

**DRY DIGGIN'S
BRANCH 70**
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**JULY
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**A NON PROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT
ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN**

BIRTHDAYS

**John Blevens, Roger Chappell,
Ben Collins, Lou Killian,
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**BRANCH 70
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TIONS**

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TEMPORARY BIG SIR'S REPORT: Dale Snyder

If you didn't attend our June 5th meeting you missed a good one. Our Guest speaker was **Kathleen Dodge** who is the head of the El Dorado County Film Office. It was an enjoyable and informative presentation outlining the many facets of her job. She is a former casting director from Hollywood and has made her skills, talents and contacts available to our community. Her many duties include staying aware of who is doing what in the industry and promoting El Dorado County as the place to do it. She says that the movies and commercials filmed in our area bring in as much as six-million dollars a year to our local businesses and citizens.

Bob Ames and Dick Henderson are Co-Chairmen of this year's Picnic on August 7th, and are planning a bang-up affair. Contact them if you have suggestions or requests. Callie needs to know how many to prepare for so get your tickets early from **Bob Goggins** at the July meeting or you may send your check for \$15 per person to his address and he will mail the tickets to you. **Callie** won't be able to accommodate you if you don't let us know you are coming.

For your information, there are four branches of SIR's in our area and they are all steadily losing members. Because of this, there have been discussions between all concerned about the possibility of combining a couple of the branches. It seems that the main point of contention is that no one wishes to change their meeting places. Our area leaders are trying to set up a joint meeting with all branch executive committees to see if something can be worked out. Will keep you posted.

And by the way.... All of our great callers thank you for responding promptly to their calls to you. It makes their job so much easier.... See you on July 3rd

**Our Guest Speaker for June
Kathleen Dodge**



**Branch 70 Secretary
Frank Ginelli**



THE WORLD OF SIR TRAVEL



Travel Bulletin

August 16-24, 2008 *Trains of the Colorado Rockies.* Nine day trip with 12 meals. Some of the highlights are: Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Georgetown Loop Railroad, Vail, Durango & Silverton Railroad, Mesa Verde National Park, Royal George Railroad, and Pike's Peak Cog Railroad. Cost is \$2199 PPDO. Offered by Branch 117. Contact **Tony Praxel** at (916) 285-9656.

September 5 - 14, 2008 *Grand Alaska Land Tour* The Grand Alaska escorted land tour is an experience of a lifetime. See spectacular mountains and valleys; watch wildlife and sea in their natural habitat, and view enormous glaciers. This is the perfect cruisers to Alaska. We will travel to Anchorage, Veldez, Fairbanks, and Denali National Park. Trip includes all air transportation, most meals, professional tour manager, round trip transportation to the Bay Area Airport, and other amenities. Price is \$3,900PPDO. Offered by Branch 88 Travel. Contact **John Hoffman** at (707) 642-4925.

September 7-11, 2008 *The Big Apple* There is no place quite like New York and September is the very best time to see it. Trip includes all transportation, stay at the Edison Hotel, right in the heart of Times Square. Two Broadway Shows, guided tours, and much more. Cost is \$1848 PPDO. Offered by Branch 143 Travel. Contact **Bill Torrens** at (209) 667-0244.

September 13, 2008 *Grand Tour of Germany* From the Alps to the North Sea, the Black Forest and the Rhine Valley, to the once divided Berlin...discover the varied regions of this European power-house, with an exciting blend of culture, cities, rivers, and Bavarian charm. The trip is extensive, but leisurely priced. Price is \$3660 PPDO. Offered by Branch 96 Travel. Contact **Lee Suess** at (209) 296-2235.

September 13-27, 2008 *A Taste of Northern Italy* A ten day adventure through Northern Italy. The trip includes: The Lake District, Cinque Terre, and a visit with Leonardo DaVinci's Last Supper. Cost is \$2999 PPDO including air from SFO and 13 meals. Contact **Michael Clark** at (650) 347-0919.

September 21-October 2, 2008. *Mexican Riviera Cruise.* A 12 day round trip cruise from San Francisco aboard the Norwegian Sun with visits to Mazatlan, Acapulco, Ixtapa, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas. Prices range from \$1260 to \$1682 PPDO. Offered by Area 7 Travel. Contact **Paul Peters** at (510) 724-8345.



<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	
BOB GOGGINS	
<u>Br. 70 Funds Available</u>	
Checking	\$748.56
Petty Cash	<u>230.00</u>
Total Funds	\$978.56

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
JOEL ENNS

Active: 79

Inactive: 3

TRAVEL (CONTINUED)

September 25-October 10, 2008 River Cruise on the Rhine & Danube A 16 day River Cruise beginning in Budapest, Hungary and finishing in Amsterdam. Our journey will take you to 11 cities in Hungary, Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands. You will explore the regal splendor of Budapest, meander along the fabled "Blue Danube" to Vienna, transit the Main-Danube Canal and glide past Germany's castles (during Oktoberfest), to the canals of Holland. All meals, tours, and flights are included. Cost is \$4,5115 PPDO. Offered by Branch 172 Travel. Contact **Earl Nelson** at (209) 642-4925.

October 1-6, 2008, Washington D.C. Visit Arlington Cemetery, the White House, the Capitol, Major Monuments, Cruise the Potomac, and see a performance at the Kennedy Center. Cost is \$2170 PPDO. Offered by Branch 189 Travel. Contact **Richard Beers** at (559) 431-3728.

October 6-19, 2008 Danube Dream Glide past fairy-tale castles and medieval villages aboard the river cruise ship, MS Switzerland II, traveling the longest river in Europe. Take in views of the Czech Republic, Germany, Slovakia, and Hungary. Many shore excursions are included with visits to interesting cities and historic sites. Trip includes r/t air from SFO to Budapest, with return from Prague. Prices range from \$3415 to \$3660 PPDO. Offered by Area 2 Travel. Contact **Bob Hagler** at (925) 934-7620.

October 24-November 4, 2008 Cruise the Mexican Riviera Cruise aboard the Norwegian Sun, roundtrip from San Francisco. Ports of call will be Mazatlan, Acapulco, Zihuatejo/Xtapa, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas. This trip has real bargain rates, so it will go fast. Prices range from \$1035 to 1580 PPDO. Offered by Area 1 Travel. Contact **Paul Thiebaut** at (925) 345-9375

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.

Editors Note: As a follow up to our **Big Sir's** comments regarding the **Picnic**, please remember you must purchase your tickets prior to the event. There will be **NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE PICNIC SITE.** **Bob Goggins** suggests you make your purchase at the July meeting, but if not, you can send him a check and he will mail you the tickets. All tickets must be purchased not later than **July 25th**. Also, please bring an item or two for the drawing, and don't forget to bring your eating utensils .

John Palmer, Birthday Winner for June, Getting his "due" from Big Sir, Dale Snyder.





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NEXT MEETING
JULY 3, 2008
ELKS LODGE
SHINGLE SPRINGS

NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

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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.

**Long Time Branch 70 Member
Norm Kotelnicki**

**In the Center is Member Bill Theurer
who is obviously among his many friends**

