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BRANCH #9

Monthly Newsletter of Branch # 9, Sons in Retirement, Inc. Monthly luncheon meetings are held at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, California. Lunch and meeting start at 12am Noon, preceded by a no-host "Happy Hour". Board of Directors session at 10:45 A. M. on day of the meeting.

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NEXT MEETING
DECEMBER 5th, MONDAY

Can't Make Our Next Meeting?
DO THE RIGHT THING, CALL
489-4638 or 456-4904
For An Excused Absence



BIG SIR Howdy Hoover Says:



We had our Thanksgiving dinner early at the November meeting. The Dante Club served turkey, cranberry sauce, and candied yams. Better get used to it, we'll be eating lots of turkey the next few weeks. Little Sir Gus Blanchard did another fine job in getting naval historian Paul Helman as our speaker. Paul gave a very informative slide presentation on naval ports in the San Francisco Bay area from 1841 until 1946.

This year sure went by fast. It seems like just the other day I stepped up to the podium for the first time as Branch # 9 Big Sir. Now I am writing my last column for the year. I've really enjoyed serving all of you and working with the officers and directors. I'll be handing the baton over to Bob Hansen and know he will be a fine Big Sir for next year.

See you at the Christmas luncheon. We just heard that the Dante Club would be serving a prime rib meal. Have a happy holiday season.



Secretary Ron Hollis' Corner

The November Executive Committee was relatively short. The Treasurer's report wasn't good news, as you will see elsewhere in the SIRcular. Our active membership dropped to a new low with a death and several resignations due to health/move reasons. However, our branch is not so bad off compared to others we learned. A recent study by the state level listed the "Top 10 Branches" for membership problems and Branch 9 wasn't included! However, we were not in the other "Top 10" for membership growth either. There is one branch in Rocklin that has a waiting list of applicants. Probably our most critical problem is keeping our luncheon attendance up so we don't fall below

the Dante Club's minimums for groups. If we fall too much in attendance then lunch cost increases may go higher than what we have experienced in the past.

The email SIRcular process seems to have improved last month with the apparent solution to the problems AOL users were experiencing. An alternative for all is to go to the State website at <http://sirinc.org/9News.htm>. If you would like to sign up for email delivery, send me an email (rhollis1@prodigy.net) with your name, Badge No. and email address.

MEMBERSHIP by Dick Millin-Hugh Griffin:

There were 70 members at the luncheon on November 7, 2005.

The Branch status and participation (as of the end of the meeting) was:
70 members attended (79% of active members)
 7 requested to be excused
 1 just attended the Board meeting
 11 were unexcused (12%)
 81 unassigned badge numbers
 6 inactive members
89 active members

Gene Rogers and Russell Flood resigned.

Stan Klebs became inactive.

Heinz Heckeroth was accepted as a member.

This was the highest percentage attendance of active members this year (exceeding 73% in February).

The number (11) and percentage (12%) of unexcused absences was the lowest of any month this year. Thanks for remembering to call!

The number of unassigned badge numbers (81) is the highest of any month this year. Plenty of slots for new members!

LITTLE SIR SPEAKS by PBS Gus Blanchard:

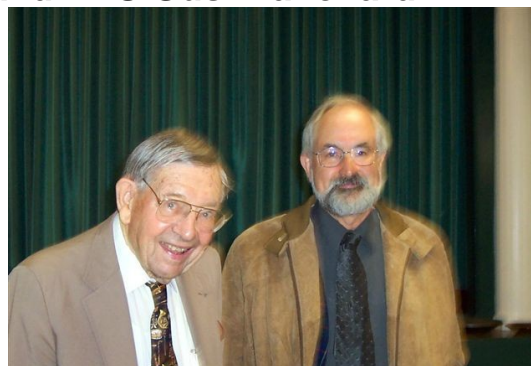
Christmas Party

Remember to get your tickets to our Christmas Luncheon: **wives and lady friends are invited.** The date is **Monday, Dec. 5.** Our Holiday entertainment will be presented by Our Lady of Assumption School Bell Choir, directed by

Luann Hollis, wife of the Secretary of our Branch 9. This musical group of 17 children from Grades 6 through 8 meets twice a week during their lunch hour to learn music for church liturgies, accompaniment for the school's choir, choral festivals, and entertainment for special groups. They will perform an enjoyable program of festive music on the bells. What a great way to start the Holiday season!

See Chuck Paulson (428-6992) for tickets. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased until Thanksgiving! You can order via telephone and pay Chuck at the luncheon. In case you default you are liable for the ticket cost.

