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# SONORA BRANCH 136

Downtown  
Sonora  
circa 1866



## Message from the “Big Sir”

**Gene Zanoni (209-532-1989)** As we begrudgingly march into the dreaded high summer temperatures, sometimes referred to as the dog days of summer, we cannot help but be reminded that half the year is behind us. The predominant influence during this time has been the plague associated with the Coronavirus. As such, the cancellation of live monthly BEC meetings and regular luncheons have reduced our organization to nearly an inactive status. Special events including the Ladies Day Luncheon and the Annual BBQ Picnic were cancelled. Recruitment endeavors including the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Home and Garden Show, originally scheduled for April has been pushed forward to October.

### SIRS Mission

To improve the lives  
of our members  
through fun  
activities and events  
- while making  
friends for life.

Numerous other adjustments have had to be realized as well. We are greatly assisted as the result of employing Zoom Video, which has allowed us to congregate in a virtual realm. Moreover, we remain firmly focused to deal with whatever challenges that prevail.

Dale Decker, currently our Area 5 Governor, will vacate that position on December 31, 2020 in order to pursue other interests. Fortunately, our former Big Sir Paul Squeri received our branch's nomination as a possible successor. Paul possesses impeccable credentials and has shown a tremendous attitude and desire to make a favorable impact in his quest to succeed Dale. As I am engaged in the composition of this narrative, I have been abruptly informed that Paul has received the necessary support to become our new Area 5 Governor commencing January 1, 2021. Congratulations are extended to Paul as a result of his victory. On the other hand, it is unfortunate to announce that we currently have a vacancy in our Little Sir position. Thereby, we are awaiting the anticipation that a valued member of our branch will step forward to fill this current vacancy through December 31, 2020. Whoever that person might be, he has the assurance from Paul Squeri and I that we will provide the necessary support and guidance required to enable that person to successfully complete his tenure. Please call me promptly if you desire detailed information regarding the responsibilities of the Little Sir position. Let it be known that Paul will be unavailable to continue to render any such assistance in 2021 because of his commitment to the Area 5 Governor position as stated in the preceding remarks.

At our General Virtual Luncheon Meeting, that occurred on July 21, 2020, our guest speaker was Mr. John Scheuber from Modesto. He presented a very detailed and thought-provoking topic relating to life in general. His presentation was entitled "Life – How We Enter It, How we Live It, How We Prepare to Leave It." He discussed the importance of the adaptability to change ("ATC") and the far-reaching effects of the activities we engage in as it relates to influencing our personalities. In addition, that family, health, employment and spirituality are all instrumental in association with a productive and contented lifestyle. Upon conclusion of the presentation a high level of appreciation was expressed by those members in attendance.

For the year 2021, we must urgently remind ourselves there remain various openings for numerous officer positions; namely, Big Sir, Little Sir and Assistant Membership. In addition, a lone First Year Director position remains available. A Recruitment Chairman, Activities Chairman and Publicity Chairman for our RAMP COMMITTEE are open as well. Lastly, our Poker activity needs a director. Those members interested in filling these vacancies are respectfully requested to call me or Jim Botto (209.586.0822), who is our Nominating Committee Chairman. It is important to keep in mind the strength of our branch is

*Seriously?*



I got pulled over in the HOV lane for driving alone. I said that due to social distancing, my passenger was in the car behind me!

Everything For Summer Has Been Canceled...  
Let's Just Put Up Our Christmas Tree And Call It A Year...!!!

determined by the level of commitment exhibited by each individual member. After all, we are SIRS whose primary purpose is to serve one another in order to bring about satisfaction to all.

Please remain safe and continue to practice proper social etiquette during this period of our on-going pandemic.

## What does Love mean to You?

I participate in a weekly Bible Study and the question, or statement if you prefer, came up...*Our care for others is a measure of our greatness.* As you are aware, we are in the middle of a pandemic which has affected the lives of every American, in fact, every human being on our planet. How we treat each other; how we care for each other; and how we interact with each other is a measure of our greatness.

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

Rebecca - age 8. "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Billy - age 4. "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Karl - age 5. "Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."

Chrissy - age 6. "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."

Terri - age 4. "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

Danny - age 8. "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

Bobby - age 7. "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen."

Nikka - age 6. "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend you hate."

Noelle - age 7 "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt then he wears it every day."

Tommy - age 6. "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."

Mary Ann - age 4. "Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

Jessica - age 8. "You really shouldn't say "I love you" unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

Unknown - age 4. A four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother had asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

## Committee Chairman Reports

**Golf - Paul Pavadana (209-532-8051) or Danny Laureta (209-586-4567).** It is really great to be posting golf results again instead of writing about the possibilities of getting out on the golf course. Here are the results of the Skins Game played on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Teleli Golf Club with a field of 22 golfers.

Andy Bravo (136) – 1 skin                      Dave Cox (136) – 1 skin                      Pete Larkin (77) – 3 skins  
Joe Zertuche (136) – 3 skins                      Gene Morales (136) – 10 skins

The next Skins Game will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Teleli Golf Club. To sign-up contact Danny Laureta at [drlaureta@gmail.com](mailto:drlaureta@gmail.com) or (209) 586-4567.

Here are the results of the Individual Low Net Flights A & B Tournament held on July 21<sup>st</sup> at Teleli Golf Club with a field of 22 golfers.

Flight A            1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jeff Juhl (SIR 77) Net 65 - Won #12 play-off hole

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rod Salvi (SIR 136) Net 65

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chace Anderson (SIR 77) Net 69

Flight B            1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tom Neiderer (SIR 136) Net 65

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jim Simmons (SIR 136) Net 67

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Andy Bravo (SIR 136) Net 69 - Won #12 play-off hole

CTH #7 (145 yds) 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mike Ross (SIR 136) 34 ft. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Rod Salvi (SIR 136) 40 ft. 6 in.

