



# BULLETIN

**June 2023**

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

**Tuesday, June 13th**

**Happy Hour at 11:00am**

**Lunch at 12:00pm**

**Contact:**

**George Cocores (209) 456-9814**  
or [greekbreak1@aol.com](mailto:greekbreak1@aol.com)

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

**Deadline for reservations is June 6, 2023**

### Menu

**Meatloaf & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Green Salad, and Strawberry Shortcake**



## **BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!**

**Jim Botto Editor - 559-0931**

**Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 588-3978**

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](mailto:giacamo42@gmail.com)

The deadline for the next bulletin is

**June 31, 2023**



## **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**

**Eddie Toews**  
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There was very little Branch business in May, due to having the May Ladies Day Luncheon. The only business that was transacted was to swear in, three new members. They were Berry Schöffel, Jim Crandell and Tim Johnson. Please welcome them into the SIR's family.

The Ladies Day luncheon was well attended with 107 members and guests attending. As usual Deno and his crew prepared and served another fantastic meal. There were several really nice raffle prizes that were taken home by some happy people. Everyone had a good time and got to visit with friends and people that they hadn't seen in several months.

Our next major function will be our annual Picnic. It will be held on August 8, 2023, and will be at the Indigeny Reserve Park. Due to the cost of food and the increased catering charge the cost will be \$30.00 per person. The main course will be Mesquite Grilled Tri-Tip or Caprese Chicken Breast or Roasted Salmon Filet along with several other items to go with it. The tickets will go on sale at the June and July regular meetings and as always, Raffle Prizes are always welcome. So, mark your calendars and get your lunch tickets early.

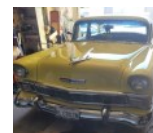


## **LITTLE SIR MESSAGE**

**Rick Bronner**  
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We had a wonderful ladies day luncheon last month. Dino provided us with a nice lunch with a choice of prime rib, chicken, or salmon. I want to thank all the volunteers that helped plan and setup for the event. Job Well Done! Also thank you to everyone that brought the wonderful gifts for the raffle. This month we will have representatives from the TUD speaking. Attending will be General Manager Don Perkins, Admin Services Director Abby Parcon and Admin Specialist Emily Long. They will be coming straight from their morning board meeting so they will miss lunch but have promised to make it by 1pm.

Our Summer Family BBQ is only two months away! We are confirmed for Indigeny Reserve on Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale starting with our June meeting. This year we will be served by Perfect Day Catering. A choice of Mesquite grilled Tri-tip, roasted Salmon, or Caprese Chicken plus all the fixings is on the menu for just \$30! Hope to see you all there.



## **CAR CLUB NEWS**

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We had several car shows in May this year. First up was the annual Hot Copper car show on May 6th in Copperopolis. Unfortunately, I was out of town and missed the event this year. I understand weather had a small impact on the show and kept several entrants away. On Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> I went to the Rods to Rails car show in held on Main Street in Jamestown. The streets were lined with hot rods from one end to the other. Here is a cool link to a video of the show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?zG10AcjnnMw>

The following Sunday the Adventist Health Sonora Foundation's second annual "Cars, Cops and Coffee" fundraiser took place from 9am-noon at the Diana J. White Institute's Health Pavilion at 900 Mono Way. The free event featured a car show, live music performed by the Lacks, specialty coffee, donuts, and food options for purchase. The proceeds from the event will benefit Adventist Health Sonora's Cancer Patient Support Fund. By the way if your wondering about the cool Chevy car in the picture that belongs to SIR member Rich Lasiter.

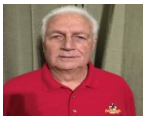
## **A special thanks goes out to the following volunteers:**

**Rick Bronner**  
**Gene Zanoni**  
**Stan Enos**  
**Ruth Enos**  
**George Cocores**  
**Eddie Toews**  
**Linda Toews**  
**John Salmon**  
**Bill Guenza**  
**Scott Lewis**  
**Bill Boatman**  
**Mike Krom**

## **Great job everyone!**

**Happy Father's Day**





## RV CLUB NEWS

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The RV Club had a good outing to Bass Lake, CA except for the mosquitoes at dusk. The weather was really nice with warm days and cool nights. We still had games and visiting in the clubhouse. We played Corn Hole, Bocci Ball and had a fishing rod casting tournament. We also played Bingo and had a puzzle for people to work on inside at night. We had an excellent dinner at El Cids Mexican Restaurant in Oakhurst. See pictures below. Our next outing will be in June. We will be going to Almond Tree RV Park in Chico CA, for 5 days.

