

BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2014



Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on **Tuesday, Sept 9th @ 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 will be at our regular luncheon meeting on Tuesday having rescheduled my therapy to Monday the 7th. I am so much looking forward to being able to finish off the year without having to make another donation and being able to resume walking as before.

Thanks for your support this is one year I wish I could forget.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

If you didn't go to the BBQ Extravaganza on August 12 you missed out on a great time. You also missed out on some great BBQ food. It takes a bunch of hard working people to put on a successful event, and here they are in no particular order.

Ron Long - Head BBQ Pit Boss

Bill Guenza - BBQ Cook

Jim Botto - BBQ Cook

Richard Knisely - The Corn Cooker, Plus

John Avila - Cook, He was everywhere

Earl Randall - Head All Around Boss

Bob Gelber - Drawing Ticket Sales

Mariano Garces - Head of Setup Crew

Maury Rollins - Ticket Sales
 Frank Taylor - The Money Man
 Jim Mueller - The Music Man
 Ginny Johnson - Mrs. Little Sir and Kitchen Cook/Server
 Cathie Lobdell - BBQ Bean Cook and Server
 Rosie Walls - Kitchen Cook and Server
 Rick Bacon - Setup and Table Calling
 Letty Molinari - Server
 Jerry Erath - Setup
 Rich Lundin - Parking Lot Boss
 Jack Walls - Head Adviser
 Baily Johnson - Utensil and Napkin Roller Extraordinary
 Dale Decker - Head Drawing # Caller
 Bernie Long - Kitchen Cook/Server
 Diane Avila - Kitchen Cook/Server
 Leah Decker - Roving Newsletter Reporter and Photographer
 Betty Bacon - Kitchen Cook/Setup
 Peggy Guenza - Setup & Cleanup
 Mo Molinari - Rib Butcher and Food Preparation
 Jake Parsons - Parking Lot Boss
 Bill Lobdell - BBQ Bread Cooker
 Gabe Pettis - Drawing # Caller and Assistant Corn Husker

A big thanks to all that helped out. I would like to give a special thanks to the SIR Branch 136 RV Group and the Special Events Committee. If it wasn't for them we would not have had a successful BBQ.

Now onto planning the Christmas Luncheon. Can you believe it, we are already talking about the Christmas Luncheon. Get your tickets early and avoid the rush



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 August 26th Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

Format: Best Ball - Scramble - Alternate Shot

1st Place

Jake Parsons & Dennis Land Net 62

2nd Place
 Jeff Phillips & Matt Clay 65
 3rd Place (Tie)
 Gene Deaver & Jim Simmons 69
 Steve Hagel & Kevin Mooney
 4th Place (Tie)
 Don Banchemo & Gene Morales 70
 Bob Nath & Dan Cassaro
 Closest to the hole #5:
 1st Place Tom Newell 6' - 0"
 2nd Place Paul Padavana 7' - 4"
 3rd Place None
 Closest to the hole #12:
 1st Place Melvin Slife 12' - 0"
 2nd Place Ken Kirkland 13' - 0"
 3rd Place Rudy Flores 15' - 0"

Next Golf Tournament September 30th @ La Contenta GC, Valley Springs \$42 Entry Fee (Sept 19 fee deadline) 9:00 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 September 2, 2014:

Previous membership	225
Deceased members	1
Current Active Membership	224

COLOR or BLACK & WHITE?

If you received this bulletin in the mail you're missing the great picnic pictures in color. Go to our Branch #136 website:

SONORASIRS.ORG

and see what you're missing!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Table with 2 columns: Name and Birthdate. Includes Steve Belochi (1st), Eddie Conrado (3), Elmer Crnkovich (9), Fred Kehr (10), Joe Patania (12), Ken Danz (17), Steve Hagel (19), James Faifua (21), Bert Abreo (24), James Rucker (26), Steve Happel (26), Dick Aberle (28), Ray Malispina (28), Tim Johnson (28).

