



# BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2009 Vol. 16 # 10 Twain Harte Branch #172- P. O. Box 1143 Twain Harte, CA 95383 <http://www.sirtwain.org/>

## Ed's Elaborations



This year I am sure you'll enjoy our Christmas Program so mark your calendar. **Tuesday, December 15!** This is our biggest event of the year. It is fun for everyone, with lots of chances to visit, eat prime rib or salmon, listen to the Black Irish Band, a fun group, and win really nice door prizes (ladies only). Bring your money to our next lunch, \$25 each. I am anxious that all of you should attend, wives and guests included!

Roger Mulligan attended our lunch and told us about the new SIR Sierra Branch #77. It has been formed and will have its first meeting this next Thursday, September 10, 11am, at the Sonora Elks Lodge, where we have lunch. Any who are interested are welcomed to attend, and application blanks can be completed there. Those of you now on our waiting list may be particularly interested, because immediate entry into membership is assured.

On September 10, Dick Chimenti is planning a session for the Computer Group at the China House, Twain Harte, 5:30 pm. I think it will be a good free-for-all on different topics. Call Dick at 586-5306.

Joe Gil is selling tickets for *Little Women*, a comedy. To learn more about it and get your seats reserved call him at 586-1044.

Earl Nelson tells us that 26 are signed up for the Eastern Canada trip next September. He'll have flyers at the next luncheon. Details on page 3.

I hope you enjoyed the tri-tip for lunch today. I'd like to see you at our next lunch, Thursday, October 1.

## NEXT LUNCHEON

ELKS CLUB - SONORA  
**THURSDAY**

**OCTOBER 1 ST, 2009**

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

## MENU

SIRLOIN OVER NOODLES  
BUTTERED VEGGIES  
GARLIC BREAD  
MIX GREEN SALAD  
ICE CREAM

## OUR SPEAKER

October's speaker will be Mike Albrecht, President of Sierra Resource Management. He will be representing TuCARE, Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources & Environment. TuCARE was established to enlighten and advise the public on conservation and wise use of natural resources and environment.

## SIR HIKE - Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Where: Trail Around Pinecrest Lake - **Wives invited**

When: Meet at **8:30 AM** at **Twain Harte Market** and car pool.

Length: Approximately 4.5 miles, round trip. Start Elevation: 5,600 feet. Elevation Gain: mostly flat

Bring: Lunch, water, mosquito repellent, sun block. Features: Beautiful lake, Mountains.

Special Feature: We are inviting our wives to join us for a picnic lunch after the hike. We would also love to have any wives or a special guest to join us on the hike if they wish. We will start at the Amphitheater on the west edge of Pinecrest Lake (near the restrooms) and return there at approximately 12:00. BYO lunch.

# 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

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

John Baldwin	Stu Heller
Larry Bertuccelli	Vernon Krell
Julio Denys	Steve Morrow
Rick DeSambad	Cas Munoz
Don Escallier	Duane Porter
Ken Hargreaves	Neil Selman

# GOLF GROUP NEWS

by **Richard Broddie**  
**MICKEY GROVE**

## FIRST FLIGHT

1. Truman 66
2. Schwartz 67
- T3. McCown+Felber 70

## SECOND FLIGHT

1. Wesson 68
2. Fryhoff 71
- T3. Kavanaugh, Jobe, Clark 72

## THIRD FLIGHT

1. Bryant 69
2. Edwards 73
- T3. Granados+Hobson 76

## CLOSEST TO #4

1. Broddie 1'
2. Heinlein 3'
3. Krell 4'
4. Fryhoff 7'

## CLOSEST TO #14

1. Groh 7'
2. Bryant 15'
3. Felber 16'
4. Truman 19'

## WELCOME NEW Sir



**CLIFF SIMPSON**

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, OCT 5TH**. Email articles to: **STU HELLER**

**lakewoodancers@goldrush.com**

## 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
<b>To Be Absent:</b>	<b>536-6333</b>
<b>To Bring Guest:</b>	<b>586-7279</b>
Bulletin	Stu Heller
Bulletin Distrib.	Dan Schroeder
Chaplain	Wayne Bolitho
Computer Group	Dick Chimenti
Fellowship	Larry Bertuccelli
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

## **HISTORY OF OUR THEATER GROUP**

SIR Branch 172's Theater Group has become one of the most popular and well attended functions of the Branch. Tuolumne County is fortunate to have a very good repertory theater company, the Sierra Repertory Theater, with a full season of great plays at two playhouses to choose from, East Sonora SRT and the Fallon House in Columbia. Prior to 1999, many Sirs enjoyed the plays, individually and in friendly groups.

