



# SIERRA HILLS

## Branch 79 Newsletter



**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: Don Dill - Joe Dydynski - Craig Saunders**

### Big SIR - David Blitstien

Hello Fellow SIRs: August definitely has had its ups and down in the weather, but I think we've gotten lucky so far. Hope you've all had a great Labor Day weekend with family and friends. We are sorry to hear that Past Big Sir and HLM Ken Hanson has decided to move his membership to Branch 98 in Roseville. This makes sense since he now lives in Roseville; he will be sorely missed. His dedication to our Branch as Big SIR, Area 33 Golf Governor, as well as Nominating Committee member and other numerous tasks has been fantastic. Good Luck from all of us, Ken, and hope to see you at Black Oak Golf Course and back at our Luncheons when you can.

I am glad to report that SIR Mike Brink has stepped up to be the next Membership Director; thank you Mike! This is what we all need to do now and in the future: volunteer for the activity you're interested in. Whether a sport or in the leadership portion, the guys doing the work of making sure things go smoothly can always use an assistant. Being a Board member is very rewarding and fun; come see what goes on at our monthly meetings. They're open to all of you; we're located at the Denny's restaurant on Auburn-Folsom Road in Auburn on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:45 am. Come have breakfast with us. As always thanks to the Management and Staff of the Elks Lodge for making us feel at home with great service and delicious lunches and be sure to donate to the Table Tubes; those funds help our Branch stay strong!

### Little SIR - Jack Meylink

September is the ninth month of the year even though it is derived from the Latin word septum meaning seven. As I noted last month, changes to the calendar adding January and February moved it from the seventh month to the ninth month. It is one of four months with 30 days and is the month when Summer changes to Autumn in the northern hemisphere as the Autumnal Equinox falls on the 22nd. Days of note in September are: Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday in the month - 5th this year; VJ day on Sept 2nd, recognizing the day Japan signed the surrender documents in 1945 to end World War Two; Constitution Day recognizes the signing of the document at the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787 and will be celebrated on Sept 16th this year as it, by law, must be celebrated on a school day; and Admissions Day on September 9th - officially the day California became the 31st state in 1850. Every month I read through what I would call not so official holidays and my personal favorite this month is September 19th, International Talk like a Pirate Day. Aaarrr! But then what do you expect in National Bourbon Heritage Month.

Hope to see you all at our luncheon on the 15th and at the many other activities that make SIR fun.

## 2016 Holiday Luncheon

Tickets for our Holiday Luncheon will go on sale starting with our regular lunch meeting this month. We have decided to try a new venue for the luncheon and, as a result, have had to change the date. It will be at the Ridge Golf Course right off New Airport Road by the Auburn Airport on December the 7th. Cost will be \$25.00 per person and, of course, spouses and significant others are welcome and encouraged. The meal will be served at the tables (no buffet) and will include a choice of meat, fish, or vegetarian meal. This takes the place of our regular December lunch meeting that would have been on the 15th.



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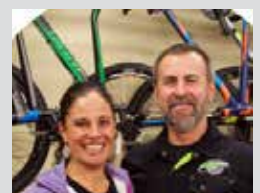
**LUNCHEON ABSENCE  
CALL DEADLINE  
September 12th  
CALL BILL HEALE  
(530) 477-1647**

**NEXT LUNCHEON:  
Thursday, September 15, 2016**  
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.  
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.  
**Menu: Fried Chicken**

**September Program:**  
Bill George on the history of the Transcontinental Railroad. Bill has been fascinated with culture, history and travel for many years. He was a television journalist, before transitioning to public relations. In 2010, he formed Nimbus Films to tell the story of the building of the first transcontinental railroad over the Sierra Nevada. He then wrote the book "Rails, Tales and Trails" that explained how to find old railroad sites, along with museums, towns and restaurants in the area. Bill followed that with a film portrait of Newcastle, CA, one of the most important agricultural, railroad and gold rush towns. Bill produced a documentary film about the Chinese experience in California.



**October Program:**  
Duke & Christy Jay of Mountain Bike Riding



## 79er Wine Trail - Bob Lemmon

Our visit to MONTOLIVA Winery, August 5th, was enjoyed by all who attended. Mark Henry gave an excellent, very historical, presentation on wines in general and his winery in particular. Many attendees thought it was one of the best tasting visits our group has had. One of the hits was "Mark's Magia" a blend created by his Winery. In fact, Bob and Diana Lemmon had it for a special event and WOW.



