



"The SIR" ~ LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160 ~

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**MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO MEN REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, COLOR, OR RELIGION
GETTING TOGETHER FOR LUNCH AND ENJOYING OUR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES**

HIGH MOUNTAIN NEWS



JUNE 2023

NEXT MEETING JUNE 26, 2023 our 388th

8:30am Business Meeting/9:00-9:30 am Social time/9:30- 11:30am General Membership Breakfast

FANDANGO CASINO CARSON CITY

My Fellow SIR Members

Buenos Dias from Spain, again!!

I hope everyone is enjoying the Brunch meeting format since it gives you back a half-a-day to do important things. Like play golf!!

As I write this, my wife and I are 2 days from reaching our primary goal of hiking ~790 kilometers of the "Camino" to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. I have lots of stories to share when I get back. But I wanted to share one of those experiences now. We met a doctor from Australia who is also hiking the Camino. He is taking some time off from his regular job which is traveling to various parts of the world helping victims of military conflict...primarily women and children.

Through this experience he says the world is divided into 2 kinds of people: Givers and Takers. Givers look for ways to make the world, society, their community etc. a better place for everyone there. Takers don't care about any of that. They are more interested in "what have you done for me lately" and take what they can get. He said the world needs more Givers and less Takers.

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I couldn't help but apply this view to SIR Branch 160. We are a small community and Givers are what keeps us functioning. So, I ask each one of you to examine your involvement with the Branch and ask yourself "Am I a Giver or am I a Taker?". If you are a Taker, is that how you want to be seen by everyone?....or would it be better to change your actions and find ways to become a Giver to the Branch...and maybe even Society! I can periodically receive email in Spain, so if you have any questions or concerns feel free to drop me an email and I will try to answer you to the best of my ability or will find the answer for you. My email is jtomk01@aol.com.

Your Big SIR, Tom Kerns



Jim Maxedon, Little SIR

May's first SIR Branch 160 Brunch meeting was a success with a few glitches. We had 62 attending which appears to be our average excluding Winter months. As in prior months we had about 80% responding to the meeting registration through Google Forms. Unlike prior months, in May we skipped the Caller list and Mike Patton and I used text messaging to contact those who did not respond by Form. The text method worked well as members seem to respond more readily to a text than to a voice mail or email, so we will likely continue on this track.

As for glitches, the main issue with the Brunch was that the food was cold by the time we began eating. Also, Fandango ran out of some of the menu items. The temperature issue was apparently the result of mis-communication with the Fandango staff as to when our meal was to commence; the food was put out way before we were ready to eat. Mike Patton has reviewed these issues with Fandango, and we expect the food service to be more satisfactory at the next Brunch meeting.

Our speaker this month was Dr. David Borges from the Lake Tahoe Historical Society who gave a presentation on some of the notorious people associated in the past with some the casinos we are still familiar with today. Bombings, robberies, and helicopter escapes were included in the tales. We are still working on future speakers. Kudos to Bob Harms for his help in contacting possible speakers.

I suggested that it might be a good idea to abbreviate our Brunch schedule going forward in such a way as to include everything we need to accomplish and still finish in time to leave a good portion of our day to other matters. A vote by those attending liked the idea. To that end, for June the BEC will meet from 8:30 to 9:00, the Social (half) Hour will be from 9:00 to 9:30, and the general membership meeting, meal, and presentation will be from 9:30 to 11:30.

We'll see how this works in June. Brunch is on Monday June 26th. BEC at 8:30 and all members at 9:00. See you there!



Minutes for Business Meeting May 22, 2023
FANDAGO CASINO
Carson City, NV

CALLED TO ORDER: 10 AM
Quorum Present: Must have (7)
Approval of Agenda:
Approval of Minutes:

Report:
Big Sir: In Spain (Vacation)

Little Sir: Jim Maxedon talked about the effectiveness of the reporting/responds on our meeting, it had an 80% respond for attendance of our meeting.

Treasure: Mike Patton Checking \$5,603, Petty cash \$201. Total = \$5,804. We Collected \$540 for the silent auction golf certificates from the 2022 Christmas **Luncheon**. Assessments for 2023 and 2024 started today and he will continue to collect at the golf outings and in the June meeting, hope to be complete by the end of June. July meeting, will pass on the sign-ups for our September Picnic, we should hold to \$15.00 for Steaks, Chickens and Ribs.

Secretary: No Report

Committee Reports:

Attendance: No Report

Bowling: Dave Moore talked about upcoming major tournament in Reno, August 7-9. Our branch's 2 Day Bowling Tournament is coming up, dates to be determine.

Membership: Joe D Angelo No new members

Golf: Sig Heidemann, (His 20 years) talked about Plumas Pines outing.

Newsletter: Larry Coffman – turn all material NLT June 12th.

