



BULLETIN

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Ed's Elaborations



NEXT LUNCHEON

RAILTOWN

THURSDAY

AUGUST 6TH, 2009

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$12**

MENU

CHICKEN

TRI-TIP

HARRY'S BEANS

SALAD & BREAD

DESSERT

BEVERAGES INCLUDED

OUR SPEAKER

Since August is the month for our Annual Picnic, we will not have a speaker.

Our **Annual Picnic, August 6th**, will soon be ours to enjoy. Be sure to come!! You'll enjoy visiting with everyone and dining on tri-tip and chicken. Bring your honey and guests. All are welcome. If you don't have your Tickets yet, call Jim Nolan, 586-7087, or Harvey Uhl, 694-8819 and they'll be held for you.

Jerry is planning a hike in the high country, this time on the 14th of July. Up high, like that, it should be cooler and is guaranteed to be beautiful. Contact him for particulars, 928-1278.

Jim Johnson is planning *Damn Yankees* as our next Theater and Dinner outing, on August 26, so give him a call, 586-8940 for more information. You'll surely enjoy this smash Broadway hit with its popular music.

At our last luncheon, our Area Governor, Norm Whitsed, presented an outline for a **new SIR Branch**. It is intended to handle new guys coming into our area and retiring, as well as those who may voluntarily transfer from the currently overloaded Sonora Chapter, or ours for that matter. It should be started up before the end of this year. An interest form appears elsewhere in this *Bulletin*. We'll see you at the Picnic!

NEW SIR BRANCH INTEREST FORM

A new SIR Branch, tentatively called "Sierra SIR" is being formed, as our existing Tuolumne County Branches are overloaded with members. We need a place for new members, and for guys who may find a newer, smaller branch desirable or advantageous. It will start out looking a lot like our Branch but will evolve as its members change it.

If you have any interest in transferring to the new Branch, or would like to learn more as events develop, please let us know. We'd like to be sure you get all information as it develops. Providing the information below does **not** commit you to anything.

Please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to **Ralph Legg, 21115 Fleetwood Rd., Sonora, CA 95370**, or email the information to him at ralphlegg@sbcglobal.net

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Your email address _____ Telephone _____

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 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.

Our local SIR board has eliminated the need for the "Extended Leave Of Absence" forms to be submitted to the Attendance Chairman. All existing forms will be continued to be honored, but no more will be needed. Instead, when a member knows he will be absent from our meetings for an extended period, he must call the answering machine and specify the period he expects to be absent (clearly state badge #). State SIR rules still apply - members must physically attend at least 5 meetings within the previous 12 consecutive month period, and must not have 3 consecutive unexcused absences.

Herb Spierling, Attendance Chair
herb@sierrasurfin.com

Bill Bamford, Assistant

AUGUST BIRTHDAY BOYS

Norman Bettencourt
Joe Gil
Gil Gillespie
Jim Groh
Duane Melott
Earl Nelson
Don Parr
Ted Thorn
Harry Vacca
Bob Wright

GOLF GROUP NEWS

by **Richard Broddie**

CREEKSIDE 6/9/09

FIRST FLIGHT

1. Moore 67
2. McGown 69
3. Groh 70
3. Ballesta 70

SECOND FLIGHT

1. Munoz 67
2. Bertelli 69
2. Clark 69
3. Krell 70

THIRD FLIGHT

1. Uhl 68
1. Eachus 68
2. Ray 72
3. Smith 74

CLOSEST TO #8

1. Galligani 8'
2. Krell 10'
3. Pendleton 12'

CLOSEST TO #15

1. Munoz 7'
2. Felber 9'
3. Broddie 18'

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **THURSDAY, AUG 6th. (RIGHT AFTER THE PICNIC)**
Please send your articles to:

STU HELLER

lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

snail mail: 19511 Michigan Drive

Twain Harte, CA 95383

Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big Sir	Ed Nissen	586--3307
Little Sir	Earl Nelson	586-5661
Secretary	Dan Mohn	586-4430
Ass't Sec.	Dick Feaster	536-9106
Treasurer	Rich Brandau	586-3399
Ass't. Treas	Rich. Robinson	588-9519

