

# “The SIR” ~ LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160

CHARTERED APRIL 22, 1991

RETIRED AND SEMI-RETIRED MEN GETTING TOGETHER FOR LUNCH  
AND ENJOYING OUR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES



## HIGH MOUNTAIN NEWS



### NOVEMBER 2011

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month

Next reg. meeting - our 254 <sup>th</sup> .....	Monday November 28th.....	We meet at Tep's Villa Roma
Officers & Chairmen .....	10:00am .....	3450 Lake Tahoe Blvd (Hiway 50)
Social hour .....	11:00 am .....	South Lake Tahoe, California
Luncheon .....	12:00 noon .....	Across from the Bijou Center)



### FROM THE BIG SIR

#### 'Tis the Season"

With the coming of the Holiday Season it's once again time to embrace the friendships, warmth and since of family we share with all our fellow SIR members. One of the best opportunities we have as an organization to share these bonds with our SIR friends is our Annual SIR Christmas Party, scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> at Tep's. You'll find all the necessary details within this issue of our Branch newsletter. This is a celebration not to be missed so please come to the November meeting prepared to purchase you tickets and volunteer to help make this the best one possible.

I sincerely hope to see all of you at the 2011 Lake Tahoe SIR Christmas Party! Oh! and don't forget, "Be a friend, bring a friend!"

#### Thoughts for the Coming Year

As I prepare for my new role as Governor for Area 19 in 2012, I recently had the privilege of joining Bill Short, our existing Area 19 Governor, while visiting both Branch 137 (Placerville) and Branch 120 (Georgetown). Earlier in the year I had the pleasure of visiting Branch 113 (Pollock Pines). I was thoroughly impressed with the fellowship and dedication of their respective membership.

Even though each of these Branches follows the same SIR guidelines for their BEC meetings, general meetings and activities, they each had very unique ideas that may have value to us all. Area 19 is not the typical SIR area in that our four Branches are geographically diverse, yet from what I've seen we are as independently strong and creative, if not more so, than many other Areas. We have the opportunity to think at higher levels and potentially set new standards for SIR.

I'm extending an invitation to each of you who may be interested in visiting our neighbor clubs to join me in 2012 when I travel to these sister Branches. What a great opportunity to meet new SIR friends, share ideas amongst the clubs, and possibly start new "inter-branch" visitations and/or a jointly planned activities. I would be pleased to have you join me.

Have the very best Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas! *David*

## ***From the Little SIR***

*November! The holidays are upon us and we're making travel plans depending on weather. At last month's meetings, I again assumed the status of "Big SIR". Dave Cotter had obligations in the northwest. During the BEC meeting, there was a consensus of the board, that the reserved date for our Xmas party (Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>) was too close to Xmas. I later met with the restaurant staff and changed the booking date to the Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, please try to bring your monies for the Xmas party on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25.00/person. A vote was taken from the general membership to return spaghetti to the menu.*

*While attending the annual meeting of Big SIR in Vallejo, other branch representatives related what they've done to retain members. Dividing into small groups, suggestions such as appointing an activities chairman were discussed. This chairman's duties would be contacting local business owners to obtain group rates for member participation. Targets might be the Tahoe Queen dinner cruises, ice skating at the local arena, fishing trips, holding our monthly luncheons at other restaurants, etc.*

### ***This month's chuckle!***

*Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Holland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. 'These' she explained, are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce. She then asked, what do you do in America with your old goats?' A spry old gentleman answered,  
'They send us on bus tours!'*

*Our speaker for last month's luncheon was (again) Dr. David Borges. He enlightened us on the development of the south shore casinos. The November speaker will tentatively be Dr. Kevin Hoffarth M.D., with Barton Family Medicine. He will be open to discussions on generic ailments of the elder generation (i.e., arthritis, rheumatism, cancers, etc.) Come join us for lunch and bring a friend as a potential new member.*

***Dave Dugan***

**Sons In Retirement - Lake Tahoe Branch 160**  
**NOVEMBER 2011**

Member added (1) Bobby Silvius

Total Members this report (113)

Inactive members (5) Bill Challenger, Russ Dow, Bob Hoy,  
Al Pizl, Will Twining

Medical Leave (3) Harold Bogardus, George Adams,  
Robert Dunn

Total inactive members (8)

Net active members (105)

Attendance – active members (69)

Visitor Speaker (1) Dave Borges

Visitors Sirs State Dignitary's (1) Bill Short

Total present (71)

Above and Beyond Donations Russ Dow



Your attendance  
Chairman,  
*Ron Rathbun*

**Attendance reminder --**

**We must not miss 3 consecutive meetings without  
notifying the Attendance Chairman and being  
excused.**

**Whether or not we have been "excused", we still  
must attend at least half the meetings during the  
previous 12 months period.**

