



# THE MAIL POUCH



The Pony Express Branch #69  
July 2015 Edition

Pat Quinn, Editor

## JONESY'S JOURNAL



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July everyone! Our luncheon attendance of active members did not quite meet our monthly goal of 70% for June. Probably due to members either being on vacation or attending graduations for family members. However, we were only slightly off with 68% in attendance and we still maintain around 75% for the year.

At June's luncheon we were honored to have Bobby Harristen, (SIR State President) and Jimmy Johnson, (SIR State Region 3 Director) attend our luncheon and present an Honorary Life Membership (HLM) award to Tom Page for his outstanding service and support to our Branch. Tom has contributed a lot of time and effort over many years to help make our Branch one of the most successful in the State. He is our Recruitment Chairman, responsible for New Member Bios, Facility Mgt., and Bowling and all around great guy..Great job Tom and congratulations!

I also want to recognize and thank other branch members such as Lennie Silva (Golf Chairman), Bob Vandenburg (Short Course Golf Chairman) Jim Porterfield (Dinner Theater, Lunch Explorer Organizer) Pat Quinn and Frank Franzago (Newsletter), Mike Ratzlaff (Clothing and Hats) Tom Costello (Book Exchange), and Bob Houghton (RVs) for their time and contributions to making our Branch 69 a success.

Our Branch 69's June 17th Day in the Park picnic at Carmichael Park was a resounding success with a record number people (87) signed up to attend. If you missed it you missed great food, great company a good time had by all.

That's it for now. Have a great month and I'll see you at our next luncheon on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Dennis Jones. Big Sir*

## DAN'S DIALOG



Our June luncheon featured Greg Bundesen of the Sacramento Suburban Water District as our guest speaker. He discussed what his district is doing specifically during our current draught conditions but did a great job showing the impact of the drought, especially in the Central Valley. I hope you were all entertained, educated and maybe even a little scared as to what the future might hold.

June also saw the Bobbie Hairston (SIR President) and Jimmie Johnson (SIR Region 3 Director) honor Tom Page as our new Honorary Life Member (HLM). Congratulations Tom.

July will see Daniel Hunt talk about financial planning for seniors. Mr. Hunt is the principle lawyer in his firm that emphasizes trusts, trust administration and litigation, and Estate Planning.

Lastly, I hope you all enjoyed the picnic and once again the marvelous grilling skills of Jim Porterfield. Thank you for the "regifts". We had 15 for kids and 35 for adults. Let's see how many return (both guests and gifts) next year.

See you July 9th

*Dan Calcagno, Little Sir*

**Sir Tom Page receives Branch 69 HLM Award. See article on page 2**

### JULY 2015 LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 9, 2015

MENU: Chicken Cacciatore

A vegetarian Lunch is Available

Tell your Caller



## July Birthdays

7-1 Steve Eason	7-22 Merritt Davis
7-2 Danny Nelson	7-22 Steve Haakenson
7-3 Ken Lentsch	7-25 Erle Hanson
7-4 Bill Mueller	7-25 Paul Wagner
7-5 John Evans	7-26 Bob Baker
7-7 Conrad Cookman	7-26 Russ Cebrian
7-11 George White	7-28 <b>Jim Carlson (82)</b>
7-12 Frank Calcagno	7-29 Steve Flynn
7-17 Roger Wilbur	7-29 Rodney Lukins
7-18 <b>Wayne Plauster (80)</b>	7-30 <b>Curtis Main (81)</b>

Special congratulations to Sir Wayne Plauster on his 80 birthday.



## July Anniversaries

- 7-1 Bernie & Denise Moreno
- 7-1 Bud & Romelle Rogers
- 7-7 Jerry & Lois Deuser
- 7-12 Russ & Sharon Cebrian
- 7-12 Ed & Bernice Markham
- 7-18 Glen & Sherry Yamada
- 7-18 Bob & Starlene Houghton
- 7-21 Dick & Jackie Borah
- 7-21 Alan & Michele Weinle
- 7-23 Mark & Debbie Steffans
- 7-25 Paul & Peggy Wagner



*Best Wishes*  
On June 12th Jim & Shirly Carlson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations.



**SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2015**

### TREASURER'S REPORT – JUNE 2015

Cash Balance 1/1/2015 = \$3,394

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$4,891	N/A
Contributions	\$50	\$3,225
Expenses	\$19	\$1,497
Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/-0	142
Ending Cash Balance	\$4,922	\$4,922

## Sir Tom Page receives Br. 69 HLM Award

Because of Tom's significant contributions, we are seen as one of the leading branches in SIR.



Tom has been one of the leading influences and activists in the branch since he joined in 2006. He is outspoken, enthusiastic and very positive about the benefits of becoming a Sir member. Although not currently a Branch Officer, Tom is viewed as a branch leader by our membership. A spokesman at the monthly luncheons, Tom also is a tireless "behind the scenes" worker that every branch needs to be successful.

Shortly after becoming a member, Tom was appointed Facilities Manager where he surveyed other potential luncheon locations. When he recommended the Dante Club, he was selected to facilitate that change.

Our branch has always published a bio of any new members in the monthly newsletter. When the editor was overwhelmed with this difficult position, Tom volunteered to be the branch biographer. With the influx of new members, this is an important and time consuming endeavor. An excellent bowler, Tom also became the Secretary of the Bowling League and its spokesman in 2011. Under his leadership, the bowling league has expanded from 8 to 12 teams.

Tom spent 3 years as a Director greatly assisting the Big Sir. In preparation to his becoming a Little Sir, then a Big Sir, Tom served as Asst. Secretary. Tom did a great job when he was appointed as the branches Little and Big Sir. He is especially adept at another task he performs as the branches recruitment chairman. As a recruiter, Tom got us back on the right track to improve our membership. He writes a column in each monthly newsletter on recruiting and talks about it at every luncheon. He formulated the idea of improving recruitment by making arrangements for a booth at the Haggin Oaks Golf Exposition for the last three years. No easy task. It took hours of negotiations, communications and preparation but this approach has recruited a nucleus of 15 young members on our current 2015 roster who have also brought in their friends. This has snowballed making a significant impact to our membership that has increased from 106 to 144 in three short years. This success has not been lost on other branches whom at least two secured booths at the golf exposition.

Tom has also been known to visit our sick or ailing members to talk to them and see how they are doing.

Tom's efforts as an officer for the branch, and especially his continued contributions before and after serving as an officer, show why he deserves this award.

## BOWLING NEWS

Now is the time to get serious about bowling. Our league season will start in late August, so at the July luncheon, I will pass around the annual signup sheet, plus I will contact all the bowlers from last season who are not at the luncheon. We had twelve teams in the league last year, and substitutes, so I'm hoping to get 48 regular team members signed up again this year and substitutes.



As a little background information for Sirs who might be new to our league, we bowl every Wednesday during the season starting at 10:50 at Country Club Lanes at Watt & El Camino. The season runs from the last week in August to early April. It costs \$22.00 to join the league/USBC, then \$8.00 a week in bowling fees and prize fund. Once I have all the bowlers signed up, I will dust off my Ouija board and assign everyone to a team. My goal each year is to have all the teams get an equal chance to win the league title! Remember, you don't have to be a bowling master to enjoy our league. We have very good bowlers in the league and many bowlers who are striving to improve; as a handicap league, you can be a less-than-skilled bowler and still help your team all season long.

The bowlers, both team members and substitutes, pile up prize money based on their wins and for high handicap and scratch scores. Last year, the league handed out over \$5400 in prize money. Even more important, we had fun!

Speaking of fun, Tod Davis and Alex Canada recently travelled to Paradise (near Chico) for a SIR bowling tournament there. Later in July, several of us are going to Pollock Pines for another SIR tournament. I'll keep you posted on the results.

See you at the July luncheon—bring your signup pencil!

*Tom Page, League Secretary*

## HOLES IN ONE

That's right, holes in one, as in two. The rare feat was accomplished by Mike Ratzlaff (his 4th) and Ted Machado (his first) on June 1st at the Wildhorse short course tournament, congratulations.



