

BULLETIN

JUNE 2014



Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the

Sonora Elks Lodge on **Tuesday,**

June 10th @ 11:00 am (Luncheon

Meeting Starts at Noon)

The Branch Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 am.



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

If you are not able to attend the regular monthly meeting please call the Membership Message Line at

536 - 6311

and leave a clear message with your NAME & BADGE # and the reason you will not be able to attend.

BIG SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066

I am scheduled to have my left hip surgery on June 10th so I will not be attending luncheon. However, from what I've been hearing and what I observed at the Ladies Day Luncheon Jim Johnson has been doing an outstanding job as Big Sir - Thanks!

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

Well, the Ladies Day Luncheon is past and based on the feed back everyone had a good time - with 176 signed up.

A big thanks to the Special Events Committee Mariano Garces, Maurice Rollins and Bob Gelber, good job! I would also like to thank Joe and Betty Domagalla for helping with the drawing ticket sales and Dale Decker for helping with the sign-in table, thank you!

We also had a number of our members donate items for the drawing, we had over twenty very nice items for the drawing. Jack and Rosie Walls, Bernie Long, John and Diane Avila were the decorating committee - thank you, the tables looked

great. A special thanks to my wife Ginny - she kept me on task and was a big help. Now the Annual BBQ is just around the corner. Maurice Rollins will be selling tickets for the August BBQ at the June and July monthly meetings. This will be a great event so make sure you don't miss it.

H. Randolph Holder will be June's Luncheon Meeting speaker. If you don't know Randolph you will surely recognize his voice. He is the President and CEO of Clarke Broadcasting Corporation and owner-operator of KVML, KZSQ-FM and KKBN-FM local radio stations in Tuolumne County and my MotherLode.com. This will be a very informative program, so don't miss it.

Thank you to all of the following members who donated items, some of them hand made, to the Ladies Day Luncheon

Drawing:

Ron Long: Handmade walnut folding table

Joe Domogalla: Handmade oak table

Maurice Rollins: Three handmade clocks & a Galileo Thermometer

Jim Ollmann: Handmade cutting board

Bob Braida: Vintage bottle of Port

Bert Maxwell: Wine and Champagne

Bob Gelber: Bottles of Wine

Dale Decker: Bottles of Wine

John Bristow: Floral arrangement

Jim Johnson: Hand crafted Deco light

GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Results of May 27th Golf

Tournament at Mountain Springs

Individual Low Net Winners:

Flight A:

1st Place Matt Clay Net 61

2nd Place Chace Anderson Net 65

3rd Place Danny Laureta Net 66

Flight B:

1st Place Trini Mercado Net 61

2nd Place Kevin Mooney Net 64

3rd Place Gene Deaver Net 67

Closest to the hole #7:

1st Place Dan Cassaro 28' 8"

2nd Place Trini Mercado

& Phil VanSwoll 33' 1"

Both tied exactly!!

Closest to the hole #12:

1st Place Rudy Flores 8' 8"

2nd Place Chace Anderson 12' 1"

3rd Place Tom Newell 19' 1/2"

Next Golf Tournament:

Tuesday, June 24th, 8:00 am Tee Time
Shotgun Start

Note early summer start

EAT SLEEP PINOCHLE

PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison 588-0994

For you veterans in our SIR branch, the ones who played pinochle while in the service, I would like to extend a special invitation. Please join us for a fun afternoon of playing pinochle. You say you haven't played that game in years. No problem! We will tutor you in our rules. And for everybody else, you're invited too. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, again no problem! We will tutor you too. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you get such cheap entertainment?) You can get your \$3 back plus much, much more if you have one of the three highest scores at the end of the meeting. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. You need not attend every meeting. We meet each Monday from noon to 4 P.M. at the Moose Lodge.

For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the Pinochle icon



SUNSHINE - CHAPLIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Which of these do we find ourselves seeking the most?

JUSTICE - getting what is coming to me

MERCY - NOT getting what is coming to me

GRACE - Getting what is NOT coming to Me

Find out at our June Luncheon

BULLETIN INPUT

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Please send any articles or other items of general interest that you would like to see included in one of our Branch #136 bulletins to Dale.

The deadline for the next bulletin is

June 29, 2014

Happy Birthday!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Larry Brown	6th
Ray Spruner	6
Jerry Bellefeuille	8
Tom Newell	11
Paul Reinhart	17
Tom Nischwitz	17
Dale Decker	19
John Miller	19
Bill Schuler	21
Don Banchemo	22
Month Youngborg	22
Dick Nutting	28
Herbert Kangas	28
Ben Teal	29
Gene Morales	29



RV CLUB NEWS
Jim Botto -586-0822
Ron Long -586-1838

Sugar Barge RV Outing May 18 - 22

While we only had 5 rigs, we had a wonderful time! The weather was perfect - between 75 to 78 degrees.

