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Big SIR Feaster's Feature **Our Next Luncheon**



It was great to have the sun bless our April meeting. The first warm rays we had seen for a long while. I only hope that when you read this we will have the rainy season well behind us. We had 114 members and guests at the meeting, one of our better turn outs. We will ensure that the tables are better arranged for our May meeting to give us all a little more elbow room.

As a reminder, our May 4th meeting will be a "social mixer". (Someone asked me after the last meeting how we can have a social mixer without any females present...guess we will have to rough it.) Anyway, next month we will be randomly assigning tables based on which card you draw from the deck. (Thank you Gary Pendleton.) The board hopes that this will be a good opportunity for everyone to make a couple of new friends and get to know some

of our other great SIRs. We now have seven men on the waiting list to join our Twain Harte Branch. Don't let this discourage you from inviting a friend or neighbor if he is interested in coming because guests are always welcome. Also, prospective members can come as a guest as often as they would like until such time as we have an opening.

Cheers, Dick Feaster

Twain Harte Golf Club
Thursday May 4, 2006
 Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.
 Luncheon at Noon
 Price \$12

MENU

Steak Fajitas
 Spanish Rice
 Refried Beans
 Flour Tortillas
 Green Salad
 Dessert

OUR SPEAKER

Mrs. Kay Huse
 Topic: Organ Donations

Our speaker for May will be Mrs. Kay Huse who will speak on the subject of "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.



Pam Connors of US Forest Service fills us in on history of Stanislaus National Forest

PROPANE CO-OP

Immediately following the May luncheon there will be a meeting of all members who have expressed an interest in forming a Propane group. We will have our regular luncheon, and at it's conclusion we will take a short break to allow our speaker as well as those who are not involved an opportunity to leave.

At this time your propane committee, will present to you our findings and recommendations as to the best alternative available. This will include prices, commitments etc. Don't look for this information to be published in any of our bulletins, due to the fact that it is being offered only to branch 172 SIRs in good standing, and our bulletin is widely distributed. I suggest you bring pencil and paper for note taking. I think you will want to be there.

Roy Sweeney

THE SIRS TIP SHEET

TRAVEL PROTECTION / IDENTITY THEFT

By John Kinsfather

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

Carry a photocopy of your passport when you travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards. Write the Credit card theft numbers on this copy; the numbers are found on your monthly statement.

1. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all:

3. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

There are records of all the credit checks that are initiated.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact.

- 1.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271
- 2.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 3.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 4.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

HAPPY TRAVELS!

ATTENDANCE

This is a reminder that our by-laws require members to attend six meetings in any 12 month period. If you miss six meetings during that time, the board will evaluate your continued membership.

Also, please remember to call in if you can't make a meeting so that we can better plan our seating space and lunch preparations.

To help reduce confusion and errors when leaving a message, please speak slowly and be clear.

Call Herb if you are NOT coming to a meeting. Leave your full name and your badge number. If you are bringing a guest, call Bill Bamford and give him the guest's full name, your name and badge number.

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

Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big SIR Dick Feaster 536-9106
Little SIR Roy Sweeney 586-5225
Secretary Dan Mohn 586-4430
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Ass't. Treas Bob Wright 586-2409

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Dave Holton 586-3910
Bob Wellwood 586-1952
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Hiking: Jerry Jensen
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Joke Master: John Kinsfather
Luncheon: Don Wooldridge*
Luncheon Asst: Bill Steel
Membership: Lee Piercey
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Drawing: Bob Nylander, Dean Squires
RV: Harvey Uhl*
Song Master: Jerry Lewis
Sound Master: Dennis Honeychurch
Theater: John Kinsfather
Ass't Theat: Ralph Bushnell

MAY BIRTHDAY BOYS

Austin Clarke
Clifford Dunn
Dick Feaster
Ed Geritz
Don Gracier
Ron Hawke
Gordon Kavanaugh
Ralph Legg
George Leontovich
Dick Mannini
Jim McCracken
Bill Steel
Al Wilhelm

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, May 1st at Papa's New Roost. Breakfast starts at 7AM and the meeting at 8AM. All officers, board members and activity chairmen are urged to attend. Other members of our branch are also welcome to come, sit in and see what the H— is going on.