**Visit the SIR Website at [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org)  
and  
read "SIR HAPPENINGS" -- the SIR State Newsletter.  
plus, in living color, BRANCH 160 newsletter on  
Website  
[www.tacojay.com](http://www.tacojay.com)**

**NOTICE**

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**MEMBERS ANNIVERSARY FOR THE  
MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

**1996 Jim LaPorte, 1999 Jim Denney,  
2000 Don Hanifen, 2004 George Ramirez,  
2004 Will Smith, 2005 Earle Malley,  
2006 Steve Pannozzo**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS**



**TIM DONLEY, OTTO HEFNER,**

**BOB PITCOCK, WARREN SHAW,**

**BILL SLUKA, DENNIS WINGATE, TOM WORRELL**

*Happy Birthday, Sirs'*

Lake Tahoe Branch 160 Badge Color Scheme

Charter Member...**RED** Honorary Life Member...**GOLD**

New Member .... **BLUE** The rest of us ..... **BLACK**

When you see a badge with **BLUE** lettering indicating a **NEWER MEMBER**, be sure to make him feel extra welcome



**~NOTICE~**

SUPPORT "The SIRs" ~ DRESS IT UP WITH ROOSTER PINS, HATS AND SHIRTS. SHOW HOW PROUD YOU ARE TO BE A SIR!!!



HATS ~ \$13  
VESTS ~ \$29  
SHIRTS ~ \$16  
PINS ~ \$2.50  
GOLF TOWELS ~ \$7



Start looking good!

**THE ROOSTER MAN**  
**Bill chambers**

**Badge drawing winner!!!!**

**FOR THE NOVEMBER LUNCHEON**



***JIM PRICE***

*Come to a meeting, have lunch, hear our guest speaker and have your badge pulled from the bucket for a lunch on SIR at the next meeting.*



**Previews of  
Coming Attractions ...**

**NOVEMBER**

Nov 28 Regular lunch meeting at Teps  
**Elections of Officers for 2012**

Dec 9 Bowling Lake Tahoe Bowl  
Dec 14 Christmas luncheon Tep's  
**NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER**

**From the Attendance Chairman**

***... Ron Rathbun***

Time for the annual reminder to our several "Snowbirds" -- be sure to request from me a "Leave of Absence". Also please give us your winter address so you can keep up with Branch goings-on by receiving the monthly Newsletter.

You are **URGED** to make a donation at this time to help defray the expenses of the club while you're away. We look forward to seeing you in the Spring, so take care!



**WINTER**

**GOLF**

**Joe Scott will be putting on our winter golfing again this winter on Monday's at 9am. Give him a call at 775-246-2654.**

Monday, October 25, 2011

SIR Branch 160  
Board of Directors/Executive Committee Meeting  
South Lake Tahoe. CA

The scheduled meeting of SIR Branch 160 for October was held at Teps Villa Roma Restaurant.

Big SIR, Dave Cotter was absent, Little SIR Dave Dugan called the meeting to order at 10:05AM. 7 Executive Board members were present at the beginning of the meeting to constitute a quorum. Area Governor Bill Short is present for the meeting.

The minutes from the September meeting were presented and a motion was made by Jack Post to accept the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Dale Herman and passed unanimously.

**Big/Little SIR report:**

Mr. Dugan reported on the SIR Officer training meeting held in Vacaville. It was recommended that along with the certificate of appreciation presented to our guest speaker a gratuity should also be included. Going on this Mr. Dugan will present a bottle of wine to today's speaker. Today's speaker will be Dave Borges, speaking on the history of the Stateline Casinos.

Discussion followed on a request by members to have spaghetti included as one of the entrées at our luncheon. The executive committee will look into having spaghetti included.

**Treasurer's report:**

Dale Herman passed out copies of FORM 28. We started out the month with \$1766.82 and received \$114.09 in general receipts for a loss of \$25.59. Custodial disbursements (luncheon paid out /paid in) a net gain of \$189.00 for an ending balances of \$1985.41. A discrepancy of \$9,447.41 was noted in the ending cash balance year to date column. Dale Herman will check into this and report back at the next meeting. A motion was made by Dave Tiongco and seconded by Jack Post to accept the treasurer's report and passed unanimously.

**Attendance report:**

Ron Rathbun stated that there are 113 approved members, with 8 inactive and 3 on medical leave. This gives us a total of 105 active members.

**Newsletter report:**

NO report given.

**Bowling report:**

Al Atkins: negotiations and information is still being conducted on the possibility of putting on a bowling tournament. Will keep committee informed.

**Golf report:**

Sig Heidemann will discuss golf issues at the general membership meeting.

**Sunshine report:**

No report given.

**Travel:**

Currently there are three trips available for SIR members. Mexico, Mediterranean and Memphis. See George Ramirez for information and prices.

