



SIR BRANCH #136

Sonora, CA

BULLETIN

February 2018

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

next monthly meeting:

February 13th

(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 AM)

Branch Executive Committee

Meeting starts at 10:00 AM

in the main dining room.

Luncheon Menu

Roast Pork & Apple Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Green Salad, Cookies



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

If you are not able to attend the regular monthly meeting, or are bringing a Guest, please call the Membership Message

Line at

536 - 6311

No Later Than Noon on the Sunday Before the Luncheon Meeting!

Leave a clear message with your NAME & BADGE #, GUEST NAME and the reason you will not be able to attend if applicable.



BIG SIR NOTES

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

Happy Valentine's Day! The SIR meeting day this month is February 13, the day before Valentine's Day. I hope this affords everyone the opportunity to celebrate the meaning of the day with that special person. Contrary to some belief, the day was not originated by Hallmark to sell cards. It started in Roman times with present conceptions dating back to the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the 14th century. It has remained fairly consistent since that time.

We had a good January meeting. It was especially pleasing to see so many guests there. I want to thank everyone for coming and especially those that brought guests with them. As always, we hope they remain with us as members and bring their friends. This is the life blood of SIRS.

In that ongoing effort, our RAMP Chairman Rex Page has again signed us up for a booth at the Home and Garden Show at the Sonora Fair Grounds in April. We need volunteers for one or two hours to help Rex greet and introduce prospective members to SIRS. We actually have a good time there. Venture out and give it a try. We could sure use some assistance. Contact Rex Page for further information and sign-up.

We are once again offering the dining/theatre activity in conjunction with Branch #172. This is a great opportunity to see a play at a discount and if you so choose, participate in a nice meal prior to the play. You will be receiving a notice prior to each event. They have an excellent season of performances scheduled and it is just starting.

ONE MORE REMINDER, YEARLY DUES OF \$25 ARE NOW DUE! Please remember to get them in so we can put this to rest. Delinquent members will be posted in the April Bulletin.

Little SIR Jim Botto has a very special speakers program for you this month. He has the daughters of the Tuskegee Airmen joining us. Their story was chronicled in the movie Red Tails. This is something you are not going to want to miss.

Important Notice

Your 2018 membership dues of \$25 are now due. Payment can be made to Ed Toews at the meeting or mailed to him at 21795 El Coyote Drive, Sonora, CA 95370. Dues will be delinquent after the February meeting and delinquent members will be posted in the April Bulletin. Please help us to get this done.

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www.sirinc.org

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2000 - Bob Gibbs 2002 - Jim Nuzum
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2016 - Dale Decker 2017 - Danny Laureta

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000
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Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

Jim Johnson—Past Big SIR 2015

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BEC Advisor - Al Limon 533-4544

Bowling - Open

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Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

Luncheon Drawing - Tom Neiderer 569-9003

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Media Exchange - Sol Robin 651-1054

Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338

Nominating Com. Chair. - Danny Laureta 586-4083

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Poker - George Parsons 533-8637

Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

R.V. Travel Group - Eddie Toews 532-3970

Senior Member Awards - Jim Johnson 536-1595

SIR Item Sales - Fred Kehr 785-4358

Sunshine - Chaplain - Steve Gregory 533-0309

Travel - Paul Halek Branch #172 352-7399

Wine Tasting - Phil Van Swoll 532-1133

Sonora SIR Branch #136



LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Botto - 586-0822

I believe we are off to a great start for 2018. Our Special Events Committee: Rex Page, Bill Guenza, Gene Zanoni, Scott Lewis, Dick Aberle, and John Vieira, met for the first time after the BEC meeting to start planning for the three main special events; Ladies Day Luncheon, Annual Family Picnic, and the Christmas Luncheon. The Special Events Timeline Chart was laid out by Big Sir Dale Decker.

I want to acknowledge the great job Sir Steve Huff is doing as the new Bulletin Editor. Steve has many new ideas that will greatly enhance our monthly bulletin. As Little Sir one of my many functions is to enlist guest speakers. There are eight (8) slots each year and I already have six (6) confirmed. The monthly bulletin will reflect an Activities Calendar that will list all scheduled activities for the month: Golf, Bowling, Pinochle, RV Travel, Guest Speaker, Car Club, Fishing, and Luncheon Menu.