SIRS THEATER
PLAYS FOR 2006

- 5/24 *BACK TO BACHARACH* at Fallon House..... Host Dennis Honeychurch 586-2117
- 8/16 *NITE CLUB CONFIDENTIAL* in East Sonora..... Host Jim Johnson 586-8940
- 9/27 *SCHOOL FOR WIVES* in East Sonora..... Host Ray Pfoust 533-9309
- 10/18 *BABY* at Fallon House..... *Host to be determined*
- 11/29 *HELLO DOLLY* in East Sonora..... Host Ralph Bushnell 586-0637

SIR's Day At The Ball Park

June 21st, 2006 at San Francisco Giants Ball Park
Giants vs. Angels

This is a joint venture with Sonora Branch 136, the same as last year. We have reserved two buses that will depart at 7:30 A.M. from the Walmart parking lot in Sonora.

There are two choices for Ball Park seating, field level and upper level. Prices listed include bus fare and game tickets:

- Field level \$65 per person
- Upper level \$50 per person.

Make your reservations with your check payable to Twain Harte SIR, no later than May 10th, 2006. For further information please contact Mike Eachus, 209-532-4333.

Annual SIR Day

Sacramento River Cats vs. Fresno Grizzlies
Wednesday, June 28th, 11:35 A.M.

The River Cats are a Triple A Affiliate of the Oakland As.

Cost: regular price minus \$2, and there is no service charge.

Ballpark opens at 10:35 A.M.

No outside food or drink allowed.

Tickets have limited availability, first-come, first-served. May 31st is close-out date.

To order tickets

Write River Cats SIR Day, Attn: Robert Davis, 400 Ballpark Dr, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Include Name, Branch #, your address, city, state, zip, day telephone, email address.

Pay by check or credit card. Senate Box seats are \$17.00 each, Delta Box seats are \$11.00 each. Checks are payable to Sacramento River Cats. Credit Card requires Name, CC#, CC 3 digit code from back, card type and expiration.

RV Group

On the Road Again...

April 23-28 to Orange Grove RV Park east of Bakersfield.

Our Wagon Masters Frank Meckler and Fred Roy have a day-to-day plan, including two breakfasts, one hamburger day, one pot luck eve and one night out. We will also be playing golf and sight seeing. There are currently 20 RVers going.

The next trip is to Carson Valley in Reno May 29th to June 1st. Mike Eachus (209-532-4333) is our Wagon Master. We stay at the Carson Valley Inn.

We will keep you up-to-date on future trips.

Be Happy!

Harvey Uhl, Chairman, 604-8819

SIRS 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 - A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Branch Attendance Committee giving a valid reason, or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within the last twelve (12) month period, may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 100 & 107).

Golfers to Carson Valley Inn

Here are the details for golfers headed to Carson Valley Inn for golfing. This trip combines the Twain Harte SIR RV Group and the Sierra Pines Golf Club.

Arrive: Monday May 29th, 2006 3:00 P.M. check in.

Hosted Cocktail party – private room 6:30 P.M.

Golf: Tuesday May 30th, 2006 -8:00 A.M. shotgun start

Silver Oaks GC, Carson City – individual by flights

No host cocktail, bring snack to share, private suite 6:00 P.M.

Golf: Wednesday, May 31st, 2006, first tee time 9:00 A.M.

Carson Valley GC, Gardnerville, Scramble format

Hosted cocktail party, Private room, 6:30 P.M.

Hosted dinner, Prime Rib, or one alternate entrée, 7:30 P.M.

Depart: Thursday, June 1, 2006; checkout by 12:00 noon.

Hotel packages, including sweeps

Two golfers, double occupancy \$592.00

One golfer, double occupancy 494.00

One golfer, single occupancy 424.00

RVers and those not staying in the hotel:

Golfers per person \$170.00

Non-golfers 75.00

We have reserved 8 RV sites. RVers pay their own lodging at the RV park. Please make your own reservations at the park. Call Carson Valley Inn (800-231-6983). Ask for RV park. Camp fees: 50 amp service, \$27.00 per night; 30amp service, \$24.30 per night, plus tax.

The hotel offers a King Bed or 2 Queen Bed rooms. Banquet dinner choices are Prime Rib or an alternate entrée. We'll collect information for this at cocktail party.

Our final count and commitment must be made to the hotel by May 10th, 2006.

This is a single payor activity. Make your checks out to Mike Eachus, 15484 Camino Del Parque, Sonora, CA 95370; telephone: 209-532-4333 Ed Cabral is Co-Chairman.

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