



BULLETIN

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Don's Deliberations



I was having lunch with Little SIR, Ed Nissen and we were discussing the line up for next year's Directors and Activity Chairmen. It seems we have almost the same group of people doing these tasks every year. SIRs is a voluntary organization and the Branches depend on involvement by the members for filling the various positions to enable the Branch to run efficiently and effectively. The Twain Harte Branch has a lot of talented members and I am sure that some of you would do a good job. If you feel you would like to be involved contact Ed or myself or any of the Committee members. If you are not sure of the positions look in this Bulletin on the next page.

We had a well attended Luncheon Meeting for April and we must have impressed the Speaker, Jerry Tannhauser because he asked Ed for a membership application.

With April finally here with the good weather I hope you will take advantage of the Branch's outdoor activities and see you all fit and healthy at May's Luncheon Meeting.

NEXT LUNCHEON

Elks Club - Sonora

Thursday, MAY 1, 2008

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price \$12

MENU

BAKED HAM

CANDIED YAMS

MIXED VEGETABLES

GREEN SALAD

CAKE

OUR SPEAKER

Becky Miller-Cripps, Coordinator for Master Gardener Program, will talk about the Master Gardener Program, Cooperative Extension, and plants more suitable for fire prone areas, such as ours. Cooperative Extension extends research based information to the general public. It is federally funded and managed through the University of California.

DIGITAL PHOTO GROUP

by Ray Pfoutz

In past years we have had, at my house, a few meetings where we discussed camera operation, taking of photographs and had a round table discussion regarding member questions. I will hold a similar session on the afternoon of **Thursday April 17 at 2:00 pm**. Wives that are involved in this process are welcome as well. At the end of the general discussion I will have my computer available and will go over a few photo adjustment steps using Photo Shop Elements for those who are interested. **RSVP.** Contact me via email at pfoutzer3@sonnet.com or 533-9309. My address is, 16383 Ridgewood Drive, Sonora
(Let me know if you need directions)

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. **Remember to clearly state your name and badge number when leaving a message.**

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

MAY BIRTHDAY BOYS

John Barton
Ed Bolitho
Clifford Dunn
Dick Feaster
Ed Geritz
Scott Gray
Dennis Heppner
Gordon Kavanaugh
Ralph Legg
George Leontovich
Dick Mannini
Jim McCracken
Bill Steel
Al Wilhelm

TRAVEL

by Earl Nelson

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel our trip to Reno but we just didn't have the bodies to even half fill a bus. Hopefully the next trip we plan will fit everyone's schedule better.

I am proposing a day trip to Filoli Gardens sometime in June or July. We would catch the bus in the morning and ride to Woodside (about thirty miles south of San Francisco) to visit the 654 acre Filoli Estate. The Estate is comprised of an historic house and 16 acres of formal garden. I announced this at the meeting to see if there was any interest. No one approached me after the meeting. If you are interested, phone or e-mail me so I'll know if this is worth pursuing. **586-5661 or earlnelson@aol.com**

The River Trip in September from Budapest to Amsterdam is full but if you are interested, let me know as there are always cancellations.

GOLF

HERE ARE THE DATES 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.)

MAY 6

JUNE 10

JULY 8

AUGUST 12

SEPTEMBER 9

OCTOBER 7

COSTS ARE \$31 WHICH INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART AND PRIZE MONEY.

Twain Harte Branch Officers

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|--------------|------------------|----------|
| 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

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|-----------|----------------|----------|
| 2nd Year: | Henry Beltran | 586-3165 |
| | Ray Pfoutz | 533-9309 |
| | Herb Spierling | 536-0380 |

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| 1st Year: | Bill Bamford | 586-7279 |
| | Paul Desrosiers | 532-5754 |
| | Dennis Honeychurch | 586-2117 |

Activity Chairmen

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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, MAY 5th**. Please send your articles to **Stu Heller**.

lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

snail mail: 19511 Michigan Drive

Twain Harte, CA 95383

R.V. GROUP by HARVEY UHL

Well, here we go again. We will be on the road for the next luncheon, this time to Tucson. Dan Bertelli has done a great job setting up this trip for us.

Contact the Wagonmasters for details about each trip.

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>WAGONMASTERS</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|--|
| APRIL 16-MAY 4 | TUCSON(19 DAYS) | Dan Bertelli (all attendees must make their own reservations at all locations for this particular trip) |
| MAY 26-29 | CARSON VALLEY | Andy & Sharon Perras |
| JUN 17-21 | BETABEL | Dan & Charlene Bertelli |
| JULY 13-19 | BUELLTON | Don & Marlene Parr |
| AUG 7 | RAILTOWN PICNIC | Harvey Uhl |
| AUG 26-SEPT 1 | 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 | |

SIRS Hike - Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Where: Red Hills, BLM, Soaproot Ridge, Old Stage Trails.

When: Meet at 8:30 AM at Junction Shopping Center, in front of Gottschalks, and car pool.

Length: Approximately 6 miles, round trip.

Starting Elevation: 1,200 feet.

Elevation Gain: Approximately 600 vertical feet.

Bring: Hiking clothes in layers, lunch, water, camera, and sun block.

Driving: Take Hwy 108 west of Jamestown, turn left (south) on J59 (LeGrand Road), just past the Crimea House Ranch turn left on Red Hill Rd. The junction is near the turkey ranch. Proceed east on Red Hill Rd less than a mile to the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) parking lot and trail head. County roads are paved.

Features: Early spring flowers, view of Sierra Nevada range, View of Don Pedro reservoir, and unique geology (serpentine rock). Visit the BLM web site for complete description of this unique area.

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/folsom/redhills.html>

Weather: Expect variable spring weather. Hike will be postponed for heavy rain. Call Jerry Jensen if in doubt. 209-928-1278.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, APRIL 28, 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 Tip Sheet on ENERGY

by John Kinsfather

Most of us are so comfortable in our homes that we may not have taken time to truly assess how Energy Efficient they really are or aren't. Yes we're turning down the thermostat and turning off the lights, but have we really checked all of the things that comprise our energy usage? With oil at \$100+ per barrel and rising, all energy costs will be rising, not just gasoline prices. It may be time for those of us, who think we are the more responsible generation, to take stock of our own "Carbon Footprint" and assess how really "Green" it is or isn't. Is our humble abode leaking energy like a sieve? Have we really insulated all our doors and windows, chimneys and the like. Are our appliance Energy Star models, have we converted most of our lighting to compact fluorescents. If you need some good suggestions or guidance you can hire an Energy Inspection Service that will inspect your home and give you a comprehensive listing of what steps you can take to make major and minor improvements in your energy usage, or you can go to The Department of Energy's Web-site called "Home Energy Saver" that will walk you through the steps. It may be time for us to take the initiative, to save some energy, and to do our part in helping our planet by reducing our personal Carbon Footprint.

SIR RULES & REGULATIONS

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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 - Arthur E. Pufford; Director Region 3 - Al "Rock" Sorgman; Area Governor, Area 27 - Norman D. Whitsed; 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.

DATED MATERIAL

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