



BULLETIN

June 2015

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on

Tuesday, June 9th

Starts at Noon

(Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am)

The Branch Executive Committee meets 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

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

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

BIG SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

WOW, if you missed last month's Ladies Day Luncheon you missed a good one. Dale and the Special Events Committee did themselves proud. A big at-a-girl goes to Leah and the ladies for the decorations. The Ol' Elks Lodge cleaned up real good. The place looked great! This month will be a big month for new members. We will be installing seven at the June Luncheon Meeting. Good job!! Phil Vanswoll and our Nominating Committee have almost completed their task of putting together next year's slate of officers. Can't wait to see their results. In case you haven't heard, Frank Taylor was presented with an Honorary Lifetime Member award at the May Ladies Day Luncheon. State President Bobbie Hairston, Region 2 Director Russ Salazar and Area Governor Jerry Morrow were all there to

congratulate Frank on this high honor. His wife Arlene was at his side and presented him with his HLM name badge. Frank is a long time member of our Branch and has been our Treasurer for over ten years (with the help of Arlene).



CONGRATULATIONS Frank.

He joins Al Limon and Bill Dunlavy as Branch 136 HLM Recipients. If you haven't invited a friend to one of our monthly luncheon meetings yet, July would be a great time to do it. One last thing, our July luncheon meeting has been designated as wear a **Hawaiian or crazy** shirt month. Come to our July meeting wearing a Hawaiian, crazy or ugly shirt. We will have some fun with this one. That's it for this month; don't forget our BBQ in August.

A Note from Frank:

I want to thank the board members and all those involved in bestowing on me The Honorary Life Member Award. I was totally surprised and caught off balance. My wife Arlene was also very surprised when she was presented with the gorgeous red roses. We both thank you so very much. Frank and Arlene Taylor

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Our 2015 Annual Ladies Day Luncheon has come and gone and from what I observed and have been told it was a big success. We had great attendance, great food and music and a memorable surprise: Frank Taylor, Branch 136 Treasurer was recognized with an Honorary Life Membership presented to him by State SIR President Bob Hairston.

Although there was one glitch in the seating assignments (which I will take steps so as not to repeat for our Christmas Luncheon) check-in went very smoothly with our new table reservation system. My sincere apologies to the couple involved.

All of us extend our sincere thanks to the following people for a great day:

Visiting dignitaries - Jerry Morrow: Area Governor, Russ Salazar: Area Director and Bob Hairston: State SIR President.

Special Events Committee - Dick Aberle, Jake Parsons, Maurice Rollins and Rex Page. Ladies Day Luncheon Assistance - Jerry Erath and his house committee, Eddie Toews, Ron Long, Leah Decker, Maryjoan Kleinen, Rosie Walls, Beverly Costanza and Jim & Ginny Johnson.

And of course the Rich Rinaldi Band - Rich, George & Josh.

For our drawing we had a multitude of prizes: cash and purchased in the amount of \$304 and dozens of gifts donated by our members and their spouses (some of which were handmade) with a value estimated to be in the hundreds. We even resurrected something we used a few years ago: special drawing tickets for just the ladies present which we plan to continue in the future.

My special thanks to those members and their spouses for their generous donations:

Eddie Toews, Herman Eaton, Rich Milano, Bill Gulick, Jake Parsons, Angelo Costanza, John Bristow, Knute Kleinen, Fred Kehr, Maurice Rollins, John Bristow, Jim Johnson and myself.

Our next special event occurs on August 11th with a 'Summer Family BBQ Gala' that will be held in the Moose Lodge picnic area on Longeway Drive, Soulsbyville. This will be a 'Family Event' with St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, BBQ Beans, French bread, and Dessert & Bottled Water. Cost will only be \$12 per person, and since this is a family event, children 12 and under are FREE with their choice of Hot Dogs or Ribs along with all the 'fixins'. So bring the grandchildren if you can! Tickets will be on sale at our June and July meetings.

Music will be by own member Jim Mueller and I'm working on having another fun surprise for both the adults and the children that should be exciting.

On a final note our guest speaker for our June 9th meeting will be Benedict (Benny) Stuth, Tuolumne County Airports Manager. Among other things Benny will cover will be the 49th Annual Father's Day Fly-In that will be held on June 20 & 21 at the Columbia Airport and the many events that will be there including a B-25!

