



# SNOWLINE BRANCH # 113

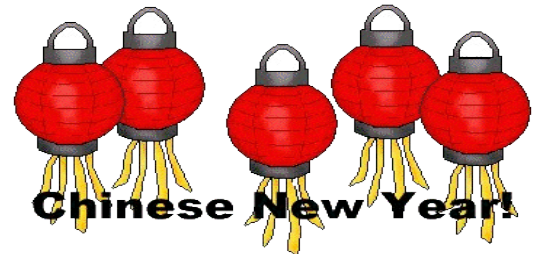
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JANUARY 2025

## DATES TO REMEMBER

JAN. 20 MLK DAY

JAN. 20 CHINESE NEW YEAR



## BIG SIR REPORT

2024 was a good year for Branch 113 adding eight new members. Ray did a great job as Big SIR while still managing the bowling tournaments.

The Board of Directors also provided some great activities including Vanja and the Hillbilly Boys planning the picnic BBQ, Ted organizing Bocce Ball and horseshoes, Mark with dining out and Russ's live theater.

Another 2024 Branch great job was performed by the Election Committee working at the Placerville Vote Center. The income earned will fund Branch activities for some time and helped offset expenses from our Christmas party.

Mark Liedstrand volunteered to fill in the Little SIR position for 2025 in addition to being the Branch's Web Master and organizing "Dinner Night Out.. The two dinners in 2024 were fun and something members should plan to do in 2025!

The Placerville Parade was fun. Ron Fenech and wife Terri in his red pickup, Al Muckerheide and wife Jean in their old white classic chevy, Bert Abrahamzon and his friend with the Mustang, Ray DiBasilio and I rode in the back of Moose Brown's golf cart, my wife rode shotgun. The SIR participants were identified by the magnets on the sides of the three vehicles with the SIR logo.

Members need to focus on making 2025 a better year. Keep Branch 113 alive. We need all members to step up and take ownership in the operation of our Branch for success.

**Photos from the Christmas Parade Taken by  
Ray DiBasilio and Bert Abrahamzon**



**Photos from the Christmas Party  
Taken by Ray DiBasilio and Bert Abrahamzon  
(see More Photos on Branch 113 website)**





## Little SIR Report

As we embark on this new year, I feel privileged to serve as your Little Sir. After moving to Placerville just a short time ago, SIR has gifted me with new friendships and social activities that have made it easy for my wife and I to become a part of the community. I never envisioned we would be this active in our new environment and we have SIR to thank for that. It should remind all of us of the opportunity SIR offers to our friends and neighbors, especially those who are new to the area. Let's all make a concerted effort to introduce someone new to SIR in the coming year. I'm truly thankful that opportunity was given to me just a short time ago.

Our December luncheon was our Christmas celebration with spouses and guests, so we did not have a speaker but rather were able to spend time together celebrating the holidays. Special thanks to Don Uelmen and Vanya Illich for making this such a wonderful event. At our January luncheon, Ted Rytel will be our speaker with the topic being a bit of a surprise. I can't wait to hear from Ted as he is a true storyteller.

With that, I want to wish everyone a happy new year and look forward to building new friendships and enjoying all that SIR has to offer in the coming months.

# Striking up Friendships



Happy New Bowling Year! The 2025 SIR bowling calendar is looking exciting. The calendar has us in quite a few locations this year with many of our old friends. Bill Bumbaca, formally of Branch 113, will be a new tournament manager for both tournaments in Carson City (April and late August). We are reviewing locations for the SIR State tournament in May, hoping for a central location. All other tournament dates are set. Applications will be available as dates are closer. Cindy and I hope to see you at the first tournament of 2025 in Napa on January 21-22. Applications for this one and the Sacramento tournament at Country Club lanes in February are available online now.

For more information about SIR bowling and the full 2025 calendar, applications, and results of past tournaments, check out our website: <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

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## MERRY JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

Early Christians celebrated Christmas on Jan. 6 until the Roman Empire moved the holiday to Dec. 25 in the 336 A.D. during the reign of Emperor Constantine. The late December date took the place of pagan holidays celebrating Roman gods and the Winter Solstice.

Jan 6. continued to be celebrated as Christmas by Britons and other Europeans in the Julian calendar. The changeover to the Gregorian calendar in 1582 moved Christmas to Dec. 25 and closer to the Winter Solstice. It was adopted by the British and Irish in 1752 which helped bring the calendar change to the American colonies. Other European countries, including Russia and its Eastern European neighbors, did not switch over until the early 20th Century. Orthodox Christians still celebrate Christmas on Jan. 7.

Still, Jan. 6 holds a place in Christmas celebrations for Armenians, the Irish as well as folks in Appalachia and some Christian believers such as the Amish and Mennonites. Armenians — who are among the earliest in the Christian faith — still celebrate Christmas on Jan. 6. In Ireland, the Jan. 6 celebrations have included women getting together for their own holiday festivities and the men of their households handling the cooking, cleaning and other chores for a day.

In Appalachia, Old Christmas still has a place for some with traditions such as getting together with family and friends, putting candles in windows and holiday food such as versions of fruitcakes (including apple stack cake), mincemeat pies and Christmas hams and serenading friends and neighbor

But Jan. 6 is actually the end of traditional 12 Days of Christmas celebrations. The 12 days marks the birth of Jesus (Dec. 25) through the Coming of the Magi (the Three Wise Men).

