



BULLETIN

July, 2023

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Tuesday, July 11th

Happy Hour at 11:00am

Lunch at 12:00pm

Contact:

George Cocores (209) 456-9814
or greekbreak1@aol.com

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

Deadline for reservations is
July 7, 2023

Menu

Country Pork Ribs, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Corn (substitute Peas), Green Salad and Vanilla Pudding



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

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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:

giacamo42@gmail.com

The deadline for the next bulletin is

July 31, 2023

INTERNET CHAIRMAN

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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 in July, the year seems to be flying by. June was another fairly quiet month. There were a couple of issues discussed that included changing Frank Taylor, our longest standing "Honorary Life Member" to "Honorary Life Member Emeritus". There was a motion and vote to honor him with this. The vote was unanimous.

We also discussed the need for some additional help on the reservations for the luncheons process. Currently we have a person that does the job each month. We also have a backup person that steps up to the job when the main person has another commitment. The situation came to light in June when the main person was on vacation and that backup ended up in the hospital for two weeks. What we need is to have a third person to do the job if this was to ever happen again. Let's hope not. How it will work is, you will have the software installed on your computer and be trained on how the system works. You may never have to be called on to do this, lets hope not, but you will be able to step in and do this if needed. Contact Eddie Toews, BIG SIR, if you are interested in doing this.

Our Family picnic is scheduled for next month on August 2023. See flier in Bulletin. The tickets will be on sale again here at the July luncheon meeting and if you can't get them then, contact Eddie Toews, 209-770-3776 and leave a message and he will get back to you and get you your tickets. Come and enjoy the outdoors and visit with friends that you haven't seen in a while. Hope to see you there.

Have a save and fun holiday.



Happy Independence Day



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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We have begun selling tickets for our summer BBQ. We are returning to Indigeny reserve on Tuesday August 8th. Tickets are \$30 and you have your choice if Tri-Tip, Caprese Chicken or salmon. Drinks and desert are included. There will also be a raffle so if you can please bring something to contribute.

I'd like to thank General Manager Don Perkins, Admin Services Director Abby Parcon and Admin Specialist Emily Long for their updates with TUD progress on water delivery services in our county. I'd also like to thank Jennifer for her nice video presentation of the new water treatment plant under construction.

Our guest speaker for July is our very own Richard Lundin from branch 136. Richard is a geologist and archeologist located here in Sonora. Richard has years of experience working with the USGS and the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society. Richard has a vast knowledge of the history of gold mining here in our area as well as the west coast. I'll be looking forward to hearing about the history of mining here in Tuolumne County as well as current mining operations. I understand our great winter rains have uncovered lots of new opportunities for gold hunters.



Rick Bronner welcomed two new members to our branch: Steve Frinigan & Tom Clauson. If you see these gentlemen at our luncheon please offer them your welcome and introduce yourself.



Independence Day



GOLF CLUB NEWS

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Here are the results from the June 20th SIR tournament at La Contenta Golf Course in Valley springs.

Format: 4 Man Scramble

1st - S. Brown, D. Davis, M. Oliver, F. Rands (net 64)

2nd - C. Anderson. J. Perrault, Dennis Land, Pete Larkin (net 65)

#2 CTH 114 yards Par 3

1st - Pete Larkin 7'-0

2nd - Frank Rands 14'-6

3rd - Derle Davis 18'-1

#13 CTH 138 yards Par 3

1st - Mike Baumgartner 1'-4

2nd - Rod Salvi 1'-9

3rd - Rick Bronner 8'-5

Sir's July golf outing: Tuesday July 18 @ Teleli GC

Please contact **Danny Laureta** at drlaureta@gmail.com to join.



BOWLING REPORT

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There was a SIR bowling tournament in June at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek. I was the lone representative from 136. I struggled with the shot and didn't place well. Gene Mendenhall and John Brasco from branch 77 took first place in doubles. Gene also took 4th in singles. I will be bowling this July in Auburn at Foothills Bowling Center. For those of you who have been bowling at Black Oak you may want to consider joining me in Auburn. Black Oak bowling will close on July 5th for their remodel and won't reopen until after Labor Day. Applications and future SIR bowling tournaments can be found at sirbowling.org.