This month, September 22nd, Thursday, we will be meeting at 3:00 pm and hit the Beer Trail. We will involve ourselves in a visit to the newly opened "Crooked Lane Brewery". They are a new start-up by two friends who live on Crooked Lane in Auburn; how unique. They have modified a former car dealership on the corner of Highway 49 & Palm, Auburn. There will be a food wagon and, they offer a sampler tray.



## Bowling - Tom McEntee

SIR David Aulbach led the branch 79 bowlers at the Yuba City round-robin event on August 22, 2016 with a very nice 603 series. Our next event will be held on September 26, 2016 at Tall Pines Bowl in Paradise California. Bowling starts at 12 noon, please arrive early to facilitate check-in and lane assignments.

SIR Yuba City Nu Generation Bowl Results:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
David Aulbach	221	180	202	603
Ken Launius	147	225	213	585
Joe Caruso	171	203	153	527
Harvey Easley	156	176	189	521
Tom McEntee	203	153	161	517
Michele McEntee	183	125	170	478
Roy Guy	176	148	123	447

SIR Branch 113 Bowling Tournament  
Pollock Pines 7/23rd thru 25th, 2016

Singles Event	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP	Series	Finish	
Tom McEntee	180	228	203	156	767	3rd	
Robert Towers	202	179	165	120	666	46th	
Donald Launius	149	159	180	165	653	49th	
Kenneth Launius	172	138	174	144	628	61st	
Harvey Easley	167	175	139	96	577	69th	
Joe Caruso	168	162	118	114	562	70th	
David Aulbach	213	169	187	174	743	10th	
Betty Towers	169	179	110	246	704	35th	
Roy Guy	167	159	175	201	702	38th	
Michele McEntee	177	163	154	204	698	41st	
Kathy Guy	159	169	133	228	689	44th	
Melodee Aulbach		156	169	151	207	683	47th
Doubles Event	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP	Series	Finish	
Donald Launius (div 1)	188	179	188			10th	
Kenneth Launius (div 1)	158	202	173	309	1397	10th	
Joe Caruso (div 1)	195	166	205			27th	
Harvey Easley (div 1)	213	183	145	210	1317	27th	
Tom McEntee (div 1)	172	130	180			33rd	
Michele McEntee (div 1)	138	145	122	360	1247	33rd	
Roy Guy (div 2)	170	179	166			12th	
Kathy Guy (div 2)	131	172	148	429	1395	12th	
Betty Towers (div 2)	167	203	128			26th	
Robert Towers (div 2)	138	185	164	366	1351	26th	
David Aulbach (div 2)	199	161	159			33rd	
Melodee Aulbach (div 2)	137	133	145	381	1315	33rd	

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## Fishing Group

David DeRosa & Tom Beale



Hello Fisher Folks. There is not a lot to report this month. There are a few stories coming from those fishing local rivers. There has been reports of some striper action, but salmon is slow to non-existent. A few have been caught but not many. If you keep your ear to the ground, you might hear tell of a recent experience by one of our members: a salmon on hook and a hungry sea lion.

I am told the Feather River coming out of Oroville is running high and fast. They must be flushing the Delta from that source.

I was at Sugar Pine Reservoir last Wednesday and was in the water and fishing by 7 am. We did not catch a fish between 7 am and 10 am. Then, with full sun overhead between 10 am and noon, we caught 8 fish: 4 bass and 4 trout. We put the bass back to be caught another day and kept the trout. They were each about 12 inches in length.

School is back in session and college started, which means the local pleasure craft traffic has slowed. Folsom Lake now has a 5 mph speed limit, sending some pleasure craft to our local lakes, i.e. Rollins, Scott's Flat and Englebright, with most of this boating confined to weekends. Looking forward, with cooling weather, these lakes will perhaps start producing some good fishing during the week.

At our last luncheon, I got to present awards to the members who were the first, second and third placed fishing experts at our Spring Trip to Shasta. These awards were in the form of small plaques. A big thank you goes to Chuck Mierkey for having these plaques made.



Awards (L-R) Tony Oliveira, Dave DeRosa and Jerry Angeline

A couple of our members made a trip to Folsom. No fish were caught, but it was a good opportunity to try out both a new fish finder and a new kicker motor.

Fishing Group meets the second Thursday of each month at Denny's restaurant, just off I-80 at the Foresthill exit. The meeting starts at 8 am. This is a very fun group, and to all interested, we hope to see you there. Tight Lines to All...



