



BULLETIN

December, 2023

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SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, Dec. 12th

George Cocores (209) 456-9814

greekbeak1@aol.com

Leave Your Name, Badge No. & Number of guests.

Deadline for reservations is Dec. 6, 2023

Menu

Christmas Luncheon Special

Prime Rib w/Baked Potato

Or Salmon with Rice Pilaf

Or Chicken Cordon Bleu with Rice Pilaf

Includes Vegetable, Salad and Dessert



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

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The deadline for the next bulletin is

December 31, 2023



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Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you can look at current as well as old bulletins, BEC meeting minutes and more. Please let me know if you have a new email address so I can get timely branch information to you. I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Our state sir bulletin can be viewed at <https://wearesir.com>.



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Eddie Toews

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Well, here we are at the end of the year 2023 with Christmas and New Years just around the corner. It has been a good year and a lot of changes were accomplished. I will be ending my reign as BIG SIR and Rick Bronner will be taking over for 2024.

I want to thank several people for all of their help and support throughout the year. They are Rick Bronner, Gene Zaroni, Dale Decker, and Paul Squeri for their help with the BIG SIR position. I want to thank George Cocores, Stan Enos, Jerry Bellefeuille, Steve Holt, and the entire Executive Board for all the work they did behind the scenes and the many jobs they worked on. I know there are several other people that worked behind the scenes that I missed, and I apologize if I missed your name, but without your help and support a lot of things would not have gotten done.

I will be around next year to support the new BEC and help wherever I may be needed.

So, thank you all for a wonderful year.



RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Club is now at a standstill for the winter months. Our next function will be December. We will be having our annual Christmas dinner. There won't be anything in January and then we will have a kickoff breakfast in February. Until then, everyone be safe and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.



December Birthdays

Wallace, Stu	12/02
Derodeff, Brian	12/03
Caplinger, Cap	12/04
Eaton, Herman	12/12
Herzer, Don	12/14
Santana, Raul	12/17
Gelber, Bob	12/20
Long, Ron	12/21
Bynum, Barry	12/23
Sudduth, Ed	12/24
Vanier, Dennis	12/26
Stevenson, Bob	12/26
LaFrance, Mike	12/28
Price, Chuck	12/30



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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November was honoring our Veterans month. We had Senior service representative Vickie Wilson of our local Veterans Service office as our guest speaker. Vickie covered many of the changes in the last 5 years of coverage from the federal level. Many of these changes have to do with chemical and other contaminants that our service members have had contact with. She also covered how many of our Vets have been taken by misleading ads and promises of getting money by these third-party scammers. Vickie was quite adamant that before you trust anyone to please call her first.

I left clipboards on the tables at our last meeting with suggestions for guest speakers. Here's a list of those suggestions.

Ryan Campbell Solar Company
Judge Laura Krieg--Former DA
Chicken ranch - "What's Up" Chief?
Superior Court Judge
CEO of Local lumber company
Tuolumne City Health Surgeon
County General 5-year Plan
Elderly abuse someone who can cover it
Something FUN!

Mike LaFrance---Fishing / Hunting Talk
Jamie Franklin-Horses of warriors-
209-352-8756

A standup Comedian Someone from LLNL
Discuss recent fusion results
The Old man Rock Guy---(Richard Lundin)
JOE MONTANA!

Tom McClintock
Dr. Maynes--Urologist
Local History and art

I want add Dr. Boyd—Orthopedics

I also had the privilege of installing two new members. Don Herzer and Manuel Armendariz are both of whom are Veterans. Welcome to SIR Branch 136!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Holiday banquet on Tuesday the 12th. If you haven't bought your ticket yet it's not too late but you better hurry as time is running out. Here is the contact info.

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GOLF CLUB NEWS

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We had our final SIR Golf tournament of 2023 on Tuesday November 21st at Teleli Golf Course. Here are the results of the outing;

Format: Two Man Best Ball

1st - Baumgartner and Clay - net 60

2nd - Laureta and Deaver - net 63

3rd - Wright and Blind Draw - net 66 (won tie breaker

Anderson and Perrault - net 66

Nischwitz and Osias - net 67

Oliver and Davis - net 68

All other teams were over 70

-No Closest to the hole.

