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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
JANUARY 9, MONDAY**

**Can't Make Our Next Meeting?
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BIG SIR Robert Hansen says:



Happy New Year! Well, here we are in 2006 and hopefully another successful year for SIRS, Branch 9.

Our congratulations to Past Big Sir Howdy Hoover and the 2005 Officers for their great efforts in leading us through the past year.

As we move forward this year, it is imperative that we address our concern of the declining membership in our Branch. As you are all aware, the success of our Branch depends on the membership of not only our current active members who attend our monthly luncheon meetings, but also on the recruitment of new members that will grow our base and provide the financial support necessary to carry us forward in the years to come. Currently, we have 89 members, 70 of which, on the average, attend our monthly luncheon meetings. If all of our active members brought in just one new member this year, just imagine what our attendance would be this time next year. Awesome! In any event, any net attendance increase during 2006 would be just great.

I would be somewhat remiss in these opening thoughts if I failed to address our wonderful SIRcular which each of you receive every month either by e-mail or snail mail. Our thanks to Editor Earl Burke and his able assistant George Katibah for a job well done. Those of you who have not signed up

for e-mail delivery should really consider doing so. It is a very convenient method of delivery for all concerned and saves our Branch the cost of postage in the process.

Little SIR Bob Hernandez is developing a lineup of speakers for 2006 that will cover a variety of subjects and hopefully spike your interest throughout the year. If any of you have, any thoughts of a particular subject that you believe would be of interest to our membership, please let Bob know.

Those of you who were unable to attend our Christmas luncheon missed a real "bell ringer". The Bell Choir students of Our Lady Of Assumption grammar school presented the music program, arranged by Gus Blanchard. The wife of our Secretary, Ron Hollis, directed the choir. The Christmas music played by the Bell Choir was wonderful and enjoyed by all.



It will be my pleasure to serve as your Big SIR in 2006 and I wish to thank all of

those members who have agreed to serve with me as Officers and Committee Members in 2006. Without your efforts, our Branch would surely fail.

The Dante Club confirmed the following luncheon dates for 2006:

Monday	January 9, 2006
Monday	February 6, 2006
Monday	March 6, 2006
Monday	April 3, 2006
Monday	May 1, 2006
Monday	June 5, 2006
Monday	July 3, 2006
Monday	August 7, 2006
Wednesday	September 6, 2006
Monday	October 3, 2006
Monday	November 6, 2006
Monday	December 4, 2006

Our State Governor Jim Donovan and his wife Carol were our guests at the Christmas Party for the presentation of the SIRS Honorary Life Membership to PBS Gus Blanchard for his outstanding contribution to the SIRS Organization and specifically to Branch #9. Thanks Gus!



Secretary Ron Hollis' Corner

There was no December Executive Committee due to the ladies day Christmas lunch. In late November your new branch officers went for training by the State Organization, principally the Area Governor. Among other things, we learned the State SIR Organization has decreed that the Executive Committee shall henceforth be called the BEC (Branch Executive Committee) so I will be using that acronym in the future. Another change is the record keeping

for Honorary Life Members, which have been limited in each branch based on membership numbers. We are currently limited to two HLM's because we are below 100 members.

The new procedure is for a branch that has an HLM that hasn't been to a meeting for several years, to request that HLM be assigned to Branch 0 and thus allowing sending a new nomination of a new HLM to the State Organization for approval. More details on this later after studying the rules.



Secretary Ron Hollis, Little SIR Robert Hernandez, Big SIR Robert Hansen, Treasurer Earl Burke as Photographer in Area Training Session.

MEMBERSHIP by Dick Millin-Hugh Griffin:

There were 37 members and 37 Guests at the Christmas luncheon on December 5, 2005.

LITTLE SIR SPEAKS by Robert Hernandez:

Our Speaker for January will be Trudy A. Nearn, Founding Attorney of GENERATIØNS.

Master of Laws in Taxation – Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA.
Juris Doctor – Hastings College of Law, UC., San Francisco, CA.
BA in Political Science – University of

California, Irvine, CA.

GOLF CORNER by PBS AI Lewis:

14 stalwart golfers attended Branch 9 Golf Club Annual Awards Luncheon, December 15, 2005 at Luau Garden Buffet!



Winner Keith Barrett Low Gross 9 & 18



Winner Big Sir Bob Hansen Low Net 9 and 18 Hole.



Winner Lloyd Durfree, 9 Hole Most Improved!



Part of the Golf Clubs Alert Membership!
More golf pictures next issue?

THE TREASURER SEZ by Earl Burke:

November 2005

Beginning Bal.	\$1132.58
Additions	1633.59
Subtractions	42.94
Ending Bal – Gen.	\$1283.23
Ending Bal – Custodial	\$1440.00
Bank Balance -	\$2723.23

The \$1283.23 is our discretionary balance that we can spend?

ROSTER FOR 2006

The Roster for 2006 is planned for distribution the January meeting.



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