Membership

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814

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| June Luncheon | | |
| Luncheon Attendance | (44%) | 60 |
| Excused Absences | (56%) | 75 |
| Current Month Membership | | |
| Active Membership (May) | | 133 |
| Applicants Being Installed | | +2 |
| Active Members Lost | | -0 |
| Active Membership June | | 135 |



RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Club had a really nice outing to Chico, Ca. We stayed at the "Almond Tree RV Park". The Hosts were Bill & Peggy Guenza and Co-hosts were Chuck & Francisca Simons. It was a "Hawaiian theme". The park was small with only 42 sites, and it had a nice pool, but was very nice and clean.

Several of us toured the Bidwell Manson and then the group got together for a great lunch at "Smokin Mo's B,B,Q. The ribs were great. The next day we went to the Sierra Nevada Brewery where we sampled several beers. It was a great outing.

Our neat outing won't be until September 25th. The hosts will be Mike & Pam Krom with Co-hosts Stan & Ruth Enos. We will be going to Casper RV park in Mendocino, CA. for 5 nights.

As always, any SIR's member in good standing is welcomed to join us on any of the outings and meet new friends. Contact Eddie Toews, RV Chairman, or any RV club member for information on outings. We are a great and fun group.



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284

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The next Kayak outing will be on Tuesday July 25th. Time and place still being discussed. Please call or text Sol at 707-315-1284 for more info.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------|-------|
| Swartz, Rodger | 07/03 |
| Hildinger, Jim | 07/03 |
| Randall, Earl | 07/04 |
| Luz, Brad | 07/11 |
| VanSwoll, Phil | 07/12 |
| Pope, Bill | 07/12 |
| Mueller, James | 07/14 |
| Preston, Steve | 07/16 |
| Krom, Mike | 07/18 |
| Waters, Dennis | 07/23 |
| Davis, Gary | 07/25 |
| Slemmons, Paul | 07/26 |
| Marrs, John | 07/27 |
| Quinton, John | 07/31 |



PINOCHLE REPORT

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No Report this month.



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

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Good news: No chaplains report!
See you at our next luncheon.



CAR CLUB NEWS

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No Report this month



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550

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No Report this month



Sonora SIR Branch #136

Summer Family

BBQ Picnic

August 8, 2023

Indigeny Reserve

14679 Summers Lane

Sonora, CA



Directions to Indigeny (*please try to carpool*)

- Drive north on Greenley Rd. and Turn Right onto Lyons Bald Mountain Rd.
- Drive 4 miles, **GO PAST** the Apple Valley Estate sign
- You will see and pass the sign **NARROW BRIDGE**
- Reach Apple Valley Ranches, **TURN RIGHT** at **Apple Hill Drive**
- Veer **LEFT** at **SUMMERS LANE**
- Continue on Summers Lane (1 mile) drive thru the covered bridge.



Social Hour 10:00 am
Lunch Served 12:00 noon

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Menu:
Mesquite Grilled Tri-Tip or
Caprese Chicken Breast or
Roasted Salmon Filet

Two free Any Beverage tickets
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& Bottled Water

\$30.00 Per Person
Tickets will be on sale at the
June & July Luncheons
Deadline August 1st

Want Some SIRs Apparel?

- (A) Get on your computer and go to <https://sir.ourproshop.com> and peruse the items available and order online. 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. You can also go on Branch 136's website, go to the "SIR Apparel" link to get an order form to fill out. Bring the order form, along with your check for the order amount, and give it to Fred Kehr at the next monthly meeting. Fred Kehr will consolidate orders to avoid shipping and handling charges.
- (B) If you don't have access to a computer, a couple of catalogs will be available at our meetings on a table between the bar and dining area at the Elk's Lodge. Browse through the catalog, and if you find something you want, take an order sheet and fill it out, placing the completed form on the designated clip board. Don't hesitate to ask Fred Kehr in person or on 209-840-0719 about details. Once the order form is completed, Fred Kehr will hold on to the orders until sufficient volume to avoid shipping and handling charges have been accumulated. At that time, Fred Kehr will ask you to pay for your order before ordering the merchandise. Of course, if you are willing to pay these charges, your order will be handled separately, once you have paid for it. If Fred Kehr doesn't get enough orders together in a month or two, he will contact you to determine the next course of action, i.e., hold on to it or return your check.





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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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