



BULLETIN

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HENRY'S HELPFUL HINTS



The holiday season is here and we already had our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Hope you all enjoyed it. I thought it was great. Had the first snow of the year, about 4 inches at my house. Hope you are all prepared for winter.

The Christmas Committee is doing great at getting things ready for the Christmas Dinner Party on December 16th. Sale of tickets is going great and Sir Roland Patton (586-5643) will be selling tickets at the December Luncheon. By the way, for those of you that have not attended one of our Christmas Dinners, Sir Dick Chimenti will be taking pictures of every couple or single person attending. Pictures will be given out at the January Luncheon. Join me and fellow SIR members at the Christmas Dinner Party. Bring a guest.

Don't forget, in December our Luncheon is on the first Wednesday of the month, December 7th.

NEXT LUNCHEON

ELKS LODGE -SONORA
WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 7TH 2011

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

MENU

BAKED LEMON CHICKEN

RED ROASTED POTATOES

PEAS

GREEN SALAD

BREAD PUDDING

SPEAKER

Our speaker for December is **Dave Cleavenger**, the Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Community Service Unit. Dave is a retired State Employee. He served with Cal Fire and worked for 33 years with CDF and Cal Fire. Dave is a past Governor of the Sonora Moose Lodge.

He and his wife Patty live in Columbia.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

Paul Desrosiers	Dan Schroeder
John Gloyn	Rolan Sloan
Bim Hastings	Gene Smith
Jim Johnson	Dean Squires
Lohn Kinsfather	Russ Truman
Andy Perras	Ron Zils

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 **JIM SCHNEIDER**, 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 **JIM @743-0833** for **GUESTS** only scheduling.

Bill Anning, Attendance Chair
banning@umich.edu
Jim Schneider, Assistant

If you would prefer to view our monthly Bulletin on our website via the Internet, please contact **Dick Chimenti** via email to **casachimenti@gmail.com**. He will send you an email with a link to the latest Bulletin right after it gets posted, and will also coordinate having you removed from the hardcopy distribution. You will be able to see it sooner than snail mail, and save our Branch money by reducing our printing and postage costs.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, DEC. 12TH**
Email articles to: **STU HELLER**
lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

GOLF GROUP NEWS

by Richard Broddie

10-11--2011 DRY CREEK

FIRST FLIGHT

- 1. Gorham 73
- 2. Villa 76
- T3. McGown 77
- T3. Felber 77

SECOND FLIGHT

- 1. Downes 68
- 2. Jobe 72
- 3. Porter 73

THIRD FLIGHT

- 1. Tabor 66
- 2. Clarke 69
- T3. Barton 71
- T3. Krell 71

FOURTH FLIGHT

- T1. Otto 77
- T1. Munoz 77
- T3. Mannini 78
- T3. Legg 78

CLOSEST TO PIN #5

- 1. Clark 8'
- 2. Schwartz 12'
- 3. Gorham 18'

CLOSEST TO PIN #11

- 1. Schwartz 12'
- 2. Day 21'
- 3. Downes 30'

2012 NCGA DUES MUST BE PAID AT DEC. LUNCH-

\$46 (AFTER THAT=\$56)

2012 CLUB DUES WITHOUT NCGA = \$10 AT DEC. LUNCH

(AFTER THAT=\$20)

2 FOR 1 ALSO DUE = \$17

QUESTIONS? CALL ME AT 586-3151

PINOCHLE ANYONE?

Go to SIR 172 website = <http://www.sirtwain.org> and click the rooster next to Pinochle in the Special Interest Groups section below. Or, call Roland Patton at 586-5643

Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big Sir	Henry Beltran	586-3165
Little Sir	Jerry Morrow	586-2979
Secretary	Dan Mohn	586-4430
Ass't Sec.	Ron Hawke	586-4528
Treas.	Dennis Honeychurch	586-2117
Ass't. Treas	Rich. Robinson	588-9519

Board of Directors

2nd Year:	Fred Ray	586-0918
	Duane Porter	533-2189
	Don Escallier	586-2280

1st Year:	Joe Gil	586-1044
	Harold Granados	586-1793
	Bob Wright	586-2409

Activity Chairmen

Attendance	Bill Anning
Ass't Attend.	Jim Schneider
To Be Absent:	536-6333
To Bring Guest:	743-0833
Bulletin	Stu Heller
Bulletin Distrib.	Dan Schroeder
Chaplain	Rich Froisness
Computer Group	Dick Chimenti
Fellowship	Bill Bamford
Golf	Richard Broddie
Hiking	Jerry Jensen
Historian	Jim Schneider
Joke Master	Otto Giuliani
Luncheon	Jim McCracken
Luncheon Asst.	Don Walton
Membership:	Larry Bertuccelli
Asst. Membership	Scott Gray
Movie Group	Gil Wesson
Publicity	Gil Wesson
Drawing	Rick DeSambad,
	Dean Squires
RV Group	Jim Nolan
RV Ass't.	Duane Porter, Harvey Uhl
Song Master:	Jerry Lewis
Sound Master	Jim Johnson
Theater	Rich Brandau
Ass't Theater	Dennis Honeychurch
Travel	Earl Nelson
Website	Dick Chimenti
Pinochle	Roland Patton
Asst. Pinochle	Jerry Morrow
Fishing	Herb Spierling
Mountain Bike	Ralph Legg
Propane Guy	Roy Gray

MOTHER LODE TRAVELS by Earl Nelson

If you think any of the following might interest you, call either Earl Nelson 586-5661 or Wil Reich, 533-2626. for information or brochures, or look at the Travel Board at our monthly luncheons.

