



# BULLETIN

## January, 2024

Website: [sonorasirs.org](http://sonorasirs.org)  
SONORA BRANCH #136

**Tuesday, Jan. 9th**

**Jerry Bellefeuille**

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Or Call (209) 588-3978

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

Deadline for reservations is  
**Jan. 4, 2024**

### Menu

Sirloin Tips, Noodles, Carrots,  
Green Salad and Chocolate Pudding



### **BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!**

**Jim Botto Editor - (209) 559-0931**

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If you have any photos of your activity please attach them to your reports. If I do not receive your report by the deadline I will just report no activity for the month. Please send all bulletin input to Jim Botto at:

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The deadline for the next bulletin is

**January 31, 2024**



### **INTERNET CHAIRMAN**

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Our Branch website is at [sonorasirs.org](http://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**

**Rick Bronner**

**(408) 318-4826**

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Happy New Year to all my fellow SIR members. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas as well. Before I get into our plans for 2024, I want to take time to thank our outgoing board and especially our past Big SIR Eddie Toews. Eddie did a fantastic job leading us thru the year. We had to deal with increasing costs at the Elks Lodge as well as Luncheon fees. Hopefully costs will settle down this year.

Speaking of Luncheons our Holiday banquet was a big success. It was nice to see the Ladies back. I want to especially thank Dino and his staff for the wonderful meal and great service. Also, kudos all of you that contributed to the nice tip we awarded them. Also, I want to thank everyone that brought gifts for our raffle. Again, it was a big success. I really liked the new raffle tickets. Boy did that make it a lot easier with only ONE number to remember. I had the pleasure of announcing the winners again. I believe there was even one lady that won several of Earl Randall's liquor contributions. I swear she told me she doesn't even drink!

Now plans for 2024. Since I am new to the Big SIR position, I'm hoping to be working with our new board to see what we can do to put our members first. We're working on a new idea for our summer picnic. Stay tuned! Let's see if we can come up with some exciting ideas for our members this year. So, let's have a great 2024.



### **January Birthdays**

Grimm, Bob	01/02
Lobdell, Bill	01/03
Molinari, Mo	01/05
Jeppson, Dave	01/10
Botto, Jim *DSA	01/12
Foret, Gerald	01/13
Bulich, Otto	01/19
Wallace, Jim	01/21
Robin, Sol	01/25
Dentino, Dick	01/26
Bettencourt, Gene	01/27



### **LITTLE SIR MESSAGE**

**Mike Krom**

**(209) 586-1533**

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My name is Mike Krom, and this is my third year with sirs. On the most part I know quite a bit of the members here. If they don't know me or they might think I might look familiar it is because I was the owner of Mikes Mowers for 35 years. My wife is Pam, and we have six children and 11 grandchildren which keeps her pretty busy and me broke. Not really but she is busy and helps out with some sirs events. I got off to a somewhat slow start with this venture, but I will pick up the pace immediately. Guest speakers is my biggest project at the moment beginning with Todd Simonson speaking for us in January. Pam and I love the RV group, so I will be trying to get more members to participate with that also, I use to be a bowler, a golfer and the only card playing I did is at the poker table. I intend to help out our big sir as much as I can along with my other duties and hope to get some more people to join and get this group built back up. Realizing that things are not what they use to be, and the world keeps changing, we as a group can help all of us make this transition gradually and hopefully painlessly. Here is to our future. Happy New Year to all.



### **RV CLUB NEWS**

**Eddie Toews (209) 532-3970**

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The RV Club had a wonderful end of year Christmas Dinner at the Peppery a couple of weeks ago. That was the last function for the 2023 season. January will be a quiet month. Our next function will be our 2024 kickoff breakfast in February at "The My Garden Café".

We have two outings scheduled for 2024. First is in March, Betabel RV Park near Gilroy and one in July, Sugar Barge over in the Delta. More information to follow. The RV Club is now open to all Sirs Member in good standing that would like to join us on an outing. You don't have to have an RV, a lot of the parks have Cabins, tent camping and you can rent an RV or a hotel room close by and spend the week with us enjoying the activities. Just contact Eddie Toews, RV Chairman, at 209-770-3776, or RV Club member for more information.

