

# SONORA BRANCH #136 next monthly meeting:

## March 13th

Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am

Branch Executive Committee Meeting starts at 10:00 AM in the main dining room.



# **Luncheon Menu**

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Diced Red Potatoes, Salad, Carrots, Cake





#### MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

If you are not able to attend the regular monthly meeting, or are bringing a Guest, please call the Membership Message Line at

536 - 6311

No Later Than Noon on the Sunday Before the Luncheon Meeting!

Leave a clear message with your NAME & BADGE #, GUEST NAME and the reason you will not be able to attend if applicable.

# SIR - SONORA BRANCH #136 March 2018 Bulletin

Website: sonorasirs.org



#### **BIG SIR NOTES**

Paul Squeri - 586-4083

Well here we are again, on the verge of spring. March enters but what ever happened to winter? We transitioned from fall to spring and my only lasting memory of winter is that I ran out of sunscreen. The weather person says we are in a La Nina pattern and should return to normal (whatever normal is) around the first week of March. They will have an accurate weather forecast available for the first week of March by the second week of March.

With the March meeting comes corned beef and cabbage. I look forward to it every year but to those that would prefer other, Dino will be providing baked cod. Call me (Paul Squeri) at 209-586-4083 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:paulsqueri@yahoo.com">paulsqueri@yahoo.com</a> and give me your name for a cod lunch. I can take orders until March 8<sup>th</sup>.

With March comes the ticket sales for the Ladies Day Luncheon on May 8, 2018, at 11:00. Little SIR Jim Botto and the Events Committee will have a table set-up to accommodate your ticket needs and table reservations. The tickets will again be \$25 per person. Our meal will feature a shrimp cocktail and entree choices of rib eye steak with potato, salmon with rice pilaf or chicken cordon blue with rice pilaf. Salad, vegetables and desert will accompany your meal. To satisfy your palate, wine will be provided to enhance your dining experience.

I want to mention again that we will have a booth in The Home & Garden Show at The Sonora Fair Grounds on April 14 & 15. The purpose of the booth is to introduce our organization to prospective new members. We could use a few new volunteers for an hour to assist us. We actually have a good time. We not only have interesting conversations with prospective members but have an opportunity to get better acquainted with some of our fellow members. Contact Paul Squeri at 586-4083 or Rex Page at 533-4501. We need about 25 new members a year to sustain this organization. We are off to a great start with the number of guests that have attended the January and February meetings. I want to extend my thanks to the members that have introduced friends to our organization. This remains the number one way that we are able to sustain our membership. It is also a great way to eat sooner, guest tables follow the head table to lunch.

Our yearly dues were due the first of January and became delinquent after the February meeting. If you have yet to get this done, please do so at the March meeting. Delinquent members will be posted in the April Bulletin.

#### Please welcome our new members to SIR Branch 136

Dave Jeppson, Steven Salnick, .& Lance McVey



#### SIR STATE OFFICERS

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#### **BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

Al Limon - Past Big SIR 2000 Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2007 Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015 Jim Johnson—Past Big SIR 2015

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Media Exchange - Sol Robin 651-1054 Book Exchange - Jim Rodrigues 536-4338 Nominating Com. Chair. - Danny Laureta 586-4083

Pinochle - Bob Morrison 588-0994 Poker - George Parsons 533-8637 Propane - Marty Martin 586-1886

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Travel - Paul Halek Branch #172 352-7399 Wine Tasting - Phil Van Swoll 532-1133

### SIR Mission Statement

To improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events - while making friends for life.



#### LITTLE SIR NOTES Jim Botto - 586-0822

Wow! From the standing ovation we gave to the Tuskegee Sisters I think they were one of the best guest speakers we have had. Their mission is to supply scholarships to graduating seniors interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) or STEAM programs (Includes the Arts) and single parents returning to school. Which gives us the opportunity to improve on our world ranking in education. "Students in the United States performed near the middle of the pack. On average 16 other industrialized countries scored above the United States in science, and 23 scored above us in math." Our future depends on our children's education and we as citizens need to help to promote these programs in every way we can.