**Bowling...** Continued from page 2

All Events	Singles	Doubles	Scr. Tot.	HDCP	A/E Tot.	Finish
Tom McEntee (div 1)	611	482	1093	312	1405	16th
Donald Launius (div 1)	489	555	1044	330	1374	29th
Kenneth Launius (div 1)	484	533	1017	288	1305	52nd
Robert Towers (div 1)	546	487	1033	240	1273	56th
Joe Caruso (div 1)	448	566	1014	228	1242	66th
Harvey Easley (div 1)	481	541	1022	192	1214	68th
Betty Towers (div 2)	458	498	956	492	1448	12th
David Aulbach (div 2)	569	519	1088	348	1436	17th
Roy Guy (div 2)	501	515	1016	402	1418	24th
Kathy Guy (div 2)	461	451	912	456	1368	43rd
Michele McEntee (div 2)	494	405	899	408	1307	62nd
Melodee Aulbach (div 2)	476	415	891	414	1305	65th

SIR Reno 8/15th thru 17th, 2016

Singles Event	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP	Series	Finish	
Ken Launius (div 1)	157	173	219	174	723	8th	
Cary Lemley (div 1)	264	155	152	132	703	19th	
Joe Caruso (div 1)	132	215	168	144	659	44th	
Harvey Easley (div 1)	168	206	206	156	126	656	48th
Bob Towers (div 1)	142	152	190	150	634	76th	
David Aulbach (div 2)	176	176	149	196	204	698	42nd
Betty Towers (div 3)	186	186	120	140	276	722	16th
Melodee Aulbach (div 3)	158	158	144	127	237	666	53rd

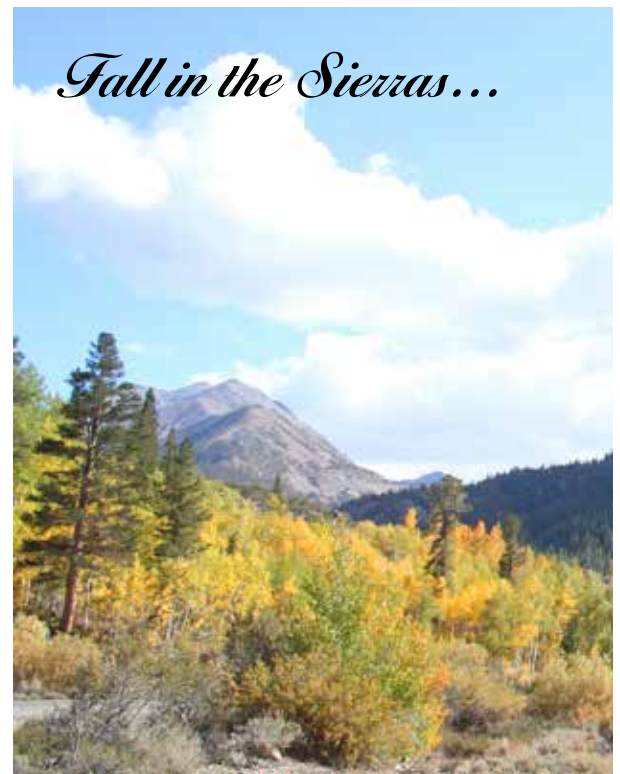
Doubles Event	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP	Series	Finish	
Don Launius/ Joe Caruso (div 1)	340	322	374	339	1375	29th	
Ken Launius / Harvey Easley (div 1)	340	340	323	377	300	1340	43rd
Bill Melbourne / Cary Lemley (div 1)	301	339	372	309	1321	55th	
David Aulbach / Melodee Aulbach (div 2)	308	308	335	336	441	1420	28th
Bob Towers / Betty Towers (div 2)	320	320	308	302	426	1356	54th

Team Events	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP	Series	Finish
Easley's Nursery (div 1)	650	669	674	639	2632	29th
Don Launius	154	191	175	195	715	
Joe Caruso	178	155	181	144	658	
Ken Launius	150	150	158	174	632	
Harvey Easley	168	173	160	126	627	
Yuba 2 (div 1)	650	759	685	645	2739	16th
Jim Nash	145	152	149	180	626	
Jeff Brockman	142	142	185	177	156	660
Bill Melbourne	179	179	185	161	177	702
Cary Lemley	184	184	237	198	132	751
Team Towers (div 2)	597	647	669	867	2780	11th
David Aulbach	140	140	137	154	204	635
Melodee Aulbach	130	130	169	148	237	684
Betty Towers	171	171	171	191	276	809
Bob Towers	156	156	170	176	150	652

All Events	Singles	Doubles	Team	HDCP	A/E Tot.	Finish	
Cary Lemley (div 1)	571	564	619	396	2150	5th	
Joe Caruso (div 1)	515	564	514	462	2025	37th	
Ken Launius (div 1)	549	463	458	522	1992	58th	
Harvey Easley (div 1)	530	530	577	501	378	1986	62nd
Bob Towers (div 1)	484	494	502	450	1930	80th	
David Aulbach (div 2)	494	494	472	431	612	2009	85th
Betty Towers (div 3)	446	446	436	533	828	2243	3rd
Melodee Aulbach (div 3)	429	429	507	447	711	2094	34th

