



SONORA SIR BRANCH #136

February 2019 Bulletin

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Branch Luncheon:

Feb 12th

Social Hour starts at 11AM

BEC meeting starts at 10 am
in the small bar area.

Luncheon Menu

Roast Pork & Applesauce,
Mashed Potatoes, Green
Beans, Green Salad, Roll,
Cookies

Luncheon prices for 2019

\$15.00 for full lunch

\$7.00 for salad only.



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 #, and
GUEST NAME; or the reason
you will not be able to attend
if applicable.



BIG SIR NOTES
Jim Botto - 586-0822

I am sure that by now you have set your New Years Resolutions and have broken at least half of them as I have. The one resolution that I will not break, is growing our membership as my predecessors have in the past. We now stand at 227 active members and it is my goal to increase that number by one. We lose on an average 25 members per year, due to normal attrition. Thus, we are developing aggressive plans to attract new members through our RAMP program. RAMP is an acronym for Recruitment, Activities, Membership, and Publicity. We are still looking for a leader since we now have all four chairmen in place, which includes the following:

RAMP Chairman: Open

Recruitment: Larry Matteson (209) 691-9393

Activities Director: Bill Lobdell (209) 586-7145

Membership Growth: Phil Baylis (510) 552-7596

Publicity: John Moyer (307) 321-0370

The RAMP Chairman will oversee and communicate with all four chairmen and provide their recommendations to the BEC for discussions and approval. Much of the communications will be done electronically via e-mails. If you have an interest in serving your fellow SIR members, please contact me at (209) 586-0822.

We now have a Membership Chairman, George Cocomes who will take over for Dale Decker. George was sponsored by Dale and inducted into our branch last month. Talk about a fast start, we are looking forward to all new and current members to step up and serve our branch. Getting involved in our branch can be fun and rewarding. Just try it you might like it!

I recently held a planning meeting with three other SIR Branches in our area: they include the Arnold Branch #152, the Twain Harte Branch #172, and the Sierra Branch #77. Our goal is to combine the activities of the various groups by sharing new ideas that might be of interest to all Sir members. As a result, a new calendar of events to include all four branches will be published in our monthly bulletin as well as in the other respective branch bulletins. At our next luncheon, members will be provided with a survey that lists "Activities to Consider" on a check sheet for the selection of those activities of interest. There will be a provision whereby you can add your own activity if it is not listed. The listing of your name and badge number is optional on the survey form. We will collect the surveys and review our findings at the March luncheon.

Our Little Sir Gene Zanoni has put together a Guest Speaker Committee to assist in finding the best speakers that will interest the majority of our members. Our guest Speaker for February will be: Ricardo Jauregui, Correctional Lieutenant, Cal Dept of Corrections. Dale Decker has been instrumental in organizing a new video and sound system that will greatly enhance our presentations. It should be up and running at the February Luncheon. See you all then.

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www.sirinc.org

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AREA 5 GOVERNOR

Sir Dale Decker, Sonora, CA

PAST BIG SIRs - BRANCH #136 SONORA

1997 - Dave Holton	1999 - Al Limon
2000 - Bob Gibbs	2002 - Jim Nuzum
2003 - Dick Nutting	2007 - Wil Reich
2008 - Roger Milligan	2009 - Don Nilan
2010 - Don Banchemo	2011 - Al Smith
2013 - Phil VanSwoll	2014 - John Bristow
2015 - Jim Johnson	2016 - Dale Decker
2017 - Danny Laureta	2018 - Paul Squeri

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015

Jim Johnson—Past Big SIR 2015

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RAMP -

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DIRECTORS

Second Year

Larry Matteson (408)691-9393

Serge Peluso 588-9444

First Year

Bill Guenza 568-7088

Steve Huff 770-0678

Marty Martin 568-1886

John Moyer (307)321-0370

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance Membership - George Cocores 456-9814

BEC Advisor - Al Limon 533-4544

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315

Bulletin - Steve Huff 770-0678

Car Club - Rich Rinaldi 532-8366

Fishing - Chuck Simons -532-9550

Golf - Paul Padavana 532-8051

Tom Nischwitz 694-8624

Danny Laureta 586-4083

Honorary Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Asst Danny Laureta 586-4083