**Old Business:**

Jack Post questioned the date of the Christmas party of Dec. 12, our schedule of events shows Dec. 19. Dave Dugan said he would check with Dave Cotter. Dave Dugan has not been able to contact Fabrizio for a commitment on the music. Party preparations are ongoing.

**New Business:**

Area Governor Bill Short discussed the procedure for exchanging the SIR manual.

A motion was made by Jack Post to have the Branch pay the luncheon fee for prospective members. This would depend on the health of the current treasure report. The motion was seconded by Dave Tiongco and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jack Post and seconded by Dom Delcenio to accept the application for membership of Bobby Silvius. Mr. Silvius was voted in unanimously.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 10:45AM. Respectfully submitted, Joe Mckenna, Assistant Secretary



~ Merry Christmas ~

Happy Holidays !

# Happy New Year!

“The SIR” ~ LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160  
Announcing the annual Holiday Party and Banquet Buffet  
at Tep’s Villa Roma

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011 ~ 11 am - 3 pm

Ladies and other guests are most welcome!

## Tep's is providing this specially selected menu

Holiday Salad including Ham, Salami, and Cheese Platter  
Fruit Tray - Homemade Rolls and Butter  
Fresh Sautéed Vegetables  
Mashed Potatoes - Gravy - Cranberry Sauce - Yams

### HOT ENTREES

**Roasted Turkey with Italian Stuffing**  
and all the Americano Trimmings

**Baked Ham**

**Salmon Ravigote**

Fresh King Salmon topped with a creamy Seafood Stuffing and baked  
Served over a bed of fresh Sautéed Spinach

**Prime Rib**

Au jus and creamy Horseradish sauce  
and . . .

*Coffee and Dessert*

plus...

**White, Blush and Red wine are included with dinner  
and your favorite drinks are available at the no-host bar**

**For your dining and dancing pleasure . . . LIVE MUSIC by our favorite DAVE FABRIZIO**

And again this year! Silent auction for some fantastic items ... plus a 50-50 drawing. Get in on these for sure!  
The cost of the party is only \$25 for SIRs, their ladies and other guests. Please bring your money to the  
November 28th luncheon meeting at Tep’s where our Treasurer, Sir Dale Herman, will sign you up.  
If you prefer to sign up by mail, make your check payable to SIR Branch 160 and send it to the address  
below so as to reach him by the Monday, December 5, 2011 deadline.

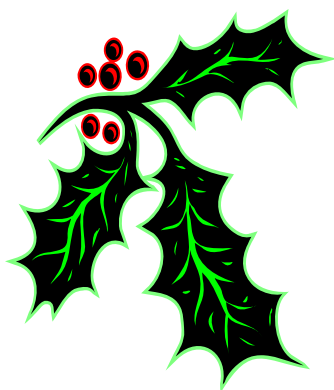
**Get in the spirit!**

SIR Dale Herman  
2274 Oregon Ave.  
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

**See you there!**

**SIR BOWLING REPORT—Branch #160**

November 12, 2011



The November "Monte Carlo" bowling event was held on Friday, 11/11/2011. Seventeen (17) bowlers and a few guests enjoyed an assortment of some 'good eaten' and participated in a fun event. Our drawings provided 8 different bowlers an opportunity to participate in seven different games. Our big winners are noted below:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Game</u>	
Ron Ticknor	Free entry to next month's event	\$9.00
Ron Rathbun	Low Ball	\$1.00
Al Akins	Mystery Doubles	\$12.00

Our "Monte Carlo" pots are continuing to grow and I expect that several more of our bowlers will 'cash in' next month.

Another special mention is given to the following three (3) SIR individuals for their high series in our 9 pin 'no tap' format. Many of the bowlers experienced some 'high scores', however, these three individuals bowled a noteworthy series:

Bobby Silvius (a new SIR) 723 series. Al Akins 671 series, Ron Lyness 669 series

An invited guest to our bowling efforts, Steve Aldridge bowled an excellent 257 game. Steve is continuing to improve his game and we all agree that it's all because of his new 'Blue Hammer'.

Hope to see more of you on the second Friday of each month. Stay safe and bowl well. Al Akins

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The following list of candidates will be offered during our meeting for your consideration.

Big SIR Dave Dugan, Little SIR Tom Sawyer, Secretary Tim Donley, Assistant Secretary Joe McKenna  
Treasurer Ron Thompson, Assistant Treasurer Dennis Nikkel, Directors, Dom Delcenio, Larry Coffman,  
Wayne Logan, Jack Post, Mike Vadnais, DaveTiongco

We thank these gentlemen for answering the call. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, and a nominee from the floor must indicate his agreement to accept the office if elected. Officers are formally installed at our December Party.



