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CAPITAL CITY 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.

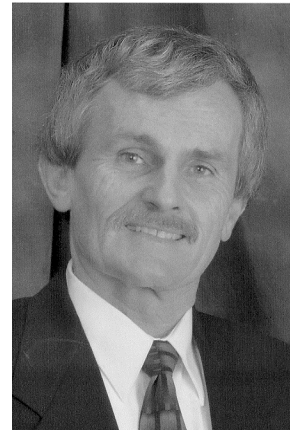
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**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 7TH
WEDNESDAY**

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

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BIG SIR Howdy Hoover Says:



Good to see the generous turnout for our August meeting. This helps our good standing with the Dante Club as well as improving the Gold Pan. Thanks to Little Sir Gus Blanchard for lining up another good speaker. Attorney Catherine Hughes gave an informative talk on trusts, wills, powers-of attorney, and other legal matters for seniors.

Thanks to Bob Nelson for representing Branch # 9 at the SIR state meeting in Vallejo on August 1. At this meeting, our new Sir state officers were elected. Bob Curley from Branch # 144 in Modesto is our new President and Tom Ross from Branch # 109 in Marysville is our new Vice President. Declining membership is a big concern of Sirs statewide. From September of 2003 to June of 2005, our membership dropped from 25,407 to 23,745. This is about a 3.6% per year loss.

I would like to announce our new officers for 2006. Bob Hansen and Bob Hernandez will be the new Big Sir and Little Sir for Branch # 9 and Ron Hollis and Earl Burke will continue as Secretary and Treasurer. Thanks to Messrs. Hansen and Hernandez for volunteering to lead us through the New Year.

Please make sure to note on your calendar that our next meeting is Wednesday, September 7. This had to be moved because of the Labor Day weekend. Looking forward to a good

turnout and maybe some cooler weather.

From George Katibah, Assistant Editor-Proofing and Grammar.

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
its letter perfect awl the weigh
my chequer tolled me se.

Secretary Ron Hollis' Corner

The August meeting of the Executive Committee found the Branch's status relative to 2006 nominees the same as July. Big SIR Hoover was going to make another effort to obtaining volunteers so that we could hold the required election at the general August meeting. Another hot topic was the financial loss from the May Ladies Day event. Attendance was too small to cover the entertainment cost. If we make the May meeting a regular meeting then we will have to take attendance. A motion to eliminate May Ladies Day in the future was tabled until we get a handle on the future of Branch. A little bit of history gleaned from the minutes of the Executive Committee in 1978: A motion was tabled to reduce the maximum number of members from 350 to 300. Meeting attendance was around 250 and Ladies Day cost \$400 for entertainment and decorations about

what our Treasurer says our May Ladies Day loss was this year.

Of the thirty-eight members signed up with their email address for electronic receipt of the SIRcular, 37 will get it by email in September. Therefore, if you signed up for the email delivery you should be reading this on your screen. Your volunteering will save the Branch just over \$40 per month. If all goes well the August SIRcular was your last paper version by regular mail. If anybody that has not given me their email address and would like to sign up, send me an email <mailto:rhollis1@prodigy.net> with your name, Badge No. and email address.



MEMBERSHIP by Dick Millin-Hugh Griffin:

There were 67 members at the luncheon on August 1, 2005.

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

67 members attended (71%)
14 requested to be excused
14 were unexcused (15%)
76 unassigned badge numbers
5 inactive members
95 active members

Joe Antonioli resigned.

Don Dumford transferred to Branch #102.

Ed Wall was incorrectly reinstated as an

active member in the June report – he is still inactive.

The attendance of 71% is the second highest in 2005 (73% attended in February) and 15% unexcused is tied for the lowest in 2005 (April also had 15%).

SUNSHINE REPORT by Lloyd Durfee and Houston Keehner:

Charlie Duncan has been in Mercy Hospital getting a heart valve reground and replaced, also had his heart rewired with four new arteries and when finally discharged he had a battery installed in his new pacemaker – beware of our newest bionic man. Nice work Charlie, we understand that you entertained the Cardiac ward while you were there!

We missed you!

BIRTHDAYS-SEPTEMBER

Don Benjamin
Lloyd Durfee
Bob Giess
Dick Ginsberg
Ron Hollis
Erik Nooren
John Reagan
Len Schmidt
Bill Stadler
Fred Yerby



Your Editor in Chief, Earl



"Didn't you get my e-mail?"

LITTLE SIR SPEAKS by PBS

Gus Blanchard:

PBS

Gus Blanchard and August Speaker,
Catherine Hughes, Attorney-At-Law



THE TREASURER SEZ by Earl Burke: July 2005

Beginning Bal. – General	\$1646.52
Additions	131.26
Subtractions	1086.03
Ending Bal – General	\$1155.78

This is \$577.97 less than we started
with on January 1, 2005.

Note: Custodial Accounts are not included in the
above balances. Form 28, the official document
balance sheet goes to the State Offices monthly.
Anyone interested please write me
at <mailto:burkee@saclink.csus.edu> for a copy!

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Little SIR Gus Blanchard - 371-7924.
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Secretary Ron Hollis - 483-4533.
Asst. Secretary, Bob Nelson - 486-6372.
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 Bill Pierson - 456 -0259
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
Gold Pan – Eric Nooren
Golf – Al Lewis (P.B.S.)
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
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BRANCH #9 OFFICERS FOR 2005