Kayaking—Sol Robin 651-1054

Lunch Tickets - Roger Swartz 533-0376

Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

Luncheon Drawing - Tom Neiderer 569-9003

Tom Turner 928-4876

Media Exchange - Sol Robin 651-1054

Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338

Nominating Com. Chair. - Paul Squeri

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 - Vacant

Wine Tasting - Phil Van Swoll 532-1133

SIR Mission Statement

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



LITTLE SIR NOTES
Gene Zanoni - 532-1989

The Guest Speakers Committee held its initial meeting shortly after the conclusion of January's monthly luncheon. The committee is composed of Gerald "Blair" Abbott (209-694-0323), Jim "J.R." Rodrigues (209-536-4338,) and myself. We participated in a lengthy session that was very comprehensive and constructive in nature. Potential guest speakers and relevant topics for presentation were addressed with careful consideration as the committee enthusiastically shared their ideas relevant to its objectives. Members having ideas for topics or presenters, now is the time for your voices to be heard: you are strongly encouraged to contact any Guest Speakers Committee member, as all suggestions received will be giving serious consideration.

Dale Decker, our Area 5 Governor and chief advocate for the acquisition and implementation of the new audio/visual equipment, maintains the equipment shall be available for use as early as the upcoming February 12th monthly luncheon. The equipment includes the following: component VGA output to HDMI, an HD video camera, a Blu-ray DVD player and four 65" television screens. As a result, the forthcoming guest speaking engagements should provide a superior experience for all those in attendance. Our first scheduled 2019 monthly luncheon guest speaker will be Correctional Lieutenant Ricardo Jauregui, a representative from the Sierra Conservation Center, Jamestown, CA.

Two new members were inducted in January and they include George Cocores #175, our newly-recognized Membership Chairman, and Chris Methot #218, a member of our Special Events Committee. I encourage the membership-at-large to embrace these two individuals, as well as all future incoming members, in order for them to be able to readily develop a strong sense of identity with our organization. I will now conclude by focusing my attention on the composition of the Special Events Committee membership totaling six volunteers. Should any member be interested, please contact me immediately. Your participation shall greatly be appreciated. Additional information regarding the progression of the Special Events Committee is forthcoming in next month's "NOTES."

February Luncheon Guest Speaker

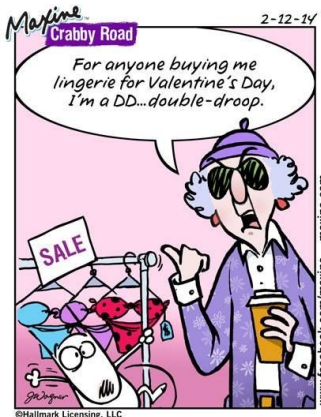
Correctional Lieutenant Ricardo Jauregui,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Birthdays

* = 90 or older

Phillips, King	02/06
Rodrigues, Jim	02/06
Hoffman, Guy R.	02/06
Young, Dick	02/07
Meggars, Robert	02/09
Phillips, Jeff	02/11
Risner, Ron	02/16
Harm, Ray	02/23
Poston, Homer R.	02/25
Ollmann, James J.	02/25
Toews, Eddie L.	02/27



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dale Decker - 533-0455
daledftg@sonnet.com

January Membership

Total Active Members		227
Luncheon Attendance	(67%)	151
Excused Absences	(30%)	22

Guests 4

February 2019 Membership

January Active Membership	227
Applicants Being Installed	1
Active Members Lost (Resigned)	3
Active Member Lost (Died)	0
Active Membership Outlook	225

February 2019 Club and Committee Reports

CAR CLUB

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



Just as predicted, winter rain and snow have arrived here in our Mother Lode area. While we wait for the weather to get more friendly, plans are afoot for the first car shows of the upcoming spring season. Meanwhile my GTO would not start after numerous tries this past week. After trouble shooting the electrical system, I found that no power is getting to the coil, and no clicking from the starter so I am forced to have my friend Dan; up at D&D Auto, check out the problem for me. That means flatbed towing the "GOAT" up to Longeway Rd & checking the ignition system & a few other minor troubles. I will keep you informed as we get into March. Call me if you have any helpful suggestions on future tours or events we can share with our "car" aficionados as we get into warmer weather.... working on getting power to the GTO again soon....Rich!

