

**DRY DIGGIN'S
BRANCH 70**



**DECEMBER
2008**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Bill Albright, Bill George,
Frank Ginelli, Bill Green,
Bob Hubble, Ture Roslund,
Roger Selby, Dale Snyder,
Woody Woods**

(Don't forget to pick up your birthday
Drawing Ticket!)

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BIG SIR REPORT: Dale Snyder: Hi All

We had quite a time at Thursday's luncheon. **Gwen Duncan** from **Cordially Yours Travel** spoke to us. **Kim Burkhardt** brought her group of trainers for **Guide dogs for the Blind** and, we were visited by the **Executive Committee from Branch 165**.

There was discussion about our coming Christmas luncheon on December 4th. There will be Christmassy adornments for our ladies to wear and **Callie** will prepare a nice luncheon of **Chateau Briand** with all the trimmings..... **The Foothill Women's Chorus** will perform Christmas selections for us after lunch and I'm sure your wives will love this presentation. We will only be able to seat 120 persons and **Callie** will need to know ahead of time how many meals to prepare. Please get your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets for this event are \$15.00 per person and are available from our Treasurer, **Bob Goggins**. You should mail your check to **Bob** by **November 27** and he will send them to you. After that we will maintain a cancellation list. But don't count on it.... We must give **Callie** our final count soon enough for her to order supplies – **Bob's** address is: 1100 Woodside Lane, Placerville, CA 95667. Don't miss this one!

Kim brought four dogs along with their young trainers. Actually, the dogs are not trained at this stage but they are raised under very strict guidelines until they are mature enough to start their serious training. It costs thousands of dollars to train a guide dog and they are provided free of charge to people who need them. This sounds like a worthy cause which we might all wish to help out with.

We now have a **Local Travel Agent** at last. **Gwen Duncan** (Cordially Yours Travel) attended our luncheon along with her assistant, **Anita Young**, to tell what they could do for us and pass out questionnaires about our travel preferences. **Gwen's** husband, **Ron Duncan**, has agreed to join our **Branch** and act as a liaison between all branches and the Travel Agency. It sounds like this might be just what we were looking for.

During dessert, **Joel Enns** passed around a "Gratuity Bucket" for **Callie's Girls**. They have been feeding us for a year and a lot of the fellows thought it was time we did a little payback. He collected \$160 for them. The girls were pretty excited when I walked in with the bucket full of cash. I even got a hug out of it. Joel was a little sore about it tho...He collected the money and I got the hugs.

As I mentioned at one of our recent luncheon meetings, Branch 165 has been steadily losing members and is now seeking to merge with another branch. Their Executive Committee met with our Executive Committee today prior to today's luncheon to discuss the possibility of merging with our Branch 70. We were able to work out most of the terms except for who would be the Big SIR. Their present Big SIR, **Norm Smith**, has some personal convictions that some of our members might not be willing to accept. A decision on the merger was deferred until **Norm Smith** is able to address our general membership at our meeting on January 5th. He will leave meeting after his address and the matter will be discussed and decided by our general membership.

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BRANCH 70

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THE WORLD OF SIR TRAVEL



Travel Bulletin

November 3-15, 2008 Vietnam & Thailand A 13 day adventure that will take you to Ho Chi Minh City, the Mekong Delta, and Halong Bay in Vietnam, and then to sites in Thailand. Price includes r/t air, hotels, breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Cost is \$3885 PPDO. Offered by Branch 146. Contact **Bob Spellman** at (925) 934-8428.

November 4-23, 2008—Exotic Cruise to Santiago Chile

A 19 day cruise aboard the Norwegian Sun from San Francisco. Nine ports of call, including: Acapulco, Mexico— Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala—Puntarenas, Costa Rica—Quito (Manta), Ecuador—Lima (Callao), Peru—Arica, Chile—LaSerna (Coquimbo), Chile—and Santiago. Prices range from \$3148 to \$3678 PPDO. Offered by Branches 20, 36, 85, and 104 Travel. Call **Tom Cutting** at 831-476-9725.

