



~The SIR LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160~
CHARTERED APRIL 22, 1991

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

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 22, 2024 our 395th



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My Fellow SIR Members,

The new year, 2024, has arrived. I believe 2023 was a very successful year under the leadership of our out-going Big SIR, Tom Kerns, and my goals for 2024 is to build on what was accomplished with the assistance of all of our membership.

Top of the list of my goals is to improve participation in the administrative functions of Branch business.

Thanks goes out to all the members of the BEC as well as non-BEC members who have stepped up in the past year and years to keep our organization running, not just for the benefit of our members, but also for fulfilling the requirements of the State SIR Organization. With a membership of over 100 men, we must certainly have a deep bench of capable individuals who can contribute to operations of our Branch. The more people we have helping with the various Branch functions, the less the burden on just a few individuals.

Upon assuming this exalted office, I have become aware of the State's official Schedule of Branch Operations. I'd like to ask all members to take a quick look at what goes on outside of our monthly meetings, golf and bowling (and pickleball) outings. The schedule can be found on the State website here:

https://sirinc.org/MemInfo/SIR_ScheduleBrOperations/SchedOfBranchOps.pdf. I'm asking our membership to become aware of these functions and step forward to participate either as principals or backups.

Also building on Tom Kern's goals from 2023, I'm planning on more member surveys. I think it's important to have as much feedback as possible on Branch form, function, activities, etc. To that end I plan to initiate the process by asking members what questions or topics THEY would like to have addressed through surveys of the membership.

Little SIR John Gooding will be responsible for scheduling speakers for our monthly lunches in 2024. From my own experience, I've found this to be more than a simple task. Most all of our speakers have come from outside our membership, but we have at least three speakers on our 2024 schedule so far who are members of our Branch.

I know that we have a wealth of experiences among our group, and if you are willing to inform and entertain our members as a lunch speaker, please let John know.

Thanks for this prestigious honor of leading the South Lake Tahoe SIR Branch. Let's have a great 2024!

Hello fellow Sirs,

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season.

I am honored to be your newly elected Little Sir. My hope and desire are to serve you well this coming year. Many of you know me through our monthly luncheons and our golfing outings.

Let me share more background of myself. I was born in 1949 in San Francisco, California. I grew up in the city participating in all of the physical activities of sports. Obviously, I am a sports fan of the Giants and Warriors and of course the 49'ers. I attended College at San Jose State University graduating in 1973 with a bachelor degree in Art, majoring in Ceramics and Glassblowing. Upon graduating I attempted to seek a job in the Technology Industry. As I applied at the personnel departments in Silicon Valley, I can only imagine that my college degree did not serve me well as I was told over and over again that I was overqualified for entry positions. Surprise in 1974 my sculpturing skills landed me a career job in the gaming department of Harrah's' Lake Tahoe as a Croupier (Craps Dealer). By the way my nickname is "Sand Dollar" for all the Money that has slipped through my fingers. 42 years later in 2016 I had the greatest retirement party ever in Death Valley, California.

Somewhere around 2017 I investigated a luncheon meeting of the SIRS and the fellow next to me sponsored me and I officially became a Sir Member. Well, I Love to Eat and play Golf so the Sirs with their Camaraderie have been a perfect fit for me and here I am.

Concerning 2024 I would like to see the Sirs continue to thrive in membership enjoying the monthly luncheons and engaging in our activities. I request and welcome any thoughts or ideas concerning our organization. Feel free to contact me at 775-450-6242 or email me at zankiegooding@aol.com.



Your Little Sir, John Gooding



Secretary Tim Durkin

I retired from the VA in 2021. My wife Elizabeth and I live in South Lake Tahoe. I have been a dentist for 40 years with 35 years in private practice in a very small town called Pine Grove on highway 88 in Amador country. It is the type of town that if you blink as you driving thru you missed it. I am a veteran of the US Navy 1972 thru 1976 as an enlisted radioman. I also served in the Naval Reserves as a dentist from 2013 thru 2017 leaving as O4 select.

I enrolled in dental school after the navy and graduated in 1981. I have been married to my wife Elizabeth for 46 years. We have 4 grown children and 12 grandchildren (10 girls and 2 boys) We enjoy traveling, skiing, hiking, road biking, mountain biking. We are avid gardeners.

I was introduced to Sir by Joe McKenna.

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Branch No. – 160	Area – 2	Region – 6		
Month – December	Year – 2023	MONTH	YTD	
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)		Line 1	\$8,648.04	\$5,999.06
GENERAL ACCOUNTS				
Receipts				
101 Contributions---				\$271.00
102 Interest--\$1.00 adjustment made to balance to bank statement			\$1.14	\$2.24
103 Other—Assessments Poyner \$4			\$4.00	\$812.00
Subtotal General Receipts		Line 2	\$5.14	\$1,085.24
Disbursements				
201 Printing, Supplies etc			\$36.00	\$1,469.14
202 Postage			\$26.40	\$498.65
205 State Board Pro Rata Assessments				\$836.00
206 Other -				\$100.00
Subtotal General Disbursements		Line 3	\$62.40	\$2,903.79
NET GENERAL gain / (loss)		Line 4 (2-3)	-\$57.26	-\$1,818.55
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS				
Receipts				
301 Monthly Luncheon-Missed lunches October & November			\$150.00	\$12,701.00
302 Special Activities			\$455.00	\$3,465.00
306 Rooster Items				\$299.00
307 Other 50/50 DRAWING			\$160.00	\$2,420.00
308 Other—Picnic raffle sales Christmas auctions and raffle			\$682.00	\$1,537.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts		Line 5	\$1,447.00	\$20,422.00
Disbursements				
401 Monthly Luncheon				\$11,728.93
402 Special Activities Christmas Luncheon and music entertainer			\$2,332.50	\$3,732.30
406 Rooster Purchases				\$332.00
407 Other 50/50 PAYOUT			\$80.00	\$1,186.00
Subtotal Custodial Disbursements		Line 6	\$2,412.50	\$16,977.23
NET CUSTODIAL gain / (loss)		Line 7 (5-6)	-\$965.50	\$3,444.77
ENDING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)		Line 8 (1+4+7)	\$7,625.28	\$7,625.28

