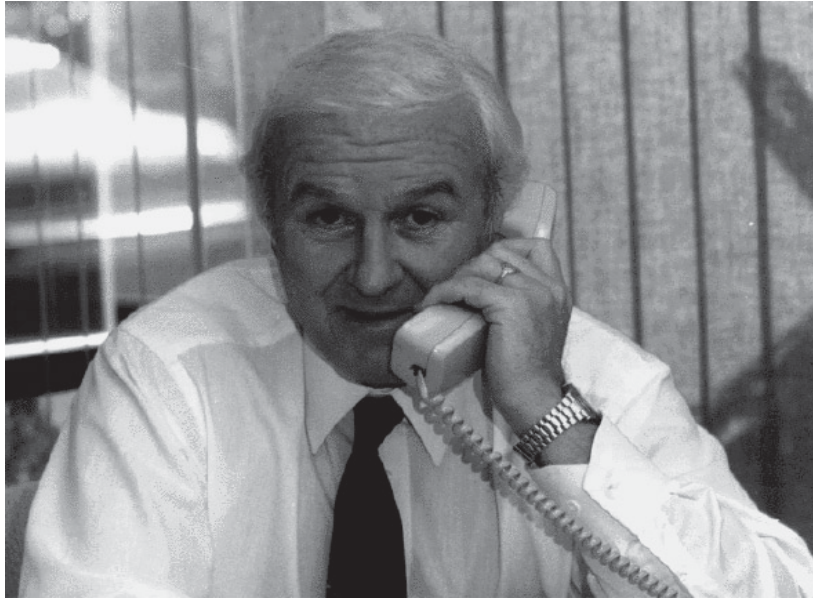




BULLETIN

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Don's Deliberations



With the coming of November, we are approaching the Holiday Season, and your active Branch is ready. Starting with the Theater Group with a visit to East Sonora for "All Shook Up" on November 19th. I believe Sir Joe Smith has some tickets left. Next is the "Christmas Foundling" at the Fallon House on December 10th. Sir Ray Pfoutz is the chairman for this event. Rounding out the year is the Branch Christmas Dinner at the Elks on December 16th. Contact Sir Henry Beltran for tickets. This event is open to guests so if you have visitors bring them along. The entertainment for the Christmas Dinner is Jazz @ Eight, the talented singing group from Summerville High School.

As the year runs down I can reflect on the enjoyment I have had by being Big Sir for the Branch. It is a very active group and I cannot give enough praise to the dedicated team of activity chairmen and Directors that have made my job such a pleasure. At the December luncheon we will be installing next years' officers and thanking our departing chairmen and Directors. I look forward to seeing at the year's end luncheon, which by the way is on Wednesday, December 3rd.

NOTE THE CHANGE AT THE TOP RIGHT OF THIS PAGE. OUR DECEMBER LUNCHEON IS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS.

ALSO NOTE THAT IN JANUARY 2009 OUR LUNCHEON WILL BE ON JANUARY 8TH.

NEXT LUNCHEON

Elks Club - Sonora

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 3, 2008**

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price \$12

MENU

SWISS STEAK
MASHED POTATOES
BUTTERED PEAS
GREEN SALAD
BREAD PUDDING

OUR SPEAKER

Many of you may know of the Abbot Apple Ranch in Cedar Ridge that was in the Abbot family for five generations, going back to the mid-1800s. Before Henry died, he sold a major portion of it. Our December speaker is **Judy Watson**. She and her husband are making the old apple ranch into a new one, the Cedar Ridge Apple Ranch. Judy will tell us of the efforts and plans to make this into a family recreation center focusing on apples, apple cider, and lovely walkways through the property.

INSERT

This month's Bulletin contains another yellow slip to be used when sending in your annual \$20 contribution. If you have already paid, we thank you; ignore the insert.

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 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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

Paul Desrosiers
John Gloyd
Jim Johnson
John Kinsfather
Dan Schroeder
Rolan Sloan
Gene Smith
Dean Squires
Jerry Van Buskirk
Ron Zils

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, DEC 8th**. Please send your articles to **STU HELLER**.

lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

snail mail: 19511 Michigan Drive

Twain Harte, CA 95383

TRAVEL

by Earl Nelson

We have a full calendar for 2009. Our first trip is to Alaska on May 23, 2009. It is a 15 day trip with us flying to Anchorage then taking a motor coach to Fairbanks and Denali National Park. From Denali we return to Anchorage via doomed railcar. We then board a Holland America Cruise ship for a seven day cruise to Vancouver. The costs start at \$3,649 pp. So far we have 10 people signed up.