November 10-22, 2008—Egyptian Odyssey Cruising the magical waters of the Nile for 7 days --aboard the MS Crown Empress -- is the most enjoyable and relaxing way to experience the many sights and wonders of ancient Egypt. The trip includes four nights at the Grand Hyatt in Cairo, allowing time to see all the main attractions in and around the city. November is considered one of the most favorable months to visit Egypt. Cost is \$4195 PPDO. Offered by Branch 114 Travel. Call **Jim Stoner** at 408-238-8458.

December 13-22, 2008—Galapagos and More!! This trip will include the famous Otavalo Market before getting on board the Coral II for 5 days of touring the Archipelago. There will be a full-time naturalist to answer our questions and be our guide. The ship limits passengers to 20 and will be exclusive for SIR on this trip. Prices range from \$4120 to \$4425 PPDO. Offered by Branch 62 Travel. Call **Ray Kriess** at 650-968-4299.

December 29, 2008-January 2, 2009—New Years Eve at the Beautiful Gaylord Opryland Resort This is a wonderful trip to a magnificent resort in Nashville. Price includes: all four nights at the resort, four breakfasts, dinner cruise aboard the General Jackson, performance at the Grand Ole Opry, gala New Years Eve party and much more. Cost is \$1567 PPDO. Offered by Branches 45 & 109 Travel. Call **Larry Garvin** at 530-673-3693.



TREASURER'S REPORT
BOB GOGGINS

<u>Br. 70 Funds Available</u>	
Checking	\$930.11
Petty Cash	<u>230.00</u>
	\$1160.11

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
JOEL ENNS

Active: 79

Inactive: 1

(Big Sir Continued)

Frank Pinada (Golf Chairman for Branch 165) advises that their first Scramble tournament is set for Wednesday November Mather Golf Course and we are all invited. Green fees are \$38 including cart. Call **Frank** at **677-8009...** Maybe we can arrange a car pool for the occasion. This is going to be a fun day... Be there or be square.

Don't forget We move to Cold Springs Country Club in January. It turns out that the first Thursday comes on Year's Day so we have moved our luncheon day to Monday, January 5th... From then on we will return to our regular Thursday" meeting.

See you at the Christmas Luncheon... **Dale**

Give your Caller a break... When he leaves a message on your phone recorder please respond promptly. He needs to know if you plan on attending the luncheon so that he can pass that info on to Frank Thomas.....

Callers – please get your numbers in to Frank by Sunday evening so he will know how many meals to order. Frank will not be available on Mondays.

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

MORE TRAVEL

January 25 - February 10, 2009—Cruise from Australia to New Zealand

Cruise from Australia to New Zealand on board the Diamond Princess. Two-night, pre-cruise stay in Sydney. Some of the ports of call: Melbourne, Fjordland National Park, Dunedin, Christchurch, and Tauranga. Trip Includes r/t air and guided tours of Sydney and Auckland. Prices range from \$4190 to \$5470 PPDO. Offered by Branches 101 & 121 Travel. Call **Werner Sch** at 925-443-8291.

March 4-12, 2009 - Discover Sicily

This 9 day trip includes r/t air, hotel accommodations and 11 meals. Travelers will enjoy a deluxe bus tour and guided tours of Taormina, Mt. Etna Volcano, a local winery tasting tour, Catania, Caltagirone, Pizzaa Amerina, Villa Casale, Siracusa, and an optional tour to Palermo. Cost is \$2643 PPDO. Offered by Area 6 Travel. Call **Henry Puccinelli** at 415-457-3990.

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NEXT MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2008
ELKS LODGE
SHINGLE SPRINGS

NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

All tours and other activities for SONS-IN-RETIREMENT, INC. or its branches or committees, are for the convenience and pleasure of members and guests who desire to participate. However, SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC. ~~and the branches do not assume~~ any responsibility for the well being or safety of participants or passengers, or their property, in any matters pertaining to said tours, trips or other activities.

CHECKS FOR TRAVEL ACTIVITIES

Checks for travel events of three (3) nights or less shall be made payable to the branch, or, if arranged through a travel agency, checks may be made to an agency at the branch's option. Checks for travel events for four (4) or ~~more nights shall be made to the travel agency.~~

ATTENDANCE

Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without NOTIFYING THEIR ATTENDANCE Chairman giving a valid reason, or attending less than six (6) meetings within the last twelve (12) months shall be notified by ~~form letter #4~~ of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch meeting will be considered as credit to the attendance record.