

BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2014



Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on **Tuesday, Oct 14th @ 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 was very pleased to see the report on next years Officers and Directors for Branch 136 and I feel sure that this will be a great year for 2015. Please join me in wishing all the Officers Directors all the very best.

I have been so very grateful for all the help I have been given thru this the toughest year of my life. I am glad all the excitement is over and I am finally getting back to normal.

I have inherited a Year Book put together by late Big Sir Harvey (Dusty) Rhodes going back to his Year 1996 and I was pleased that Branch 136 was so active then and just how much the members came together to make such a great success of a great Branch. I am pleased to be a part of 136 and feel very grateful for being asked to become a Sir.

Thank You again for your support. Big Sir John Bristow.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

Fall has arrived, the leaves are turning, the evenings are getting cooler and we can now water our lawns. Fall also means the

holidays are right around the corner. Thanksgiving will be here before you know it with Christmas not far behind. Your Special Events Committee is in the final stages of planning Branch 136's Ladies Christmas Luncheon. It is going to be a grand event, so mark your calendars and buy your tickets starting at our October meeting. We are only selling 200 tickets so get your tickets early. We have a great menu and will be having a drawing for a bunch of prizes. The band providing the music comes highly recommended by "Johnny Cash Baci", so you know it has to be good. I hope to see you there.

November 11 is Veterans Day and is also the date of our November Luncheon Meeting. We will be having a special program to honor and recognize our almost 90-veterans in Branch 136. We started planning the veterans recognition event back in February of this year. Since our first meeting it has grown to be a big event and will take up the majority of the luncheon meeting. So everyone, veteran or not, please plan on attending the regular luncheon meeting in November, you will be glad you did and won't be disappointed. We have a few surprises and it will be action packed.

By the October Luncheon Meeting your 2015 SIR Executive Board will have already had a planning meeting to evaluate our Branch and develop a plan to improve things in 2015. There will be more to follow as we get closer to the end of the year. So watch this space.

That's all for this month, see you at the Veterans recognition event in November and don't forget to buy for tickets early for the Christmas luncheon in December.



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 September 30th Golf Tournament at La Contenta GC, Valley Springs

Format: Four Man Best Ball

1st Place

Don Banchemo, Gene Morales, Gene Deaver and Felix Espino Net 117

2nd Place

Jim Hagel, Steve Hagel, Kevin Mooney and Larry Walls Net 118

3rd Place

George Parsons, Trini Mercado, Jeff Phillips and Matt Clay Net 123

Closest to the hole #8:

1st Place Chace Anderson 2' - 8"
2nd Place Dennis Schwitters 10' - 6"
3rd Place Kent Kirkland 19' - 7"

Closest to the hole #13 (165 yards over water):

1st Place Chace Anderson 26' - 0"
2nd Place Danny Laureta 30' - 8"
3rd Place Jeff Phillips 34' - 4"

Next Golf Tournament October 28th

@ Mountain Springs GC

Note Later Tee Time!

9:30 am Sharp! - Shotgun Start



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison 588-0994

Please join us in playing pinochle. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, we will tutor you in our rules. 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. You need not attend every meeting. Typically, 15 to 20 of us 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.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

As of October 4, 2014:

Previous membership	221
Deceased members	3
Members resigned (Health)	5
Current Active Membership	213
Inactive Members (was 7)	5



VIEW FROM PAROTTS FERRY BRIDGE

WATER SHORTAGE PLEASE CONSERVE

New Melones Reservoir is currently at an elevation of 861.83 feet. This is down by 226.17 feet! This level is only 21% of capacity! Driving over the Highway 49 & Parrots Ferry bridges shows the terrible drought we are currently experiencing!

BULLETIN INPUT

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Assistant Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

The deadline for the next bulletin is

November 2, 2014



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Cy Cyrus	1st
Rudy Flores	2
Roland Camfield	8
Rich Lundin	11
Chris Parreira	12
Bob Brown	14
Frank Diggle	14
Maurly Leal	14
Tom Harrington	15
Dan Cassaro	20
John McGinnes	20
Jim Simmons	23
Ron Simmons	23
Bob Morrison	24
Michael Silva	24
Bill Guenza	26
Dom DiFabio	26
Drex Oliver	26
Levi Jimenez	27
Skip Hoy	27
Knute Kleinen	28
Robert Volpi	29

MEMBER RELATIONS

The following member candidates are to be installed at our Oct 14th luncheon:

Candidate (Sponsor):

- Paul Padavana (Danny Laureta #036)
- Barry Bynum (Danny Laureta #036)
- David Martin (Jim Ollmann #025)
- Walter Schoenmann (Don Watson #173)



MOTHER LODE

TRAVEL SCHEDULE

Sonora - Twain Harte - Sierra SIR

Rich Lundin - 586-5632

wondjinaman@gmail.com

The October 20-22 SIRS Nevada Ghost Town, Rock Hounding, Shopping & Casino Trip has been revised to include another ghost town/mining camp to replace Ludwig with a visit to an historic fort in Nevada and volcanic sites in Mammoth Lakes.