November speaker Paul Helman and PBS Gus Blanchard



Our Speaker for November was retired Navy vet, Paul Helman! He is well known for his knowledge about shipyards. His topic was, "SHIP YARDS IN THE BAY AREA FROM 1839 TO 1946". Also a well-known stamp collector, Paul specializes in Naval covers and is the Chairman of the Ship Cancellation Stamp Collectors.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gus Blanchard
Keith Hurst
Chuck Paulsen
Earl Rogers
Bill Schaefer
Fred Toreson
Santa Claus

GOLF CORNER by PBS Al Lewis:

We had the best turnout of the year on October

10, 2005, when 18 Branch 9 golfers showed up at Davis Golf Course. Maybe the fact that free lunch went with the golf had something to do with it, but it really was a great gang. Of course, I was ill and had to leave as soon as I had everyone on the course. Roy Vaughn turned it on by shooting a Low Gross 80. Otto Steinbrenner took a "youth" pill and fired a Low Net 62.

Flight winners were...

1st Flight...Lucas

2d Flight...Durfee and Hansen

3d Flight...Coy and Ned

Free eats make a difference, and only 10 players gave it a go at Land Park G.C. on October 19, 2005. Anyway, Lloyd Durfee had the Low Gross score of 45 and Otto Steinbrenner captured another Low Net with 35.

Flight winners were...

1st Flight...Ramsey

2d Flight...Coy and Valmore

Monday, December 12, 2005 will find the 18 Hole Gang at Arcade Creek at Haggin Oaks, teeing off at 10:06A. The Nine Holers will try Land Park G.C. on December 16, 2005 starting at 8:30A.

Did you know that golf is the only sport where you can drink and drive?

Don't forget the Branch 9 Golf Club Annual Awards Luncheon on December 15, 2005 at Luau Garden Buffet, 1890 Arden Way, 11:00A Social Hour - No Host - 11:30 Lunch - 12:30P General Meeting and Awards

Just to prove Branch 9 golfers need no one to run a tournament, 12 of our bunch played at Rio La Paz G.C. on September 12, 2005 without a tournament director (I was elsewhere). Anyway, they said they had fun. Keith Barrett won Low Gross and Bob Ramsey had the Low Net. I was at Land Park G.C. on September 21, 2005, one of the 10 golfers to play on a very nice day. Keith Barrett fired a Low Gross 36 and Lloyd Durfee shot a Low Net 30. Flight winners were: Louis Valmore & Len Schmidt.

Wednesday, November 16, 2005, Branch 9 will try Land Park G.C. starting at 8:30AM. We will also visit Bing Maloney G.C. on Tuesday, November 22, 2005, teeing off at 9:00A.

THE TREASURER SEZ by Earl Burke:

October 2005

Beginning Bal. – Gen. \$1216.16

Additions 193.19

Subtractions 276.77

Ending Bal – Gen. \$1132.58

The Branch is losing money at the rate of \$601.01 this year! At this rate, we will be 'flat broke' within 21 months!

BRANCH #9 OFFICERS FOR 2005:

Big SIR Howdy Hoover - 456-4884.

Little SIR Gus Blanchard - 371-7924.

PBS Emeritus Al Lewis - 456-8508.

Secretary Ron Hollis - 483-4533.

Asst. Secretary, Bob Nelson - 486-1295.

Treasurer Earl Burke - 488-5278.

Asst. Treasurer Chuck Paulsen - 428-6992.

Director Marvin Crabb - 457-2402

Director Fred Hoyt - 447-9528

Director George Katibah - 488-2225

Director - Vacant

Director Ron Smith - 428-6372

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Attendance – Hugh Griffin (489-4638)

Audit – Bob Mickus

Badge maker – Bob Nelson

SIRcular – Editor Earl Burke

SIRcular – Asst. Editor, George Katibah

SIRcular – Mailing List – Ron Smith

SIRcular – Circulation – Ron Hollis

Gold Pan – Eric Nooren

Golf – Al Lewis (P.B.S.)

Golf Treasurer – Bill Stadler

Greeters – George Smith

Membership – Dick Millin

Music – Fred Hoyt

Photographer – BIG SIR Howdy Hoover

Roster – George Katibah

Travel – Ron Lemmon

Guest Day Tickets

– Chuck Paulsen

Decorations – Marvin Crabb

Entertainment – PBS Gus Blanchard

State President – Jim Donovan, 391-1854

Area Governor – Rock Sorgman (Br. 102), 434-6745

Regional Director – Warren Senegal (Br. 69), 421-3396

ROSTER FOR 2006

The Roster for 2006 is planned for distribution the first meeting in January. If any of the 18 members who missed the October luncheon have any changes to your personal information printed in the 2005 Roster, please advise George Katibah before December 6. His telephone number is 488-2225. His email address is < gpk@katibah.net >. Your email address would help.

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the member and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In

Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property, in matters pertaining to said activities. (Rule 345).

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PAYMENT FOR TRIPS AND TOURS: Checks, money orders or credit cards for travel for one day or less (no overnight), where bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency. (Rule 420 & 421).

ATTENDANCE: Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale. (Rule 60).

REQUIRED ATTENDANCE – A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Branch Attendance Committee giving a valid reason, or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within a twelve (12) consecutive month period, may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 100 & 107).

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD
WHEN YOUR BANK SENDS YOU
THEIR FREE CALENDAR...



ONE MONTH AT A TIME!



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