At our January luncheon I asked everyone to ask their wives what other main course they would prefer besides, Rib Eye Steak, Salmon, or Chicken Cordon Blue, or Chicken Picatta. Please let me know at the next luncheon on February 13th.

Our first Special Guest Speaker will be Leigh Roberts of the Tuskegee Airmen Heritage Chapter. Leigh is the Public Relations Officer and daughter of the Major who was played by Cuba Gooding in the movie "Red Tails". She will have a booth set up in the lounge at the start of our social hour. This will give her more time to answer questions and handout information about their organization. They are a non-profit charity that offers scholarships to graduating seniors in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) programs and single parents returning to school. At the luncheon she will show a 15-minute video and answer any questions.

I have also been in contact with the Korean Consul General in San Francisco. He wants to present a Korean War Medal and a Certificate to all who are Korean War Veterans. I will need to collect a copy of your DD214 form. The Consul General is tentatively scheduled for our November 13th luncheon. As you know he has the Olympics and North Korea to deal with. I will know definitely by September. Please bring a copy to the next luncheon or you can mail a copy to me at 24061 Hitching Post Rd. Sonora, CA 95370

Larry Matteson our Membership Growth Chairmen, is asking for volunteers to help man the SIRs Information Booth at the April Home and Garden Show. If you can help, please contact Larry Matteson in person or call (408) 691-9393.

Happy Valentine's Day! Don't forget your special Valentine on this day.



February 13th Guest Speaker

Leigh Roberts of Tuskegee Airmen Heritage Center



February 2018 Club and Committee Reports

February Birthdays:

Schmitz, Herman	02/01
Phillips, King	02/06
Rodrigues, Jim (J.R.)	02/06
Hoffman, Guy R.	02/06
Young, Dick	02/07
Megggers, Robert	02/09
Phillips, Jeff	02/11
Harm, Ray	02/23
Ollmann, James J.	02/25
Poston, Homer R.	02/25
Toews, Eddie L.	02/27

CAR CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366
farmrich40@gmail.com



As we enter the 2nd month of 2018, I'm pleased to see the mild weather that we classic car owners are still experiencing. Our car aficionado neighbors to the East have had heavy snow, icy roads & temps, with an abundance of winter potholes that have kept them from using their vehicles only sparingly. On the other hand, we here in the West have had a chance to at least take our special cars out for a short occasional drive. Now is a good time to change that old oil from last year, check your coolant level, give your brakes a onceover, and even wash & wax the old beauty. Before we know it, Spring will be here and it will be time to release our garaged treasures down the road.....here we come!

Don't forget the luncheon ticket drawings. Proceeds help with making our three special events more successful (Ladies Day, Family Picnic, and Christmas). Just look for Tom T. and Tom N. coming your way during the Social Hour and just prior to the Luncheon meeting starting.

FISHING

CHAIRMAN: Chuck Simons - 532-9550
simons4890@yahoo.com



Now that waterfowl season has come to an end, I will turn my attention back to fishing. Does anyone have ideas or suggestions for group trips or outings? Also, please let me know about your own fishing experiences so I can share them with our Branch. I can be reached by email or 209 770 5928.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Dale Decker - 533-0455
daledftg@sonnet.com

RV CLUB

CHAIRMAN: Eddie Toews 532-3970
lcoinlady@aol.com



January is a black month for the RV Club so there was no outing. Several of the club members did make a trip to Quartzsite, AZ. to get some much needed repairs to their rigs. The trip was very successful and many things fixed. Everyone had a good time.

January Membership

Total Active Members	221
Luncheon Attendance (68%)	150
Excused Absences (24%)	17

February 2018 Membership

January Active Membership	221
Applicants Being Installed	+3
Active Members to Inactive	0
Active Membership Outlook	224

We will be holding our annual planning meeting on February 20th, at My Garden Café on Mono Way at 9:00 AM. If you have not paid your dues, please bring them to the breakfast or mail them to: Scott Lewis, 21969 El Coyote Dr. Sonora, CA. 95370.

DECLARATIONS

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, 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 429 & 421).

