

**DRY DIGGIN'S  
BRANCH 70**  
Chartered September, 1977



**FEBRUARY  
2007**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
Happy Birthday and don't forget to pick up your birthday ticket.  
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**A NON PROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT  
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**BIG SIR'S REPORT:** For those or you who missed our January luncheon: **John Collens** arranged for Mike Turney to be our guest speaker. Mike invited us to visit the new planetary observatory in the Placerville area and take a look through one of their fourteen inch telescopes. (I could have used one of these at the beach the other day).....We don't need a telescope to check our finances however.

**Bob Goggins**, (our treasurer), has informed us that our expenses are exceeding our income. Unlike many other organizations, we receive no income from dues. Our main revenue source is the small difference between what Callie charges the branch for our luncheons and what your branch collects from each member for the meals. Expenses include such things as hall rental, printing costs and other miscellaneous things. One example: Local branches such as ours must pay State SIR about forty cents a month for each "active" member on our rolls..... Another example is the money we lose from "no-shows" at our luncheons. When we tell Callie how many meals we want prepared, that is the number we must pay for. If some of our members do not show up, then we are stuck for the difference. Your Branch Executive Committee is looking at ways to plug the leaks... One obvious way is to ask the "no-shows" to pay for their missed meals.... Another leak is the number of members on our rolls who are listed as "active" but who are no longer attending our luncheon meetings. As we all know, a member who misses three luncheon meetings in a row is no longer considered to be in "good standing".

And now.... our Committee Members of the Month Appreciation goes to **Bob Bishop and Joe 'Paul' Paulson**... They are our "Greeters" and keep track of our badges and attendance each meeting.

Don't forget—The first Thursday next month is on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dale Snyder

**LITTLE SIR'S REPORT:** Our January speaker set the tone for those who will follow his presentation. Next speaker: have you noticed in both the Sacramento Bee and Mountain Democrat the growth of gang activity in our county? Our speaker will be the Placerville Chief of Police, George Nielsen, who will address this disturbing trend and what law enforcement is doing about it.

**ATTENTION EVERYONE:** When you make a reservation with your Caller for our luncheons you are expected to attend or cancel no later than Noon the day before the event. All No-Shows will be billed for failure to call their Caller with a valid cancellation notice. We must pay the Elks Lodge and our caterer and the amount is based upon firm reservations. Help us avoid asking you to pay for the reservation that you did not attend.

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR CALLER?** This is a repeat of what was published in the January bulletin. We need your Caller's name when you pay for your luncheon. **SELECT YOUR CALLER FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF BADGE NUMBERS:**

#1 - #20, Frank Dvoracek 626-6134    #21- #40, Bob Cook 677-3536

#41- #60, Jim Eliassen 622-4069    #61- #80, Bob Bishop 622-7507

#81- #100, Tom Atkins 626-9344    #101- #120, Bob Hubbell 644-2464

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John Collens

# THE WORLD OF SIR TRAVEL



**In the absence of a Travel Representative in Branch 70, excerpts from the "Happenings Travel Bulletin" found on the SIR Website ([www.sirinc.com](http://www.sirinc.com)), are furnished on this page.**

The following are a few trips scheduled by other SIR Branches that you can sign up for or receive additional information.

**Mayan Civilizations...March 2 thru 12, 2007.** Tour all the interesting places in Guatemala, with a special visit to Copan, Honduras. Price includes round-trip air fare from SFO to Guatemala, breakfast

daily, 6 hosted lunches, and 6 hosted dinners. Price is \$2975 PPDO. Offered by Fresno SIR Travel. Contact Richard Beers at [559] 431-3728.

**DISCOVER THE CARIBBEAN...March 5 thru 16, 2007.** Enjoy 12 days of luxury aboard the MSC Lirica, cruising to San Juan, St. Maarten, Grenada, Barbados, Antigua, Tortola, and Cayo Levantado. Prices ranging from \$1720 to 2135 PPDO, including round trip air, 11 nights, all meals and entertainment aboard ship Offered by Area 1 Travel. Call George Keeling at [650] 574-0474.

**Shades of Ireland...March 9 thru 19, 2007.** Ten days touring Limerick, medieval Castle Banquent, Cliffs of Mother, Galway Farm Visit, Killarney, Blamey Castle, Waterford Crystal, Dublin, and more. Cost is \$2599 PPDO. Offered by Branches 44, 163, and 178. Call Dave Moore at [661] 832-8945.