The first play attended as a SIR function was *Music Man* in March 1999. Past Big Sir Frank Joyce requested approval from the Branch Executive Committee to purchase 20 tickets, at a group discount rate, for SIR members and their spouses. In January 2000, Sir Frank Joyce again requested approval for purchasing 20 group rate tickets for *State Fair* in March, and *Paint Your Wagon* in July. In July 2001, Sir Frank Joyce requested approval to purchase 40 tickets for the *Christmas Foundling* for December and "hoped to sell all 40 tickets" for the play.

In 2002 Sir Frank Joyce requested approval to buy tickets for the play *Any Thing Goes* followed by dinner at *Podesta's Restaurant* at the Junction Shopping Center. This was the first "Theater and Dinner" as a SIR function. There is no record of the number of tickets Frank purchased but Frank reported that he did not sell sufficient tickets to get the discount price and that he was out \$34. The Branch offered to reimburse Frank the \$34 but he refused to take it.

Sir Frank Joyce moved to Oakmont in 2003 and there is no record that our Branch had any group theater attendance for that year as a SIR function.

In January 2004, newly elected Big SIR John Kinsfather requested approval from the Branch Executive Committee to form a **Theater Group** and appointed Past Big Sir Bill Steel Chairman. PBS Bill Steel requested approval to purchase 20 tickets for *Cats* followed by dinner at the *Eprosen House* in April and *Lend Me A Tenor* in June followed by dinner at *Pasta Della Casa*. At the February BEC meeting PBS Steel reported that he had sold out *Cats*, but still had tickets available for *Lend Me A Tenor*. At the June BEC meeting PBS Steel reported that he had sold out *Lend Me A Tenor*, but had 40 tickets available for *Annie Get Your Gun* with dinner to follow at the *Willows Steak House* in August and *Cinderella* in December. This was a great first year for the newly formed **Theater Group** and a great tribute to PBS Bill Steel for organizing 4 sold out plays during its first year as an official SIR Branch 172 function.

PBS Bill Steel continued to be Theater Group Chairman during 2005, increasing the tickets purchased to 60, and enjoyed a sold out theater season with *Annie*, *Enchanted April*, *Sound of Music*, *The Full Monty*, *Sylvia*, and *Charlie's Aunt*, each play followed by dinner at alternately at *Birdie's* and *Banny's*.

Past Big Sir John Kinsfather took over chairmanship for 2006 and the **Theater Group** enjoyed another great season attending *Blithe Spirits*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Bacharach and David*, *Night Club Confidential*, *School for Wives*, and *Hello Dolly*. PBS Kinsfather initiated having an individual "Theater Host" for each play to make the "Theater and Dinner" run even more smoothly. The Host, in addition to other duties, had the privilege of selecting the restaurant for dinner following the play. Kinsfather continued to lead the **Theater Group** 2007 and served up a delectable platter of plays for the year.

Sir Ralph Bushnell assumed leadership of the **Theater Group** for 2008 and 2009 assisted by Sir Rich Brandau in 2009, with up to 90 Sirs and spouses attending the "Theater and Dinner". Good plays including *The King and I*, *Alter Boyz*, *South Pacific*, *All Shook Up* and *The Christmas Foundling* were enjoyed for 2008. the 2009 Theater season started with *Fiddler on the Roof*, then *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Sisters of Swing*, *Smoky Joe's Cafe* and *Damn Yankees*, and will conclude with *Little Women: The Musical* and *Christmas My Way*. Because the **Theater Group** had increased greatly in size over the years, finding a restaurant that could seat the group became a problem. Splitting the group into two parts was considered but dismissed. Sir Bushnell, with the help of the Theater Hosts have been able to find a way to keep the "dinner" part of Theater and Dinner going smoothly. From an humble start of one play in 1999 attended by a group of 20 Sirs and their spouses the **Theater Group** has expanded into a force that sometimes exceeds 100 Sirs and spouses, and attends six to seven plays a season.

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## **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, 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 26 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, SEPT 28TH, 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.

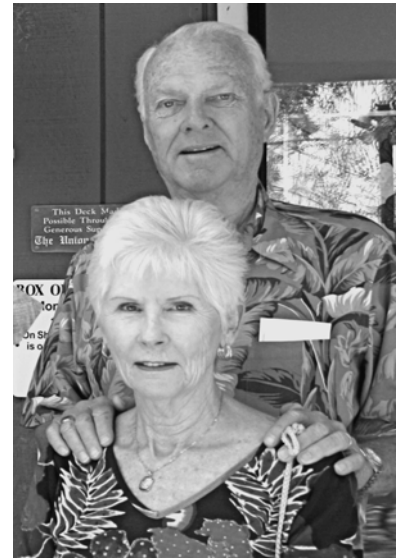
## FELLOWSHIP

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 DAMN YANKEES. The performance was fantastic, and was followed by a delicious dinner arranged by our hosts JIM & PAT JOHNSON. Thanks Jim and Pat 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](http://www.sirtwain.org)  
Sonora Branch 136 - [www.sonorasirs.org](http://www.sonorasirs.org).

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