Our next guest speaker will be Ted Griffin of the Sonora Regional Medical Center. Ted will be discussing the opening of the new Sonora Cancer Center and the impact on our community.

We have three new members Lance McVey, Steven Salnick, & Dave Jeppson. They will have a star on their name badges. Please make them welcome and help them select any of the activities we offer and introduce them to one of the activities chairman.

We are finalizing our annual Lady's Day Luncheon. The menu will consist of your choice of Rib Eye Steak and Baked Potato or Salmon Filet & Rice Pilaf or Chicken Cordon Bleu & Rice Pilaf. A shrimp cocktail and wine will accompany your choice. The price will be \$25.00 per person. Tickets will be going on sale at our March 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon. We only have capacity for 224 persons so purchase your tickets early. There will be eight (8) people at a table. There will be 28 tables set up. Get your table organized before you buy your tickets. We will be entertained by Singing Steve Johnson. Steve likes to play "Oldies but Goodies"

I had an opportunity to read a true story of Pino Lella, a teenager in Italy during the Nazi occupation. I had a hard time putting the book down once I started it. If you like WWII stories this is one you can't miss. Our guest speaker for the June 12<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be Mike Lella the son of the main character of this book. The book is "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan and has been on the bestselling list for several months. I highly recommend reading this one.

I am starting to receive the Korean War Veterans DD214 forms. Please keep them coming. The Korean Council General is excited to be able to present this commemorative medal in an expression of appreciation from the Korean Government to men and women who served in the Korean War. Please send a copy of your DD214 to: Jim Botto 24061 Hitching Post Rd. Sonora, CA 95370 or give it to me at our next luncheon.

Don't forget to wear your green for St Patrick's Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Aren't we supposed to drink a lot of green beer? Don't kiss the Blarney Stone! I really don't know what that means maybe someone can enlighten me. Happy St Patrick's Day!





# **March 13th Guest Speaker**

**Ted Griffin of Sonora Regional Medial Center** 

### March 2018 Club and Committee Reports



#### **March Birthdays**

Wynne, Talfourd	03/01
Woosley, Glenn	03/01
Brager, Manuel (Manny)	03/03
Taylor, Frank HLM	03/09
Laureta, Delano (Danny)	03/12
Squeri, Paul	03/15
Knisely, Richard	03/15
Walls, Jack	03/16
Jamieson, Tom	03/18
Erath, Jerry	03/18
Colondres, Joe (92)	03/19
Kolander, Walt D.	03/20
Peaslee, Jack	03/21
Thomas, Stanley (Stan)	03/23
Martin, David	03/23
Sehr, James	03/24
Prigmore, Millard (Bud)	03/25
Turner, Jim E.	03/27
Grow, Steven (Steve)	03/27
Mercado, Trini	03/27
McKee, Bill	03/29
Neiderer, Thomas (Tom)	03/31



#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Dale Decker - 533-0455 daledftg@sonnet.com

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Total Act	ive	Me	mbei	rs	

Luncheon Attendance (69%)	154
Excused Absences (36%)	25
March 2018 Membership	
February Active Membership	224
Applicants Being Installed	+4
Active Members Lost (resigned/transfer)	-4
Active Members to Inactive	0
Active Membership Outlook	224

#### **CAR CLUB**

# CHAIRMAN: Rich Rinaldi - 532-8366 farmrich40@gmail.com



Just as predicted, winter rain and snow have arrived here in our Mother Lode area. While we wait for the weather to get more friendly, plans are afoot for the first car shows of the upcoming spring season. The "Welcome Home Veterans" Bike & Car Show will occur at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds in Jamestown on Sat. April 14<sup>th</sup>. Even if you don't have a classic or antique vehicle this show is lots of fun. Includes food, music & a raffle. Phone Patrick at 209-740-5304 or Roger at 209-480-8423 for entry fees...also this show is open to the public with a \$5.00 parking fee. Still planning future events that will include our other 2 local SIR branches. Call me if you have any helpful suggestions on tours or events we can share with our "car" aficionados.

