



CAPITAL CITY BRANCH No. 9

SIRcular

February 2008



Monthly Newsletter of Branch # 9, Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Monthly luncheon meetings are held at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, California on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Lunch and meeting start at 12 Noon, preceded by a no-host "Happy Hour". An open Executive Committee meeting starts at 10:45 A. M. on day of the meeting.

Members unable to attend regular meetings, call 489-4638 or 456-4904 to avoid an unexcused absence.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY February 19th

BIG SIR Al Lewis says:



Somewhere in my dark, distant past, I heard a quotation relative to one who acts relative to making assumptions. They may work sometimes but every once in awhile one will bite you in the "you know where". It happened to me in trying to make sure all was in readiness with the Dante Club for our January 15 lunch meeting. I talked to management at least three times before our meeting, the last time being the day prior. I was told everything would be the same as all previous meetings. The attendance chairman would still be in the entry hall, as would the lunch ticket seller. I said cool, we're in "fat city", and assumed all would be well for the big day. That was a wrong assumption.

As Hugh Griffin was uncovering his tray of attendee badges, one of the Blue-Haired Bloody Mary Ladies occupying the large lunchroom informed us they were using our usual area. Being good guys, we retired to our new lunchroom and set up shop. We located the ticket wheel and had to empty it of at least a thousand tickets. On starting the meeting with our usual pledge of allegiance, we discovered we did not have a flag. Having one on my lapel, we were about to proceed when the flag showed up. We got through the pledge, God Bless America, a Fred Hoyt oldie-but-goody, had a great meal, passed the gold pans, and announced the December and January birthday boys. That announcement really blew my earlier assumption out of the water. The usual cupcakes or Twinkies topped with candles were not there and we sang Happy Birthday to the guys while a burning match served as a candle. This experience will make me pretty goosey about assuming anything for a while.

Bob Rohwer, from the State Railroad Museum, made a fine pictorial presentation and laid out what future plans the museum has.

I do want to let you all know that you have a great new Board Of Directors. I think these fellows will pump new blood into our Branch. That is important. Even though we had 60 members, a speaker, and two guests for lunch, we should be able to do better. I really would like to see at least 70 people for lunch every month and I will use that number as a goal. Next lunch is February 19. Be there !!

Albert E. Lewis, Jr.

Little SIR E.J. Raimondi Opines:

Our speaker at the January meeting was Mr. Robert Rohwer. He is an active volunteer at the California State Railroad Museum as well as president of the Sacramento Model Railroad Historical Society. Bob spoke about the Museum features and their extensive collection of toy trains. The part I found most interesting was his Railroad Museum. The Museum has yards, which will be renovated to As an engineer, I am looking forward development of this area has will be in my lifetime.



discussion of the future of the acquired two buildings in the old rail house exhibits on railroad technology. to it. Given the speed at which the progressed in the past, I hope that it

Our speaker next month will be Mr. Fred Robinson. He is a Civil War historian and will speak about what happened to the major military players after the war. If any of our members have first hand experience of this time period, please be armed with your best recollections and questions for the speaker.

We all owe a big “Thanks” to fellow Sir, Jerry Laumer. His wife, Pat, won the services of the River Tones, a barbershop quartet, who will perform for our Ladies Day Luncheon in May. Their donation will certainly help our Branch finances. Please note that this does not excuse you from participating in the Golden Pan ceremonies.

SECRETARY Ken Wigglesworth’s Corner:

“As for the Newsletter, I don't have anything for the February Edition (everything should be covered in other Chair reports).

TREASURER Bob Giess Sez:

First, a hearty thank you to outgoing Treasurer T. George Smith who served for the past year, and an extra month. This was George’s second stint as Treasurer having retired in 2002 from the position after serving for several years. During the past year the ending cash balance had risen to \$1892.59 from an ending cash balance in 2006 of \$1318.93. Good job, George!

January 1, 2008 Balance: \$1892.59
Receipts: \$161.46
Disbursements: \$216.16
January 23, 2008 Balance: \$1837.89

Bob Giess

MEMBERSHIP and ATTENDANCE by Dick Millin - Hugh Griffin:

There were 60 members at the luncheon on January 15, 2008.

