mel Johnson
Gary Davidson	Jerry Morrow
Michael Eachus	Jim Nolan

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, APRIL 5th.** Email articles to: **STU HELLER**

lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

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
To Be Absent:	536-6333
To Bring Guest:	694-8819
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 TRAVELS

by Earl Nelson

I couldn't be more happy with the combining of our Travels with Sonora and Sierra SIR. The following is the upcoming schedule. If you see something that you think you might like to do, call either **Earl Nelson, 586-5661** or **Wil Reich, 533-2626**.

March 26, 2010 - - Horse Races at Golden Gate Field. This trip is **Sold Out**.

April 19, 2010 - - Wine Tour - - Our tour will include stops at Mt. Brow, Stevenot (lunch), Iron Stone and Twisted Oaks Wineries. More, if time allows. We need 20 people for this trip. Cost is \$50.00 pp

June 9 – 15. 2010 - - Festivals and Roses. Motor coach to Ashland, OR for Shakespeare Festival and see “Twelfth Night” directed by guest artist Darko Tresnjak. Then on to Portland, OR for the Rose Festival and Parade. Call for complete itinerary. We have 22 signed -up. Need 8 more to meet minimum of thirty.

Sept. 16 -29. 2010 - - Montreal, Quebec City & Canadian Maritimes (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia) Call for complete itinerary. So far we have 20 going. There is room for three more couples on this trip. This will probably close at the end of April.

If you have interest in any of the above call or e-mail me at 586-5661 or earlnelson@aol.com

R.V. GROUP OUTINGS

by BOB BECKER & JIM NOLAN

With good weather just around the corner the RV Club is anxious to hit the road. The first outing, to Benbow in April, has great advance participation. Anyone not yet signed up but interested contact Mike Eachus to find out if there are any spots available. As announced at the March luncheon, the May trip to Fresno/Visalia has been cancelled. The June outing to Calistoga has been fully planned and Duane Porter is the person to contact for further information and to sign up. Final planning for the July trip to Mt. Shasta is nearing completion and Harvey Uhl is the wagon master for this event.

GOLF GROUP SCHEDULE

DATE	TEE TIME	COURSE	COST+
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 29th** at the **PINE TREE RESTAURANT**. 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

FISHING GROUP BY HERB SPIERLING

We are now combined with the other Sonora SIR Branches. and have a 2010 schedule as follows:

Tuesday March 23, 2010.....Lake DonPedro

Last week in April, 2010.....Open for local, river, delta, bay area or ocean destinations

May 13th to 16th, 2010.....Bridgeport Reservoir

Early November, 2010.....Chico River, Brookings, Oregon
Contact me at 536-0380 for more information.

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.

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