Next is a cruise out of San Francisco headed for the Mexican Rivera and Sea of Cortez. This trip is 11 days, on Norwegian Cruise Line, and departs on Oct. 23, 2009. Our first stop will be Topolabampo (Copper Canyon). From there we go to La Paz, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. This trip starts at \$1,092 pp. At the last luncheon we had only one person, other than Judy and I, sign up. Unless there is more interest shown, we will have to cancel this trip.

The last event is a repeat of this year's River Cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam. Judy and I had to cancel at the last minute so we are planning a second trip (our first) on Sept. 15, 2009. Ed Nissen gave a glowing report, at our last luncheon, on how much everyone enjoyed the trip. The food, ship accommodations and on shore excursions were first class. This is a 16 day trip and starts at around \$4,900 pp. I do not have final 2009 pricing as of yet. I should have it any day.

If there is any interest in any of the above trips, please e-mail me at earlnelson@aol.com or call at 586-5661. I will forward you all the appropriate material at that time.

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	Rich. 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 Fellowship	Ray Pfoutz
Golf	Carl Nunes
Hiking	Richard Broddie
Historian	Jerry Jensen
Joke Master	Eddie Krause
Luncheon	Arlen Richardson
Luncheon Asst.	Henry Beltran
Membership:	Jim McCracken
Asst. Membership	Ralph Legg
Movie Group	Bob Wright
Ass't. Movie	Ray Pfoutz
Publicity	Gil Wesson
Drawing	Gil Wesson
	Rick DeSambad,
	Dean Squires
RV Group	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

R.V. GROUP by HARVEY UHL

Our R.V.Group will celebrate Christmas together with a special Christmas Dinner (**not to be confused with the SIRS Christmas Dinner**) as follows:

WHERE: **Birdies Restaurant at Mountain Springs Golf Course**

WHEN: **Tuesday December 9th**

TIMES: **5 PM SOCIAL HOUR (FULL BAR) 6 PM DINNER**

MENU: **10 oz. PRIME RIB or SALMON (put choices on your check)
served with Mandarin Salad, Potatoes Au gratin, veggies,
ice cream, coffee, tea, water and wine**

PRICE: \$16 PER PERSON (\$32 PER COUPLE)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SIR #172 RV GROUP(indicate entree choices on check)

SEND TO: **HARVEY UHL**

P.O.BOX 4551

SONORA, CA 95370

DEADLINE: **DECEMBER 4TH**

GIFTS: **BRING A NEW CHILD'S TOY (UNWRAPPED) THAT WILL BE DONATED TO TOYS FOR TOTS LOCALLY. NO ADULT GIFTS THIS YEAR, PLEASE.**

SIRS HIKE - Wednesday, November 12, 2008 - Crabtree Loop

Where: Near Dodge Ridge, Dry land hike of winter snowshoe hike.

When: Meet at 9:00 AM at **Twain Harte Market** parking lot and car pool.

Length: Approximately 4.5 miles, round trip.

Starting Elevation: 6,000 feet. Gain: Approximately 200 vertical feet.

Bring: Lunch, water, and sun block. Dress for variable fall weather.

Features: Fall foliage, View of trail without snow that we snowshoed last winter.

Driving: From Twain Harte we will drive to the Dodge Ridge area. Alternate routes are available and we will select the best one depending on the weather.

Note: Fall colors depend on weather conditions and are not guaranteed. Weather can be variable; and hike will be cancelled for heavy rain. **George Leontovich** is the Hike Master for this hike and can be contacted at 586-5365.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday December 1, 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

SIRS Tip Sheet

by John Kinsfather

Stocking your Car for Winter

With Winter fast approaching its time to check your tires to make sure they will give adequate traction in the months ahead. Be sure to keep your tank at least half full which is a key to avoiding water in the gasoline. And be sure to have these items on board:

- A charged cell phone
- Road service number
- Windshield-washer fluid
- De-icer.
- Boots, gloves
- Scraper/snow brush
- Small Shovel
- Water
- Blankets
- Some thing for traction- cat litter, sand, road salt

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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