



# BULLETIN

## November, 2023

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 14th**

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

Deadline for reservations is  
Nov. 9, 2023

### Menu

Roast Turkey & Stuffing,  
Gravy & Cranberry Sauce,  
Mashed Potatoes,  
Buttered Corn, Green Salad  
and Pumpkin Pie



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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:

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The deadline for the next bulletin is

**November 30, 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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Well, here we are in November and the holidays are just around the corner. The November meeting will be filled with several things to get done.

First, we will swear in the new members, they are Manuel Armendariz and Donald Herzer. We want to welcome them to SIRs.

Second, we will be recognizing our veterans and handing out appreciation certificates to the veterans that joined SIRs in the past year.

Third, we will introduce the new BEC officers for the 2024 year and vote to approve their nominations and then will swear them into the office.

Now, on a latter note, tickets for the Christmas luncheon will be on sale at the November luncheon meeting. See details on the flier in the bulletin for more information. Hope to see everyone at the Christmas luncheon.



### RV CLUB NEWS

**Eddie Toews (209) 532-3970**  
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The SIRs branch 136 group had two really nice outings this past month. they both were fun and a lot of visiting, and friendship was had by all.

The first outing was to "Casper RV Park" up the coast near Fort Bragg. The weather was mostly on the cool side, so we had a large bonfire going most of the time. We did have two really nice days that warmed up and we could enjoy the coast. Some of us went on a train ride and then visited the train museum at Fort Bragg. As usual there was plenty of food and drinks to go around.

The second outing was to "Jackson Ranchera / Apple Hill". I was not able to attend so Sol Robin, Host, provided the article below.

The last RV trip of the year was to Jackson Ranchera / Apple Hill. We spent most of Wednesday at Apple Hill, tasting wonderful pies and other treats and shopping the craft booths, and had dinner at Poor Reds BBQ after. We had a spirited Bocce Ball Tournament which was won by Chuck Simons and his lovely wife Franchesca. As usual there was an abundance of food and fellowship. Everybody enjoyed the RV Park facilities tremendously.

I want to thank Sol for the article and as he said this is our last outing for 2023. We do still have our annual Christmas Dinner in December



### LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

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The year end is fast approaching. As one of my primary duties as your Little SIR I am tasked with arranging for guest speakers for our monthly meetings. I always try and have a broad variety for us. Here's a recap on our 2023 guest speakers:

January—Matt Hawkins- Our Ex-mayor of Sonora

February—Nancy Scott of Nancy's Hope

March—Frank Smart of the Vietnam Veterans of America

April—Dotty Popovich with State Farm Insurance

June—Don Perkins GM of the TUD

July—Our SIR member Richard Lundin-Mining and Mineral exploration Expert

October—Betsy Coe with Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Administration

November—Vickie Wilson-Veterans Service Office

As I will be moving on to the position of Big Sir the task of arranging for guest speakers will fall to your new Little SIR Mike Krom. Let's all help Mike with some suggestions for guest speakers next year. I will be passing out suggestion forms on each table. You can put down topics or names or if you wish to have one of our previous guests return as well. I'm looking forward to a successful 2024.

In honor of our SIR veterans our guest speaker for November will be Senior Veterans Service Administrator Vickie Wilson with our local County of Tuolumne Veterans Service Office. Vickie will update our Vets on local services as well as updates from the Federal Govt. benefits. For our Vets this is a good time to get your questions answered.



### November Birthdays

Hurley, Tim	11/07
Sperry, Paul	11/10
Bacon, Rick	11/13
Hagel, James	11/17
Salmon, John	11/18
Cunningham, Hal	11/19
Hall, Tom	11/29



## RV CLUB NEWS

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## GOLF CLUB NEWS

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Here are the results from our October 10th SIR Golf tournament held at Teleli Golf Course.

### **Format: Skins**

- 7 skins - Frank Rands
- 5 skins - Rick Bronner
- 3 skins - Tom Neiderer

### **#5 CTH Par 3**

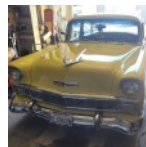
1. Pete Larkin 10'-4"
2. Mike Coe 31'-7"
3. Mike Baumgartner 43'-0"

### **#12 CTH Par 3**

1. Steve Brown 31'-3"
2. Mike Baumgartner 33'-5"
3. Gene Deaver 36'-0"

Thanks to Tom Neiderer for running the tournament and Dave Suidzinski for organizing the Oct. tournament

Our next SIR tournament is scheduled for Tuesday November 14th at Teleli golf Course. Of course, weather may be a factor in November. I would still recommend signing up anyway, Who knows it could end up being a perfect day! Danny should be back running things now that he's finally settled into his new place. Contact Danny at [drlaureta@gmail.com](mailto:drlaureta@gmail.com) to sign up.