When we arrived on Sunday, we had lunch at the Sugar Barge Bar & Grill and sat on the outside deck overlooking the Delta.

We celebrated Don and Donna Utt's 68 year anniversary, although they were unable to attend for health reasons. We also celebrated Ginny Johnson and Cathie Lobdell's birthdays.

The ladies spent a day at the thrift stores in Brentwood and Oakley. I would like to also thank the ladies for lots of great food!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Angelo Costanza - 588-9529**

As of May 22, 2014:

Current Active Membership 222

MEMBER RELATIONS

NEW MEMBER CANDIDATES

The following individuals have applied for membership in Sirs Branch #136 Applicant (Sponsor):

Tom Lively (Bill Lobdell #324)

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

The following member candidates are to be installed at this month's luncheon

Candidate (Sponsor):

Alan Nix (Blaine Cluff #265)

HELP WANTED

Bulletin Assistant:

Microsoft Word & Publisher, Assist with Bulletin Preparation and Distribution

Membership Assistant:

Microsoft Word & Excel, Assist with Membership & Attendance Records and Reports

Luncheon

Tickets (2 Back Ups Needed):

Work at Luncheon Check-in Table to Collect Monies, issue lunch tickets and Record Member Attendance

Fishing Chairman:

Organize Fishing Interest Group, Plan Fishing Trips, Report Activities to BEC and branch membership.

Public Relations:

Increase Local Awareness of SIRs Branch #136, Submit Articles to Union Democrat, be a Central Contact Person for our Branch and other SIRs Branches.

CONTACT: JIM JOHNSON 536-1595



DUES ARE OVERDUE!

Our annual membership dues were due in January of this year and we still have 40 members (18%) that have not yet paid. If you have not paid your dues for this year you should mail a check to Frank Taylor at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370.

Be sure to put your badge number on the check.



WATER SHORTAGE - PLEASE CONSERVE

New Melones Reservoir is currently at an elevation of 912.56 feet. This is down by 175.44 feet! When the elevation reaches 900 feet all boat launches will be closed.

Please conserve water - we are being asked to reduce our usage by 50%!



MOTHER LODE TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR
Rich Lundin - 586-5632
wondjinaman@gmail.com

Fall 2014 Trip being planned:

3 day trip to Yosemite National Park, Bodie State Park, Nevada Ghost towns and rock hounding sites, Shopping and Casinos for \$250/Person, Double Occupancy, \$350/ Person, Single Occupancy. Visits to the Ghost Towns of Bodie, Ludwig and the Grand Mining Town of Virginia City.

The trip will be on Linkline with 14 & 35 passenger vans. Transportation, 3 star Lodging at Casinos at Topaz Lake and Virginia City, all Park admissions, some meals (Continental Breakfasts at the Casinos) and Fun Books. Other meals are on your own but the specials are great.

The trip will include stops at Yosemite National Park, Bodie State Park, rock hounding sites at and near the Ghost Town of Ludwig and a FREE day at Virginia City with opportunities to explore museums, mine tours, shopping and train rides on the Virginia and Truckee Rail Road.

Specific details of this fabulous getaway will be published later this year.

SIRs

Branch 136

**Summer
BBQ**

August 12, 2014

\$12 each

**Tickets will be on sale at
the June & July meetings**

INTERNET & ROSTER

sirjerry@Sonnet.Com

Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>. Visit anytime you would like. There you can review current and past bulletins and other branch information.

Please feel free to contact Jerry about any changes or additions in internet pages or the Branch #136 membership roster.

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 588-9529 and an application form will be mailed, or by downloading the form from our branch website. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to Angelo Costanza with a check for \$35 for processing. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.



Sons in Retirement #136

Summer BBQ Extravaganza

August 12th 2014

Moose Lodge

Longeway Rd. - Soulsbyville

Social Time

@ 10am

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

BBQ ¼ Chicken & Ribs
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,
BBQ Beans, Corn on Cob,
French Bread, Dessert &
Bottled Water

\$12 per Person

No Host – Full Bar

Tickets will be on sale at the
June & July Meetings

Jim Mueller

Music For All Occasions



cutcaster.com - 901-35773

Mariano Garces
586-9973

Maurice Rollins
532-9170

Bob Gelber
532-0199

Jim Johnson
536-1595



JUNE ONLY SALE!

Cecil Steen, SIR Item Sales, is offering a 10% discount on all SIRs items purchased at the June Luncheon Meeting.

This is a **one-time only** event so here's your chance to get a SIR shirt, cap or whatever and save money doing so.



