



SIR Branch 96 Amador Amblings

LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30 AM SAINT SAVA MISSION, JACKSON, CA

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SIR BRANCH 96 MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Lunch will be served at 11:30

A Non Profit Organization For Retired Men Devoted To The Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

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Big Sir Report

Greetings Fellow SIRs,

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and I wish you a Happy New Year. I'm looking forward to being your Big SIR this year. I have a project I'd like to get accomplished. I'm hoping to get speakers permanently mounted in the luncheon hall. If anyone has audio experience, or know someone who does, please step up and help us get the ball rolling. If you're interested in heading up this task, please contact me or the Little SIR, Tom Turner. I'd also like to announce that in April, our branch will be celebrating it's 30 year. I'm hoping to make that luncheon a special one. I'd like to thank George Brooks for taking the reins as our Programs Director. We still need Membership and Sunshine Chairmen. So come on guys, it's your club too.

Joseph H. Cardana, , Big SIR, Branch# 96



NEW MEMBERS



Bill Garrett sponsors new member Craig Walling

MONTHLY REPORT

Total Members: 207
Present Members: 95
Excused Members: 26
Unexcused Members: 66
Percent Present: 50%
Percent YTD: 63%

January Menu

- Meat Loaf
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Tossed Green Salad
- Rolls and Butter
- Coffee
- Carrot Cake

In Memoriam Sir Branch 96 2011

Dale Fritzen	George Joss	Duncan Kerr
Judson Puckett	James Ralph	Dave Roberts
Evo Yasilovich	William C. Allen, HLM	

FRIENDS, WE MISS YOU, REST IN PEACE.



January Birthdays



Ralph Berry, Melvin Ehrhardt, Harmon Higgins, Lorin Jones, James Mahanay, George Matthies, George Meglemre, Jesse Michael, Stanley Mollison, Donald Paris, Wilhelm Schneider, George Segale, Charles Sohrt, Frank Tortorich, Charles Unger

Roster Changes

Members, Please send any change in your membership information to Henry Cardana: 223-0674 or henryx-cpa@volcano.net

DECEMBER 2011 CHANGES:

NEW MEMBERS:

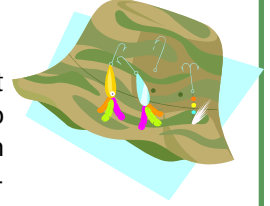
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DALE FRITSON #204 TONY HOLT #223
TIM MANGAN #60 JIM NIMS #22
JERRY PRUITT #30 JOHN PULICE #179
KEVIN SCOTT #197

Fishing Club



At the present when fishing remember that the fishing conditions now are about two months off from a normal year. That is, fish now as you would have fished the end of October. Most all the local fishing waters are in good conditions for this time of year. Pardee will begin the 2012 season in early February. It should be another good year

at Pardee. I would like to hear from you regarding another trip to Tahoe this spring. Non Fishing Club members are welcome. Remember that we meet before each Luncheon Meeting outside the front door. Dee

Reservoir Status On FEBRUARY First

Reservoir	% capacity	% average	
		this date	from full
Pardee	85	95	-14
Camanche	61	143	-25
New Hogan	53	113	-8
New Melones	82	139	-85

SIRS #96 RV Group

Just a reminder that our annual planning luncheon is on Friday January 13th at Mel and Faye's. This is a time when new members can sign up. The price will be \$10.00 each for 2011 members and \$15.00 each for new members or guests. 2012 dues of \$15 per rig will be due at the luncheon. Please let Tom Rushing or Mel Glunt know if you are coming.

We do have trips planned:

Spring Training in March headed up by Bilheimers

Santee Lake/San Diego in late April with Staggs leading the way

Death Valley in Spring headed up by Almgrens

Oregon Coast in late July with Bain as the leader

Death Valley in the first week of November with Pace as Trail Boss

Laguna Seca/Monterey in the Spring or Fall with Krupps as the Trail Boss

We need a Trail Boss for a South Lake Tahoe trip in June or July

We also need to start thinking about 2013 and where we would like to go. Come with your ideas and suggestions. It was really great last year to have a two year plan. RV Parks are booked a year or two in advance.

Our SIR's RV group is open to any SIR at any time. If you wish to join, see Tom Rushing or Bob Bain.

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Travel Talk

National Cherry Blossom Festival, 100th Anniversary, April 11-16, 2012. **SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS:** Reserved seating at the National Blossom Parade; Tram tour of Arlington National Cemetery; Capitol Hill; Lunch and entertainment on the Odyssey Cruise Ship; National Memorials; Museums of the Smithsonian Institution; Visit the Kennedy Center; Mount Vernon; Visit the Newseum; **Escorted by Lee Suess, Assistant Travel Chairman.** Brochures will be available at all SIR luncheon meetings at the reception desk.

CRUISE THROUGH THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS, SEPTEMBER 9 - 14, 2012. Cruise through the pristine waters and narrow passageways aboard the Viking Star, view Orca whales and other wildlife, talk with our knowledgeable captain and crew about the biology and geology of the area, and enjoy three nights in the town of Friday Harbor, the heart of the San Juan Islands and **two nights in Leavenworth (Little Bavaria).** Tour includes:

- Home pick-ups for round trip airport transfers;
- Round trip airfare to Seattle;
- 5 Nights accommodations;
- 10 Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners; • Luggage handling, all applicable taxes, gratuities for driver & Guides, port charges and on board tips are included. **Escorted by Lee Suess, Assistant Travel Chairman**

Lee at 296-2235 / baldeagle@volcano.net

~ or ~

Gary De Rosa 296-4934 / garyderosa@volcano.net

SIR President Jim Stedman's message to all SIR members

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.

Community Brief

The January 5, 2012 luncheon for Branch 96 of Sons In Retirement will be gaveled to order by Big Sir Joe Cardana at 11:30 at the St. Sava Mission. The long driveway, just past the Sutter Amador Hospital entrance, to the Mission's large meeting/dinning room, is at 604 Mission in Jackson.

After a buffet luncheon prepared by the St. Sava Staff, followed by a short business meeting and reports from the Activity Chairmen, the Amador County District Attorney, Todd Riebe, will present a program.

Branch 96, will celebrate its 30th year in Amador County during 2012 and is one of a 159 Branches state-wide and is open to any retired man. The SIR organization is non-political and has no dues or membership fees. If you are interested in enhancing your retirement and becoming involved in activities such as fishing, golfing, professionally led world-wide and local tours, planned trips with your RV or just relaxing/socializing with old or new friends, you are welcome. The Branch meets on the first "Sirsday" of each month and will celebrate it's 30th year in Amador County during 2012. For more information about the of Sons In Retirement and/or Branch 96, check out www.sir96.org or phone Membership Chairman Lee Suess at 296 2235



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and download the latest issue of Amador Amblings

NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING:

Thursday January 5, 2012

The Branch Executive Committee meets on the First Thursday of the month in the American Legion Ambulance Training Room at 9:00 am. All interested members of SIR are invited to attend.

For a ride to the luncheon meetings you may contact in the Camanche Village, Ione area:

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From the Pine Grove, Volcano, Pioneer area:

Dick Anderson Phone 223-3613

From Amador City, Drytown, Plymouth, and Fiddletown .Area:

Dee Davis- Phone 245-6180

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