## CAR CLUB NEWS

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No Report This Month



## FISHING CHAIRMAN

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No Report This Month



## Guest Speakers For October

Deputy Director **Brock Kolby** with the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health dept. and Senior Behavioral Health worker **Betsey Coe**



## MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814

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### **October Luncheon**

Luncheon Attendance (44%)	58
Excused Absences (56%)	75

### **Current Month Membership**

Active Membership (Sept.)	133
Applicants Being Installed	2
Active Members Lost	-2
<b>Active Membership Oct.</b>	<b>132</b>

## PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month  
Chairman Position now open



## CHAPLIN'S CORNER

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John Quinton, Badge 008, passed away recently at age 82. SIRS condolences to his wife Leslie and family at 18434 Marquis Dr in Twain Harte 95383. RIP



## BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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Our scheduled SIR Bowling tournament that was to be held at McHenry lanes in Modesto next month has been cancelled. I spoke with Dan Weller, and he informed me the tournament chairmen had medical issues. Dan assured me Modesto will be back on the 2024 calendar. Speaking of 2024, by the time you read this next years schedule will be posted on the SIR Bowling website. Go to <https://sirbowling.org/>. In the meantime now that Black oak has reopened there's plenty opportunity to get your balls a rolling.



## New Member

Rev. Verne Walter



## KAYAKING

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No Report This Month

The kayak club does not have anymore outings planned and will resume in the mid to late Spring. If you are looking for kayak equipment it is a good time to buy it on close out specials, if you can find it.

We need volunteers, It seems that the same few people do all the work. If you like your membership in our club do your part and volunteer.

Contact any officer or board members to volunteer for an event or become an Activity Chairman. Bowling, Golf and Pinochle are open and available.

**Volunteer today!**





Branch #136

# Christmas Luncheon

December 12, 2023



Elks Lodge  
100 Elk Dr., Sonora, CA

Lunch @ Noon

## Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail  
Prime Rib w/Baked Potato  
-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf  
-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu  
with Rice Pilaf  
Includes Vegetable, Salad  
and Dessert  
Wine will be provided at  
the table

**\$40 per Person**

Tickets will go on sale at the  
Oct. 10th & Nov. 14th Luncheons

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SEATING IS LIMITED  
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND  
CANCELLATIONS IS DEC. 6, 2023  
ALL SALES ARE FINAL AFTER THAT DATE

Please bring Raffle prizes.

No Host Cocktails  
@ 10:30 am



**2023 Local SIR Branches Combined Social Activities v1.0**

**All SIR members are welcome to join in any other branch activity.**

**Many items are for couples so please contact the Event Chair.**

**Please start and chair a new activity if it's not listed.**

Area Big Sir Roster	77	Donald Ronalter	984-9383
	136	Eddie Toews	532-3970
	172	Tom Francis	533-3180
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Branch #</b>	<b>Activity Chair</b>	<b>Telephone (209)</b>
Biking	172	Steve Happel 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month	532-7240
Bowling	77	Mike Coe	769-3413
Car Club	136	Rick Bronner	408-318-4826
Fishing	136	Chuck Simons	532-9550
Golf	77	Danny Laureta	586-4567
	172	Richard Broddie	586-3151
Hiking	77	Mike Clay (moderate hike) Every Friday	588-1345
Horseshoes	172	Rich Brandau Last Thursday of the month	352 4320
Kayak	136	Sol Robin	707-315-1284
	172	Dave Kenney 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month	650-867-4671
Pinochle	136	Looking for a Chairman	
RV Travel	136	Eddie Toews	532-3970
Tech/Computer	172	Dick Chimenti	677-7070
		Rich Nedbal	247-6497
Theatre	172	Dave Tibbets	532-2453
Travel	143	Bill Stires (Modesto)	988-5445
	172	Charles Luke	533-3683

As of April 2023

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**Here is how to get it:**

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**If you don't have a computer,** find a friend who does and have him help you.





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1997 - Dave Holton 1999 - Al Limon  
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2015 - Jim Johnson 2016 - Dale Decker  
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2021 - Phil VanSwoll 2022 - Eddie Toews  
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

## Branch 136 Executive Committee

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