

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



**JANUARY**  
**2008**

**BRANCH 70**  
**ELECTED OFFICERS**  
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(To be announced)

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**A NON PROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT**  
**ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday and don't forget to**  
**pick up your birthday ticket.**

**Bob Bigelow, Jack Eastman,**  
**Norm Nester, Jon Somplack**

**BIG SIR'S REPORT: Dale Snyder.**

Hi All,

It was sure swell to see all of your happy faces at our Christmas luncheon. All of the wives I have spoken with enjoyed the occasion...They visited with friends they haven't seen since our last Christmas luncheon. Callie fixed a nice meal and the chorale group that our Little SIR arranged filled us with good Christmas Spirit. (The Bloody Mary's helped a bit also).

Don't miss our January meeting. We will be installing our new officers... We rented a wild goat for our new Big SIR (**Bob Gilmore**) to ride. If he can stay on for ten seconds we will give him a free lunch ticket.... This will be my last meeting as Big SIR. To all of you that have helped me along the way; Many thanks.

Our treasurer (**Bob Goggins**) reports that we had to pay Callie for three "no-shows" at our Christmas luncheon. That really brings a tear to my eye. Callie charges us for the exact number we tell her to plan for (unless there are more, then we pay more). So as a New Year's resolution, let's resolve to stay in contact with our callers and let them know our plans.

For another resolution, let's make an effort to bring some of our friends into our group..... And for still another resolution, let's all keep the first Thursday of every month open so we can attend our luncheon. Looking forward to seeing you there - **Dale**

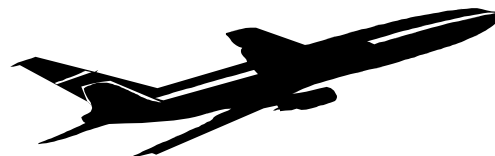
**LITTLE SIR'S REPORT:**

In the absence of the yet to be elected Little Sir, our Big Sir, **Bob Gilmore**, has arranged for the January luncheon program. Our guest speaker will be **Dana Rubin** who will present "Hands on Eldorado". The subject will focus on Volunteerism and how important it is to all of us.

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

A Penny Saved Is A Government Oversight.

# THE WORLD OF SIR TRAVEL



## Travel Bulletin

### ***January 5-16, 2008 Panama Canal***

Cruise the Panama Canal on the Island Princess. Fly from San Francisco to Acapulco and board ship. Ship stops include, Hualtulo, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Cartagena (Colombia), Aruba, and ending in San Juan for an extra day and then fly back to SFO. Prices range from \$2885 to \$3045 PPDO. Contact Ray Kreiss, Branch 62, @ (650) 968-4299.

### ***January 25, 2008 Salute to Sir Day at Golden Gate Fields***

A day at the races offering this special discounted Turf Club Group Rates for 10 or more. Package includes valet parking, or parking for bus, admission, reserved seating, daily racing program, prime rib buffet, and tax/tip for food servers. \$23.00 PP. Contact:

### ***March 26-April 2, 2008 Discover the French Riviera***

Fly from Sacramento to Nice, France. The trip begins in Nice and includes Ventimiglia, Italy, Grasse, St. Paul de Vence, Saint Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Cannes, and Monaco. Includes 10 meals. Offered by Branch 110 Travel. Contact Bill Massie at [530] 342-2784. \$2179pp/do.

### ***February 28—March 9, 2008 Tahiti-Cook Island Cruise***

Cruise on the 670 passenger Tahitan Princess. Visit Papeete, Huahine, Raratonga, Bora Bora, and Moorea. Due to the popularity of this cruise, and limited space in each category, early sign-up is important. \$3390 to 3640pp/do. Contact Werner Schiapher at [925] 443-8291.

### ***April 3-15, 2008 50th Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii***

Revised cruise will travel from San Francisco to Honolulu, board cruise ship and cruise the Islands of Hawaii and return by air to San Francisco. Price to follow. Call Hall Stephens at [530] 295-1867 for more information.

### ***April 11-20, 2008 Romantic Rhine River Cruise***

This is a 10 day cruise from Zurich to Amsterdam. It includes a one night stay in Zurich. The towns we will visit are: Strasburg, France, Heidelberg, Germany, Mainz, Germany, and Amsterdam, Holland. All shipboard meals included, air transportation from Bay Area to Zurich and return from Amsterdam. Prices range from \$3320 to \$4345 PPDO. Contact John Hofman, Branch 88, @ (209) 642-4925.



### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**BOB GOGGINS**

**Br. 70 Funds Available**

Checking \$ 988.73

Petty Cash 230.00

Total Funds \$1218.73

### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

**JOEL ENNS**

Active: 87

Inactive: 4

## TRAVEL (CONTINUED)

### ***April 18-29, 2008 Rocky Mountaineer***

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A Trans-Canada rail adventure from Vancouver to Toronto, with overnights in Kamloops and Baniff. Stay at the famous Fairmont Chateau Hotel in Lake Louise, visit Icefields Parkway-with a ride to Athabasca Glacier-and see Niagara Falls. Cost is \$4039 PPDO. Contact Pete Lepisto, Area 14, @ (209) 948-2265.

### ***April 23-May1, 2008 Riverbarging on the Mississippi***

The trip runs from New Orleans to Memphis, with large staterooms, including bath. Trip includes meals, tours, tips, shows, air, and overnights in New Orleans & Memphis. Prices range from \$2825 to \$3025 PPDO. Contact Ron DePass, Area 19, @ (530) 644-1405.

### ***May 3-17, 2008 Cruising the Pacific Northwest***

Cruise the Pacific Northwest from San Francisco aboard Royal Caribbean's Serenade of the Seas. 9 ports of call including Ports Astoria, Seattle, Victoria, Juneau, Sitka, and Price Rupert. Prices range from \$2170 to \$3300 PPDO. Contact Jerry Wisenor, Area 14, @ (209) 334-5181.

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR....(Photographer?)**

No pictures on this page this month, but there will be some available to view at our January meeting . As those of you who attended our Christmas Luncheon will remember, I wrangled around through the various tables, "bumping most" on the way, and got shots of each table, except the one where I was sitting. (a bummer).

I will have all of the pictures on display at the January luncheon. They will be sold at a reasonable price with all proceeds donated to our Sir's Branch 70. Charges for each size photo will be as follows:

3X5 \$1.50

4X6 \$2.00

5X7 \$2.50

All orders will be printed on Premium Photo Paper and mailed to the purchaser's home address without further charge.

**Added Note:** Editor's email address has been changed to: colonelben@gmail.com.



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**NEXT MEETING**  
**JANUARY 3, 2008**  
**ELKS CLUB**  
**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.