Wear your Hawaiian, Ugly or crazy shirt to the July Luncheon Meeting

I'm The Big Kabuna!





GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Assistant Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Handicap Tom Nischwitz - 694-8624

Results of May 28 Golf Tournament at Pine Mountain Lake GC, Groveland, CA

Format: 4 Man Best Ball

1st Place Team - Jeff Phillips, Matt Clay, Bob Nath, Wayne Dixon (net 116)

2nd Place Team - Bob Haiges, John Vieira, Jim VanGerpen, Tom Newell (net 121)

3rd Place Team - Danny Laureta, Mike Bowers, Kent Kirkland, Mike Ross (net 123)

Closest to the hole (Par 3's)

#3 (184 yds) George Parsons 8' 10"

#7 (162 yds) John Perrault 22' 3"

#14 (136 yds) Dick Nutting 3' 8"

#17(172 yds) Jim VanGerpen 15' 5"

Next Golf Tournament

8:00 am Shotgun start

Tuesday, Jun 2 Skins at Mountain Springs

Tuesday, Jun 30 Low Net (Flt. A/B) at Mountain Springs



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Brown, Larry	06/06/28
Bellefeuille, Jerry	06/08/51
Crnkovich, Elmer	09/09/41
Newell, Tom	06/11/46
Clay, Matt	06/12/55
Reinhart, Paul	06/17/29
Decker, Dale	06/19/41
Miller, John	06/19/38
Schuler, Bill	06/21/28
Youngborg, Monty	06/22/39
Nutting, Richard (Dick)	06/28/35
Kangas, Herbert A.	06/28/32
Morales, Gene	06/29/36
Teal, Ben	06/29/42



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

May Membership

Active 211

Inactive 4

May total 215

We plan on installing 7 new members at the June Luncheon. That will raise our membership to total of 218.



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison—588-0994

robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

For all you bowlers, please come join us in playing pinochle while your game is in hiatus. For all the rest of you, please join us too for an afternoon of fun. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, we will tutor you in our rules. (Most of us had not played in 20, 30, 40, or more years, but some had never played before they joined.) You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You win a prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. SIRs from our 3 local branches play every Monday afternoon at the Moose Lodge on Longway. Some of us make it to all 4 Monday sessions, but others to only 3, 2, or just one session. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.



SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Asst Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601

"Lost and Found"

Recently, I was reading the "Lost and Found" chapter in the Bible. Luke 15:13-51 tells of a REBELLIOUS grown son

who demanded his inheritance early and upon receiving it, he left father and family and moved to a foreign country. He then wasted his money in prodigal living and became DESTITUTE. Finally HE CAME TO HIMSELF, SWALLOWED HIS PRIDE AND RETURNED TO HIS FATHER. HE PLED TO BE A LOWLY HIRED SERVANT AND NO MORE A SON. But the father, a man of compassion and love forgave his wayward son. He had his own plan. It included forgiveness and reconciliation instead of rejection and revenge. The father offered love to a repentant son. This episode illustrates the Grace and Power of God for the lost. Luke 19:10 says that Jesus "came to seek and save that which was lost."

From time to time we may find ourselves in the position of the rebellious son, needing forgiveness, or in the position of the father who needs to be compassionate AND offer forgiveness.



RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Ron Long - 586-1838

Our third outing of the season was to Mariposa Fairgrounds RV Park, and as usual we had a wonderful time. There were 12 rigs at this outing and as always, good food and games. Some went up to Yosemite Valley and some went over to Bass Lake.



We all spent one day in Mariposa going thru all the neat little shops.

On Tuesday we watched the medivac helicopter recover the two paraglider's bodies that crashed on El Capitan. There were three in the group but only one survived. The Yosemite Museum was closed due to someone stealing a large gold nugget. Now who would do a thing like that?



We held a birthday party for Ginny Johnson and Cathy Lobdell.



Betty Bacon had a B.B.Q dinner and we all brought our own meat. Then that evening we had a high stakes poker game of 30 cents? Good time by all.

Report Submitted by **Ron Long, Asst. RV Club Chairman.**

Our next outing will be to Sugar Barge RV Park in Rio Vista on June 14th through June



17th.



My real home has wheels!



FISHING CLUB

Jim Nuzum - 533-2729

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Let's go fishing!

