



BULLETIN

SIR# 172 – Twain Harte, CA

November 2018

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Charles' Column

As we enter November, and the year draws to a close, we have many things to be thankful for, and SIR is surely one of them. Our branch has enjoyed many fun activities together and look forward to many more ahead.

You won't want to miss our Christmas party, which is one of the highlights on the SIR calendar. It will be held on Saturday, December 8. Don't forget to bring your checks for the party to the November luncheon. Look for Rich Brandau!

November is also the month where we traditionally show our gratitude to our Veterans who have given much in the service of our country. Paul Halek and Ed Nissen have planned an interesting program for the November luncheon to honor some of our veterans in Branch 172.

We are all looking forward to the Thanksgiving holiday, and I want to wish all of our members and their families a very happy celebration. Whether you are celebrating locally or going to visit relatives, travel safely. See you at the Christmas party!



Little SIR Blog

I encourage all SIRs to vote at the upcoming November 6th mid-term elections

I know the propositions are sometimes confusing and that there are judges and minor offices that we don't know or care much about, but it's our civic duty to make the effort.

Indifference leads to the wrong people out there having undue influence.

Many of our veterans have put their lives on the line for our freedom and the right to elect our officials.

Don't let's waste their effort.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Brandau	Otto Giuliani	Bruce McCulloch
Bill Brandt	Charles Luke	Dave Palmer
Heinz Buseman		Roland Patton
Cully Culpepper		Harry Taylor

LUNCH SCHEDULE

Lunches are noon the first Thursday at the Elk's Lodge with No-Host Refreshments at 11:00am.

Lunch cost is \$15.00

-- THURSDAY --

November 1, 2018 Menu

Roast Turkey & Stuffing
Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
Buttered Corn, Candied Yams
Green Salad, Pumpkin Pie

-- WEDNESDAY --

December 5, 2018 Menu

Beef Kabob
Rice Pilaf
Green Salad, green Beans
Bread Pudding

-- THURSDAY --

January 3, 2019 Menu

Sirloin Tips
Noodles, Carrots
Green Salad
Chocolate Pudding

Can't Make Lunch?

Call 536-6333

Please read Rule 100 and 101 pertaining to lunch attendance in the Member Information section on the last page

FELLOWSHIP

A Sympathy Card was sent to:

Sir Dave Pamer whose wife, Judi, recently passed

Please contact Sprague Edwards (sprague2@sbcglobal.net / 586-2818) if you are or know about an ailing fellow Sir

BEC MEETING

Your BEC meets on our monthly lunch day in the small meeting room in the Elk's club bar area.

Meetings start at 10:00 - the next meetings will be on:

WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018 and **Thursday, December 6, 2018**

Lunch Speakers

Our **November 1st** speaker is our own **Sir Dr John Baldwin** who will talk about the 100th year after the ending of WWI. There will be a Veterans Ceremony for our new members joining since last December

Gregory Oliver, Program Director of Interfaith Legal Services is our **WEDNESDAY, December 5,**

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Group Activities sponsored by our two other Motherlode SIR Branches are featured in this font color. Please contact the chairman listed for more information

Bike (Steve Happel, 532-7240) Rides are planned for the THIRD TUESDAY each month

Tuesday, November 20th is the date for the next SIRS ride.

The **Glory Hole Recreation Area of New Melones Lake** offer is the November 20th destination.

It's the fourth largest reservoir in California, is situated at an elevation of 1100 feet with a diverse and resource-abundant Foothill Oak Woodlands hug the 100 miles of shoreline.

Meet at Kohl's at 8:30am to carpool

BOWLING CLUB (Burt Abreo, #136 Sonora, 736-4808, E: murabreo@comcast.net)

SIR League Bowling begins in September. Upcoming tournaments include June 6-7 - Pacheco (Paddock Bowl), June 19-20 Paradise, July 9-10 Yuba City, July 20-23 Pollock Pines, Aug 13-15 Reno

CAR CLUB (Rich Rinaldi, #136 Sonora, 532-8366, E: farmrich40@gmail.com)

Sonora SIR conducts a Classic Car Club Tour and they're finalizing details. Their idea is to have at least 8 cars, meet at the old Valero Gas Station in Jamestown then drive west on 108. Lunch is planned afterwards – contact Rich for more details.