Board of Directors

2nd Year: Bill Bamford 586-7279
Paul Desrosiers 532-575
Dennis Honeychurch 586-2117

1st Year: Jerry Jensen 928-1278
Ralph Legg 533-4228
Harry Vacca 586-7580

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.	Dan Schroeder
Chaplain	Wayne Bolitho
Computer Group	Dick Chimenti
Fellowship	Larry Bertucelli
Golf	Richard Broddie
Hiking	Jerry Jensen
Historian	Jim Schneider
Joke Master	Arlen Richardson
Luncheon	Henry Beltran
Luncheon Asst.	Jim McCracken
Membership:	Ralph Legg
Asst. Membership	Bob Wright
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	Dennis Honeychurch
Theater	Ralph Bushnell
Ass't Theater	Rich Brandau
Travel	Earl Nelson
Website	Dick Chimenti

SIR THEATER GROUP NEWS by Ralph Bushnell

Our SIR Theater Group enjoyed a splendid musical “Sisters of Swing” followed by an equally outstanding dinner and meal at Union Hill Resort. Our hosts for the play were Herb & Beckwith Spierling and Larry & Susie Carrington. The new location that our hosts arranged for the catered dinner was outdoors on a pleasant landscaped hillside with fountains, flowers and trees. Great food, drink and setting made for a marvelous evening. **To see pictures of the event go to gallery.me.com/ralphmaryb.** You will need high speed internet because it is in movie format. Thanks for a great time Herb & Larry!



TRAVEL by Earl Nelson

We just returned from 15 days in Alaska. Everything went very smoothly. The common thread in every town or port we stopped at was the locals raving about the beautiful warm, clear weather. The one week land portion introduced us to much wildlife, sled dogs and Mt. McKinley. The second week, cruising home, showed us glaciers, quaint ports and a ton of food on board ship. When you next see Jim McCracken or Bob Becker, see if you notice any changes in their weight.

The last two bulletins asked for your response as to which of three proposed trips you would like to take in 2010. Every response picked the “Montreal, Quebec & Canadian Maritimes” trip. This is a 14 day trip that starts in Montreal then two days in Quebec. From there we head to Fredericton, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. **I must hear from you if you think you might like to make this trip.** If the response is poor then I will not pursue it further. This event will be in May or June 2010 and cost around \$2,800 per person. I will supply further specifics if the response is adequate.

I have also been asked by a number of people to do another Rose Parade Trip. Please see the enclosed flyer. I need to know if there is any interest as, if we cannot fill the bus, then the trip becomes too expensive. **Please respond, if there is any interest, to Earl Nelson, 586-5661 or earlnelson@aol.com.**

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, AUGUST 3rd, 2009** 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 his spouse who is ill or has passed away, and I will send an appropriate card on behalf of our Branch. Thanks,

Larry Bertuccelli, 533-3738

SIR HIKING GROUP OUTING - by Jerry Jensen HORSE AND COW MEADOW - JULY 14

Where: Cooper Meadow Trail, Coyote Meadows Trail Head, from Herring Cr. Road off Hwy. 108

When: TUESDAY JULY 14. Meet at 8:30 AM at Twain Harte Park (Eproson Park) and car pool.

Length: Approximately 7 miles, round trip.

Starting Elevation: 8,500 feet. **Elevation Gain:** 300 vertical feet.

Bring: Lunch, water, mosquito repellent, sun block.

Features: Great views of Cooper Peak, Castle Rock, The Three Chimneys, Upper South Fork of Stanislaus River, and summer flowers.

Note: We will be in the Emigrant Wilderness; it is possible to continue for an additional mile (one way) to the junction of the Eagle Pass trail at Cooper Meadows, but would require an additional 300 ft. (vertical) climb.

Herring Creek road is paved for 5.1 miles, the next approximately 6 miles is gravel. The last half mile is native surface, but still suitable for two wheel drive pickups or SUVs.

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 - David Reiser
Director Region 3 - George B. Christman
Area Governor, Area 27 - Norman D. Whitsed
Editor, *SIR Happenings*, Don MacGregor
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Websites: State website - www.sirinc.org
Twain Harte 172 - www.sirtwain.org
Sonora Branch 136 - www.sonorasirs.org.

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