

The SIRs' ~ Lake Tahoe Branch 160 ~

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Promoting the Independence and Dignity of Retirement

HIGH MOUNTAIN NEWS

“Up on The Hill, man ... that’s the greatest! “



~ December 2011 ~



We usually meet the 4th Monday of the month, but not in December

We met- - (255 th)	(Monday December 12 th)	(Our Christmas Party at Tep’s)
Our next reg. meeting (256 th)	Monday January 23 rd	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)

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

It was a great program, good food and music. Thanks to all who helped make this one of the best!!!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



From the Little SIR

If you chose not to join us for our Xmas party, you really missed a good one. Participation is the key word. At the start of this event, Larry Coffman noticed there were no center pieces at the tables. So, he went across the street and brought back eight holiday poinsettias that brightened up the room. We set up an impressive array of donations from groceries, restaurants and hotels. The biggest prizes donated were from golf courses brought in by our master golf chairman, Sig Heideman. The estimated value of some fifteen course donations was \$1,332.00. Everyone was in their holiday colors, while Fabrizio filled the room with inspiring holiday music & songs. The food buffet presented by Dan Tepper and his crew @ Tep’s Villa Roma was awesome. Roast Turkey, Baked Ham, Salmon and Prime Rib enhanced with mashed potatoes & gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit trays and topped off with your choice of wine.

The 2012 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) was sworn in. The baton of “Big Sir” was passed on to yours truly from Dave Cotter who will be our new Area Governor next year. Three elected officers: Tim Donely (Secretary), Ron Thompson (Treasurer) and Dennis Nikkel (Asst. Treasurer) were not present, so they will be sworn in during the January meeting. The new BEC will have a plate full to consider for the upcoming year. My sincerest THANKS to the board for their assistance during this past year while serving as your Little SIR. We will continue support of the newly inducted Little SIR, Tom Sawyer and all the officers and directors of the BEC. An impressive group of intellectual retired men that make every challenge come out right. WOW!!

I was encouraged to retain the insertion of humor in my reporting and during our monthly luncheons. So here’s one for December.

A man went to church one day and afterward he stopped to shake the preacher's hand. Preacher, I'll tell you that was a damned fine sermon. Damned good!! The preacher said "Thank you sir, but I'd rather you didn't use profanity." The man said, "I was so damn impressed with that sermon, I put five thousand dollars in the offering plate!" The preacher said, "No shit?"

A Merry Xmas to all members of SIR Branch #160 and a bountiful 2012.

Dave Dugan

**NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT IS SUCCESSFUL
BRANCHES ARE IMPROVING**

Our goal was to recruit 1,900 new members in 2011. Branch leaders exceeded this goal by recruiting and inducting 2,100 new members. This is an outstanding accomplishment which puts to rest the idea that newly retired men are not joiners. They will join SIR branches that are appealing. But this successful year is only a start.

The SIR organization fell on hard times in recent years. Overall membership declined from about 32,000 members in 1990 to about 18,000 now. 44 branches failed and closed in the last 12 years. We know why this happened. We lost our focus on maintaining a good balance of newer and older members in our branches. We did not recruit enough new members annually to maintain a good proportion of newer members and our branches became less appealing and lost members.

Our challenge now is to restore this balance. We have found that recruiting new members every year at the annual rate of at least 10% of membership is needed. We met and exceeded this goal in 2011. So when Branch leaders remind you to sponsor a new member, please respond by inviting your retired friends and acquaintances to join. Each successive year this goal is met the proportion of newer members in your branch will increase. Over time balance will be restored and your improved branch will be there for you and for those who come after you.

SIR President Jim Stedman



*Previews of
Coming Attractions ...*

JANUARY

Fri 13th Sir Bowling Lake Tahoe Bowl

Mon 23rd Regular luncheon meeting at Tep's.
2011 Branch Officers kick off the New Year

FEBRUARY

Fri 10th Sir Bowling Lake Tahoe Bowl

Mon 27th Regular luncheon meeting at Tep's

MARCH

Fri 9th Sir Bowling Lake Tahoe Bowl

Mon 26th Regular luncheon meeting at Tep's

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

Jerry Beauchamp

John Barton

Dale Herman

Bill Malloy

Derek Smith

Bob McConville

Someone is going to be the big "65"



Dom Delcenio

Mack Brown

Richard Gwinn

Al Pizl

Tom Teders

Bill Challenger

Happy Birthday, Sirs!

*Newly installed officers
Please attend the January meeting if at all
possible. I would like to get a complete photo of*

SIR BOWLING REPORT—Branch #160

December 10, 2011

Our December “Monte Carlo” bowling event was held on Friday, 12/09/2011. Eighteen bowlers and a few guests participated in a fun event accompanied by Holiday cheer, some laughter and an assortment of great treats. Our drawings provided 9 different bowlers an opportunity to participate in seven different games. Our big winners are noted below. Who made the comment that Dave Dugan only bowls for the big \$\$\$\$.....?

