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This will be the last article I put in the bulletin as Big Sir and I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for making this a successful year. Special thanks to Sandy for getting great speakers, Brian Upton for organizing the golf program, Larry Keenan for securing new members, Chuck Le Pere for the attendance program, Al Lohrmann for keeping great minutes, Wally Sharp for being the assistant secretary, Bob Bartlett for keeping track of the money and to Jim Peterson for doing a bang-up job as bulletin editor.

My thanks to each director and committee chairman who devoted their time and effort to ensure that the Gold Country Branch 95 had interesting programs for our membership. Next year I'm sure that Sandy and Larry will provide the leadership to enlarge our membership with your continued support. Once again thank you.

LITTLE SIR Sandy Samboy 916-933-8903

Our November Speaker will be Ms. Anita Pooley, Health Education Coordinator for the Senior Health Program. Ms. Pooley is a registered nurse and has worked in California for 40 years. She has lived in El Dorado County since 1980. She will speak about the Senior Health Education Program, which she developed starting in 1998.

Our Christmas luncheon will be at the Shingle Springs Elks Lodge on December 11, 2006. Flyers were distributed at the October meeting. Sandy has some extras, if you were not here.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Don Willett, Kip Klopp, Fred Plutchak, Warren Graves, Steve Thomson, George Engel, Joel Enns.

FEATURED SIR BRANCH 95 MEMBER

Bill Kammerer was born in Santa Cruz, CA on August 24, 1928. He spent his first years in Watsonville and moved to San Jose on December 7, 1941. His father had a trucking business and later moved the family to San Francisco where Bill graduated from Mission High School in 1946. He then entered the US Army for training at Ft. Lewis in Washington. Bill then joined the First Cavalry Division stationed with the USA occupation forces in Japan. While there he attended the war crimes trial of Tojo and other war criminals. After military service Bill went to San Francisco City College, got married and worked for the Post Office and later the Southern Pacific Railway on Market Street. He graduated from the University of San Francisco in 1955 with Leo McCarthy (who became Lt. Governor), basketball greats Bill Russell and Casey Jones (All American).

Bill worked for Sears Roebuck in various locations in California. He was the Pacific Coast Buyer in Los Angeles, Merchandise Manager in Ventura and Stockton, Distribution Center Manager in Sacramento, Store Manager in Visalia, and on Special Assignment in San Francisco before retiring. Each year Bill has spent 5 to 6 weeks in a camper at Muleje, Mexico (about 700 miles south of the border on the Gulf of California). His hobbies include fishing and golf. Bill is a member of the Cameron Park Country Club and a Past President of the Pacific Senior Golf Association where he is still a member. Association members take along their wives and play golf at fine courses all around the West Coast and Western Canada. Bill and his wife Peggy live in Cameron Park. They have 13 children, 26 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

SAND TRAPS Brian Upton (916) 939-6601

Results: **First**
EL DORADO HILLS (Bill Stegman) on Oct. 9
Bill Stegman

Second
Tom Gamble

Third
Wally Sharp

CT Pin
Tom Gamble



MEMBERSHIP Larry Keenan (916) 933-9475

It hardly seems possible that nearly two years have gone by since our focus on maintaining and increasing our membership began. At present we have 136 members and are strong and growing. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those members who have brought in new members this year and last.

I am also happy that Lou Rain has agreed to become membership chairman beginning in 2007. It helps to know that recruiting will be in good hands with Lou in charge. I will now step into Sandy Samboy's shoes as Little SIR and try to do as good a job as he has done with our speakers next year and also support him in his new role as our Big SIR in 2007. Again, thanks for all your continued support.

SIR CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Bill Clark (916) 933-8947

Do you remember John Cameron Swazey? He was the man in the Timex commercials who would pound, spin and dunk the watch a million different ways, and then would always end the commercial with, "It takes a licking and keeps on ticking."

Sometimes, we feel that our lives are like a Timex watch in the hands of John Cameron Swazey. Some days, we are pounded upon by all sorts of "hammers." Other days, we are spun around like a spin cycle on a washing machine, or put in a hot dryer and spun around some more. All the while, we are thinking, "What in the world is going on? Why is this happening?"

When you feel like you like a Timex watch, remember that God has a purpose and plan for each of us.

SUNSHINE CORNER Tom Grube 916-939-0439 tomgrube@comcast.net

I am happy to report that I have not received any reports of injury or major medical problems with any of our members. Several members are undergoing treatments and therapy of a preventive or recuperative nature but nothing to report. If you or any member you are aware of has a serious medical problem or injury please let me know. Contact me by phone or e-mail at tomgrube@comcast.net.

The District Director has asked that the attendance and travel rules be distributed in the monthly bulletin.

Attendance: Rule 60 – Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the branch locale. Rule 100 – A member may be notified in writing by his branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) if he is responsible for any of the following:

- a) Miss three consecutive regular meetings without being excused by contacting the designated Attendance person prior to the meeting date.
- b) Non-attendance at six (6) regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve (12) consecutive month; Note: Excused meetings may not be included.
- c) Attendance at Ladies Day functions may be excluded at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Any item to appear in the January 2007 Bulletin must be in the hands of
Jim Peterson, 916-934-0990, by Wednesday, Dec 27, 2006.

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WHAT'S COOKIN' AT 95?

First Class