## GOLF TOURNAMENTS

### July Golf

7-6	Mon	SC	Cavanaugh	4Man BB
7-10	Fri	69/RC	Wildhawk	Vintage
7-16	Thur	69/RC	Dry Creek	LN
7-20	Mon	SC	River Oaks	3rd Rnd CC
7-23	Thurs	69/RC	Mather	LN
7-30	Thur	69/RC	Mackenzie	2nd Rnd CC

### August Golf

8-3	Mon	SC	Davis	White Tees
8-6	Thurs	69/RC	Cavanaugh	LN
8-24	Mon	SC	Emerald L.	Pick your 9
8-27	Thurs	69/RC	Turkey	LN

## RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

Our Golf Expo results haven't been going as well as in past years, but I'm still hoping for some guests in July and August. Meanwhile, the Branch 69 members are continuing to bring in new members at a good rate. I've enjoyed talking to the new members when I write up their biographical information—what a great bunch of guys. It looks like we have one or two new applications for July. Keep up the good recruiting work.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the July luncheon.

*Tom Page, Recruiting & Publicity Director*

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

The first RV outing of 2015 at Angels Camp in May was a big success. We had six rigs attend. Everyone had a good time, enjoying the winery tour, shopping in Murphys, and zip lining. We are all looking forward to the July 12<sup>th</sup> outing at the Golden Coach RV Resort in Cromberg, hosted by wagon master, Dave Yorston.



In September, the RV Group will be heading to Bodega Bay for a cool down on the coast. If you are interested in attending this outing, please contact Bob Houghton. We are looking for volunteers to be wagon masters for March, May, and July, and September, 2016. Contact Bob Houghton or Tod Davis to select a month.

*By: Tod Davis*

## DAY IN THE PARK

Our Branch Picnic on June 17th was a total success. Although we had a record paid reservations for 87 members and guests, we did have a few cancellations due to emergencies. The food was great, the games were a lot of fun and the camaraderie was priceless. We had many laughs with the trivia pursuit game that Dan Calcagno and Dennis Jones conducted. The winners of all activities and games received re-gifted prizes, which were donated by our branch members.



My crew did a superb job in the planning, food service and execution of activities. I was ably assisted by Tom & Joanne Page, Tom & Donna Costello, Dick Borah, Bud and Romelle Rogers, Dennis Jones, Dan Calcagno, Lennie Silva, Bill Mueller and Pat Quinn.

Kudos and thanks go out to the entire crew for their dedication in making A Day In The Park one of our branches' most successful events.

*Jim Porterfield Activities Chairman*

## SUNSHINE

Ric Nannini Our prayers go out to Ric and his family due to the passing of his wife Patricia on June 13 2015.

Bill Rhoe Our prayers go out to Bill and his family due to the passing of his mother on June 13 2015.



Frank Franzago It was good to see Frank at our last luncheon. Frank is receiving outpatient care at home for cancer and leukemia.

Frank Bender Frank has stage four cancer and is receiving hospice care at home.

James Page On Sunday, June 21, James wrote; Hey guys, I am home from Kaiser after back surgery - spent five days there and all went well. Now it is time to recuperate at home.

Keep these fellow SIRs in your prayers for comfort and healing during these difficult times.

*Jim Carlson, Sunshine Chairman*

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

At the June Luncheon we had 97 members. This gave us a 68% attendance rate. Good going.