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Game</u>	
Ralph Devan	1st Strike Pot	\$33.00
Bobbie Devlin	Free entry to next month’s event	\$9.00
Bobbie Devlin	Low Ball	\$1.00
Al Akins	Mystery Doubles	\$6.00
Dave Dugan	Mystery Doubles	\$6.00
Dave Dugan	2 nd Strike Pot	\$34.00

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 had some great games; however, these three individuals bowled a notable series:

Franz Goepfert	669 series
Bobbie Silvius	663 series
Ron Ticknor	651 series

Ralph Devan, an invited guest, bowled an excellent 234 game. Ralph is continuing to improve his game and we all agree that hitting the ‘head pin’ helps the cause!

I wanted to take a brief moment and wish all of our bowlers and fellow members of SIR a great Holiday season and a better 2012. Our 2011 bowling season has created new and lasting friendships, generated a number of great memories and has improved our scoring. As your Bowling Chair, I have enjoyed watching our group grow and I thank you all for your cooperation and participation.

P.S. I hope that Santa leaves you, all, a new pair of bowling shoes. That’s what I want!!!!

Hope to see more of you on the second Friday of each month.

Stay safe and bowl well., Al Akins

Looks like we did alright at the party. There were 4 decorated baskets, 12 bottles of wine, 8 flower arrangements and two other prizes for the drawing that we had. Thank you all for bring those gifts. It made for a wonderful time for all. The auction brought in \$1,039.00 of which \$316.00 is still to be collected. The 50/50 brought in \$210.00,

the payout \$108.00 for three winners, for a net of \$102.00. Total net proceeds \$1,141.00. Thank you all for coming and enjoying the day.

Monday, November 28, 2011

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

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

Dave Cotter called the meeting to order at 10:05AM. 7 Executive Board members were present at the beginning of the meeting to constitute a quorum.

The minutes from the October meeting were presented and a motion was made by Dave Dugan to accept the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Jack Post and passed unanimously.

Big SIR report:

Dave Cotter reported on his visits to other SIR Branches and their format for conducting meetings. Dave saw a lot of positive ideas and will continue to visit other branches.

Little SIR report:

In lieu of an out of branch speaker, Dave Cotter will give a video presentation of the SIR golf outing to Plumas Pines and Grayeagle. Little SIR will seek out someone to act as a Activities Chairman and look into different venues of activities that would activate interest within the Branch.

Treasurer's report: None

Attendance report:

Ron Rathbun stated that there are 109 approved members, with 10 inactive and 2 on medical leave. This gives us a total of 97 active members.

Newsletter report: No report given.

Bowling report:

Dugan will form committees for upcoming tournament.

Golf report:

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

Sunshine report: No report given.

Travel:

Information on Apple Hill Growers Excursions on the internet @ applehill.com or see George Ramirez for information.

Old Business:

Christmas Party: A motion was made by Jack Post and seconded by Dave Dugan to "have the treasurer set aside \$100.00 in cash for the gratuity for the Tep's employees that work our party. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Fabrizio has been contracted to provide the music for a fee of \$200. Deadline for Christmas Party tickets is set for December 5, 2011.

New Business:

Induction of 2012, SIR officers is to be held during the Christmas Party. Dave Cotter stated that passed practice has held that retiring Big SIR serves as a Director in the Executive Committee; however, due to a conflict of interest he will not be able to fulfill that commitment. Dave will look into the branch by-laws to see how we will appoint a new Director.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 10:40AM. Respectfully submitted, Joe Mckenna, Assistant Secretary, SIR Branch 160

A little music from the fabulous Dave Fabrizio



Some where there are others.



Guess who?



Time to have a wonderful lunch



Time for visiting and catching up.



Gifts that were brought for the drawing



2011 YEAR IN REVIEW

January 2011 The goal for the state was to increase membership at all branches for 2011. At this time we have 101 active members. Al Akins became our new bowling chairman for the year. Golf and Bowling were voted on for activities for our branch, and passed. Speakers for this month were Richard Solbrig and Dennis Cocking.

February 2011 Active members for the month 100. Speakers were Nina McCloud and Sue Knight.

March 2011 Ken Koegl and Bruce Budman completed our audit. 20th Anniversary is coming up in April. Speakers were from the FBI, Chris Campion and Brad Builderback. Active membership 101. Don Codeglia passed away. Big Sir away in Virginia at a convention.

April 2011 Little Sir Dave Dugan and his wife Pat celebrated 50 years of marriage. Ben Kunibe passed away. Active membership for April 108. Speaker was Dave Borges. Branch celebrates our 20th Anniversary with seven charter members present.

May 2011 Still snowing in Tahoe. Dave Cotter nominated for Area 19 Governor. Active members for May 106. Branch website up and running. Speaker was Branch 160 member Tom Walters. State Bowling tournament in Carson City and the winners were Al Akins and Bob Dunn.

June 2011 Nominating Committee meets and calls for members to run of our elected offices. Speaker for June Mark McLavagn. Active memberships for June 109

July 2011 Branch 160 summer Picnic at Zephyr Cove Park. Gary Gruber passed away.

August 2011 Election of officers for 2012. Active membership for August 109. Will Twining fell and broke his neck, recovering. Speaker for August Dave Antonucci.

September 2011 Active membership for September 110. Bowling in the state tournament in Reno 5 of 12 bowlers finished in the money.

October 2011 Founders Day October 31, 1990. Speaker Dr. Dave Borges. Active membership October 105.

November 2011 Speaker Dr. Dave Borges. Active membership for November 97.

New members 15

Dropped members 20

NEWSLETTER

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