BOWLING

CHAIRMAN: Bert Abreo 736-4808
murabreo@comcast.net



Week of 12-17-2018

High Game – Talf Wynne 259

High Series – Gene Deaver 697

Pins over average Gene Deaver 79 pins over in Game 279

Week of 1-7-2019

High Game – Kevin Flanagan 218

High Series – Dave Rossi 821

Pins over average Dave Rossi 87 pins over in Game 299 and 185 over in Series 821

Week of 1-14-2019

High Game – Gene Deaver 227

High Series – Kevin Flanagan 641

Week of 1-21-2019

High Game – Kevin Flanagan 223

High Series – Tom Turner 617

Standings No Excuses 11-1

Bob's Boys & Drex Wrex 8-4

Dennis' Gang & Hines Pickles 7-5

Highest Game to Date – Dave Rossi 299

Highest Series to Date – Dave Rossi 821

Most Pins over average to Date – Dave Rossi for both game and Series 87-185

Upcoming SIR Tournaments

Feb 12-13 Livermore

Mar 19-20 Concord

Apr 8-11 Carson City

Apr 26-27 Sutter Creek



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

No report this month



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, online at the Branch website, or by telephoning him at 456-9814. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **George Cocores**, along with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln, Twain Hart 95383.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN
Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630
 Asst- **Danny Laureta—586-4083**

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 thank the committee chairmen who send 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

Deadline to submit reports for the March bulletin is: Thurs Feb 28

February 2019 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

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



The three adjacent tables show our scores for the pinochle sessions in January. The first one lists for each player the average of the scores for the sessions he played. The second lists the first place winner and his score for each week. The third lists the average score of each SIR branch for the year through January.

Please join us in playing pinochle. If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. You don't need to come every time but only when you want to. Your first two sessions are free, but thereafter you pay only \$3 at each session. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at the end of one of your free sessions. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. The two highest scoring players at the end of a session win cash prizes. We meet each Monday at the Senior Center, Room C, 540 Greenley Rd. We start playing at 1:00 P.M. and finish before 4:30 P.M. Some of us come earlier to have lunch between noon and 1:00 P.M. To have a lunch served by the Senior Center, you must be seated at a table in the lunch room by noon. Or you can bring your own lunch and have it in either the lunch room or Room C. For more information, please call me and/or go to the web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.

January 2019		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Bill Lewis	172	295
Roland Patton	172	286
Henry Beltran	172	268
Bob Morrison	136	253
Sonny Tome	77	253
Jerry Kopyn	172	248
John Salmon	136	228
Jerry Morrison	77	226
3 Monday Session Players		
Harold Basey	77	377
Dave Goldemberg	172	306
Art Bartee	172	292
Del Rotelli	77	287
Al De Neveu	136	279
Jim Turner	136	248
1 Monday Session Players		
Bill Burnes	136	285
Bert Kronnick	77	149
Jerry Morrow	172	123

Weekly First Place Winners			
Week	Player	Score	Branch
1	Harold Basey	418	77
2	Dave Goldemberg	400	172
3	Art Bartee	385	172
4	Jerry Morrison	453	77

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan	
Branch	Average Score
172	259
136	259
77	258



Special Notices

February 2019 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

Luncheon prices for 2019 will be \$15.00 for the full lunch, or \$7.00 if you are having salad only.

2019 DUES
MUST BE PAID BY FEBRUARY 12th
DUES ARE \$25.00
Contact Eddie Toews

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



There is no golf report this month.

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



The RV group didn't have an outing in January, but a few of us did make a trip to Quartzsite, AZ. for some repairs to our rigs. It was a very enjoyable trip and we were gone for 10 days. Some went on to other locations. Our next club function will be our kickoff

Luncheon Ticket Drawings

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 Neiderer coming your way during the Social Hour and just prior to the Luncheon meeting starting.

Media Exchange

Please participate in our Media Exchange! We have books, CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles that you may borrow and enjoy. No library card or sign out sheet required. We only ask that when you are finished with them please return them. Also please consider contributing items so that other members can enjoy them, as well (No VCR Tapes or magazines please).

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

No Fishing report this month.



DECLARATIONS:

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

All travel and other events/activities arranged for or sponsored by SIR, Inc. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members of SIR and their guests who desire to participate. SIR, Inc. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or passengers or their property whatsoever, in any matters pertaining to said events/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).

KAYAKING/EASY HIKING
CHAIRMAN: Sol Robin 651-1054
solhomes@sbcglobal.net



Kayaking will resume in the Spring! This is a great time to find a deal on a kayak!

In conjunction with the Twain Harte SIR Group we are starting a new hiking group that will be much less strenuous than the existing hiking group. Our first hike is scheduled for March 14, time and place to be determined, followed by hikes on the second Thursday of each month. These hikes will be around 4 miles and conducted at a moderate pace. Please call or email with any questions, suggestions or to be included

2020 Alaska Cruise?

Would you like to cruise with a bunch of SIR members and their wives/significant others? We are planning a 10 day round trip cruise out of San Francisco. If interested please contact Sol Robin (209-651-1054 or solhomes@sbcglobal.net) for more information!

