

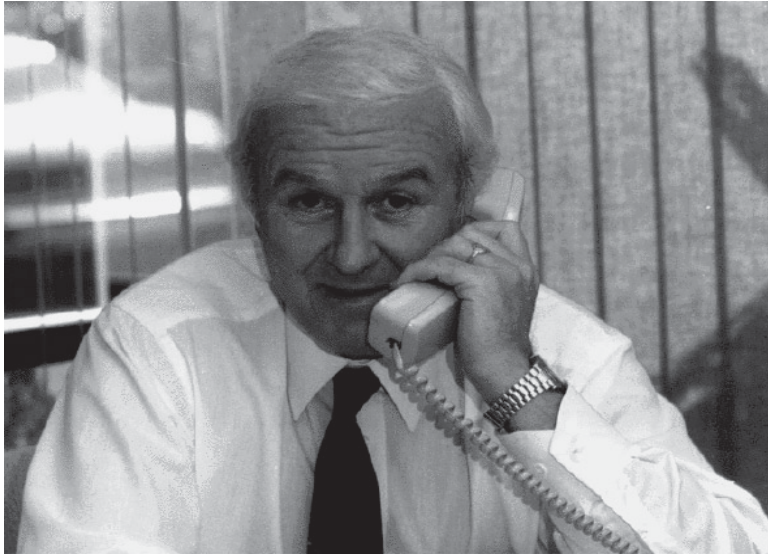


BULLETIN

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Don's Deliberations



We had another good turn out for the May luncheon, and we inducted a new member, Volker Norpchen and we welcome Volker to the Branch. The waiting list is at 21 and some Branch Committee members are concerned with keeping prospective members interested with a 2 year waiting list. Dan Mohn did some research in the SIR rules and came up with these details. A member may invite a guest to any of the Branch functions which includes hiking, computer group, golf and travel.

A member may also invite a guest to Luncheons and there is no limit to the number of attendances. In fact we have a roster of about 12 regular guests at our Luncheons. While this is not an ideal situation it will help to keep interest going until we find a permanent venue for our lunch meetings which will accommodate an increase in membership.

On the activity front, Jerry Jensen is organizing a raft trip which is always a lot of fun. Earl Nelson is looking into an Alaskan trip next year which includes a cruise past the glaciers which is an awesome site as icebergs are formed as they break off. If you have any interest in going let Earl know so he can plan ahead.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the June Luncheon.

NEXT LUNCHEON

Elks Club - Sonora

Thursday, JUNE 5, 2008

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price \$12

MENU

COUNTRY STYLE STEAK

MASHED POTATOES

BUTTERED BROCCOLI

SALAD

BROWNIES

OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker for June is **Tamara Wilder** of **PAWS** (Performing Animal Welfare Society). She will talk about the organization and their facilities providing care and large natural acreages for elephants, Bengal tigers and more to roam. These animals have become too old or infirm and so come to PAWS for a happier retirement. She will tell about the few public programs they have as fundraisers as the animals are not kept for public viewing.

TWAIN HARTE SIR BRANCH NEEDS YOUR HELP! by Ed Nissen (little SIR)

As you know, our organization runs through the active support of our members. Members who step up and do one of the jobs that need doing. Right now we're lining up our slate of volunteers for 2009. We need help in these areas: **Bulletin distribution, Assistant to the lunch chairman, The drawing for door prizes, Fellowship, and Digital Photo.** Some of the guys doing these jobs have done so for a long time and would like to step down. For some jobs, if not done, we won't have them. So, let me know if you have an interest, **586-3307, or email edjeanne@mlode.com.** Please come forward and do your share of serving.

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

JUNE BIRTHDAY BOYS

Lee Allendorf	Dewey Main
Lee Beam	Fritz Maurer
Henry Beltran	Elmer Miller
Wayne Bolitho	Dan Mohn
Don Denhard	Ed Nissen
Gerry Emerson	Paul Price
Roy Gray	John Schwartz
Fowler Hall	Roy Smith
Jerry Lewis	

WELCOME NEW SIR



VOLKER NORPCHEN

TRAVEL

by Earl Nelson

As I mentioned at our luncheon, the Filoli Gardens Trip did not get off the ground. Only two members indicated an interest in going.

I would like to propose a **Cruise and Land Tour of Alaska**, to take place in **May 2009**. We would fly to Anchorage. The first leg of the trip would encompass six days on land. After a night in Anchorage, we would drive to the quaint community of Talkeeta. Our next stop would be two nights in Fairbanks. Then we travel to Denali Park. We'll enjoy a six hour tour of the park and Mt. McKinley. The next day we board our glass-domed railcar for our journey back to Anchorage.

Our seven day Cruise begins with the boarding of Holland America's ms Veendam. We'll set sail first to the Hubbard Glaciers, then to Sitka, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan and Cruise the Inside Passage. We'll disembark in Vancouver and fly home. The cost will start at approximately \$3,299, air inclusive.

I'm just trying to get an idea if this trip is worth pursuing. If you think you would like to get more information either e-mail me at "earnelson@aol.com" or call me at 586-5661.

If there is no interest, we will pass on this trip.

The River Boat Cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam is full with 16 from Twain Harte going.

Twain Harte Branch Officers

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

2nd Year:	Henry Beltran	586-3165
	Ray Pfoutz	533-9309
	Herb Spierling	536-0380
1st Year:	Bill Bamford	586-7279
	Paul Desrosiers	532-5754
	Dennis Honeychurch	586-2117

Activity Chairmen

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, JUNE 9th**. 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

Contact the Wagonmasters for details about each trip.

DATES	LOCATION	WAGONMASTERS
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	

SIR Hiking Group Activity - Rafting on the Stanislaus River Thursday, May 22, 2008

Where: Float from Knights Ferry to Orange Blossom Road, near Oakdale.

When: Leave at 9:00 AM from Junction Shopping Center, in front of Gottschalks, and car pool.

Cost: **\$20/person, advance payment Required, Confirm your Reservation by Thursday, May 8, 2008.** Send payment to Jerry Jensen, 20350 Hayden Rd., Toulumne, CA 95379 (due to tight time schedule, it's okay to call in your reservation, followed shortly by your check)

Length: Approximately 4-5 hours on the Stanislaus River, Class I & II rapids (easy)

Bring: River clothes in layers, lunch, drinks, sun block, small ice chest, tennis shoes, change of clothing, 6-foot rope to secure gear, and litterbag.

Do Not Bring: Large Ice chests, glass containers, valuables.

Driving: Take Highway 108 west to Rivers Edge Resort Camping parking lot just past Knights Ferry General Store on Sonora Road at Knights Ferry.

Features: "The scenery along this stretch of the river is spectacular and includes such sights as 'Two Bluffs' volcanic area, 'Lovers Leap' and plenty of rolling countryside and a wide variety of bird-life and wildlife. Small rapids all along the trip add to the excitement."

Weather: Expect warm, early summer weather. Call **Jerry Jensen** for additional information. **928 -1278.**

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, JUNE 2, 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

MOVIE GROUP by Ray Pfoutz

I send a notice to those SIR members whose names and e-mail addresses are on my movie list. If you have not received a notice and would like to be included, please send me your e-mail address.

The movies are in the afternoon and usually after a lunch with the group. Some times we go to dinner after the movie and include the wives. Typically the movies are on Tuesdays, so those with movie cards can obtain free popcorn if desired.

My e-mail address is: pfoutzer3@sonnet.com

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 - 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.

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