### Roster Changes

Please post this change to your Branch Roster --

One new member 😊

Bobby Silvius, Badge 121, PO Box 14514 S. Tahoe,  
CA 96150 Wife Terri 530-318-6167

TO: SIR BRANCH 160  
Sir Dale Herman Treasurer  
2274 Oregon Ave  
S. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

I'm enclosing my donation in the amount of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

For  Missed meeting donations

I'll be gone for a while

Just because

## Happenings Travel Bulletin

**January 21-27, 2012**

***Florida Keys Adventure***

Enjoy a prime time visit to Miami, Key Largo, and the Florida Keys and four nights in Key West. In Miami we'll take a city tour and a short air boat ride in the Everglades National Park. Then in Key Largo we'll cruise in a glass bottom boat through the largest living coral reef off our coasts. In Key West we'll stay at the Crowne Plaza La Concha in the heart of town on historic Duval Street. Key West features a host of interesting things to see and do. Cost is \$3380 PPDO which includes r/t air from SFO and 13 meals. Offered by Branch 62 Travel. Contact Roy Jordan at 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt at 408-241-4421.

**February 22-March 1, 2012**

***The Wonders of Costa Rica***

Experience the lush forests, magnificent waterfalls, rumbling volcanoes, endless coastlines, and diverse Ecosystems in a place that preserves its delicate ecology for all to enjoy along with some of the most spectacular scenery you will ever experience. Trip includes r/t air, 18 meals, deluxe motor coach, hotels, and a professional naturalist tour director. Cost is \$2579 PPDO. Offered by Branch 32 Travel. Contact Mike Console at 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch at 408-274-2992.

**April 9-26, 2012**

***Hong Kong to Tibet via the World's Highest Railway***

Fly from San Francisco to Hong Kong. Visit Hong Kong, Shanghai, Yichang, and take a four day Yangtze River cruise. Then fly to Lhasa for three days of touring and ride the luxury Tibet Express train to Xi'ning and then on to Beijing for two days before returning to SFO. Cost is \$5191 PPDO and includes r/t air, meals, accommodations, etc. Offered by Branch 35 Travel. Contact Neil Jameson at 831-336-2476 or Wayne Dawson at 408-972-1054.

**April 11-16, 2012**

***National Cherry Blossom Festival***

Celebrate the beauty of spring in Washington D.C. as the nation celebrates the festival's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The tour includes reserved seating at the Cherry Blossom Parade, tram tour of Arlington, many national memorials, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian, Mt Vernon, and a Potomac River Cruise. Cost is \$2170 PPDO. Offered by Branch 32 Travel. Contact John Pletsch at 408-274-2992.

**April 13-28, 2012**

***Hawaiian Cruise***

Cruise round trip from San Francisco to the beautiful Hawaiian Islands on the Star Princess. Stops include Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Maui, and Ensenada. Prices range from \$2090 to \$2990 PPDO. Offered by Branches 101 & 121 Travel. Contact David Abrahams at 925-447-9386.

**May 19-June 3, 2012**

***Romance of the Rhine and Mosel***

Cruise aboard a private Grand Circle river ship starting in Basel, Switzerland and ending in Antwerp, Belgium. The ship will make stops at Strasbourg, Speyer, Baden-Baden, Boppard, Koblenz, Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Bonn, Nijmegen, Kinderdijk, and Antwerp. Prices range from \$3895 to \$5295 PPDO. Pre and post trips are also available. Offered by Area 2 Travel. Contact Ken Richter at 925-689-6217.

**June 6-12, 2012**

***Canyon Country Experience***

Spend seven days exploring the best National Parks of the Southwest and immersed in Native American Culture. Tour highlights include: Las Vegas, Grand Canyon National Park, Navajo Culture Monument, Valley Arches National Park, Colorado River jet boat ride, Dead Horse Point State Park, Capital Reef National Park, Scenic Highway 12, Bryce Canyon National Park, and Zion National Park. All inclusive trip is priced at \$2040 PPDO. Offered by Branch 73 Travel. Contact Paul Peters at 510-724-8345.

**June 7-20, 2012**

***European Cruise***

Cruise aboard the Avalon Tranquility. Visit such places as: Prague, Budapest, Vienna, and Nuremburg. All meals and nightly entertainment, including shore tours. Round trip air from SFO. All inclusive cost is \$5150 PPDO. Offered by Area 1 Travel. Contact Harry Redlick at 650-583-3961.

**June 15-23, 2012**

***Harbor-Hopping in New England***

Spend two nights in Boston followed by a six night harbor-hopping cruise on the American Star. Ports of call include Providence, New Port, Bristol, New Bedford, Fall River and the storied islands of Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Block Island. Prices range from \$4408 to \$5268 PPDO, including r/t air. Offered by Branch 153 Travel. Contact Ralph Hunt at 650-967-8467 or Alan Patmore at 408-867-4197.

# NEWSLETTER

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