#### **RV CLUB**

# CHAIRMAN: Eddie Toews 532-3970 lcoinlady@aol.com



On Tuesday, February 20th the RV Club met for breakfast at the "My Garden Restaurant" to plan and finalize or 2018 outing schedule. It was a very successful meeting and our first outing will be to Jackson Rancheria on March 25th and ending on March 29th with 20 rigs signed up to go. The hosts are the Costello's and the Barnes. We also honored Cheri Martin with a beautiful vase of flowers for doing an outstanding job as our sunshine lady.

Everyone is looking forward to getting the rigs out and get going. Hoping for good dry weather. We have 25 paid members in the club and 2 on a waiting list. Happy camping!



### BOWLING CHAIRMAN: Open



Due to vacancy of the committee chair, there is no report this month. Any SIR interested in filling the position of Branch Bowling Committee Chairman please contact any member of the BEC. For duties and responsibilities, see the SIR bowling website at www.sirinc.org/bowling/.

League standings as of 2/26 1st-Misfits, 2nd -Dennis's Gang, 3rd -Andy's Dandies

Upcoming tournaments include: (Entry forms are available at the SIR bowling website) Carson City March 9-12



#### SUNSHINE CHAPLAIN

Steve Gregory - 533-0309 discogregory@aol.com

Good news this month—all is well.



#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, or by telephoning him at 533-0455. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to **Dale Decker**, along with a check for the amount stated on the application. Dale's address is 10338 Slate Rim Rd, Sonora, CA 95370.



#### **INTERNET CHAIRMAN**

Jerry Bellefeuille -533-3630 Asst- Danny Laureta—586-4083

Our Branch website is at **sonorasirs.org**. Here you will find our membership roster, bulletins past and present, activity schedules, BEC meeting minutes, a link to the state SIR website, a link to the SIR promotional video and more. Tell prospective members about our website and encourage them to watch the video. If your phone number or address has changed please let me know so I can update the roster on our website.



#### **BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE!**

Steve Huff Editor - 770-0678 Asst. Jerry Bellefeuille 533-3630

I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee chairmen who sent in their reports to me on or before the deadline. When you write your report please use Times New Roman 10 font and No Spacing. Please send all bulletin input to Steve Huff at: shuff0531@gmail.com The deadline for the next bulletin is:

Friday March 30th

### March 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

#### **PINOCHLE**

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

We need more pinochle players, so please come and play with us. You don't need to know how to play because we will teach you. Also, you don't have to come every time, but only when you want to. You will play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you will pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) As a new player, you will win a cash prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you will win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. You will play with members from all our three SIR branches. We meet each Monday at the Pine Tree Restaurant at the intersection of Hess Ave. and Mono Way. We start playing at 1:00 P.M. and end before 4:30 P.M. Some of us come earlier and have breakfast or lunch between noon and 1:00 P.M. For more information, please call me and/or go to the web site www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon. The three tables below show the results of the scores for our pinochle sessions. The first one lists the average score of each player based on the number of sessions played in February. The second lists the weekly first place winners and their scores for February. The third lists the SIR branch average scores for January thru February.



May the wind at your back not be the result
of the corned beef and cabbage
you had for lunch.
Happy St.Patrick's Day

February 2018					
Player Branch Average					
4 Monday	4 Monday Session Players				
Roland Patton	172	339			
Bob Morrison	136	317			
Sonny Tome	77	280			

3 Monday Session Players				
Dave Goldemberg	172	353		
Art Bartee	172	344		
Al De Neveu	136	336		
Bill Lewis	172	268		
John Salmon	136	232		