CASH ELEMENTS		MEMBERSHIP	
Checking	\$7,423.28	Members	102
Savings			
Other	\$202.00	Include HLM's	
Total	\$7,625.28		



01/02/2024
Report Date

Patrick M. Patton
Branch 160 Treasurer

SIR BRANCH 160 OFFICERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024



BIG SIR JIM MAXEDON



LITTLE SIR JOHN GOODING



TREASURE
JOE YOUNG



SECRETARY TIM DURKIN



ASST. TREASURE
NEIL WOLF



ASST: SECRETARY
SKIP HEMPLER

SIR 1st Quarter 2024 Assessment

Fellow SIR;

Your 1st quarter assessment is due by January 15th. There are two major changes in the Assessment for 2024.

Assessment Rate Increase - The assessment rate will be increased by 50 cents per member per quarter to \$2.50. Why? In today's dollars, your assessment rate has remained almost unchanged since 2017, yet the total SIR members have dropped about 30%. As a result, SIR State has effectively absorbed almost all the losses in assessment due to having fewer members. In 2017, adjusted for inflation, the State's discretionary budget was \$72,000. In 2023 our budget was \$14,000. This has prevented the State from effectively supporting the branch, conducting training, recruiting, etc., things necessary to keep SIR a vital organization.

Your Assessment is Fixed for all Quarters - Unlike past years, this year the amount of your assessment will not be adjusted each quarter. All four-quarter assessments will be the same as the 1st quarter. So, if you increase your membership your assessment will not increase, by the same measure, if you lose members, your assessment will not decrease. So, the more members you recruit the better off you will be.

Member retention and recruitment is extremely important to keep SIRs viable!

JANUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS

WILL SMITH, PERRY DAMON,
BOB DRABANT, TOM KERNS,
STEVE CRABTREE, JOHN GREENHUT,
RICHARD PIKE, JOHN GERARD,
ROBERT CLEMENTS, NEIL WOLF,
MIKE BRIGHT, TIM DURKIN

One is 80, One is 75



~NOTICE~

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Visit the SIR Website at sirinc.org and read "**SIR HAPPENINGS**"—the SIR State Newsletter. Sir Branch 160 Web Site is up and running. 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.



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.

From the Attendance Chairman

... **STEVE BUTTS**

Time for the annual reminder to our several
"Snowbirds" – be sure to request from me a
"Leave of Absence". Also please give us your
winter address so you can keep up with Branch
goings-on by receiving the monthly Newsletter.
You are **URGED** to make a **donation** at this time
to help defray the expenses of the club while
you're away. We look forward to seeing you in
the Spring, so take care!

Per Secretary Joe Carmona no
minutes were taken at the December
Christmas Luncheon.

Looking for Sirs who have not had their pictures taken
for the 2024 roster, and if you are attending the
meeting on January 22nd see me and I will take it. The
roster will go to the printers on Feb 12th for printing.



THE PASSING OF

SIR JIM BEARD

JOINED JANUARY 2006-2023

SIR JIM SAND

JOINED APRIL 2009-2023

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 TIONGCO

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



DECEMBER 2023

Total Member previous report (106)

Members Dropped (1) Jim Beard

New member (1) Tim Durkin

Total Members this report (106)

Medical Leave: (1) Neil Fox

Excused short term illness or recovery (1) Bruce Beegley

Excused snowbird (2) Lee Edwards, Kurk Shantz

(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. David Agee, Bill Bumbaca, David Best, Lee Edwards, Lee Ghglieri, Gordon Salas, Bill VanHosen, Ed Waggoner

Snow Birds (2) Lee Edwards, Kurk Shantz

Total Active Members minus Excused Members (102)

Total number unexcused not at meeting (72)

Total Members attending meeting (30)

Visitors (20)

Speaker (0)

Prospective new members (0)

Total present (50)

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2024



2024 BEC and Directors Branch 160 sworn in.



Taking a dance break Skip, Mickie, Bob, Karin, Ron Thompson, wife Linda and Rob Clements with guest.



Sir Neil Wolf and wife Rosie selling 50/50 and white elephant tickets to incoming Little Sir John Gooding.

7.



Outgoing Big Sir Tom Kerns, last official duties.

NEWSLETTER

LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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ASST. TREASURER-----NEIL WOLF-----530-318-4091	DIRECTOR-----STEVE BUTTS-----775-722-0177

HONORARY DIRECTORS

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