ATTENTION ALL

2019 DUES

ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS

OF JANUARY 2019

DUES ARE \$25.00

DUES WILL BE DELINQUENT

AFTER FEBRUARY 12, 2019.

**IF DUES ARE NOT PAID BY THE MARCH 12th
MEETING THE DELINQUENT MEMBERS NAME
WILL BE POSTED IN THE APRIL BULLETIN.**

Make Dues Checks Payable To “SIRS Branch 136

Pay dues to Eddie Toews at the back table or mail dues to:

Eddie Toews

21795 El Coyote Dr.

Sonora, Ca. 95370

Thank You, Eddie Toews, Treasurer

Area 5 - Combined Group Activity Chairmen 2019

as of - 1/31/2019

	Branch 136-Sonora	Branch 77-Jamestown	Branch 172-Twain Harte	Branch 152-Arnold
Big Sir	Jim Botto 586-0822	Don Ronalter 984-9383	Dick Chimenti 677-7070	Brian Raley 795-2876
Activity Director Group	Bill Lobdell 586-1754	George Kellerman 533-9083		
Biking	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Steve Happel 532-7240	See Branch 172
Bowling	Bert Abreo 736-4804	Larry Lund 586-2276	See Branch 136 & 77	See Branch 136 & 77
Golf	Paul Padavana 532-8051	Kent Kirkland 532-3435	Doug Peters 532-3739	See Branch 136
1st Tuesday Tournaments	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Handicap	Paul Padavana 532-8051	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Advisor	Tom Nischwitz 694-8624	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Hiking	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Hiking	See Branch 77	Mike Clay 588-1345	See Branch 77	See Branch 77
Fishing	Chuck Simons 532-9550	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Horseshoes	See Branch 77	Bob Nath 532-2229	See Branch 77	See Branch 77
Pinochle	Bob Morrison 588-0995	Bert Kronnick 586-7726	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
RV Travel	Ed Toews 532-3970	See Branch 136	See Branch 136 & 77	See Branch 136 & 77
Tech/Computer				
Travel				
Theatre	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Sprague Edwards 586-2818	See Branch 172
Wine Tasting	Phil VanSwoll 532-1133	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Antique Cars				
Woodworking				Dick Watson 795-6031
Poker	George Parsons 533-8637	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Bocce Ball	Jerry Stefan 925-570-5512	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Fine Dining				
Gardening				
Dancing				
Car Club	Rich Rinaldi 532-8366	See Branch 136	See Branch 136	See Branch 137
Pot Luck Dinner				
Book Exchange	Jim Rodrigues 536-4338			
Media Exchange	Sol Robin 651-1054			
Kayak	Sol Robin 651-1054	See Branch 136 & 172	Dave Kenney davehikes98@sbcglobal.net	See Branch 136 & 172

Note: With 4 local SIR Branches in the area it is more efficient to share activity chairmen & contacts. If you see an activity you would like to consider joining please call the person identified for that activity. The member can assist you in where to meet, at what time and answer any questions you may have.

2019 LUNCHEON MENU

SONORA SIR—BRANCH 136

All Tuesday luncheons include Green Salad, Roll & Butter, and Coffee

Price is \$15.00 for full luncheon or \$7.00 for Salad Only (except as noted*)

January 8

Sirloin Tips, Noodles, Carrots, Chocolate Pudding

February 12

Roast Pork & Applesauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cookies

March 12

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Diced Red Potatoes, Carrots, Cake
Optional menu choice to be announced

April 9

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sherbet

May 14*

Lady's Day Luncheon – Special Menu and price

June 11

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Shortcake

July 9

Chicken Cacciatore (with Mixed Vegetables), Penne Pasta, Vanilla Pudding

August 13*

Family Day Picnic – Menu, location, and price to be announced

September 10

Roast Beef Au Jus, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Chocolate Pudding

October 8

Sirloin Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler

November 12

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Buttered Corn, Candied Yams, Pumpkin Pie


December 10*

Christmas Luncheon – Special Menu and price

Post this page on your refrigerator for year-round easy reference.

February 2019 Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar

Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Pinochle-Senior Ctr Bowling- Black Oak	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Pinochle Senior Ctr Bowling- Black Oak	12 BEC 10 AM Luncheon - Noon Roast Pork	13	14 	15	16
17	18 Pinochle-Senior Ctr Bowling- Black Oak	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Pinochle-Senior Ctr Bowling- Black Oak	26	27	28		

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