Pickle Ball: Skip Hempler – Pickle ball still on Wednesday's at 10:00 am

Rooster Sale: Dave Tiongco No Report

Sunshine: Mike Vadnais Reported on cards send out.

Web Master: Jim Maxedon Talked about our B.B.Q. and a planning committee.

Old Business: We will go with 2nd week of December the 11th for our Christmas Party.

New Business: Discussion of community service opportunities such as Food Banks. Move the meeting up 30 minutes, will eat at 9:30 am.

Speaker: David Borges spoke on the History of War on Crime in our Area.

Meeting adjourned: 11:35AM Next meeting: June 26, 2023, Submitted by Joe Carmona Sec.

45ORM 28, SONS IN RETIREMENT MONTHLY CASH REPORT			Branch No.- 160	
Branch No. - 160	Area - 2	Region - 6		
Month - May	Year - 2023		MONTH	YTD
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)		Line 1	\$5,804.54	\$5,999.06
GENERAL ACCOUNTS				
Receipts				
101 Contributions---				\$25.00
102 Interest			\$.09	\$.45
103 Other—Assessments			\$392.00	\$416.00
Subtotal General Receipts		Line 2	\$392.09	\$441.45
Disbursements				
201 Printing, Supplies etc			\$104.87	\$876.95
202 Postage			\$37.80	\$210.65
205 State Board Pro Rata Assessments				\$424.00
Subtotal General Disbursements		Line 3	\$142.67	\$1,511.60
NET GENERAL gain / (loss)		Line 4 (2-3)	\$249.42	-\$1,070.15
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS				
Receipts				
301 Monthly Luncheon			\$1,525.00	\$5,951.00
306 Rooster Items				\$15.00
307 Other 50/50 DRAWING			\$260.00	\$1,000.00
308 Other—Christmas Luncheon and Picnic raffle sales Bacciocco			\$90.00	\$540.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts		Line 5	\$1,875.00	\$7,506.00
Disbursements				
401 Monthly Luncheon			\$1,499.40	\$5,593.35
402 Special Activities Picnic Deposit			\$200.00	\$200.00
406 Rooster Purchases				\$53.00
407 Other 50/50 PAYOUT			\$128.00	\$487.00
Subtotal Custodial Disbursements		Line 6	\$1,827.40	\$6,333.35
NET CUSTODIAL gain / (loss)		Line 7 (5-6)	\$47.60	\$1,172.65
ENDING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)		Line 8 (1+4+7)	\$6,101.56	\$6,101.56

CASH ELEMENTS	
Checking	\$5,900.56
Savings	
Other	\$201.00
Total	\$6,101.56

MEMBERSHIP	
Members	103
Include HLM's	



06/02/2023
Report Date

Patrick M. Patton
Branch 160 Treasurer

2023 Sir State Assessments are going to be collected at the June meeting \$8.00.

Identifying scams is crucial for protecting yourself from fraudulent schemes and potential financial or personal harm. Here are some key indicators to help you identify scams:

1. Unbelievable offers or promises: Scammers often make unrealistic promises to lure victims. Be skeptical of offers that seem too good to be true, such as winning a lottery you didn't enter, earning huge sums of money with little effort, or receiving extravagant prizes for no reason.
2. Unsolicited communication: Scammers often initiate contact through unsolicited emails, text messages, phone calls, or social media messages. Be cautious if you receive unexpected communication from unknown individuals or organizations, especially if they ask for personal information or request financial transactions.
3. Requests for personal information: Legitimate organizations rarely ask for personal or sensitive information through unsolicited messages. Be cautious if you receive emails, calls, or messages asking for your Social Security number, bank account details, passwords, or other confidential information. Be particularly wary if the request is accompanied by a sense of urgency or fear.
4. Poor grammar and spelling: Many scam messages originate from non-native English speakers or automated systems, resulting in poor grammar, spelling errors, or awkward language. Legitimate businesses usually have professional communication standards and are more likely to use proper grammar and spelling.
5. High-pressure tactics: Scammers often employ high-pressure tactics to rush you into making hasty decisions. They may use fear, urgency, or intimidation to force you into providing personal information or making quick payments. Legitimate organizations typically provide clear and calm instructions without resorting to coercive tactics.
6. Suspicious payment requests: Scammers frequently request payment through unconventional methods that are difficult to trace or reverse. Be cautious if you are asked to pay using wire transfers, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or other non-traditional payment methods. Legitimate organizations generally offer secure and commonly used payment options.
7. Impersonation of reputable organizations: Scammers often impersonate well-known companies, government agencies, or financial institutions to gain credibility and deceive victims. Pay close attention to email addresses, website URLs, and official logos to ensure they match the legitimate organization. If in doubt, independently verify the contact details through official channels rather than relying solely on the information provided by the message.
8. Lack of verifiable information: Legitimate organizations have a digital presence that can be easily verified. If you receive a suspicious message, search for information about the organization or individual online. Check their official website, contact information, and reviews to confirm their legitimacy.
9. Lack of documentation or contracts: Legitimate transactions usually involve proper documentation and contracts outlining terms and conditions. Be cautious if you're asked to proceed without any written agreements or if the provided documentation appears unprofessional or incomplete.
10. Trust your instincts: If something feels off or too good to be true, trust your instincts. Scammers rely on people's vulnerabilities and emotions to exploit them. If you have doubts or suspicions, it's better to take a step back and conduct further research or seek advice from trusted sources before proceeding.