APRIL 15-21, 2012 SPRINGTIME IN BRANSON, MISSOURI. For nearly a century, Branson has built a reputation as a popular place to visit. Now the world is finally catching on. Lakes, scenery, friendly folks, fun attractions, music - Branson has it all. Rountrip airfare from Sacramento, five nights accommodations in Branson, deluxe motorcoach travels with guides, five breakfasts and five dinners. \$1695 per person, double occupancy (\$325 single supplement)

Aug. 18, 2012 thru Sept. 2, 2012. By popular demand, we have put together a repeat of an extremely popular trip we took a number of years ago. **CASTLES ALONG THE RHINE** is a river cruise along the Rhine & Danube Rivers beginning in Budapest, Hungary and concluding in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Begin with a city tour of Budapest then start your river cruise with the first stop being Vienna, Austria where a private music concert, in the Kursalon, awaits you. That's just the first day of the cruise. You have another 13 days to look forward to as you watch the endless changing panorama of rolling vineyards, medieval castles and ten other villages/towns/cities. The cruise concludes with a city tour of Amsterdam. To see the complete tour, view the enclosed web site which has been especially prepared for our Mother Lode Travels group. **Category E1 is already sold out.** Also, if you choose to take care of your own air, you would save approximately \$1,100 pp. SEE http://www.brainshark.com/vantagetravel/mother_lode_travels

R.V. GROUP OUTINGS by JIM NOLAN

Our next event is December 6 - the Holiday Party , at The Peppery. Information has been emailed. Next April there is a planned outing to Jazz Affair in Three Rivers. For more information, call Duane Porter at 533-2189.

THEATER GROUP NEWS by Dave Palmer

Dave Palmer, our new Group leader, has the plays selected for 2012, and will get Board approval in January. If any Sir member is not currently on the theater email list and wishes to be on it, please contact Dave at 532-6136 or by email at dpalmer348@aol.com.

MOUNTAIN BIKING (Off Highway) - **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**

First, I want to thank Steve Happel for taking the lead on the Fahey Meadow Loop ride, which I understand everybody enjoyed. Steve will be leading this month's ride, also. Thanks, Steve.

The approved bike ride is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2011, as follows:

Meeting Place: Twain Harte Market Parking Lot @ 8:30 AM, to load and carpool to ride area.

Ride: Several trails have been identified to be rideable at New Melones. Steve says he's ridden many.

Ride Time: Estimated time of the bike ride is 3-4 hours. Returning to Twain Harte about 3 PM.

Bring along Considerations: Bike, helmet, water, sun block, sun glasses, bike repair kit, lunch/snack(s), first aid kit, mosquito repellent, cell phone.

Please let Steve know if you are interested in joining the group, by no later than **Monday, November 14th**, so that he can arrange for bike transportation. Steve can be reached at linste@sbcglobal.net or 532-7240.

WANTED: Assistant Bulletin Editor – will train someone who has computer skills. Contact our current editor **Stu Heller @ 586-7323.**

SIR HIKE - by Jerry Jensen

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **MONDAY, DEC. 5TH AT THE PINE TREE RESTAURANT- 7AM breakfast - 8AM meeting start.** 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

Where: Columbia Ditch, at Twain Harte, Kewin Mill Road.

When: Leave at 8:30 AM from Twain Harte Market, and car pool.

Length: Approximately 6 miles, round trip. Note: Trail distance along ditch is estimated to be about 3 miles from the Kewin Mill Rd. crossing. The ditch drops at an approximate grade of 2% so this is a good gentle hike. There are some narrow and eroded sections of trail along the bank of the ditch.

Starting Elevation: 3,900 feet. Elevation Gain: Trail is essentially flat.

Bring: Warm clothes in layers, lunch, water, and may be cloudy.

Driving: Take Kewin Mill Rd. to the crossing of the ditch at the top of the saddle and park in dirt area at the side of the Kewin Mill Rd, just past the fence on the right side of the road.

Features: Fall colors (Depending on Weather), views both north and south of ridge. Forest settings and views across the South Fork of the Stanislaus River.

Weather: Expect variable fall weather. Call Jerry Jensen if in doubt. 209 928 1278.

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 - Robert Mannell
Director Region 3 - Maynard Rodland
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Websites: State website - www.sirinc.org
Twain Harte 172 - www.sirtwain.org
Sonora Branch 136 - www.sonorasirs.org.

DATED MATERIAL

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