



# BULLETIN

JANUARY 2010 Vol. 17 # 1 Twain Harte Branch #172- P. O. Box 1143 Twain Harte, CA 95383 <http://www.sirtwain.org/>

## Ed's Elaborations



### NEXT LUNCHEON

ELKS CLUB - SONORA

**THURSDAY**

**JANUARY 7TH, 2010**

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

### MENU

ROAST BEEF & GRAVY

MASHED POTATOES

PEAS & CARROTS

GREEN SALAD

TAPIOCA PUDDING

First I want to thank all of our Officers, Directors and Activity leaders for their consistently hard work in carrying out the multitude of tasks and responsibilities of each job. The work of an active organization does not get done without guys stepping up, making the commitment, and getting it done. And your team has done a terrific job this year. They're tops, and so is our Branch. In my book it is the top of the heap! Look at the commitment from the guys stepping aside after multiple years of work...

**Dick Feaster:** Big Sir 2006, Little Sir 2005, Assistant Secretary 2007 thru 2009, Director 2003 thru 2004, Membership Chairman 2004, and Computer Users Group Chairman 2003.

**Paul Desrosiers** served as director for the years 2008 and 2009.

**Eddie Krause** was Historian in the years 2008 and 2009.

**Ralph Legg** was a Director in 2009 and also was Membership Chairman for the years 2008 and 2009. In 2007 he served as Assistant Membership Chairman.

**Herb Spierling** served as Director for five years: 2001, 2002, 2005, 2007 and 2008. He also was Attendance Chairman for four years 2006 thru 2009, and before that Computer Users Group Chairman in 2002 and Assistant Chairman for that group in 2001.

**Bob Wright** was a Director in 2004, then served as Assistant Treasurer for two years, 2006 and 2006, and lastly was Assistant Membership Chairman in 2008 and 2009.

We even have a member who has no official position but who audits our books annually pro bono. **Gary Bogolea** has stepped up every year for several years now and gotten the job done.

Let us give thanks to these men for all they do. I sure do!

And now, a new team steps to the plate. I wish the new Big Sir Earl Nelson well; he has a great team to work with him, and a strong Branch to give support.

Now I bid thee farewell as your Big Sir. Thanks for making my job fun; it has been rewarding to stand before all of you, and I extend my appreciation to each and every one of you for your support of me and of the Twain Harte Branch.

God Bless you all this Christmas and Holiday Season

# 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 **Harvey Uhl**, 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 **Harvey @ 694-8819** for **GUESTS** only scheduling.

## Bill Anning, Attendance Chair

banning@umich.edu

Harvey Uhl, Assistant

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS

Richard Alford Joe Smith  
Gary Bogolea John Stier  
Dick Chimenti Don Woolridge  
Les Collier  
Michael Fryhoff  
Rex Heinlein  
Dennis Honeychurch  
Lee Piercey  
Ed Smith

# OUR SPEAKER

Our Speaker for January will be **Jon Cavaiani**, Retired Army. Jon is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. **Note:** It is appropriate protocol that when a recipient of the Medal of Honor is introduced, all in attendance will stand. Please remember this.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, JAN 11th** Email articles to: **STU HELLER**

[lakewoodancers@goldrush.com](mailto:lakewoodancers@goldrush.com)

# GOLF GROUP NEWS

by **Richard Broddie**

## YEAR END AWARDS

### BLUE FLIGHT

- 1. MCGOWN 49 TOTAL POINTS
- 2. BOLITHO 48.5
- 3. GROH 47.5
- 4. SCHWARTZ 41.5
- 5. DOWNES 35.5

### GOLD FLIGHT

- T1. CLARK 47.5
- T1. SMITH 47.5
- 3. LEW 45
- T4. KRELL 44
- T4. WESSON 44

### MOST IMPROVED

- 1. BRODDIE 1.1480
- 2. WESSON 1.1304
- 3. PORTER 1.1253

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

## 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.

[pfoutzer3@sonnet.com](mailto:pfoutzer3@sonnet.com)

## Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big Sir Earl Nelson 586-5661  
Little Sir Henry Beltran 586-3165  
Secretary Dan Mohn 586-4430  
Ass't Sec. Ed Nissen 586--3307  
Treas. Dennis Honeychurch 586-2117  
Ass't. Treas Rich. Robinson 588-9519

### Board of Directors

**2nd Year:** Jerry Jensen 928-1278  
Harry Vacca 586-7580

**1st Year:** Fred Ray 586-0918  
Duane Porter  
Don Escallier 586-2280  
Raphl Bushnell 586-0637

### Activity Chairmen

Attendance Bill Anning  
Ass't Attend. Harvey Uhl  
**To Be Absent: 536-6333**  
**To Bring Guest: 694-8819**  
Bulletin Stu Heller  
Bulletin Distrib. Dan Schroeder  
Chaplain Wayne Bolitho  
Computer Group Dick Chimenti  
Fellowship Bill Bamford  
Golf Richard Broddie  
Hiking Jerry Jensen  
Historian Jim Schneider  
Joke Master Arlen Richardson  
Luncheon Jim McKracken  
Luncheon Asst. Don Parr  
Membership: Larry Bertucelli  
Asst. Membership Scott Gray  
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 Rich Brandau  
Ass't Theater Dennis Honeychurch  
Travel Earl Nelson  
Website Dick Chimenti

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come One – Come All

**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**

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

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## **TRAVEL** by Earl Nelson

I am sorry to report that there were only two Sirs who expressed interest in the Feb. 13 Disney on Ice performance at the Arco Arena. Due to a lack of interest, this trip has been canceled. If anyone has a request for a one or two day trip, let me know. I have plenty of alternatives to choose from but so far have not found one that seems to be of interest to the membership.

The Canadian Maritimes trip, for Sept. 16, 2010, is starting to fill up. So far we have 18 going in a motor coach that holds 42. That means 24 seats are available. This trip is offered by Vantage Travel nationwide so I suspect the seats will fill up rapidly. If you think you would like to join the group, call Vantage at 800-322-6677 and tell them you want to travel with the Twain Harte SIR #172, Group **G480200** on the Montreal, Quebec City and Canadian Maritimes trip on Sept, 16 2010. You will be asked for a \$350 per person deposit. You can e-mail me at [earlnelson@aol.com](mailto:earlnelson@aol.com) if you have any questions.

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## **R.V. GROUP OUTINGS** by BOB BECKER & JIM NOLAN

The RV Club trip to Petaluma in November was a huge success. **John & Marlene Barton** hosted 14 rigs in great style, highlighted by an Abalone dinner one evening. A golf outing and local sightseeing rounded out the week. **Our Annual RV Christmas Dinner has been rescheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>.** We will collect a very large quantity of toys for donation to Toys for Tots.

The 2010 outing schedule is complete and approved by the BEC. Have a very Merry and Joyous Christmas one and all.

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## **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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Dial M for Murder on April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Stand By Your Man (The Tammy Wynette Story) on June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**The Marvelous Wonderettes on July 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Big River on August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Red, White and Tuna on September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**The Andrews Sisters-Christmas of Swing on November 10<sup>th</sup>**

## BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, JAN 4th** 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,

**BILL BAMFORD 586-7279**

## ANNUAL DONATION UPDATE

We are nearing the end of the year and haven't quite completed the goal of 100% annual donations by our membership. If you haven't done so yet, please take a moment and send your **\$20** donation, **payable to SIR Branch 172** to P.O. Box 1143, Twain Harte, CA 95383. Please include your Badge number on the check.

As you know, the annual donations are the main source of our operating revenue for 2010.

Rich Brandau  
Outgoing Treasurer

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## 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  
donmac95@comcast.net

**Websites:** State website - [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
**Twain Harte 172** - [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org)  
Sonora Branch 136 - [www.sonorasirs.org](http://www.sonorasirs.org).

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