



SONS IN RETIREMENT

A NON-PROFIT BENEFIT ORGANIZATION FOR
RETIRED MEN DEVOTED TO THE PROMOTION OF
INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF RETIREMENT

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Gold Country Branch 95 2013 Elected Officers

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Chaplain..... Ray Retallack

Fishing..... John Ramsey

Golf..... Brian Upton

Asst Golf..... Dennis Petersen

Historian..... *Open*

Membership & E-mail..... Mike Mohr

Photography..... *Open*

Property..... *Open*

Publicity..... Bill Yeager

Sunshine..... *Open*

Travel..... *Open*

Webmaster..... Al Schmidt

BIG SIR — Dennis Petersen

Review of the year

Because there will be no bulletin in December this will be my last opportunity to address members in written form. My first goal when accepting my position was to increase membership numbers. Those numbers have actually fallen but active member percentages have improved. Our ladies day picnic and Christmas luncheon numbers remain constant.

The SIR organization was formed with the purpose of providing a meeting location and scheduled time to share information with fellow retired seniors. It has evolved into several groups with different goals. Whether golf, fishing, billiards, or hiking spike your interests it makes no difference. Just having a nice lunch and conversing with friends makes the gathering worthwhile. As an added bonus, speakers are provided to offer something that will interest the members. Yes, some speakers seemed to have their own agendas but the goal has always been to provide you with a desire to return the following month and expand your knowledge.

This particular branch has a high percentage of members who have chosen to play golf together on a weekly basis. As a result of that percentage, your Branch Executive Committee has become an extension of the golfing group. This needs to be changed. To this goal our 2014 Big Sir, Dan Cockcroft, has promised to request involvement by more members at large. Don't be surprised if you are asked to participate.

Our branch expenses seem to rise just like our personal expenses and just like the government we have "kicked the can down the road" as far as possible. It will be recommended to the BEC that the lunch fee be raised to \$18 in January. If approved please remember that our meeting location, parking and food quality are among the finest in any SIR branch.

At this time I would like to thank all members who helped make my year as Big Sir so memorable. Members of the BEC, branch officers, picnic and Christmas assistants but most importantly each and every member who attended our lunches, THANK YOU.

Best Regards,

Dennis Petersen

Dan Cockcroft — Little SIR

Today's speaker is Bob Billingsley of El Dorado Hills. Bob is one of those seniors who still has not quite figured out he is supposed to be retired. He lives in the retirement community of Four Seasons in El Dorado Hills and enjoys a lot of the activities of the community including being an avid Tennis Player.

In addition Bob writes a column for the Mountain Democrat. His column *Heard over the Back Fence* runs three times a week in the Mountain Democrat. He also writes a biweekly column called *Billingsley's Bullets*, in which he uses "sideways" thinking to make your day a little easier to handle.

Christmas Luncheon — See Page 2 →