FISHING (Chuck Simons, #136 Sonora, 532-8366, E: farmrich40@gmail.com)

Golf (Doug Peters, 532-3739)

We're done for this year. Please let me have your inputs about all we did this year. Games are played on the second Tuesday

Hike (NEED CHAIRMAN)

HIKE dates will be established when we have a new chairman

This year's hikes are suspended until a member steps up to take over as group chairman. Please see Charles Luke or Dick Chimenti if interested.

Horseshoes

Members are still gathering on the last Thursday to toss shoes. No scores, no competition, just a fun morning with friends listening for that 'ringing sound' as a shoe lands on target.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Kayak (Dave Kenney) Trips are planned for the FOURTH Tuesday each month

We're done for 2018. Stay tuned for 2019 plans

Lunch Schedule 2018

Month	Day	Date
January	Thursday	January 4, 2018
February	Thursday	February 1, 2018
March	Thursday	March 1, 2018
April	Thursday	April 5, 2018
May	Thursday	May 3, 2018
June	Thursday	June 7, 2018

Month	Day	Date
July	Thursday	July 5, 2018
August	Thursday	August 2, 2018
September	Thursday	September 6, 2018
October	Thursday	October 4, 2018
November	Thursday	November 1, 2018
December	WEDNESDAY	December 5, 2018

Pinochle (Bob Morrison, Branch 136, 588-0994, robertmrrsn@yahoo.com)

Games are planned for EVERY Monday each month

"Cutthroat" Pinochle each Monday at 1:00pm at the Senior Center. Entry fee is \$3.00 and dates are **November 5, 12, 19 and 26**. We normally play on any 5th Monday but it doesn't count for the monthly score totals.

POKER (George Parsons, #136 Sonora, 533-8637)

Propane (Roy Gray, 206-6633)

Roy will announce the latest prices at each luncheon

RV CLUB (Eddie Toews, #136 Sonora, 532-3970, E: lcoinlady@aol.com)

RV members enjoyed the outing to Mariposa Fairgrounds. Perfect weather, side trips to Yosemite and Bass Lake with games galore. "Swinging Balls", "Corn Hole" and "Pipe Ball" along with just relaxing. Their next outing is to Betabel RV Park near San Juan Bautista, from June 24 to 28th. Four 2019 outings are scheduled

Tech

Due to lack of interest, Rich Nedbal has temporarily closed this group. It's clear we have many computer users and know there are some who still have questions. When those questions pile up or when your grandkids nag you enough that you need answers, contact the Big Sir, Little Sir or Rich (247-6497/E: richnedbal@msn.com)

Theater (Sprague Edwards, 586-2818)

Go to the SRT website (sierrarep.org) to read more about these great plays.

Play	Thursday Play Date	Theater	Host	Co-Host
Holly Jolly Christmas	13-Dec	E. Sonora	TBD	TBD

Travel (Need New Chairman)

An updated list of the European cruises and North & South American trips are on our website.

ACTIVITY GROUP HAPPENINGS

Twain Harte SIRs BIKE Group September 2018 Ride – Mt Elizabeth Ditch



Our BIKERS left to right:
Steve Happel, Pat Vierra, John Morton, Dave Kenney and Fred Petersen

GOLF RESULTS

Nestled in the foothills of the Sierras in the heart of the "Gold Country" La Contenta Golf Club has been a favorite destination for golfers for more than 35 years. Plenty of room to throw clubs, hear that "you're still away" and swear to give up this darn game. Only to return to another course next month.



Sequoia Woods			
Oct 9, 2018			
BLUE Flight		GOLD Flight	
John Schwartz	69	Doug Peters	65
		Lyn Felber	68
		Bill Brandt	68
Closest To Hole #17		Closest To Hole #13	
Lyn Felber		Not a single player	

Pinochle Results

October 2018		
Player	Branch	Average
4 Monday Session Players		
Henry Beltran	172	338
Jerry Kopyn	172	306
Del Rotelli	77	244
Roland Patton	172	238
Jim Turner	136	195
Art Bartee	172	193
Bill Lewis	172	174
3 Monday Session Players		
Sonny Tome	77	318
Bob Morrison	136	292
John Salmon	136	222

2 Monday Session Players		
Dave Goldemberg	172	276

1 Monday Session Players		
Bert Kronnick	203	77
Jerry Morrison	127	77
Al De Neveu	109	136
Bill Burnes	51	136

Weekly First Place Winners			
Week	Player	Score	Branch#
1	Bob Morrison	463	136
2	Jim Turner	438	136
3	Sonny Tome	388	77
4	Jerry Kopyn	359	172

SIR vs SIR vs SIR	
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Oct	
Branch	Average Score
172	277
136	254
77	249

KAYAK –

Our last outing of the season was to New Melones Lake, a reservoir on the Stanislaus River in the central Sierra Nevada foothills, within Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties. It is a water collection and transfer unit of the Central Valley Project providing irrigation water, hydroelectric power, flood control, and wildlife habitat.