Be safe and see you down the road.



## **CAR CLUB NEWS**

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It's that time of year again. If you have a special vehicle that you don't plan on driving during the winter like I do it's time to think about preventative measures. Ideally putting your car on jack stands and adding a fuel additive like Stabil is recommended. Also, a full tank of gas is preferred since it will minimize the amount of condensation build up. A good car cover is always a smart thing even if it's garaged. Add a trickle charger and when Spring arrives you will be ready to hit the road. One more thing to consider is keeping rodents out of your car. That even includes plugging your exhaust openings. You might even consider one of the rodent deterrent devices like mouse blocker products-<https://mouseblocker.com>



## **BOWLING REPORT**

**Rick Bronner - (209) 533-4289**  
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Our first SIR bowling tournament will be at Napa Bowl on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Followed by Sacramento's County Club Lanes on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link to SIR Bowling; <https://sirbowling.org> I hope to see my fellow bowler's at least one of our SIR tournaments this year.



## **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

**George Cocores - (209) 456-9814**  
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<b>December Luncheon</b>	
Luncheon Attendance	114
<b>Current Month Membership</b>	
Active Membership (Nov.)	133
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	0
<b>Active Membership Oct.</b>	<b><u>133</u></b>



## **CHAPLIN'S CORNER**

**Steven Gregory - (209) 728-5807**  
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Wishing everyone a healthy and Happy New Year



## **FISHING CHAIRMAN**

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 No Report This Month



## **Sonora Sirs Branch 136**

### **2024 Board/Executive Committee**



#### **2024 Sonora Sirs Officers**

<b>Big SIR</b>	Rick Bronner	(408) 318-4826
<b>Little SIR</b>	Mike Krom	(209) 586-1533
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<b>Asst. Trea</b>	Eddie Toews	(209) 532-3970

## **PINOCHLE REPORT**

No Report this month  
 Chairman Position now open



## **KAYAKING**

**Sol Robin (707) 315-1284**  
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 No Report This Month



## **GOLF CLUB NEWS**

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 No Report This Month



#### **New Members**

Don Herzer  
 Manuel Armendariz

#### **2024 Sonora Sirs Directors**

<b>Jim Botto</b>	(209) 559-0931
<b>Marty Martin</b>	(209) 586-1886
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<b>Paul Squeri</b>	(209) 586-4083
<b>George Cocores</b>	(209) 456-9814



# Sonora Sir Branch 136 Annual Christmas Luncheon December 12, 2023



# ATTENTION ALL

## 2024 DUES

ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS  
OF JANUARY 2024

**DUES ARE \$30.00**

DUES WILL BE DELINQUENT  
AFTER FEBRUARY 13, 2024

IF DUES ARE NOT PAID BY THE MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
THE DELINQUENT MEMBERS NAME WILL BE POSTED  
IN THE MARCH BULLETIN.

**Make Checks Payable To "SIRS Branch 136"**

**Pay Dues To: John Salmon or Ed Toews at back table or Mail to:**

**10844 Countryside Ct., Sonora, Ca. 95370**

**Thank You, John Salmon, Treasurer**



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**Get on your computer and go to <https://sir.ourproshop.com>** and peruse the items available and order on-line. Notice that shipping and handling charges are avoided above a certain order amount. If your order is large enough to avoid these charges or you are willing to pay them, process your order. If you know of a friend who also wants SIRs merchandise, consolidate your order with him.

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2003 - Dick Nutting 2004 - Bill Dunlavy  
2007 - Wil Reich 2008 - Roger Milligan  
2009 - Don Nilan 2010 - Don Banchemo  
2011 - Al Smith 2012 - Baci Frecceri  
2013 - Phil VanSwoll 2014 - John Bristow  
2015 - Jim Johnson 2016 - Dale Decker  
2017 - Danney Laureta 2018 - Paul Squeri  
2019 - Jim Botto - Gene Zaroni - 2020 &  
2021 - Phil VanSwoll 2022 - Eddie Toews  
2023

## BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016  
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009  
Gene Zaroni - Big Sir 2020

## 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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