*Don Neufeld, Attendance*

<b>2015 Slate of Officers</b>			
BIG SIR:	DENNIS JONES		684-3189
LITTLE SIR:	DAN CALCAGNO		481-8368
SEC:	RON HUTCHESON		897-2807
ASST SEC:	MARK STEFFANS		214-8650
TREAS:	JERRY BUHLERT		334-2767
ASST TREAS:	HAL COPPERBERG		722-2606
<b>Directors</b>			
RON HUTCHESON	897-2807	ADRIAN HERRELL	989-5981
STEVE EASON	972-7383	BILL RHOE	984-5311
MIKE RATZLAFF	419-0130	GEORGE LANGFORD	630-823-5493
<b>State Officers</b>			
STATE PRES:		BOBBIE HAIRSTON	
REG. DIRECT:		JIMMIE JOHNSON	
AREA 3 GOV:			
<b>Committee Chairs</b>		<b>Honored Members</b>	
Programs	Dan Calcagno 481-8368		
Mail Pouch	Pat Quinn 784-3729		
Chaplain	Karl Munz 922-2482	<u>Honorary Life Members</u>	
Roster	Pat Quinn 784-3729	PBS LENNIE SILVA (SHLM)	
Golf	PBS Lennie Silva 487-9812	PRD WARREN SENEGAL	
Golf (SC)	Bob Vandenburg 858-0471	SIR FRANK FRANZAGO	
Bowling	PBS Tom Page 488-6465	PBS TOM PAGE	
Audit	John Martinez 812-7363		
Nominating	PBS Ron Hutcheson 897-2807	<u>SENIOR CERTIFICATES</u>	
Recruiting	PBS Tom Page 488-6465	SIR JESSE GUTIERREZ	
Membership	Jerry Schroeder 961-2470	SIR SAM LeROUGE	
Attendance	Don Neufeld 863-5228	SIR EDWARD GONSALVES	
Orientation	PBS Warren Senegal 421-3396	SIR RIC NANNINI	
Branch Apparel	Mike Ratzlaff 419-0130		
Day In The Park	PBS Jim Porterfield 383-8156		
Sunshine	PBS Jim Carlson 635-8516		
Bios	PBS Tom Page 488-6465		
Activities	PBS Jim Porterfield 383-8156		
Web Site	Ross Martin 427-0559		
Book Club	PBS Tom Costello 351-0443		
RV	Bob Houghton 487-1190		

## 2015 BEC SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The election will be held at August's Luncheon. The Nominating Committee recommends:

**OFFICERS:** Big Sir, Dan Calcagno; Little Sir, Jerry Schroeder; Secretary, Mark Steffens; Assistant Secretary, George Langford; Treasurer, Jerry Buhler; Assistant Treasurer, Hal Copperberg.

**DIRECTORS:** PBS Dennis Jones, Steve Eason, Adrian Herrell, Bill Rhoe, Greg Schweitzer & Mike Ratzlaff.

The election will be held under rule 134 of the SIR Manual. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. A nominee from the floor must signify his agreement to accept the office if elected.

**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 members 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 any matters pertaining to said activities (Rule 345).

Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a 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).

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 luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date, and giving a valid reason, or did not attend one half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period, may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 60, 100 & 107).

# BRANCH 69 DINNER THEATER GROUP

Join your fellow SIR Members and their significant others



We will meet at The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant in Mid-Town Sacramento at 5:30 for dinner.

After dinner we'll drive 1.2 miles to the B Street Theater for a performance of "The Explorers Club", which is a hilarious comedy staged in London, 1879. The prestigious Explorers Club is in crisis: their acting president wants to admit a woman, and their bartender is terrible. True, this female candidate is brilliant, beautiful, and has discovered a legendary Lost City, but the decision to let in a woman could shake the very foundation of the British Empire, and how do you make such a decision without a decent drink? Grab your safety goggles for some very mad science involving deadly cobras, irate Irishmen and the occasional airship. Written by Tony Award nominee, Nell Benjamin. It promises to be a great evening of entertainment and friendship. Sign up and pay Jim at the July luncheon or contact Jim before July 9, 2015.

**WHEN: JULY 23, 2015**

**DINNER AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY, 5:30 P.M.**

**1910 J ST. SACRAMENTO,**

**THE THEATER: B STREET THEATER**

**2711 B STREET, SACRAMENTO**

**Theater ticket price is \$25.00 prepaid.**

**Dinner: order from the menu. Pay from separate checks**

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO SIR BR 69 AND SEND TO JIM PORTERFIELD BY July 9 AT 2249 GLENCOE WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95826 PHONE: 916-383-8156 - EMAIL : JIM-PORTERFIELD@ATT.NET**