2 Monday Session Players			
Henry Beltran	172	441	
Bill Burnes	136	234	

1 Monday Session Players				
Del Rotelli	77	328		
Jerry Morrow	172	297		
Dick Robinson	172	292		
Jim Turner	136	249		
Bill Burnes	136	234		
Loein Smith	77	220		
Bert Kronnick	77	176		
Jerry Kopyn	172	35		

Weekly First Place Winners				
Date Player Score Bran				
5-Feb	<b>Sonny Tome</b>	430	77	
12-Feb	Art Bartee	514	172	
19-Feb	Al Deneveu	422	136	
26-Feb	Bill Lewis	390	172	

SIR vs SIR vs SIR		
Branch Average Scores - Jan thru Feb		
Branch Average Score		
172	297	
136 272		
77	234	



## March 2018 Club and Committee Reports (cont'd)

#### **March Luncheon Menu Option**

At the SIR Branch #136 March 13th meeting we will be having corned beef and cabbage. Those wishing to have baked cod should call or send their name to Paul Squeri at 209-586-4083 or <a href="mailto:paulsqueri@yahoo.com">paulsqueri@yahoo.com</a> before March 8th.

#### **Luncheon Ticket Drawings**

Don't forget the luncheon ticket drawings. Proceeds help with making our three special events more successful (Ladies Day, Family Picnic, and Christmas). Just look for Tom T. and Tom N. coming your way during the Social Hour and just prior to the Luncheon meeting starting.

#### **Home and Garden Show**

Volunteers are needed to man the SIR booth at The Home & Garden Show at The Sonora Fair Grounds on April 14 & 15. The purpose of the booth is to introduce our organization to prospective new members. To signup contact Paul Squeri at 586-4083 or Rex Page at 533-4501.

#### **Ladies Day Luncheon**

Tickets are on sale for the May 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon see attached flyer for details. Reserve your table now.

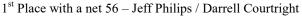
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# GOLF Joint Br. 136 & Br. 77 Golf Committee CHAIRMAN: Paul Padvana 532-8051 Asst: Danny Laureta 586-4567

After weeks of mid 60-degree weather the Golf Club finally had the first Tournament of the year in low 50-degree weather. The turnout was more than anticipated with 24 golfers bundling up and enduring the cold weather. Here are the results for the February 20 Two-man Best ball Blind Partner Tournament played at Mountain Springs.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a net 57 – Matt Clay / Trini Mercado

3<sup>rd</sup> Place with a net 58 – Bob Edwards / Andy Bravo

Closest to Hole #7 (145 yds.)

1<sup>st</sup> - 29'11" - Matt Clay 2<sup>nd</sup> - 42' - Jeff Phillips 3<sup>rd</sup> - 58' - Gene Deaver

Closest to Hole #12 (123 yds.)

 $1^{st}$  - 8" - Bob Edwards  $2^{nd}$  - 3'10" - Jeff Phillips  $3^{rd}$  - 8'1/4" - Matt Clay

The next **SIR 136** / **77** / **172 Golf Tournament** is scheduled for March 20th at Mountain Springs Golf Course. Start time is 9:30 AM. The format for this tournament will be 6-6-6. This is a two-man team with the first six holes played as best ball, the second six holes played as a scramble, and the third six holes played as an alternate shot. **Sign-up for this tournament is by Friday, March 16th (NO LATER).** Contact Paul Padavana at 209-532 -8051 or e:mail paulp\_57@yahoo.com. Hopefully the weather will be willing to let us play.

There is no Skins Game scheduled for March. The first Skins Game will be held at Mountain Springs Golf Course on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Danny Laureta at 209-586-4567or e:mail drlaureta@gmail.com.

