



BULLETIN

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MORROW'S MESSAGE



As I am sitting here writing my second Bulletin article for 2012, I am thinking about all past Big Sirs and Little Sirs and the work it takes to make a successful year providing activities, speakers, monthly luncheons, etc to our members. I hope to work as hard to make this a successful 2012 for our Branch - with the help of Little Sir Larry Bertucelli, the Officers and Directors, and our Committee Chairmen.

Duane Porter has successfully arranged an RV Group outing in April to Three Rivers in Sequoia National Park. I understand he already has 20 or more members signed up to go. Great going Duane! More info to follow from Duane.

Dave Palmer has a great lineup of plays for the Theater Group. It's wonderful living in such a beautiful area and able to enjoy the finer arts of the "big cities" (without the traffic, crowds and high prices for tickets).

Roland Patton has been busy setting up Pinochle games between the Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge for the year. If you enjoy an afternoon of playing cards with the guys, see Roland.

Ralph Legg and Steven Happel have the Mountain Bike Group "up and running" - great exercise for those joining in.

I would like to thank all the Activity Chairmen for the thoughts and efforts they have provided to arrange for what looks like a successful and fun 2012 for our Branch!

NEXT LUNCHEON

ELKS LODGE - SONORA

THURSDAY

MARCH 1ST, 2012

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price \$13

MENU

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

DICED RED POTATOES

CARROTS

SALAD

SHERBERT

SPEAKER

Our speaker for March will be Sharon Marovich. Sharon is a local historian best known for her efforts to preserve Tuolumne County's architectural heritage. She has written extensively on local history and is currently involved in a new organization, Tuolumne County Publications, which will publish books on our local history.

MARCH BIRTHDAY BOYS

Dick Anderson George Lowder

Dick Bezerra John McCreary

George Brown Bob Nylander

Ron Clark Jerry Redfern

Sprague Edwards Don Walton

Lynn Felber Robert Wellwood

Ron Hawke

REMINDER : IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR TO MAKE YOUR ANNUAL \$20 "CONTRIBUTION" TO BRANCH 172 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. IF YOU HAVE AN INSERT IN THIS BULLETIN, IT MEANS WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOURS. PLEASE MAIL IT IN OR HAND IT TO RICHARD ROBINSON AT THE NEXT LUNCHEON. DICK CHIMENTI WILL MAKE SURE THE WEBSITE VIEWERS GET A SIMILAR SLIP OF PAPER VIA E-MAIL.

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 = 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 March 5th.**
Email articles to: STU HELLER
lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

GOLF GROUP NEWS

by Richard Broddie

2012 SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>\$</u>
Apr 10	Saddle Creek	11:30	\$56
May 8	Brookside	10:30	\$51
Jun 12	Poppy Ridge	9:15	\$45
Jul 10	Creekside	10:00	\$6
Aug 7	Dryden	10:00	\$6
Sep 11	Castle Oaks	10:00	\$6
Oct 9	Dry Creek	10:00	\$6

(last 4 tournaments, use
2 for 1 book)

Mark your calendars, and bring money to pay at the Luncheon preceding the tournament. If unable, contact me prior to the Luncheon. **FIRST THREE EVENTS NEED TO BE PAID WITH ONE CHECK AT APRIL LUNCHEON** and we will call the course right after that to verify the number of players. All scores posted with a (T)

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 Jerry Morrow 586-2979
Little Sir Larry Bertuccelli 533-3738
Secretary Dan Mohn 586-4430
Ass't Sec. Bob Fisher 532-3306
Treas. Dennis Honeychurch 586-2117
Ass't. Treas Rich. Robinson 588-9519

Board of Directors

2nd Year: Joe Gil 586-1044
Harold Granados 586-1793
Bob Wright 586-2509
1st Year: Cas Munoz 586-1578
Jim McCracken 586-4147
Jim Downey 743-7667

Activity Chairmen

Attendance Bill Anning
Ass't Attend Jim Schneider
To Be Absent: 536-6333
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Golf Richard Broddie
Hiking Jerry Jensen
Historian Jim Schneider
Joke Master Jerry Lewis
Luncheon Henry Beltran
Luncheon Asst. Don Walton
Membership Otto Giuliani
Asst. Membership Ralph Legg
Movie Group Gil Wesson
Publicity Gil Wesson
Drawing Rick DeSambad
RV Group Duane Porter
RV Ass't. Jim Nolan, Harvey Uhl
Song Master Jerry Lewis
Sound Master Jim Johnson
Theater Dave Palmer
Ass't Theater Dennis Honeychurch
Travel Rich Schwarzmann
Website Dick Chimenti
Pinochle Roland Patton
Asst. Pinochle Jerry Morrow
Fishing **OPEN**
Mountain Bike Ralph Legg
Propane Guy Roy Gray
Sports Cas Munoz
Ass't. Sports Roland Patton

MOTHER LODE TRAVELS by RICH SCHWARZMANN

If you think any of the following might interest you, call either Rich Schwarzmann 586-0777 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. Roundtrip 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 DUANE PORTER

Our trips for 2012 will be as follows:

April 9th thru 15th Three Rivers, CA. (Jazzfair) Contact; Duane Porter 533-2189

June 10th through 16th Gray Eagle, CA Contact; Don Parr 586-2764

Aug 19th thru 23rd Felton, CA (Santa Cruz Redwoods) Contact; Jim Downey 586-6578

Sept 18th thru 22nd Monterey / Carmel, CA **wagonmaster needed...**

Sept 23rd thru 29th Pismo Beach, CA Contact Dan Bertelli 209-559-3320

THEATER GROUP NEWS by Dave Palmer

2012 SCHEDULE OF PLAYS AND HOSTS :

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11	GYPSY @ EAST SONORA	HOST: DAVE PALMER
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23	RING OF FIRE @ FALLON HOUSE	HOST: RALPH LEGG
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20	THE 39 STEPS @ EAST SONORA	HOSTS: BAMFORD & HONEYCHURCH
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25	CAROUSEL @ FALLON HOUSE	HOSTS: HENRY & PAULINE BELTRAN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22	THERE GOES THE BRIDE @ EAST SONORA	HOST: RICHARD BRANDAU
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	I LOVE A PIANO @ FALLON HOUSE	HOST: TBD

If any Sir 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.

SIR HIKE - WEDNESDAY FEB. 8 - DRAGOON GULCH by Jerry Jensen

Where: Woods Creek Trail Head, at Sonora, CA

When: Leave at 9:00 AM from Woods Creek Trail Head.

Length: Approximately 3 miles, round trip.

Starting Elevation: 1,750 feet. Elevation Gain: approximately 300 feet.

Bring: Warm clothes in layers, lunch, water.

Driving: Take Stockton Rd. to Woods Cr. Rd, just across from the fairgrounds. Woods Creek road is on the East side of Woods creek, and just east of Forest Road which is on the West Side of Woods Creek.

Features: Dragoon Gulch: Historic Gold mining area, recently opened urban park, featured in the Union Democrat, Dec. 8, 2011. Interpretive signs and view of Sonora. Trail is a loop, and returns to parking lot. Suitable for family activities.

Lunch: To be decided. We can either eat lunch in the Park, or stop in town.

Weather: Expect variable winter (or whatever we are currently in) weather.

Call Jerry Jensen if in doubt. 928 1278.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on MONDAY, FEB 27TH 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

WELCOME NEW Sirs



NEIL SELMAN



GARY LINDSAY

SIR RULES AND 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).

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 - James Stedman
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Websites: State website - www.sirinc.org
Twain Harte 172 - www.sirtwain.org
Sonora Branch 136 - www.sonorasirs.org

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