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.



## FISHING CHAIRMAN

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Bill Guenza and I have been out a few times and did pretty well on bass. The trout report on Melones was good but not the days we were there. The SIRS RV trip proved productive. We rented a boat for 4 hours. Fished bass for the first 2 hours and trolled for trout the second 2. Caught some small bass and Bill caught one that weighs about 4 pounds. 2 nice trout rounded out the day.



## GOLF CLUB NEWS

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There is a SIR state golf tournament. on August 17th and 18th at Haggen Oak Golf Course in Sacramento. Here is the link to the application;  
<https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/wp-content/uploads/2023-Team-Championship-Registration-Form-FILLABLE.pdf>

The same information along with registration forms is posted on our State Golf website. You can direct your branch members to the site to get additional details. In case you're not familiar with the website it's address is [www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org) Here are the results from our May SIR tournament at Teleli Golf Course;  
Format: Two Man Best Ball

- 1st - Tab White & Trini Mercado (net 58)
- 2nd - John Marrs & Raul Santana (net 62)
- 3rd - Allan Bell & Bob Bader (net 65)
- #7 Closest to the hole 145 yards Par 3
- 1st - Mike Coe (10'-0)
- 2nd - Felix Espino (15'-0)
- 3rd - Raul Santana (21'-0)
- #17 Closest to the hole 150 yards Par 3
- 1st - John Marrs (16'-4)
- 2nd - Derle Davis (95'-9)
- 3rd - none

Next Sir's golf is on June 20th  
Site: La Contenta GC, Valley Springs  
Tee time: 9:30 am shotgun start  
If you wish to join contact  
Danny Laureta at [drlaureta@gmail.com](mailto:drlaureta@gmail.com)



## BOWLING REPORT

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The SIR winter league is over. The big news is Black Oak Casino is about to do a complete renovation in the bowling center. We are talking about all new lanes, equipment, floors, and seating. The plan is to close July 1<sup>st</sup> and re-open by September 1<sup>st</sup>. In the meantime, there is still SIR Bowling. Next up is the tournament at Sutter Creek on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link to SIR bowling applications. It's posted on the [sirbowling.org](http://sirbowling.org) website.  
[https://sirbowling.org/html/bowlingtournamentapplications\\_2023.php](https://sirbowling.org/html/bowlingtournamentapplications_2023.php)



## PINOCHLE REPORT

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No Report this month.



**CHAPLIN'S CORNER**  
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George Cocores is now home after undergoing Bypass Surgery, he is reported to be doing well.



## KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284  
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The next Kayak outing will be on Tuesday June 27th. Time and place still being discussed. Please call or text Sol at 707-315-1284 for more info.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Durand, Paul	06/07
Bellefeuille, Jerry	06/08
La Foy, Don	06/16
Chernoff, Nicholas	06/17
Decker, Dale HLM	06/19
Schöffel, Barry	06/20
Peluso, Serge	06/22
Banchero, Don	06/22
Youngborg, Monty	06/22
Smith, Martin	06/22
Boatman, Bill	06/24
Boire, Ernest	06/24
Rancatore, James P.	06/27
Kangas, Herbert A.	06/28



## MEMBERSHIP

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814  
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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**

**Featuring:**  
**Perfect Day Catering**

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

**Two free Any Beverage tickets**  
**With Each Ticket Purchased.**  
**Subject to Beverages on Hand**

**Beer, Wine, Sodas,**  
**& Bottled Water**

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

# A few pictures from our Last Luncheon. Taken by Steve Belochi



**Stan Enos & Eddie Toews**



**Berry Schöffel, Tim Johnson, Jim Crandell,  
Rick Bronner**



**Eddie Toews & Rick Bronner**



**Fred Sigrid Kehr, Jim & Lois Muller,  
Abbott & Carolyn Blair, Ina Belochi**



**Eddie Toews & Deno Pappetrou's and Staff**



# 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

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Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015  
Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016  
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current

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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](http://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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