Remember, scammers are constantly adapting their techniques, so it's essential to stay vigilant and keep yourself informed about the latest scamming trends. If you suspect you have encountered a scam, report it to your local law enforcement authorities and relevant consumer protection agencies.

ROOSTER SALES

~NOTICE ON SALE NOW~

SUPPORT "The SIR" ~ DRESS IT UP



WITH ROOSTER PINS,
HATS AND SHIRTS.

SHOW HOW PROUD
YOU ARE TO BE A
SIR!!

HATS ~\$15

VESTS ~\$29.50

POLO SHIRTS~ \$16/\$21

WICKING SHIRTS~\$20/24/30

PINS ~ SMALL \$2/LARGE \$3

GOLF/BOWLING TOWELS ~\$9

Start looking good!

DAVID TIONGO



Visit the SIR Website at sirinc.org and read
"SIR HAPPENINGS"—
the SIR State Newsletter.
Sir Branch 160 Web Site
https://sirinc2.org/z_branch160/index.html

Lake Tahoe Branch 160 Badge Color Scheme:
Charter Member...**RED** Honorary Life
Member...**GOLD** New Member...**BLUE** the
rest of us...**BLACK**. When you see a badge with
BLUE lettering indicating a **NEWER**
MEMBER, be sure to make him feel welcome.



Membership & Luncheon Report
Sons In Retirement – Lake Tahoe Branch 160
Your attendance Chairman, Steve Butts



MAY 2023

Total Member previous report (105)

Members Dropped (2) Bob Murphy. Ron Spenella

Total Members this report (103)

Medical Leave: (1) Neil Fox

(8) Members on activity suspension for failure to attend 3 meetings in the last 12 rolling months. Members must also pay their overdue assessments before resuming activities. Tim Boyles, Bill Brown, Don Hanifen, Randy Ramosciotti, Kurt Shantz, John Vandervort, Larry Tinker, Ed Waggoner

Total excused members (1)

Total Active Members minus Excused Members (102)

Total number unexcused not at meeting (40)

Total Members attending meeting (63)

Speaker (1) Dr. Dave Borges

Visitors (0)

Total present (63)

SIR Branch 160 2023 Calendar

June 26	Morning Meeting 8:30am-11:30
July 24	Morning Meeting 8:30am-11:30
August 28	Morning Meeting 8:30am-11:30
September 25	Picnic
October 23	Regular Meeting 10am-2pm
November 13	Regular Meeting 10am-2pm
December 11	Christmas Party

~NOTICE~

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**BADGE DRAWING WINNER FOR
MAY LUNCHEON
JOHN LILYGREN**

Come to a meeting, have lunch, hear our guest speaker and have your badge pulled from the bucket for a lunch on the SIR at the next meeting.

JUNE BIRTHDAY BOYS

*MIKE VADNAIS, NEIL FOX,
SKIP HEMPLER, JOHN GOODING,
DAVE NOLTE, GARY WOOD,
DAVID AGEE, JOHN GLASSMAN*

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



MEMBERS ANNIVERSERY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

2009 DICK PRICE, 2010 RON THOMPSON,
2012 RICHARD PIKE, ED TAYLOR,
2014 MARSHALL MCCURDY,
2017 JOHN GREENHUT,
2028 GLENN RODERICK, DAVID SCOTT

SUNSHINE REPORT

Our Sunshine Chairman is Mike Vadnais His phone number is 775-546- 0810. Let Mike know if someone is under the weather or if a family member is not well.

How to sponsor a New Member. . .

Present him with a business card for his free lunch on Sir Branch 160.

He should be able to attend the monthly meetings. Make him aware that there is an assessment of \$8 once a year, but some members make voluntary donations to help cover our expenses. Tell Him that dress is casual and to arrive at Fandango Casino in Carson City during the social hour - -after 9:30a.m. but well be for 10am – Introduce your guest as a prospective member when called upon. He won't have to make a speech. Pick up an application (or go online) help him fill it out and then return it to the Membership Chairman. His application will be processed and, typically, he can be introduced as a New Member at our next regular luncheon meeting.

NEWSLETTER

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