The Branch status and participation (as of the end of the meeting) is:

- 60 members attended (73% of active members)
- 10 requested to be excused
- 11 were unexcused (13%)
 - 1 attended the business meeting only
- 89 unassigned badge numbers
- 5 inactive members
- 82 active members

Donald Baldwin, Big Sir of Branch 3, was a visitor. Andrew Gaston was the guest of Joe Ned. Jim Wilborn died on Jan 13. Inactive member Jack Maloney resigned.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS - February

For February: Dave Crane, Ed Huestis, Pete Peterson, Chuck Pivetti, John Van Berkel



January Birthday Boys

GOLF CORNER by Al Lewis:

In the December 15, 2007 SIRcular, I said I would bring the GOLF CORNER up to date starting with December events.

On December 10, 2007, we put 11 golfers on the Arcade Creek G.C. at Haggin Oaks. Starting the new golf year with a new Low Gross winner when Bob Ramsey shot a cool 90 and Keith Barrett had a Low Net 75.

Flight winners were:

1st Flight - Otto Steinbrenner

2d Flight - Lloyd Durfee

Wednesday, December 19 only produced 10 golfers at William Land Park. Keith Barrett had a Low Gross 42 and Lloyd Durfee, Cliff Lucas and Bob Just all shot low Net 37's.

January golf was pretty much wiped out. The big storm of January 4 thru 6 left the Bartley Cavanaugh course unplayable on January 7, 2008, which cancelled Branch 9 golf, scheduled for that day. We were scheduled to play William Land Park G.C. on January 16, 2008 and we only put nine players on the course. Unfortunately, I will have to announce winners in our next SIRcular as I have fumbled the ball.

We did have our annual awards lunch at the Continental Restaurant on December 13, 2007. Nine Hole Events winners: Howdy Hoover - Low Gross, Jim Wilborn - Low Net, and Marv Calloway - Most Improved. Eighteen Hole Events were: Keith Barrett - Low Gross, Bob Ramsey - Low Net, and Bob Hansen along with Bob Ramsey - Most Improved.

I am sure you are all aware by now that Jim Wilborn passed away early in January. A real gentleman and will be sorely missed.



Howdy Hoover



Bob Ramsey



Bob Hansen



Marv Calloway

Keith Barrett

BRANCH #9 OFFICERS FOR 2008

Big SIR Al Lewis – 456-8508; Little SIR E.J. Raimondi – 684-2994; Secretary Ken Wigglesworth – 366-1842; Asst. Secretary, Bob Nelson - 486-1295; Treasurer Bob Giess – 925-8261; Asst. Treasurer Joe Dobrowolski – 961-6561; Director Fred Hoyt - 447-9528; Director George Katibah - 488-2225; Director PBS Bob Hansen – 487-2305; Director Lloyd D. Durfee - 442-2816

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Attendance - Hugh Griffin (489-4638); Audit - Glen Rosander; Chair, Badge maker - Bob Nelson; Photographer - PBS Howdy Hoover; Greeters- George T. Smith, HLM/PBS E. Houston Keehner; Historian - PBS Howdy Hoover; Membership - Dick Millin; Music - Fred Hoyt; Nominating Committee – To be Appt'd; Travel - Ron Lemmon; Guest Day Tickets – To be Appt'd; Gold Pan - Erik Nooren; Golf - PBS Al Lewis; Golf Treasurer HLM/PBS Bill Stadler; Roster - George Katibah; Sunshine - HLM/PBS E. Houston Keehner-- Lloyd Durfee.

NOTICE:

Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: www.sirinc.org. This SIRcular as well as past issues is also available on the state website.

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ATTENDANCE: A member must notify the Attendance Committee @ 489-4638 or 456-4904 before a regular meeting, with a valid excuse (Illness or Travel), if he is going to be unable to attend.

Missing 3 consecutive meetings without notification or attending less than one-half of the regular meetings in the last year can result in termination. (Standing Rules 60,100 &107)

UPCOMING 2008 LUNCHEON DATES:

- Tuesday March 18
- Tuesday April 15
- Tuesday May 20
- Tuesday June 17
- Tuesday July 15
- Tuesday August 19
- Tuesday September 16
- Tuesday October 21
- Tuesday November 18
- Tuesday December 16

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