



SONS IN RETIREMENT



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LAKE OF THE PINES
BRANCH 170

NEXT MEETING
APRIL 6, 2011



BIG SIR - GLENN DELISLE

March arrived with blustery rain greeting our BEC meeting and the luncheon. Nevertheless, Lake of the Pines is always a neat place to live and thrive. We had the pleasure of **Don Dill**, governor of SIR group 33, attend our meeting and luncheon. He brought an award for **Larry Shelley** as past Big Sir. Unfortunately, Larry was in Costa Rica – and SIR would not cover Dill’s travel to Costa Rica. Dill was impressed with the great atmosphere at the BEC meeting and during the luncheon. He offered insight on details of preparing the “famous” Form 27 – for which we were grateful. We are at 110 members, except only 65 joined the luncheon.

Two men carry news of our happenings to members and nonmembers: **Rich Hibbs**, assembles this newsletter monthly; and, **Doug Wilson**, writes the monthly column for LOP News. They are among the unpublicized men that keep our “club” going all year and seldom receive appreciation. So, here is a “thank you” to both guys.

Our corned beef and cabbage lunch reminded me, and I notified the BEC, that the price of our luncheon of \$12, is headed for an increase this fall. There will be a trial “sandwich type” lunch this fall (\$12) to learn if our membership would OK that in the future, or prefer to go to \$15 for continuation of our present luncheons. We’ll keep everyone on board on this and insure we get a proper vote. There may be some variations of this concept.

The Nominating Committee met after lunch to set interview ideas for officers for 2012. Some officers may volunteer to serve another year, and there are many members who have yet to serve on SIR operations. The committee is making an effort to bring a class act of candidates for membership vote this fall.

Nine SIR celebrated birthdays in March, and **Phil Frank** won their specific drawing for a free lunch next month. **George Thorsen** won the free meal for April in the drawing from all present at the luncheon.

Mel Pimentel, last year’s Little Sir, filled in for Little Sir **Roger Pope** who had to miss our meeting. Mel should receive some kind of award for his rapid fire humor before and after introducing our guest speaker, **Michael Beaman**. Mr. Beaman is president of Safe Inheritance Corporation in Roseville. His company helps seniors find benefits for long term care coverage. Surveys find 93 percent of seniors have no plan for long term care. The message demonstrated the convoluted, complex system in California. Anyone in a quandary on the subject may find Mr. Beaman’s corporation helpful.

I look forward to three items in April: First is our SIR meeting April 6; Second is my 80th birthday; and, Third is a 17-day trip to visit family in Raleigh and Savannah, plus a six-day fly-fishing trip for bonefish in the Bahamas. I may be a bit ragged at our May meeting! BRING A GUEST TO LUNCH GUYS.



HEALTH CHAIRMAN STEVE PARKS

I am happy to report that Neil Weaver is finally improving and may even make it to our next SIRS meeting in April.

Larry Achen has been having a long battle with metastatic prostate cancer for years. He is always like the energizer bunny – he is very cheerful and optimistic after all he has been through. He is undergoing an exciting new treatment with the first licensed cancer vaccine called Provenge. Basically they draw his blood and isolate the white blood cells and modify them to attack a PSA like protein which is on the prostate cancer cell.

This may be the first “magic bullet” which unlike chemo and radiation attacks only the cancer cell.



March speaker Michael Beaman

New member Larry Hardy with Phil Jones



LITTLE SIR - ROGER POPE

I understand that Michael Beaman was an informative speaker in March. I know that Rich Dettmer, our Regional Director, highly recommends him from his own personal experience. I hope that you all enjoyed the presentation. I’m sorry that I missed the meeting. I want to thank Mel Pimentel, last year’s Little Sir, for filling in for me.

The speaker for April is Bob Ferber from the Auburn area. Bob is a frequent traveler to South Africa. He is an avid photographer and pilot. He will be making a presentation describing his flying to small outlying game camps and showing photographs of wildlife that he has taken including a herd of 200 elephants. I expect his talk to be very interesting.

APRIL MENU



Ham Steak and Scalloped Potatoes

COFFEE AND DESSERT

VEGETARIAN MEAL OFFERED

ASK YOUR PHONE REP

FREE LUNCH WINNERS



PHIL FRANK

GEORGE THORSEN

MEMBERSHIP - PHIL JONES

The active membership of SIR Branch 170 as of the upcoming April meeting is 110 with an additional 26 names on the inactive list. This active membership number should remain constant unless prospective members attending future meetings commit to join SIR. One of the incentives for prospective members to join our Branch is that everyone at the luncheons always appear to be enjoying themselves. Due to the demographics of Lake of the Pines it is expected the active membership should remain around 110 (plus or minus 10) as it has for several years. During the April luncheon new member Ron Bomhoff will be introduced and welcomed to the SIR's.

TRAVEL - HAL WALLACE

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GOLF : WOODY COWLES

The 2011 SIR Golf Schedule is posted on the bulletin board by the water/ice machine at the Sports Lounge, on our SIR web page at lop.org, and on our SIR BRANCH 170 Web Site at <http://branch170.sirinc.org/Index.html>.

Our 1st tournament of the year on April 27th is at Lake Wildwood! It's a 1:00 PM Shotgun and the cost is \$45. Please bring your CHECK, made out to BRANCH 124 SIRS GOLF, to the luncheon on April 6th, or leave it in the SIRS Box in the Pro Shop. I'm sure the rain should be done by April!

NEW SIR WEBSITE

Checkout the new SIR website by going to the LOP/SIR website and following the prompts.

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BRANCH 170 PAST BIG SIRS

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