



BULLETIN

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Ed's Elaborations



Congratulations to our RV team who put on such a great picnic! They combined wonderfully comfortable weather with chicken, tri-tip, beans, salad, toasted garlic buttered bread and refreshments for an enjoyable afternoon spent visiting among Sir friends and companions. Who did it all? Well, there is **Jim Alsup, Bob Becker, Mike Eachus, Jerry Emerson, Frank Meckler, Earl Nelson, Jim Nolan, Duane Porter, Fred Ray, Harvey Uhl**, and lastly, the bean man **Harry Vacca**, not to mention all the others who helped set-up and clean-up afterward. Many thanks to you all for a job tastefully done!

Jim Nolan has particulars if you are considering joining the RV outing to Oregon coming up right away. His number is 586-7087.

Our Movie Group sometimes goes to movies Stag and then we all do lunch together. Other times its Drag, so companions join us and do dinner afterwards. Be sure you are on Ray Pfoutz's list. He'll let you know when he has something lined up. His phone is 533-9309.

A large number of performing Theater tickets have been sold for *Damn Yankees*, a very popular musical. I think Jim Johnson is sold out, but could get cancellations. Call him if you want to get in on this August 26 date and dinner at the Peppery Bar and Grill. His number is 586-8940.

Happy Birthday to all our August SIR Birthday Boys. Be sure to show up at the September lunch to win your prize!

I just attended the State SIR Annual Meeting. Some branches have many more activities than we do, so perhaps we can look into that. Some do weekly hikes. But these are generally on flat paved surfaces, where some members go a mile, then return. The whole group does lunch afterward in some restaurant, instead of under a breezy Douglas Fir. Generally, most branches have a recruiting problem; some continue to lose members. So, quite a bit was said about losing members and keeping them. It was generally believed that luncheon cliques help kill a branch, because new members do not become integrated. So, our occasional "mix-up" lunches appear to be something we should continue to do. Also, having more activities and being more pro-active in attracting members to those, or new, activities are seen as positives for good branch health.

See you at our September lunch, Thursday, September 3rd.

NEXT LUNCHEON

ELKS CLUB - SONORA

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2009

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

MENU

TRI TIP

RICE PILAF

GARDEN VEGGIES

SALAD GREENS

VANILLA PUDDING

OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker for September will be Cathie Peacock of Interfaith. Interfaith is a community service organization that provides food, clothing and personal services for more than 650 Tuolumne County residents.

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

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| Jim Beacom | Ken Lew |
| Bob Becker | Carl Nunes |
| Roger Carlson | Bob Ottesen |
| Jim Dearborn | Fred Ray |
| Harold Granados | J.R. Raymond |
| Tom Hale | Arlen Richardson |
| Hank Hobson | Bob Rogers |
| Eddie Krause | Rich Schwarzmann |

GOLF GROUP NEWS

by Richard Broddie

OLD RIVER 7/12/09

FIRST FLIGHT

1. Bolitho 68
2. Heinlein 70
3. Downes 72

SECOND FLIGHT

1. Granados 70
2. Lew 73
2. Munoz 73

CLOSEST TO #2

1. Swartz 11'
2. Heinlein 13'
3. McGown 14'

CLOSEST TO #17

1. McGown 19'
2. Heinlein 43'

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **THURSDAY, SEPT 3RD. (RIGHT AFTER LUNCHEON)**

Please send your articles to:

STU HELLER

lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

snail mail: 19511 Michigan Drive

Twain Harte, CA 95383

Twain Harte Branch Officers

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| 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

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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. | 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 | Jim Johnson |
| Theater | Ralph Bushnell |
| Ass't Theater | Rich Brandau |
| Travel | Earl Nelson |
| Website | Dick Chimenti |

R.V. GROUP OUTINGS by BOB BECKER

Perfect weather heightened the enjoyment Twain Harte Sims and their guests (190 strong) experienced at the 14th annual August picnic at Railtown. Special thanks to all the RV Club members who gave of their time and talents to plan, prepare for and pull off this great event; especially Jim, Harvey, Frank, Gerry, Harry, Fred and Roger. We're already looking forward to next year's 15th.

The RV Club travels to several Oregon locations in mid-August through early September. Dan Bertelli has planned an exciting itinerary and a full schedule of activities. The next outing takes the club to Petaluma in November (9-13). Contact John Barton (532-1379) or email: marlenebarton63@yahoo.com) for further details and to reserve your spot. Guests are always welcome and non--RVer's are also encouraged to take part and make use of local motel lodging.



TRAVEL by Earl Nelson

We have a confirmed date for our trip, next year, to Montreal, Quebec City & Canadian Maritimes. This is a 14 day trip beginning Sept. 14, 2010.

We will fly from San Francisco to Montreal. From there we head to Quebec City, Fredericton, New Brunswick, St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Baddeck, Nova Scotia and finally Halifax, Nova Scotia. The cost will be \$3,600 pp and include round trip airfare, 13 nights accommodations, 23 meals, 22 sightseeing tours, motor coach and ferry transportation along with a Program Manager/Guide throughout the trip.

We have 30 people signed up. If you are interested, call me@ 586-5661 or email: earlnelson@aol.com.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, AUGUST 31ST, 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 THEATER GROUP NEWS by Ralph Bushnell

Our SIR theater group had a wonderful time at SRT's presentation of Smokey Joe's Cafe. The performance was fantastic and was followed by a delicious dinner arranged by our host Roy Sweeney and his wife Margaret. Thanks Roy & Margaret for a great time!



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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Twain Harte 172 - www.sirtwain.org
Sonora Branch 136 - www.sonorasirs.org.

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