



JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Big Sir: Rich Serpa
Little Sir: Jeff Libby
Secretary: Terry Lawler
Asst Secretary: Jim Powell, Jr
Treasurer: Dick Campbell
Asst Treasurer: Ron Killian

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month at
**Our Lady of the Pines, Haran Hall 26750
 Tiger Creek Rd, Pioneer, CA 95666**

Social Hour: 10:30 AM
 Luncheon Meeting: 11:30 AM

Board of Directors

Ron Burns, Jack Magee, Jeff Libby,
 Rich Serpa, Rick Brown, Ken Regnier

State SIR Officers

President Rick Kindel
 Region #2 Dir Dale Decker
 Area Governor #5 Paul Squeri

Branch 15 Website: https://sirinc2.org/public_html/branch15/

State Sir Website: <http://sirinc.org>

Attendance	Rich Serpa	Asst. Attendance	Rick Brown
Bulletin	Terry Lawler	Recognition	(OPEN)
Sunshine	Jack Magee	Chaplin	Jaime Garcia
Auditing	(OPEN)	Asst. Membership	Jeff Libby
Bowling	Doug Swint	Golf	Rod Simpson
Membership	Rich Serpa	Beverages	Dave Jones
Special Events	Mike Coombs/Jack Magee	Promotions	(OPEN)
RAMP	Ron Burns	Roster	Jim Powell, Jr.
Sales	(OPEN)	Food and Wine	(OPEN)
Asst. Promotions	(OPEN)	Asst RV Wagon Master	(OPEN)
RV Wagon Master	Ron Burns	Tours/Travel	(OPEN)

A Blast from Your Big Sir:

Hi guys, wishing you all and your families a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Sorry this Newsletter is coming to you a bit late. Think I might have had a case of writer's block. I know you're all expecting a great masterpiece my first time out. For all of you who were unable to attend our Christmas dinner I'll attempt to recap. By all reports I think everyone had a great time. We had 73 Sirs and friend's present. Special guests were State Vice-president Dale Decker and Regional Governor Paul Squeri. Both were in attendance to present SIR's Highest Award, the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award (HLM). HLM Plaques and pins were given to: Mike Coombs (3 years as Big Sir) and Ron Burns (Big Sir 2015). Don Ellington was advanced to Senior-HLM after 10 years and Will Pearce to ELM-Emeritus. The SIR second highest award, the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) for exceptional service to the branch were awarded to Jaime Garcia (Chaplin) and Ken Regnier (Branch Secretary), Mike Coombs and myself.

Special thanks go out to the Events Chairman Mike Coombs and his wife Shirley, the decorating committee and Jack Magee for the entertainment. We had a visit from Santa Claus (Dale Miller) and his Lil Green Elf (Mike Stroude). Last but not least a huge thank you to the Giannini's Italian Restaurant and Lisa Giannini and her staff for their exceptional service.

Our next Special Event will be our Ladies Day Luncheon on Thursday, August

17 th ,2023. Mark that date on your calendar and invite that special someone. Details will follow as we get much closer.

Dedication

During my term as Big Sir I will be changing the name of this newsletter from the Blast to the Pearce Report in memory of our friend Willard (Will) K. Pearce (1936-2022) Will was a dedicated member of SIR, a friend, a mentor, a Big Sir, and many other positions during his some 19 ½ years of service. Some 15-20 fellow Sir's attended his memorial service last week. Thank you all for attending. I was extremely proud of our Branch. Rest in Peace Will.

A Blast from the Sir President:

Just a quick reminder of the following points

- * Be friendly, especially when you disagree with any speaker
- * Be Courteous and respectful such as being quiet when a guest speaker is talking
- * Share your knowledge and experience
- * Be Open to listening to opinions different than yours
- * Stay on topic
- * Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech

NEW ATTENDANCE Rules:

Members must attend at least three meetings during our fiscal year, which begins in January. Members who attend fewer than three meetings per fiscal year may be dropped. Luncheon reservations must be made in advance. If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be invoiced for the cost of the meal, due no later than the next meeting. Members who attend the meeting without ordering lunch will be charged \$2 to cover our state assessment. See Rule 100.

Big SIR, Branch 15

From Little SIR:

Lunch Menu Mexican this month

Enchilada Pie	Sour Cream
Spanish Rice	Beans
Spring Salad	Bread Pudding

Guest Speaker for January: Dave Walter from Amador Hotel and restaurant.

January SIR 15 birthdays:

Leonard Erickson, Steve Frias, Ronald Killian, Albert McConnell, Rod Simpson, John Wagner and Raymond Waugh, Terry Lawler

January SIR 15 Anniversaries:

Bob Bonilla 1 year
Robert Mena 1 year
Rick Brown 4 years
Gary Messer 9 years
Ed Nunnally 15 years

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022 SIR15 Photos



Chaplain Jamie With Opening Prayer



Incoming Big SIR Rich With Outgoing Big SIR Mike



No Christmas Party is Complete Without Santa!



Big SIR Thanking Giannini's Hostess Lisa With Director Dale Looking On.

MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022 Photos



Area Governor Paul and Regional Director Dale, Giving Honorary Life Member Award to Big SIR Mike.



Area Governor Paul, Regional Director Dale and Big SIR Mike With His Award.



Big SIR Mike's Award Plaque