**The Best of Spain & Portugal... March 16 thru April 1, 2007.** A 17 day tour featuring Madrid, Salamanca, Oporto, Lisbon, Seville, Costa del Sol, Mijas, Granada, Valencia, and Barcelona by deluxe motorcoach. \$3675 PPDO. Offered by Area 2 Travel. Call Bob Hagler @ [925] 934-7620.

**The Great Smokies & Blue Grass...April 10 thru 18, 2007.** Tennessee-North Carolina-Kentucky. Featuring Grand Ole Opry performance, Tour Nashville, Chattanooga Choo-choo, Ride up Look Out Mountain, Biltmore Estates, Gatlinburg, Dollywood, Lexington, & Churchill Downs, plus more. \$1995 PPDO. Offered by Branch 63 Travel. Call George Smith @ [530] 342-3133.

**National Cherry Blossom Festival... April 10-16, 2007.** Reserved seats for the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington D.C. Also visits to such places as Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Smithsonian, and a free day with a tour-mobile ticket. Price of \$1829 PPDO, includes round-trip air from Sacramento and 11 meals. Accommodations are at the Marriott Tyson Corner. Offered by Area 14 Travel. Call Jerry Wisenor at (209) 334-5181.

**Branson Musical Getaway...April 16 thru 21, 2007.** Round trip to Branson, home to numerous musical and comedy venues, from Fresno Air Terminal. \$1299 PPDO. Offer by Fresno SIR Travel. Contact Ed Dorn @ [559] 433-0670.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**BOB GOGGINS**  
**Br. 70 Funds Available**  
Checking    \$1072.11  
                  230.00  
                  \$1302.11

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**  
**JOEL ENNS**

**ACTIVE: 91      INACTIVE: 12**

## **SIR TRAVEL ADVISORY:**

The SIR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii aboard the Celebrity Cruise Line ship "Summit" has been cancelled since we did not obtain the 1,000 fee paid SIR participants that were needed. You should be aware that this State Event was contingent upon having that number of applications on file with Golden Gate Tours by September 1, 2006. That deadline was extended by Celebrity Cruise Lines to December 31, 2006. It was hoped that by that time we would have around 1,800 SIR participants so the entire ship would be comprised of SIR members and their guests.

Instructions are provided below for those SIR members and guests who have paid the \$100 per person application fee and for those who have made the first interim payment of \$500 per person by December 1, 2006, and want to obtain a refund from Golden Gate Tours. For those persons who have paid these fees and would like to wait to see what the new 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary State Events will be, you may either apply your credits to the new events or request a refund of your fees.

Golden Gate Tours has received an OK from the 2007 State Executive Committee to pursue negotiations for the following State Travel Events to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SIR in 2008:

1. Fly to Hawaii from Sacramento, Oakland and San Francisco and all participants would arrive in Oahu, Hawaii on the same day. They would then be bussed from the Airport to the Norwegian Cruise Line ship that is of the same caliber as the Celebrity Cruise Line ship that was to be used. The ship would cruise the Hawaiian Islands and then cruise back to San Francisco. Since the ship is an American Flag Vessel it does not have to visit a foreign port before returning to San Francisco. That will reduce the number transit cruise days. No passports would be required for this Cruise.
2. A gala event in Reno, Nevada consisting of two or three nights and including a late afternoon hosted cocktail and finger food celebration and a dinner-show the next evening. It has been requested that the bus trip to and from Reno not include any interim stops at casinos other than the one to be used for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

The events will be scheduled so as not to conflict with one another and participants will be able to go both events if they so choose. It is hoped that by having two 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Travel Events with considerable time and price differentials, more of our active members and eligible guests will be able to take advantage of these special occasions. Also, please note that any proposals for these events developed by Golden Gate Tours must be approved by the State Board.

Golden Gate Tours will notify all participants who have paid deposits for the original 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise the procedure to be followed to obtain a refund or transfer of their deposits to the proposed alternate travel event. Additional information concerning refunds may be secured by writing Golden Gate Tours, 1001 Galaxy Way #200, Concord, CA 94529 . If there are additional questions or concerns, please contact State Travel Chairman Bob Perry at: [r.perry9396@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.perry9396@sbcglobal.net) or phone him at 415-883-4677.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES:**

Copies of the pictures taken at the Christmas Party will once again be available for viewing and selection at our February meeting. Look for them atop the glass enclosed display case located near our Lunch & Ticket Check In Table. (Editor/Photographer)



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**NEXT MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2007**  
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**SHINGLE SPRINGS**

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**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.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** To insure information concerning health matters of our members is current, all reports will be given verbally at our regular monthly meetings.  
John Collens

**.....ON THE LITE SIDE.....**

**If at first you don't succeed, Sky Diving is not for you**