### **FISHING**

# CHAIRMAN: Chuck Simons - 532-9550 simons4890@yahoo.com

Well, the snow and rain has not changed the trout fishing. The catches are few and far between, but good sized, as you can see here in the picture of SIR Frank Myers with two nice fish. You can also see it was a cold and windy day on Melones, when only the die-hards are out there. These two were caught first thing in the morning and nothing more the rest of the day. Bass fishing is about the same. Let me know if any of you have been out, at <a href="mailto:simons4890@yahoo.com">simons4890@yahoo.com</a>





# Ladies Day Luncheon

May 8th 2018



No Host Cocktails @ 11:00 am Lunch @ Noon

## Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail
Rib Eye Steak w/Baked Potato
-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf
-or- Chicken Cordon Bleu
with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert
Wine on the table

\$25 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the March & April Luncheons

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE
NO CANCELATIONS AFTER
APRIL 27, 2018

#### EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Jim Botto - . . . 586-0822
Dick Aberle Bill Guenza
Rex Page John Vieira
Gene Zanoni Scott Lewis

# Combined Group Activity Chairmen 2018

Group	Branch 136-Sonora Paul Squeri-Big SIR 586-4083	Branch 77-Sierra George Kellerman-Big SIR 533-9083	Branch 172-Twain Harte Charles Luke-Big SIR 533-3683
Biking	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Steve Happel 532-7240
Bowling	Bob Wright 536-9007	Larry Lund 586-2276	See Branch 136 & 77
Golf	Paul Padavava 532-8051	Kent Kirkland 532-3435 77 Rep	Doug Peters 532-3739
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	
Tournaments	Paul Padavana 532-8051	See Branch 136	
Handicap	Tom Nischwitz 694-8624	See Branch 136	
Advisor	Danny Laureta 586-4567	See Branch 136	
Hiking	See Branch 77	Mike Clay 588-1345	
Fishing	Chuck Simons 532-9550		See Branch 136
Horseshoes	See Branch 77 & 172	Bob Nath 532-2229	Cas Munoz 586-1578
Pinochle	Bob Morrison 588-0995	Bert Kronnick 586-7726	See Branch 136
RV Travel	Ed Toews 532-3970	See Branch 136 & 172	Duane Porter 533-2189
Tech/Computer	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Rich Nedbal 247-6497
Travel	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Paul Halek 352-7399
Theatre	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Sprague Edwards 586-2818
Wine Tasting (45)	Phil VanSwoll 532-1133	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Antique Cars (30)			
Woodworking (29)			
Poker (26)	George Parsons 533-8637	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Bocce Ball (26)			
Fine Dinning (22)			
Gardening (20)			
Dancing (16)			
Car Club (16)	Rich Rinaldi 532-8366	See Branch 136	See Branch 136
Pot Luck Dinner (15)			
Book Exchange	Jim Rodrigues 536-4338		
Media Exchange	Sol Robin 651-1054		
Kayak	See Branch 172	See Branch 172	Dave Kenney

#### Activity (xx) = number of respondents indicating interest in having this new activity in Branch #136

Note: With 3 local SIR Branches in the area it is more efficient to share activity chairmen & contacts. If you see an activity you would like to consider joining please call the person identified for that activity. The member can assist you in where to meet, at what time and answer any questions you may have.

If you see an activity without a contact name and would like to volunteer to be the contact person in Branch #136 (no duties or reporting required) please contact Paul Squeri, phone 586-4083 or e-mail (paulsqueri@yahoo.com)

# <u>March 2018</u> Sonora SIR Branch 136 Activity Calendar Contact Committee Chairman for activity details

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Bowling –Black Oak Pinochle– Pine Tree	6	7	8	9 Bowling– Carson City	10 Bowling-Carson City
11 Bowling-Carson City	12 Bowling-Carson City Bowling –BO Pinochle– Pine Tree	BEC 10 am Luncheon Noon Corned Beef+++	14	15	16 Golf signup deadline	17
18	19 Bowling –BO Pinochle– Pine Tree	20 Golf –Mtn Springs	21	22	23	24
25 RV-Jackson Rancheria	26 Bowling –BO Pinochle– Pine Tree RV-Jackson Rancheria	27 RV-Jackson Rancheria	28 RV-Jackson Rancheria	29 RV-Jackson Rancheria	30 April Bulletin Reports Due	31

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