



BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2009 Vol. 16 # 12 Twain Harte Branch #172- P. O. Box 1143 Twain Harte, CA 95383 <http://www.sirtwain.org/>

Ed's Elaborations



Don't forget...

1. Our next luncheon is **WEDNESDAY, December 2nd**, and
2. Our fabulous **Christmas Party** is **TUESDAY, December 15th**.

Your team again delivers a number of activities for you... computer, hiking, movie, RVing, theater, and best of all a terrific lunch by Dino served amid a bunch of your friends. **Earl Nelson** announced a new trip. Read about it in this *Bulletin*.

Wayne Bolitho again delivered the history of "Taps" as we approached Veterans Day, and added a meaningful emotion then and whenever we again hear "Taps" being played.

I've spoken with our **Black Irish Band** representative. They're looking forward to being with us and performing at our **Christmas Party**. The door prizes are being readied. The photographers are getting ready to take your pictures. Dino has already planned the meal and the serving of it to your tables. The **Christmas Party** invitations were sent. Now, all you need to do is plan to come. Buy your tickets at our next luncheon, or reserve them by telephoning **Joe Smith** (586-5174), or **Henry Beltran** (586-3165). If that doesn't work, call me (586-3307) and I'll get you, your significant other and friends in the door. Our **Christmas Party** is our major event of the year and we want to include everyone. We want **you** and yours to be there. **So, Come, Join Us!** PS. So far, over 150 \$25 tickets are sold.

Each year we ask all members to contribute \$20 for next year's operation. A slip for that purpose is included in this issue. If you have paid, ignore it.

See ya' **Wednesday, December 2nd**.

NEXT LUNCHEON

ELKS CLUB - SONORA

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 2ND, 2009

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

MENU

SWISS STEAK

MASHED POTATOES

BUTTERED PEAS

GREEN SALAD

BREAD PUDDING

OUR SPEAKER

Our speaker for December will be **John Rogers**. He will be sharing his experiences while flying to Iwo Jima with President Bush.

WELCOME NEW Sirs



JIM FLOYD



DAVE PALMER

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.

Herb Spierling, Attendance Chair
herb@sierrasurfin.com

Bill Bamford, Assistant

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

Paul Desrosiers	Gene Smith
John Gloyn	Dean Squires
Jim Johnson	Russ Truman
John Kinsfather	Jerry Van Buskirk
Dan Schroeder	Joseph Walker
Rolan Sloan	Ron Zils

Our **Theater Group** enjoyed yet another great performance by SRT called Little Women on November 11th. Our hosts **Joe & Diane Gil**(below) did a wonderul job arranging dinner at the East Sonora Conference Center. **THANK YOU Joe & Diane!**



BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, DEC. 7TH**. Email articles to: **STU HELLER**

lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

GOLF GROUP NEWS

by **Richard Broddie**

RANCHO DEL RAY

FIRST FLIGHT

T1. Groh	74
T1. McCown	74
T3. Broddie	75
T3. Brandau	75

SECOND FLIGHT

1. Jobe	71
2. Nelson	76
T3. Heinlein	81
T3. Krell	81

THIRD FLIGHT

1. Smith	79
2. Granandos	81
3.. Lew	82

CLOSEST TO #8

1. McCown	13'
2. Nelson	14'
3. Broddie	15'
4. Jobe	17'

CLOSEST TO #17

1. McCown	6'
2. Krell	17'
3. Brand	36'

DUES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN DEC. 2ND LUNCHEON-NCGA DUES NOW \$46. 2 FOR 1 BOOK STILL \$15

The **RV Club Christmas Party** will take place on **December 7th** at the Peppery in Sonora. **Jim Nolan** passed out information flyers at the November luncheon. **Sign up and advance payment (by check) deadline is November 30th to Jim.** Mail in reservations may be submitted to Jim at the RV Club P.O. box (Box 1943, Twain Harte, CA 95383).

The 2010 event schedule is just about complete. It will be presented to the SIR board for approval at its December meeting and passed out at the Christmas dinner. Thereafter it will be available at SIR Luncheons or by request to Bob Becker.

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. Membship	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

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come One – Come All

Tuesday, December 15th

Prime Rib or Salmon Dinner by Dino

Black Irish Band music

Ladies' Door Prizes

5:30 pm at Elks Lodge, Sonora

GET YOUR \$25 TICKETS at **December 2nd** Luncheon

Or from Joe Smith, 586-5174, or Henry Beltran, 586-3175

TRAVEL by Earl Nelson

I have arranged for a one day trip to **Disney On Ice** on February 13, 2010. **See the insert for all the details.** The bus holds 42 people and the more signups we get the lower the cost - potentially as low as \$118 per person. As always, friends of Sirs are welcome as well.

The Montreal, Quebec City and Canadian Maritimes trip on Sept, 16, 2010 has 10 people confirmed as of this writing. I wish to remind everyone that this will be a guided trip on a 42 passenger motor coach. With room for only 42 passengers, this will fill up quickly. If you think you would like to go, I urge you to contact Vantage Travel at 800-322-6677. Indicate you are with Twain Harte SIR Group **G480200** and make a \$350 pp deposit. You can always cancel at a later date but, this at least guarantees you a seat on the bus. Total cost will be \$3,600 pp. You can view the details at "VantageTravel.com".

THEATER GROUP NEWS by Rich Brandau

I know it's only November, but I want you to be aware of the selected plays and play dates for our 2010 SRT theater season. It's never too early to plan for these events as they are likely to be well attended. If you would like to know a little more about the play, go to www.sierrarep.org for a short description. Each host will also provide information about the play well in advance of the play date. The cost for each play will continue to be \$16 per ticket. The seven plays selected for 2010 are:

Guys and Dolls on March 14th

Dial M for Murder on April 14th

Stand By Your Man (The Tammy Wynette Story) on June 16th

The Marvelous Wonderettes on July 14th

Big River on August 25th

Red, White and Tuna on September 29th

The Andrews Sisters-Christmas of Swing on November 10th (This is not the same Andrews Sisters play we attended in 2009, but a continuation of their musical career)

At press time for this bulletin, I still have two plays needing a host. I would appreciate any interest by a Sir or Sirs who might like to give hosting a try. I can be reached at 586-3399 or by email at rbrandau@sbcglobal.net, if you have such an interest.

As the new Chair of the Theater Committee, I look forward to another successful theater season. I especially want to thank those who have supported me by agreeing to host a play and dinner. In case you do not know, Dennis Honeychurch for graciously accepted the role as my assistant for the coming year.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, NOV. 30, 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

MOVIE GROUP BY RAY PFOUTZ

This note is to bring the MOVIE GROUP to your attention, in case you are interested in being informed regarding upcoming events. We have two types of outings. A lunch for SIR members followed by a movie, and afternoon movie followed by a dinner for SIR members and their wives. An e-mail notice is sent out to those on the movie list in advance in the film. The exact details are usually not known until a few days before the scheduled event. If you would like to be notified of future movie events, send me your e-mail address and it will be added to the list. On Tuesday November 3 members and their wives saw "Amelia" and then ate at Jeb's. All in attendance enjoyed the movie and the dinner.

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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