The day's cruise began with a bit of wind that eventually subsided. We saw bald eagles, several Great blue heron, Canada Geese and Grebes. Paddled all the way to the inlet creek. Had a nice lunch after at the Diamondback. We had 8 paddlers and 6 kayaks.

In the photo from left to right:

Dave Kenney, Bill Bamford, Patrick Vierra Paolo Maffei, Paolo's son Mark, Bill Bamford's son Bill, and Tom Francis, Stever Happel behind the camera.

NEW MEMBERS

Three recent Guests are recent inductees and new branch members. Here's their mug shots. Please take a minute to meet and greet them

Lance Carle

Sponsor: Bill Bamford



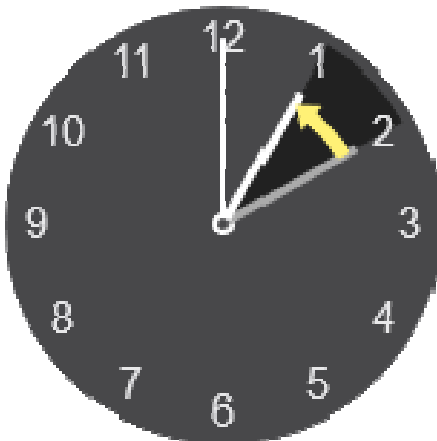
Paolo Maffei

Sponsor: Dave Kenney



Pat Vierra

Sponsor: Stu Heller



Nov 4, 2018 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When?

Sunday, November 4, 2018, **2:00:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour to

Sunday, November 4, 2018, **1:00:00 am** local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 4, 2018 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning. Also called Fall Back and Winter Time.

Branch, Area, Regional Officers - 2018			
BRANCH OFFICERS			
POSITION	NAME	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
Big SIR	Charles Luke	533-3683	celuke@gmail.com
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2nd Year Director	Mel Johnson	532-4360	mel.johnson@juno.com
2nd Year Director	Bill Parson	533-8474	waparson38@gmail.com
1st Year Director	Clark Beerman	586-3387	piman5@aol.com
1st Year Director	Jerry Kopyn	694-7172	jkopyn@gmail.com
1st Year Director	Stu Heller	586-7323	lakewoodancers@goldrush.com
STATE OFFICERS			
President	Derek Southern	925.253.1646	Dereck.Southern@gmail.com
Vice President	Ed Benson	925-900-3214	ebensonbwa@aol.com
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Area Governor - Area 5	Jim Johnson	209-536-1595	jjj32@sbcglobal.net

BRANCH REPORTS

The Branch BANK	Oct 2018
Begin Cash Balance	\$4,919.92
Receipts	\$1,590.08
Disbursements	\$1,955.03
Ending Cash Balance:	\$4,554.97

LUNCH ATTENDANCE REPORT	
Oct 2018	
Attending Members	104
Speakers, Visitors, Guests	1
LUNCH ATTENDEES	105
Non-Attending Member Info	
No Call Members	9
Inactive & Called-In Absence	55
NO SHOW TOTAL	64

MEMBERSHIP REPORT	
Oct 2018	
MEMBERS	
Begin Active Member Count	160
New Members	0
Resignations, Terminations...	1
TOTAL ACTIVE	159
TOTAL INACTIVE	8
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	167

MEMBER INFORMATION
SIR BRANCH ATTENDANCE RULES (abridged)

Planned Absence & Guests – Monthly Lunch

If you can't attend lunch, you need to call our **Hotline (536-6333)** as soon as you know before the lunch. If you're bringing a **Guest** – please call our Hotline before noon the day before our lunch with your guest's name. We advise the caterer of anticipated attendance.

Rule 100.

A member may be terminated if they do not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period.

Rule 101.

Certification of attending another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CHANGING YOUR PHONE#, EMAIL OR ADDRESS

Contact your Membership Chairman
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