

BULLETIN

March, 2014



Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on Tuesday, March 11th @ 11:00 AM (Luncheon Meeting will start at Noon).

The Branch Executive Committee will meet at 10am.

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

If you are not going to be 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

The meeting in February was a great success. The speaker was one that we hoped would prove interesting and Jim Costello did exactly that. Thank you Little Sir - good choice.

The March speaker will be enlightening and informative. However, I may not be able to make it due to hip surgery on the 4th so the meeting will be in the capable hands of Little Sir Jim Johnson.

Please give him your support!

How quickly we seem to wear out certain parts when we get to be our age. Just like the wheels on our car that we take for granted. Then when something does not sound right we consult a mechanic or as in my case a doctor and I found out my brake pad is worn out so I need to get it replaced.

Thanks for your support and well wishes see you all soon.

Big Sir John Bristow.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

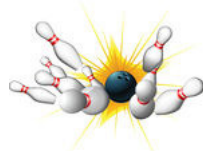
Jim Johnson - 536-1595

The luncheon speaker this month is Todd Simonson. Todd has been a Financial Advisor/Certified Financial Planner for Edward Jones here in Sonora for over 23 years and will be speaking to us about what to expect out from our investments in 2014.

Todd is a Past Exalted Ruler with the Sonora Elks and past Board member of the Sonora Area Foundation. This should be a great and timely program.

Your Special Events Committee, made up of Mariano Garces, Maurice Rollins and Bob Gelber, have been busy planning the upcoming Ladies Day Luncheon in May. Make sure you bring your lady because this year's event will be a great time. Your committee is planning to have a drawing for a table full of prizes along with Rich Rinaldi providing the musical entertainment. The menu will be a choice of either sirloin steak with a mushroom sauce and baked potato or cordon bleu with rice. Tickets will be on sale at the April Luncheon Meeting. If you are unable to make the April Meeting you can call one of the committee members for tickets up to one week after the meeting.

As you can see the format of our monthly newsletter has been expanded and updated to allow for even more articles and information sharing. A big thanks to Dale Decker and Jerry Bellefeuille for their creative hard work. If you see them at the meeting tell them "Good Job".



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo- 736-4804

High game to date is Tom Newell with 269
High Series - Dave Rossi with 742

Wk of Jan 27 High Game - Billy Oliver 236
High Series - Dave Rossi 594

Wk of Feb 3 High Game - Dave Rossi 258
High Game - Dave Rossi 703

Wk of Feb 10 High Game - Dave Rossi 257
High Series - Dave Rossi 712

Wk of Feb 17 High Game - Dale Decker 245
(89 pins over average)
High Series - Dave Rossi 654

Standings as of Feb 17
Dennis's Gang 20-8
No Excuses 17-11
Misfits, Strikers & Hines Pickles 14-14

Outstanding bowling include:
Danny Laureta bowled 76 pins
over average on Feb 10

On Feb 17, the following bowled clean Games (A Clean game is one with spares and Strikes in each of the ten frames).
Larry Guzman 201, Len Jacques 193
Dale Decker 245, Gerry Davis 220
George Parsons 204.

Bowlers can still join the league!

We wish Bob Ferraro a speedy recovery from his medical procedure.

The next upcoming SIRS tournaments are:

Petaluma - March 3 and 5 - Cancelled

Concord - March 17 and/or 19

Folsom - April 4 and 5

Carson City NV - now scheduled the week before Easter

April 14,15, 16, & 17 With entries available on line or at Black Oak Lanes



Happy St Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. St Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Most of what is known about him comes from his two works; the Confessio, a spiritual autobiography, and his Epistola, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians. Saint Patrick described himself as a "most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous paean of thanks to his Maker for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped idols and unclean things had become the people of God."



GOLF

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

CHAIRMAN

Results of February 25 SIR Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs
6-6-6 (2 Man Best Ball Scramble-Alternate Shot)

1st Place Team Kent Kirkland/Dennis Land
2nd Place (tie) Team Bob Volpi/Danny Laureta & Team Matt Clay
3rd Place (tie) Team Trini Mercado/George Parsons & Team Sam Castle/Wayne Dixon
4th Place Team Bob Nath/Mike Clay

Closest to the hole # 5:

1st Place Chace Anderson 15'-11"
2nd Place Tom Nischwitz 16'-6"
3rd Place Bob Nath 19'-5"

Closest to the hole # 12:

1st Place Bob Edwards 16'-7"
2nd Place Kent Kirkland 20'-1"
3rd Place John Parrault 20'-3"

Next Golf Tournament:

Tuesday, March 25, 9:30 am Tee Time

MOTHER TRAVEL



LODE SCHEDULE

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

As travel chairman for SIRs Branch #136 I am trying to do some different things this year and I need your help. Our branch, along with Branch #66 and #172, has put together a list of travel opportunities for your consideration:

- 7-9 day all inclusive trip to Costa Rica
- 5-7 day all inclusive trip to Branson, MO
- Overnight trips in Calif and Nevada for:
 - Visiting ghost towns
 - Rock hounding
 - Visiting mining sites
- Day trips to Shenandoah Valley & Ironstones Wineries
- Local Dinner and Show trips to Stage 3 in Sonora
- Overnight Dinner and Show trips to:
 - ACS and Sacramento Light Opera Performances
 - Dickens Faire in San Francisco

I will have ballot sheets at our March Luncheon so you can mark your opportunities of interest.