MEMBER RELATIONS

The following member candidates are to be approved at the BEC board meeting:

Candidate (Sponsor):

Paul Padavana (Danny Laureta #036)



Phil VanSwoll, Chairman of our branch nominating committee, announced the nominations for our 2015 Branch Executive Committee at our annual picnic:

Officers:

- Big Sir: Jim Johnson
Little Sir: Dale Decker
Treasurer: Frank Taylor
Secretary: Jerry Bellefeuille
Asst Secretary: John Howsden
Asst Treasurer: Gerald 'Blair' Abbott

Directors:

2nd Year

- Angelo Costanza
Jake Parsons
Mariano Garces

1st Year

- Rex Page
Dick Aberle
Ray Bailly

DUES ARE OVERDUE!

Our annual membership dues were due in January of this year and we still have 8 members (4%) that have not yet paid.

If you have not paid your dues by September 1, 2014 you may lose your membership in our SIRs Branch!

Mail a check to Frank Taylor at 19419 North Court, Sonora, CA 95370 & be sure to put your badge number on the check.

MOTHER LODE

TRAVEL SCHEDULE

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

The Branch #136 Nevada Ghost Town & Rock Hounding Trip on October 20-22 is moving along with signup forms and Brochures with detailed information being available at all three branches at the Sept meeting.

Planning for a Fall Branson Trip is progressing but we need input as to length, cost and what shows are preferred. Planning for a Fall Costa Rica Trip is also progressing but more information is needed as to the itinerary, cost and timing. See Rich Lundin at the meeting for details.

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 still collecting 2014 Veterans Day Recognition Data Sheets as we are planning a very special program at our November luncheon.

If you are a veteran and have not completed the data form please contact Dale Decker @ 533-0455 for a copy.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! PLEASE RESPOND IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY



RV CLUB NEWS
Jim Botto - 586-0822
Ron Long - 586-1838

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Thursday, Sept 4th, the RV Travel Group will be heading to the Laguna Seca Recreation Area. This will be a fabulous outing as the 3-day FestaItalia will be in full swing in the downtown Monterey area. Festival favorites include: unprecedented entertainment, raffles, bocce tournaments, parade, Italian food, beer, wine and more, all offering something for everyone!

BULLETIN INPUT

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Assistant Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630
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 Dale.

The deadline for the next bulletin is

October 5, 2014



ATTITUDE by Charles Swindoll

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.

Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. we cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you.....we are in charge of our attitudes.

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SIRs BRANCH #136 PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS



Music Provided by
Branch #136
James Mueller



OUR TICKET TAKERS

Branch #136
Director
Maurice Rollins

Gabe Pettis
Bob's Grandson

Branch #136
Director
Bob Gelber



Branch #136
Big Sir
John Bristow

SIRs State President
Maynard Rodland







Arlene Taylor

SIRs State President
Maynard Rodland

Branch #136
Treasurer
Frank Taylor



SIRs State
President
Maynard Rodland

Joe Patania

Branch #136
Treasurer
Frank Taylor

Area Governor
Jerry Mathew

Branch #136
Little Sir
Jim Johnson







BOWLING CHAIRMAN

Bert Abreo - 736-4804

SIRS league bowling starts on September 8th and bowlers should be there by 9:45 to decide on rules and other bowling business.

USBC cards are still \$20.00.

The Tournament sponsored by Branch 136 was very successful with about 100 participants. Branch bowlers or guests who made money for their efforts included:

Women: Marcia Rinaldi in Singles, Joan McGinnes in All Events as well as Elaine Simmons

Men: Lennie Anderson (Br 136 guest) in Singles Avg < 175
Gerry Davis, Dave Rossi, Mike Silva & Mike Bowers in >176 Avg
Mike Bowers in >176 Avg Singles
Dave Rossi & Mike Bowers in Scratch Singles

<350 Doubles : Debra Silva & Mike Silva, Rose & Bill Bowcutt, Bob Wright & Gerry Davis

>351 Doubles: Elaine & Jim Simmons, Mel Lawrence with a bowler from Napa Branch (yes, he went through the Napa quake), Lennie Anderson & Mike Silva, Billy Oliver & Mike Bowers, Bert Abreo & Dave Rossi

All Events Men <175 Avg: Bob Wright & Lennie Anderson

All Events Men >176 Avg: Mike Silva, Dave Rossi, Jim Simmons & Gerry Davis.