President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the birth of our flag on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

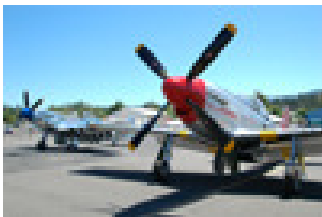
FATHERS'S DAY JUNE 15

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

Sonora was inspired by the work of Anna Jarvis, who had pushed for Mother's Day celebrations. Sonora felt that her father deserved recognition for what he had done.

The first time Father's Day was held in

June was in 1910. Father's Day was officially recognized as a holiday in 1972 by President Nixon.



COLUMBIA AIRPORT - FATHER'S DAY FLY-IN

Saturday June 14 (8:00am - 4:00pm) &

Sunday June 15 (9:00am - 3:00pm)

Airplane Rides, Pancake Breakfast, Fly-in Camping, Classic Cars, Warbird Fly-bys, Vendor Booths, Saturday Night BBQ & Free Parking



JOKES ARE BACK!

Jokes area coming back to our SIRS luncheons starting in July! Three (3) jokes will be presented at the luncheons under the following:

Bert Maxwell has been appointed Joke Master and is responsible for pre-screening all jokes to ensure that they are non-offensive in any manner.

Then, during the table calling Bert will call upon you to share your joke with the members. After the jokes are told a "vote by applause" will determine the best joke, i.e., the 'winner'.

The winner's table will then have the privilege of showcasing a 'Dancing Rooster' for the remainder of the luncheon.

If you would like to present a joke at one of our luncheons please contact:

Bert Maxwell (588-1177 or Omax@Sonnet.Com) for his approval.



Historical Fun Factoid (From Danny Laureta)

The U.S.S. Constitution (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers and men. This was sufficient to last six months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e. fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship's log, "On July 27, 1798, the U.S.S. Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder and 79,400 gallons of rum."

Her mission: "To destroy and harass English shipping."

Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores , arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with

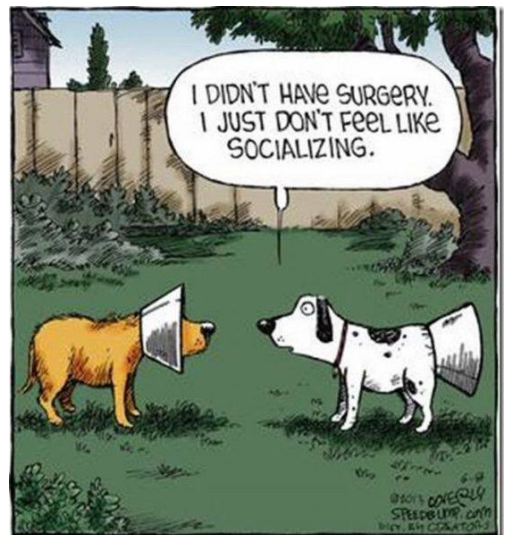
550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England . In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The U. S. S. Constitution arrived in Boston on 20 February 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky, and 38,600 gallons of water ..

LAUGHING OUT LOUD IS OKAY



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PAST BIG SIRs - BRANCH #136 SONORA

1996 - Dusty Rhodes/1997 - Dave Holton

1999 - Al Limon/2000 - Bob Gibbs

2002 - Jim Nuzum/2003 - Dick Nutting

2004 - Bill Dunlavy/2007 - Wil Reich

2008 - Roger Milligan/2009 - Don Nilan

2010 - Don Banchero/2011 - Al Smith

2012 - Baci Frecceri/2013 - Phil VanSwoll

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Baci Frecceri - Past Big Sir 1986-2012

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012

Dusty Rhodes - Past Big SIR 1996-2012

DIRECTORY of OFFICERS

Big SIR - John Bristow-588-8066

Little SIR - Jim Johnson-536-1595

Secretary - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Asst. Secretary - Jerry Bellefeuille-533-3630

Treasurer - Frank Taylor - 532-4480

Asst. Treasurer - Gerald Abbott-694-0323

DIRECTORS

First Year

Angelo Costanza 588-9529

Jake Parsons 736-0647

Mariano Garces 586-9973

Second Year

Bert Maxwell - 588-1177

Bob Gelber - 532-0199

Maurice Rollins - 532-9170

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership - Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

Bulletin - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Fishing - OPEN

Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567

Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944

House - Jerry Erath - 533-3791

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

Luncheon - Rick Bacon-765-8210

Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Bowling - Bert Abreo - 736-4804

Public Relations - OPEN

R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto - 586-0822

Travel - Rich Lundin - 586-5632

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen - 533-4760

Pinochle - Bob Morrison - 588-0994

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).



JUNE 10th MENU

**Sirloin Steak with
Baked Potato, Green Beans,
Green Salad & Ice Cream**

Guest Speaker

**H. Randolph Holder
President/CEO
Clarke Broadcasting**

Sons In Retirement, Inc

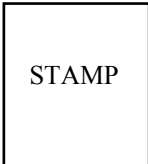
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