I want to wish everyone a happy holiday and new years and will see you all next year. If the weather co-operates our first tournament of 2024 should be on March 19th.



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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No Report This Month

CAR CLUB NEWS

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No Report This Month



BOWLING REPORT

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No Report This Month



FISHING CHAIRMAN

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No Report This Month



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

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November Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance (54%) 73

Excused Absences (46%) 61

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (Oct.) 132

Applicants Being Installed 2

Active Members Lost 0

Active Membership Oct. 134

PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

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Stu Galka, Badge #011, age 90 passed away November 25. Our condolences to his family. May he rest in eternal peace. "Mary" Christmas to all our members and their families.



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
solrobin57@gmail.com
No Report This Month

The kayak club does not have anymore outings planned and will resume in the mid to late Spring. If you are looking for kayak equipment it is a good time to buy it on close out specials, if you can find it.



We need volunteers, It seems that the same few people do all the work. If you like your membership in our club do your part and volunteer.

Contact any officer or board members to volunteer for an event or become an Activity Chairman. Bowling, Golf and Pinochle are open and available.

Volunteer today!



New Veteran Members:



Right to left: Michael Cunningham, John Marrs, Barry Schloffel, Robert Willhoite, Manuel Armendariz, Donald Herzer



2024 Sonora SIRs Officers and Directors: Big Sir Rick Bronner, Little Sir Mike Krom, Secretary Steve Holt, Asst. Secretary Gene Zanoni, Treasurer John Salmon, Asst. Treasurer Eddie Toews
Directors: Paul Squeri, Raul Satana, Marty Martin, Stan Enos, Bill Burnes, George Cocores, Mel Kutsch, Jim Botto



Branch #136

Christmas Luncheon

December 12, 2023



Elks Lodge
100 Elk Dr., Sonora, CA

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail
Prime Rib w/Baked Potato
-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf
-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert
Wine will be provided at
the table

\$40 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
Oct. 10th & Nov. 14th Luncheons

SEATING IS LIMITED
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND
CANCELLATIONS IS DEC. 6, 2023
ALL SALES ARE FINAL AFTER THAT DATE

Please bring Raffle prizes.

No Host Cocktails
@ 10:30 am



2023 Local SIR Branches Combined Social Activities v1.0

All SIR members are welcome to join in any other branch activity.

Many items are for couples so please contact the Event Chair.

Please start and chair a new activity if it's not listed.

Area Big Sir Roster	77	Donald Ronalter	984-9383
	136	Eddie Toews	532-3970
	172	Tom Francis	533-3180
Activity	Branch #	Activity Chair	Telephone (209)
Biking	172	Steve Happel 2 nd Tuesday of the month	532-7240
Bowling	77	Mike Coe	769-3413
Car Club	136	Rick Bronner	408-318-4826
Fishing	136	Chuck Simons	532-9550
Golf	77	Danny Laureta	586-4567
	172	Richard Broddie	586-3151
Hiking	77	Mike Clay (moderate hike) Every Friday	588-1345
Horseshoes	172	Rich Brandau Last Thursday of the month	352 4320
Kayak	136	Sol Robin	707-315-1284
	172	Dave Kenney 4 th Tuesday of the month	650-867-4671
Pinochle	136	Looking for a Chairman	
RV Travel	136	Eddie Toews	532-3970
Tech/Computer	172	Dick Chimenti	677-7070
		Rich Nedbal	247-6497
Theatre	172	Dave Tibbets	532-2453
Travel	143	Bill Stires (Modesto)	988-5445
	172	Charles Luke	533-3683

As of April 2023

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Here is how to get it:

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1997 - Dave Holton 1999 - Al Limon
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2021 - Phil VanSwoll 2022 - Eddie Toews
2023

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current
HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS
Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 456-9814 and ask for an application form that will be mailed to you, or by downloading the form from our branch website.

www.sonorasirs.org. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to George Cocores with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln. Twain Harte, CA 95383

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