CTH #12 (123 yds) Chace Anderson (SIR 77) 7 ft. 9 in. Jeff Juhl (SIR 77) 17 ft. 2 in.

The next Tournament will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Teleli Golf Club. Format for this tournament is not determined at this time. To sign-up contact Paul Padavana at [papasp623@gmail.com](mailto:papasp623@gmail.com) or (209) 532-8051

**Chaplain - Steve Gregory (209-533-0309).** Nothing to report.

**Bowling -(Chairman pending) (From Danny Laureta)** Hello everyone. We contacted Black Oak Casino regarding bowling and we were told that tentatively the bowling alley/lanes might open in January 2021. And when it does open, we can only bowl on every other lane to keep the distance protocol. I will keep everyone informed as we get an updated report. Stay safe.

**Pinochle - Bob Morrison (209-588-0994).** Nothing to report.

**Car Club - Rich Rinaldi (209-532-8366).** Nothing to report.

**Fishing - Chuck Simmons (209-532-9550).** Nothing to report.

**RV Group - Eddie Toews (209-532-3970).** Nothing to report.

**Kayaking/Easy Hiking - Sol Robin (209-651-1054).** Nothing to report.

## 39th Annual Home & Garden Show

When: October 24-25, 2020

Where: Mother Lode Fairgrounds, Sonora, CA

We need your help to staff our SIRS booth at the Home and Garden Show. This is our opportunity to represent our chapter to the community and bring in new members. Please consider volunteering to serve at this event. To volunteer, please contact the Big Sir, Gene Zanoni (209-532-1989) with the time you can serve and your telephone number. Sign-ups are hourly (but you can serve longer) starting at 10am on both Saturday (Oct 24) and Sunday (Oct 25). The event closes at 4pm.

Someone invited you to attend our branch and look what happened! Now is the time to invite another man and give them the opportunity for fun, fellowship, and much needed friendship.

## Why?

Were you one of those kids who always asked the question “why”? Sometimes, we should ask this question more often don't you agree? The following are answers to some of our most common why's.

### 1. Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right side and women's clothes have buttons on the left?

BECAUSE When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

### 2 . Why do ships and aircraft use “mayday” as their call for help?

BECAUSE This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

### 3. Why are zero scores in tennis called “love”?

BECAUSE In France , where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

### 4. Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

**BECAUSE** In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

5. Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called “passing the buck”?

**BECAUSE** In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

6. Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

**BECAUSE** In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

7. Why are people in the public eye said to be “in the limelight”?

**BECAUSE** Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the Centre of attention.

8. Why is someone who is feeling great “on cloud nine”?

**BECAUSE** Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

9. Why. In golf, where did the term “Caddie” come from?

**BECAUSE** When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

10. Why are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

**BECAUSE** Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called “pygg”. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as “pygg banks.” When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

## Did you know Branch 136 has a website?

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Please take a moment and go to the website to get information regarding

- golf and bowling schedules;
- current and previous month bulletins;
- group activities and contact information;
- committee reports and much more.



Do you miss the great comedians of the past? Those men and women who could make you laugh without being obscene or foulmouthed. Enjoy some of my favorites.

All you need to do is click on the link and then skip the commercials. It's just that easy. Nothing to download or sign up for.

### Tim Conway “Dishonorable discharge”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ip0BIe\\_nE\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ip0BIe_nE_4)

### Carol Burnette “Bust Ups, Bloopers & Blunders”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_gG3ajNc4s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_gG3ajNc4s)

### Bob Newhart “Stop It!”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow0lr63y4Mw>

### Red Skelton & John Wayne “Deadeye”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQcdI\\_ZRYjM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQcdI_ZRYjM)

## Happy Birthday to You!

Happy birthday to all of you Leos and Virgos! Between the dramatic and energetic Leo (July 23 – August 22) and the caring and gentle Virgo (August 23 – September 22), you have a lot of great qualities worth celebrating! The birthstone for August is the peridot, a beautiful gem that is typically several shades of green and symbolizes a great year to come! August is named after Rome’s first emperor, Augustus Caesar (heir to Julius Caesar, after whom July is named).

Thomas, Bob	08/01
Maxwell, Oliver (Bert)	08/03
Baumgartner, Mike	08/06
Creager, Roy	08/06
Wright, Bob	08/06
Long, Thomas (Tom)	08/06
Gregory, Steve	08/07
Page, Rex T.	08/09
Soares, August (Augie)	08/15
Salvi, Rodney (Rod)	08/17
Zertuche, Joe	08/20
McVey, Lance	08/25
Dolan, Michael E.	08/25
Hansen, Bill	08/28
Nuzum, Jim	08/31
Boldemann, Lloyd	08/31

(Editor’s apologies in advance if I over looked your special day.)

## Message from the Editor

**John White (408-355-5991).** I hope you are enjoying the *Sirs Branch 136 Monthly Bulletin*. With a continuing pandemic, we have certainly been limited in the activities and meetings we can have as an organization. When I was a kid, my mother would always say, “Better to be safe than to be sorry.” That was true then and even more so today.

If you are like my wife and I, you are most certainly tired of this “shelter in place” and other limitations imposed because of this pandemic. But, as we have all learned during our lifetimes, this too shall pass. So enjoy life for what it is. I hope you enjoyed the article *What does love mean to you*. So as you think and care for others, remember those wise words from the Wizard of Oz, “A heart is not judged by how much you love, but how much you are loved by others.”



## Are you registered to Vote?

The presidential election is less than 100 days away. Make sure you are registered to vote. Go to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>.