More Bathroom and food sites have been added.

The costs of the trip has gone up BUT the price stays the same: \$250/person IF WE HAVE 28 PAYING PARTICIPANTS. MANDATORY information meeting for those SERIOUS on going at 5:00 pm on Monday, October 13th at 22510 Confidence Road. In Twain Harte. For more information and directions, call Rich Lundin on Monday at (209) 586-5632.

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.



VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

Please note that we are planning a very special program at our November 11th Luncheon.

If you are a veteran and have a picture of yourself in uniform please give it to Dale Decker at our Oct 14th luncheon.

If you are a veteran and still have your uniform and 'can fit into it' please wear it to our November 11th luncheon.

There will be 2 drawings for a free lunch at our special event.



WE'RE RV'ING!

RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Ron Long - 586-1838

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Monday, October 20th, the RV Travel Group will be heading to the 49er Village RV Park in Plymouth, Calif. This will be a fabulous Oktoberfest outing with lots of activities planned.

This will be a 3 night/4 day trip with free time for exploring and wine tasting.



WAY TO GO DAVE!

In this photo, Darvis Lee, GCUSBC President, is presenting our own Dave Rossi with an award for a 300 game and a 847 series. This achievement was reached in the GCUSBC Annual Tournament held on March 2, 2014. This is the first time anyone bowling in any of our annual tournaments has reached this level.



**Sons In Retirement
Sonora SIR Branch #136**

**Ladies Day
Christmas Luncheon
December 9, 2014**



New York Steak

With Baked Potato

Or

Salmon Filet

With Rice Pilaf

Salad, Vegetable, Bread and Dessert

Wine on the Table

\$22.00 per Person

11:00am Social Hour 12:00 noon Lunch

Elks Lodge

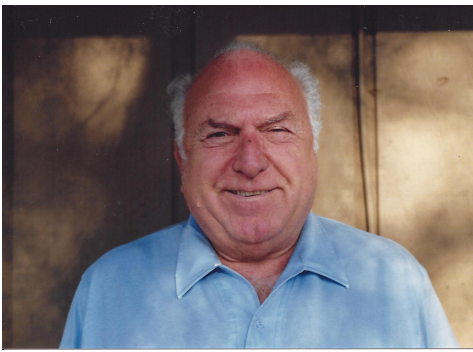
Tickets will be on sale at the October and November Meetings

Music By

Greg Brown Music Express



Mariano Garces 586-9973 * Maury Rollins 532-9170 * Bob Gelber 532-0199 * Jim Johnson 536-1595



DON'T FORGET!

There will be a Celebration of Life for Dusty Rhodes on October 11, 2014, 1:00pm, in the Oak Pavilion Gymnasium, Columbia Junior College.



BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

SIRS league bowling started on September 8th and we currently have 10 teams (although there are a few vacancies in them). Come join us even if you don't know how to bowl—it's a handicap league so everyone has a good chance of winning. I'm sorry that I'm on a long overdue cruise so I may not be back if you call. But, if you do I will certainly get back to you and answer any questions you may have.

SIRs
Branch 136
Ladies Christmas Luncheon
\$22 each
Tickets will be on sale at the October & November meetings

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

CHRONIC PRIDE:

Is the only disease known to man that makes everyone sick, except the one that has the disease



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.



CORRECTION:

In the September Branch #136 Bulletin Jim Bailey's name was incorrectly spelled under the 1st Year Directors listing. Note that his last name contains an 'e' which was left out. My apologies - Editor.

This has to be the feel good story of the year!



Can you believe it?

This guy wins \$181 million in the lottery last month and then finds the love of his life just 2 days later!

WANTED!

Jerry Bellefeuille needs an HTML programmer to work with him to improve our SonoraSirs website. If you have this skill please contact Jerry @ 533-3630.

WHO SAYS MEN CAN'T DESIGN?



SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

PRESIDENT

Sir Maynard Rodland Pres. Sacramento, CA

VICE-PRESIDENT

Sir Bobbie Hairston Vice Pres. Napa, CA

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Sir Richard F. DeVoe, Walnut Creek, CA

TREASURER

Sir Michael Berry Windsor, CA

REGION 3 DIRECTOR

Sir Jimmie A. Johnson, Fair Oaks, 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/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
- Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2004

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

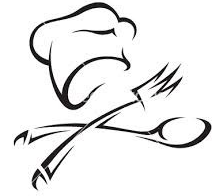
DECLARATIONS

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).



OCTOBER 14th MENU

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn & Apple Cobbler

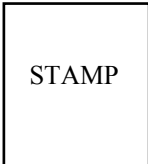
Guest Speaker

**Tom Secsa
General Manager
Tuolumne Utilities
District (TUD)**

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