BOWLING

CHAIRMAN: Open



Due to vacancy of the committee chair, there is no report this month. Any SIR interested in filling the position of Branch Bowling Committee Chairman please contact any member of the BEC. For duties and responsibilities, see the SIR bowling website at www.sirinc.org/bowling/.

Upcoming tournaments include: (Entry forms are available at the SIR bowling website)

February 13 & 14 - Livermore, Concord February 21, Carson City March 9-12



SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN
Steve Gregory - 533-0309
discogregory@aol.com

Good news this month—all is well.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, or by telephoning him at 533-0455. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **Dale Decker**, along with a check for the amount stated on the application. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN
Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you will find our membership roster, bulletins past and present, activity schedules, BEC meeting minutes, a link to the state SIR website, a link to the SIR promotional video and more. Tell prospective members about our website and encourage them to watch the video. If your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!
Steve Huff Editor - 770-0678
Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairmen who sent in their reports to me on or before the deadline. When you write your report please use Times New Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Steve Huff at: shuff0531@gmail.com
 The deadline for the next bulletin is:

[Friday March 2nd](#)

February 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

PINOCHLE

Chairman Bob Morrison - 588-0994
robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

We need more pinochle players, so please come and play with us. You don't need to know how to play because we will teach you. Also, you don't have to come every time, but only when you want to. You will play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you will pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) As a new player, you will win a cash prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. We meet each Monday at the Pine Tree Restaurant at the intersection of Hess Ave. and Mono Way. We start playing at 1:00 P.M. and end before 4:30 P.M. Some of us come earlier and have breakfast or lunch between noon and 1:00 P.M. For more information, please call me and/or go to the web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon. The three tables below show the results of the scores for our pinochle sessions. The first one lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played in January. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for January. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January.



January 2018		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Bill Lewis	172	444
Roland Patton	172	328
Al De Neveu	136	249
Henry Beltran	172	239
Sonny Tome	77	231

3 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	379
Bob Morrison	136	262
Art Bartee	172	246
Loein Smith	77	136

1 Monday Session Players		
Jim Turner	136	318
Del Rotelli	77	281
Bill Burnes	136	249
Bert Kronnick	77	224
Jerry Kopyn	172	155

Weekly First Place Winners			
Date	Player	Score	Branch#
Jan 08	Bill Lewis	445	172
Jan 15	Bill Lewis	420	172
Jan 22	Bill Lewis	525	172
Jan 29	Bill Lewis	387	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan	
Branch	Average Score
172	299
136	270
77	218

GOLF Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee
Paul Padavana - 532-8051
Asst Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Well, is everyone ready to start playing golf tournaments again?



The next **SIRS 136 / 77 / 172 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for February 20th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 9:30 AM. The format for this tournament has a twist, and will be "Two-man Best-Ball Blind Partner". When you check-in at the tournament you will pick a number that will match you up with your partner. More than likely you will not actually be playing in the same foursome as your partner and scores will be matched up at the end of the tournament. I would suggest checking in early because the first half of the field will actually be picking partners. **Sign-up deadline for this tournament is Friday, February, 16th (NO LATER).** Contact Paul Padavana at 209-532-8051 or e:mail paulp_57@yahoo.com. Hopefully the weather will be willing to let us play.

2018 DUES

ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS
OF JANUARY 2018
DUES ARE \$25.00

DUES WILL BE DELINQUENT
AFTER FEBRUARY 13, 2018

IF DUES ARE NOT PAID BY THE MARCH 13TH
MEETING THE DELINQUENT MEMBERS NAME
WILL BE POSTED IN THE APRIL BULLETIN.

Pay dues to Eddie Toews at The Back Table or Mail your Dues To:
Eddie Toews

21795 El Coyote Dr.

Sonora, Ca. 95370

Thank You, Eddie Toews, Treasurer

February 2018 Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar

Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Bowling –BO Pinochle– Pine Tree	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Bowling –BO Pinochle– Pine Tree	13 BEC 10 am Luncheon Noon Roast Pork+++ Bowling –Livermore	14 Bowling– Livermore	15	16 Golf signup deadline	17
18	19 Bowling –BO Pinochle– Pine Tree	20 Golf –Mtn Springs RV Club (9am My Garden Café) Bowling-Stockton	21	22	23	24
25	26 Bowling –BO Pinochle– Pine Tree	27	28		Bulletin Reports Due 3/2	

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