No Report Submitted by deadline.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

The State SIRS Tournament finished with a few minor problems which were corrected quickly. All the checks have been distributed. There were two Divisions and Sonora Branch 136 and Sierra Branch 77 both had Sirs in the money. Sonora Branch Team 136 came in First in Division 2 (the higher averages). On that team were Mike Silva, Billy Oliver, Dave Rossi and Bert Abreo. Division 1 (the lower averages) was won by Team Up Country which was comprised of Jack McGinnes, Manny Brager (all Br 136) and Frank Gaspardi (Br 77). All of these also placed in money for either Doubles, Singles and/or All Events. The next tournaments are in Paradise, Pollock Pines and Sonora which will be Sunday, July 26, Monday, July 27, Tuesday, July 28 and also open to any SIRS member and guest. This tournament will be a Team, Doubles/Singles and All Events. Entry forms for any of these tournaments are available on line at www.sirinc.org/bowling or at Black Oak Lanes.

It is possible that the winter league may start before Labor Day. Please let Bert know how you feel about this. The reasoning behind this is so that league would finish before the Carson City Tournament



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 to you), 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 the amount stated on the application. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630

I have now put a link to SIR Happenings on our Branch website, sonorasirs.org.

The latest edition of SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630
SIR Jim Botto has assumed responsibility as Bulletin Editor. Please send all bulletin input to Jim at giacamo42@gmail.com





Lady's Day Luncheon was a huge success with the planning, setup, the catering, and our leaders: Big SIR Jim Johnson, and Little SIR Dale Decker. A great big "Thank You" goes out to all that were involved.



Sons in Retirement #136

Summer Family BBQ Gala

**Children 12 & Under
Free Hot Dogs or Ribs
& Fixins**

August 11th 2015

**Moose Lodge
Longeway Road
Soulsbyville**



**Social Time
@ 10am
Lunch @ Noon**

Menu:

St. Louis Style BBQ Ribs
Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,
BBQ Beans, French bread,
Dessert & Bottled Water

\$12 per Person

No Host - Full Bar

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

Jim Mueller

For Your Music Enjoyment

**50/50 Cash Drawing Plus
3 or More in Carpool - Each Receives
a Ticket for a \$25 Gift Card
Drawing**

EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Dale Decker 533-0455

Maurice Rollins

Dick Aberle

Alan Nix

Rex Page

Jake Parsons

SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

PRESIDENT: Sir Bobbie Hairston

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SECRETARY: Sir Derek Southern

TREASURER: Sir Karl Ryden

REGION 2 DIRECTOR

Russ Salazar , Polloch Pines, Ca

AREA 27 GOVERNOR

Sir Jerry Morrow, Mi Wuk Village, CA

PAST BIG SIRs - BRANCH #136 SONORA

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 Banchemo

2011 - Al Smith/2013 - Phil VanSwoll

2014 - John Bristow

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

MEMBERS

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Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2004

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Mariano Garces - 586-9973

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567

Att./Mem. - Angelo Costanza 588-9529

BEC Advisor—Al Limon 533-4544

Bowling - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Branch Photographer - Steve Belochi 533-5315

Bulletin - Jim Botto 586-0822

Caterer - Dean Papapetrou

Fishing - Jim Nuzum 533-2729

Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon 533-4944

Bill Dunlavy - 532-7601, Frank Taylor -532-4480

House - Jerry Erath 533-3791

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo 736-4804

Luncheon - Rick Bacon 765-8210

Luncheon Drawing - Bill Dunlavy 533-7601

Bert Maxwell 588-1177

Membership Growth - OPEN

Nominating Committee Chairman -

Phil VanSwoll 532-1133

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994

Propane—Al Limon 533-4544

Public Relations - Ray Bailey 532-0444

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

Senior Member Awards - John Bristow 588-8066

SIR Item Sales - Cecil Steen 533-4760

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman 588-8614

Travel - Rich Lundin 586-5632

DECLARATIONS

NON RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

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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 9th MENU

Meatloaf and Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Green Salad

Strawberry Short Cake

Our guest speaker this month

will be **Benedict (Benny)**

Stuth, Tuolumne County

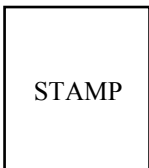
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Remember to invite a guest to our Monthly Luncheons.

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