If you can't/won't be at the luncheon please give me call - **Your Vote Counts!**



PINOCHLE CHAIRMAN

Bob Morrison - 588-0994
robert.mrrsn@yahoo.com

Where can you get a fun afternoon of entertainment for only \$3? By joining us in playing pinochle. Most of us had not played for 30 to 40 years when we joined, and some of us had never played before. If you haven't played for a long while or before, we will tutor you. You need not attend every meeting. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. The players with the highest three scores at a meeting win prizes. We meet each week from noon to 4 P.M. on the 1st, 4th and 5th Mondays at the Moose Lodge and on the 2nd and 3rd Mondays at the Elks Lodge. For more information, go to web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.



Coming Soon!
Bocce-Ball
Tournament
WATCH FOR IT!



RV

NEWS

Jim Botto- 586-0822
Ron Long 586-1838

February 17, 2014 the SIRS # 136 held their annual breakfast meeting. Meeting started at 9:00 a.m. and Mo Molinari gave the clubs financial report. All active members have paid their annual dues. We have two new applicants for membership and will be voted on at the first outing at Jackson Rancheria on March 17th through 19th. (Otto Bulich and Steve Gaither)

Our calendar for 2014 is still a work in process, however we do have several months planned.

- March 17-19 Jackson Rancheria RV Park
- April 14-16 Gold Strike RV Park
- May 19-21 Sugar Barge RV Park
- June 16-18 Bodega Bay RV Park or Napa Valley Expo RV Park
- July 16 Club Picnic at Pinecrest Lake Picnic area
- August Dark Month
- Sept. 3-8 Laguna Seca RV Park
- Oct. 20-22 Far Horizons 49er RV Park
- Nov. 17-19 Gilroy Garlic USA RV Park
- December 5 Christmas Party at Sonora Hills Recreation Center

There will be a longer trip planned in May through Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota. As of this date there will be three RV's travelling together: Jim & Ginny Johnson, Steve & Carolyn Gregory, and Jim & Linda Botto. The planning will begin for this trip soon.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

As of February 11, 2014:

Membership prior to luncheon	217
Members lost (resigned)	1
Members installed at luncheon	2
Current Active Membership	218
Total members attending luncheon	174



MEMBER RELATIONS

NEW MEMBER CANDIDATES

The following individuals have applied for membership in Sirs Branch #136:

- Mike LaFrance (sponsor J. Deaver)
- Steve Hagel (sponsor J. Hagel)
- Tom Jamieson (sponsor T de Haas)

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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

- Gary Troedson #195 (sponsor K. Bartlett)
- Steve Gaither #107 (sponsor B. Lobdell)
- Bill Guenza #114 (sponsor B, Lobdell)



BLUE STAR BADGES

They belong to our newest members so let's make them feel welcome. When you see a member with the blue star badge stop and say 'Hello' and introduce yourself. Strike-up a meaningful conversation and encourage them to join one of our many activities and enlist their friends.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Talf Wynne	1st
Nuncy Patania	8
Henry Cook	8
Frank Taylor	9
Ernie Cuzzorcreo	11
Danny Laureta	12
Paul Squeri	15
Richard Knisely	15
Jack Walls	16
Jerry Erath	18
Joe Colondrea	19
Walt Kolander	20
Jack Peaslee	21
James Sehr	24
Skip Czadzeck	24
Trini Mercado	27
Bill McKee	29

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

Daledftg@Sonnet.Com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next bulletin is

APRIL 3, 2014

CHANGING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you change any of your personal information (address, phone #, e-mail, etc) please notify Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630,

SirJerry@Sonnet.Com



**A SPECIAL MESSAGE
from our
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
Angelo Costanza - 588-9529**

Under our SIR State Charter rules members are required to attend all regular luncheon meetings in a running twelve month period. An exception to this rule allows for absences due to illness or other personal reasons providing that at least one-half of

the regular luncheon meetings are attended (Ladies Day, the Annual Picnic and our Christmas Luncheon are not counted).

Thus we have nine (9) regular meetings per year.

In regards to this exception, members may miss up to three (3) consecutive regular meetings - having been excused by contacting the membership message line prior to the meeting at 536-6311 and leaving a message with their name, badge number and the reason they will not be attending.

Please note that these excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance requirement of one-half of the regular meetings.