**SIR Caller List** - Updated 2024

<b>Attendance Chairman</b>	<b>Ron Boschee</b>	<b>530-644-7572</b>
Caller for badges 1 to 10	<b>Open position</b>	
Caller for badges 11 to 20	<b>Open position</b>	
Caller for badges 21 to 30	<b>Open position</b>	
Caller for badges 31 to 40	<b>Open position</b>	
Caller for badges 41 to 50	Lowell Thoreson	530-647-0588
Caller for badges 51 to 60	Ron Boschee	530-644-7572
Caller for badges 61 to 70	Rich McMahan	530-719-5411
Caller for badges 71 to 80	<b>Open position</b>	
Caller for badges 81 to 90	Moose Brown	530-647-2168
Caller for badges 91 to 100	Don Uelmen	530-306-1920
Caller for badges 101 to 110	<b>Open position</b>	
Caller for badges 111 to 120	Mike Schei	530-677-3144
Caller for badges 121 to 130	Al Muckerheide	530-644-4692
Caller for badges 131 to 140	<b>Open Position</b>	
Caller for badges 141 to 150	<b>Open Position</b>	
Caller for badges 151 to 160	Greg Pease	209-914-6734

**January 9th Luncheon** Sportsman's Hall  
Tri tip sandwich / potato salad / beef barley soup  
(Entrée can be swapped out for Chefs Salad.)

**Speaker Ted Rytel**

**January Birthdays**

**Vanja Illich  
Al Muckerheide**



**Travel Non-Responsibility Declaration**

Travel activities arranged or sponsored by SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests. SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being and/or safety of participants or their property in any matters pertaining to said activities.

**Membership Roster Changes**

Please report any additions or necessary changes to the Membership Roster directly to Don Uelmen at (530) 306-1920

**Let folks know you're proud to be a SIR.**

**SHOW YOUR COLORS!**

**Jackets, Vests, Golf Shirts, Bowling Shirts, Baseball caps, Bucket hats (all with custom embroidered SIR Rooster logo), Lapel Pins, Bolo Ties, Business Cards, Pens, Embroidery Services too and much more....**



**SIR SNOWLINE BRANCH 113**

A non-profit public service organization for retired men. Dues are \$15 per year. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Sportsman's Hall restaurant, 5620 Pony Express Trail in Pollock Pines. Social Hour begins at 11:00am and Lunch at Noon. Cost is \$30.00

### Snowline Branch #113----2024 Officers

Big SIR ----- Chris Crowley-----510-742-1024  
Little SIR ----- Mark Liedstrand-----408-858-9273  
Secretary.----- Ken Schoniger-----408-568-0677  
Asst. Sec.----- Vanja Illich----- 916-743-9915  
Treasurer ----- Ken Brown -----530-240-5160  
Asst. Treas. ----- Jeff Pease-----510-757-8741  
Membership Sec.-Ron Bochee-----530-644-7672

### Directors

Ray DiBasilio, Sam Griffis, Vanja Illich,  
Rich McMahan, Greg Pease, Don Uemen

### Past Big SIR's

1983-4	Harold Cobb	2002	Bob Kipp
1985	Matt Engs	2003	Ed Cutter
1986	Bob Johnson	2004	Cecil French
1987	Bob Rath	2005	Bill Harris
1988	Bill Campau	2006-7	Bill Reed
1989	Emil Kibasa	2008	Larry Leibnitz
1990	Reg Warrick	2009-10	Tim Hall
1991	Andy Anderson	2011	Chuck Wilson
1992	Al King	2012-13	Russ Salazar
1993	Ed Merrill	2014-15	Don Uelmen
1994	Woody Harvey	2016	Paul Ricci
1995	Elmer Jacob	2017	Paul Kramer
1996	Jack Hansen	2018 & 22	Lou Gagne
1998	Ron dePass	2019	Dennis Staller
1997	Cecil French	2020-21	Ken Brown
1999	Bill Short	2023	Ron Fenech
2001	Ed Andrews	2024	Ray DiBasilio



### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Branch - Ray DiBasilio  
Don Uelmen

### SIR State Officers

President Rich Carlston 925-324-0838  
Vice President Lee Lamp 530-921-1375  
Area 6 Representative Gary Johnson 530-333-4814

**Bulletin/Newsletter changes call Don Uelmen  
530-306-1920 or email [tspdon@cwo.com](mailto:tspdon@cwo.com)**

Enjoy reading **SIR Happenings**, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization.

You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)

### Committee Chairmen

Activities  
Vacant  
Attendance/Badges  
Ron Boschee 530-644-7572  
Audit Committee  
Lou Gagne III 925- 963-2548  
Bowling  
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727  
Bocce Ball  
Chris Crowley 510-742-1024  
Bulletin Editor  
Don Uelmen 530-306-1920  
Chaplain  
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Christmas Party  
Don Uelmen 530-306-1020  
Vanja Illich 916-743-9915  
Chris Crowley 510-742-1024  
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727  
Fishing  
Steve Veffredo 530-644-2808  
Horseshoes  
Ted Rytel 530-647-0138  
Live Theatre  
(Open Position)  
Membership  
Don Uelmen 530-306-1920  
Nominating  
Sam Griffis 530-6441608  
Parades  
Chris Crowley 510-742-1024  
Photographer  
Bert Abrahamzon 707-365-5186  
Picnic  
Vanja Illich 916 743-9915  
Hillbilly Boys  
Sunshine  
Moose Brown 530-240-5160

**This is not  
the year to get  
everything you want.  
This is the year to  
appreciate everything  
you have.**