The next SIRs tournaments:

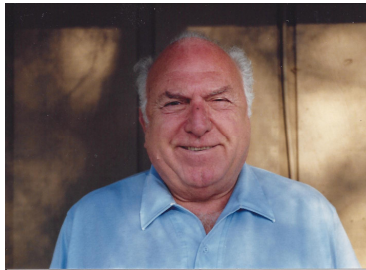
Cloverleaf Bowl in Fremont on Sept 14/15
South Lake Tahoe on Sept. 19/20. Entry forms for both are at the bowl and on line.

WATER SHORTAGE PLEASE CONSERVE



New Melones Reservoir is currently at an elevation of 869.11 feet. This is down by 218.89 feet! This level is only 23.2% of capacity! Driving over the Highway 49 & Parrots Ferry bridges shows the terrible drought we are currently experiencing!

Please conserve water - we are being asked to reduce our usage by 25%.



Harvey B. 'Dusty' Rhodes

Feb. 15, 1918 – Aug. 4, 2014

Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes, the founding president of Columbia Community College, passed away peacefully at his home on Phoenix Lake in Sonora, Calif., after a long and accomplished life. He was 96.

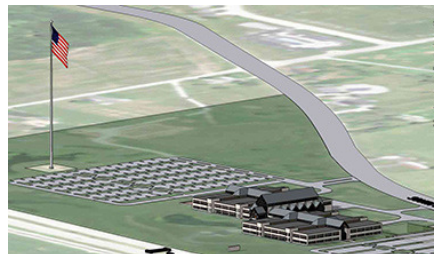
Dusty was a long time member of SIRs Branch #136 having joined in 1986 and was both a Charter Member and Honorary Life Member. He was very instrumental in guiding us and helping all of us when needed. As a past Big Sir (1996) and a contributor to our continued success Dusty is already missed

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



SIR William (Bill) Dunlavy is awarded an Honorary Life Membership Plaque and Badge from SIR State President Maynard Rodland. Bill is shown in this photograph with SIR Area Governor Jerry Morrow and Bill's wife Mary Lou.

CONGRATULATIONS BILL!



ACUITY FLAGPOLE PROJECT

Standing 400 feet tall, the new Acuity Insurance Flagpole is the tallest flagpole in North America. Located on the Acuity Insurance headquarters campus in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, along Interstate 43 between Milwaukee and Green Bay, the pole supports a 60-foot-wide by 120-foot-long American flag. Located at the base of the flagpole is a brick paver patio featuring the names of Sheboygan County residents killed in active duty.

Flagpole Facts:

The 400' flagpole weighs 420,000 lbs.
The flag measures 60' X 120'
A 200 lb flag is flown during good weather
A 350 lb flag is flown during bad weather
Each star is 3' high & each stripe 4.5' wide
680 CuYds of concrete in the foundation
500 gallons of paint cover the flagpole
11' diameter base tapers to 5.5' at top
Three pendulum-style tuned mass dampers reduce movement.

GUN CONTROL

Gun control has already started at Bass Pro Sporting Goods stores in the area.

When I was ready to pay for my purchases of gun powder and bullets, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wacko's running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out that she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader.

I have been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer.

I still do not think I looked that bad.

LUNCHEON CHECK-IN TABLE

Many, many thanks to Rodger Swartz, Eddie Towes, Alan Nix and Blain Cluff for stepping up and volunteering to back up Bert Abreo at the front table.

Bert has been carrying an important position for a long time and doing an excellent job.

This additional help, used on a rotating basis, will allow Bert to participate in the social hour and other activities.

LAUGHING OUT LOUD IS OKAY



SIR STATE OFFICERS

www.sirinc.org

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Sir Maynard Rodland Pres. Sacramento, CA

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Sir Bobbie Hairston Vice Pres. Napa, CA

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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

1996 - Dusty Rhodes/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 Banchero/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).



SEPTEMBER 9th MENU

**Teriyaki Chicken,
Rice Pilaf, Peas, Salad
& Chocolate Pudding**

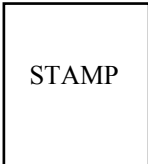
Guest Speaker

**Jennifer Holly
Medical Air Base Manager
PHI Air Medical
Columbia, CA**

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