However, missing three (3) consecutive regular meetings without having been excused may result in a member being notified of a pending termination (Article 8 -Required Attendance, Rule 100)

The reason I am restating our attendance requirements is because we currently have 11% of our membership with an attendance rate of 44% or lower. This means that of nine (9) meetings they should have attended in the last twelve (12) months they only attended four (4) or less.

In addition, out of an average of 60 members that didn't attend our regular luncheon meetings this year only an average of 17 called the membership line or the attendance & membership director requesting to be excused.

This is only a 28% call-in rate and it should 100% because the membership message line (536-6311) is a recorder! Just call and leave a message as to why you can't attend.

Please remember - if you are having any health issues or any other personal problems that preclude you from attending a regularly scheduled luncheon meeting - call in and let us know. If you know you will be absent for an extended period call me and request to be put on inactive status so as to preserve your membership in good standing.

Also, If you are in the Branch 136 Propane Co-op and you lose your membership you also lose your propane discount!



**SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN
Paul Bullman - 588-8614**

Chaplain's Challenge: Since the Olympics have finished in Sochi perhaps you would like to state which of these were the most important to the contestants:

Speed, time, experience, intelligence and determination.

How does your choice relate to our everyday living?

If you know of a fellow Sir or his spouse or partner who is ill or has passed away please call our chaplain Paul Bullman at the phone number noted above.

**INTERNET& ROSTER
sirjerry@Sonnet.Com**

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 completely filled out, it is to be returned to Angelo Costanza with a check for \$30 for processing. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of the year for our annual membership dues to cover branch expenses. Due to increasing operating costs our Branch Executive Committee voted at their January Board Meeting to increase the annual assessment by \$5.00 to \$25.00.

If you already paid Frank Taylor \$20 for this year please give him \$5 more. You can mail a check to Frank Taylor at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370 or you can pay at the check-in table at our monthly luncheon. Either way please ensure to put your badge number on the check.

Currently the status of those that have paid the full \$25 or \$20 partial amount is 143 Members or 66%.



**MAIL
OR
INTERNET?**

If you would prefer to view our monthly Bulletin (**IN COLOR**) on our website via the Internet, please contact Jerry Bellefeuille at 533-3630 and he will send you an e-mail with a link to the latest bulletin right after it gets posted. He will also coordinate having you removed from the hardcopy distribution. This will allow you to see the bulletin sooner and save our Branch money by reducing our printing and postage costs.

SIRs Branch 136

Ladies Day

Luncheon

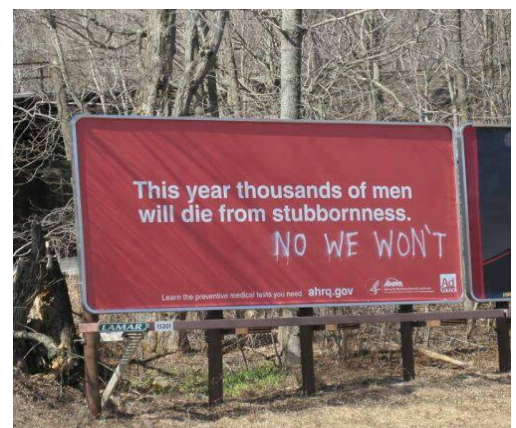
May 13th 2014

Tickets will be on sale at

the April Luncheon

MEETING NOTICE!

During 2014, our Luncheon Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month. Please mark these dates on your calendar. If there are any changes, you will be notified at a Luncheon Meeting or from the bulletin. The dates are March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th.



LAUGHING OUT LOUD IS OKAY



Sons in Retirement #136

Ladies Day Luncheon

May 13th 2014



No Host Cocktails
@ 11am
Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Sirloin Steak or Cordon Bleu
Salad, Baked Potato/Rice
and Dessert.

Wine on the table

\$20 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the April
Meeting

Rich Rinaldi Band
Music For All Occasions

Mariano Garces
586-9973

Bob Gelber
532-0199

Maurice Rollins
532-9170

Jim Johnson
536-1595

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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 -Billl Dunlavy/2007- Wil Reich

2008- Roger Milligan/2009 - Don Nilan

2010 - Don Banchemo/2011 - Al Smith

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE AND CHARTER MEMBERS

Baci Frecerri - 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

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership – Angelo Costanza 588-9529

Bulletin - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Fishing Jim Nuzum – 533-2729

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-RickBacon-765-8210

Lunch Tickets - Neil Williams - 586-5370

Bowling-Bert Abreo – 736-4804

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).



MARCH 11th MENU

**Corned Beef & Cabbage,
Red Potatoes, Carrots, Pasta
Salad, Water, Coffee, Cookies**

LUNCHEON DIRECTOR

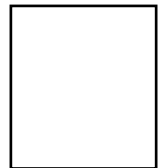
Rick Bacon - 765-8210

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

TODD SIMONSON

**Financial Advisor
Edward Jones**

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