All Events Scratch	Singles	Doubles	Team	Scratch	Finish
Cary Lemley	584	632	539	1754	14th

Our bowling group currently bowls at Rocklin Bowl on Fridays at 12:30 PM. This is a non-USBC-sanctioned event and is open to all seniors. There are several ways to earn a few bucks without going into hock to play. It is a great way to spend the afternoon and meet some new people. Looking for a volunteer to be the next Bowling activity chair, any volunteers? Please contact Bowling Chairman Tom McEntee moetoe444@sbcglobal.net

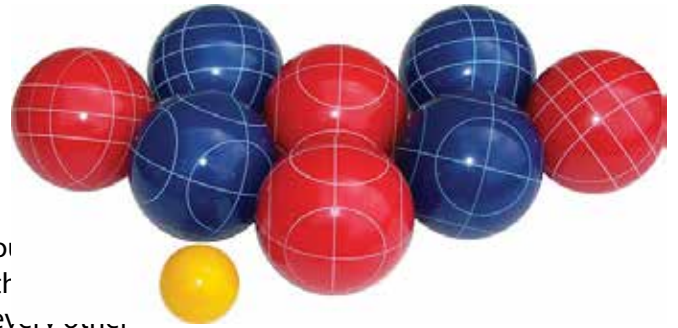




## **Bocce Ball** - Pete Thompson & Don Sherman

### SIR REGION 9 BOCCE TOURNAMENT:

On August 16th we held a Region 9 bocce tournament at the new courts at ARD. There were seven teams of four players, plus three or four back-up players. Start time was 8:00 am and we stopped for a great lunch that Jack's wife Linda put on. Dave DeRosa was kind enough to volunteer his time to BBQ and the great aroma was enough to halt the games. After lunch, we continued play until each team had played every other team one game apiece.



When the games were over there were three teams tied with four wins and two losses. We used total points scored to break the tie and the results were: 1st Place - Branch 170 team 2; 2nd Place - Branch 98; 3rd Place - Branch 170 team 1; 4th Place two teams of Branch 79 tied.

SIR Mike Bane took several pictures and we have included a few in the Newsletter. We hope to be able to show some of the others on the screen for you to see at one of our luncheon meetings.

Jack and Pete are also working on a Branch 79 coed tournament for the month of October. Details, like time and date, will be coming soon.



## Membership - Craig Saunders

I'm pleased to announce that, as of today, we are at 204 Active members. We have an additional four members, but their medical and/or personal issues keep them from Active status. They are working towards Active status. Total: we have 208 members in Branch 79. The new 204 Active total brings us to Plus 7 for the year. Remember, our goal is Plus 12 for "end of year". Simply put, our Gains for the year must exceed our losses. Based on past experience of gains and losses, we need at least four new guests at each of our next three (September,-October, and November) luncheons.. The December luncheon is the Ladies Luncheon/Christmas Finale for the year. Guests traditionally do not attend in December. I thank all of you for the outstanding support you have provided over the years. I look forward to seeing you on the September 15th. Remember to call Bill Heale, Attendance Chair (530-477-1674) if you cannot attend.



**New SIR Rick** (pictured at right) and his wife Babs reside in Auburn, CA. Rick retired as a Police Sergeant with San Jose Police Department in 2000 and, again, in 2012 as a Federal Agent with Homeland Security. His sponsor is SIR Lynn Hartford.

## Tournament Golf - Phil Bolander

Greetings to 79er worm burners: First of all a big congratulations to SIR Lee Livingston. The qualifying round at Plumas Lake produced a winner for his flight. He will automatically be able to play at Laguna Seca in Monterrey in October.

Nice going, Lee.

Our last tournament at Black Oak was well attended by 56 players. A great time was had by all with numerous prizes awarded and a great lunch cooked by Norm.

Our next tournament should be a good one for all of us. This will be at Empire Ranch in Folsom. It will be on Monday, September 26th, with an 8:30 am shotgun start and form your own foursomes. This will be individual golf with a Nassau format. That means the front nine low score wins, the back nine low score wins, and the low score for 18 wins. This will also be flighted with the number of flights determined by the amount of entries. Also, for the good of everyone, we will be using the combo tees that are on their scorecard. There are nine with tees and nine red tees. This will allow the shorted players to be more competitive and will speed up play. All of this for \$42.00. So, let's get signed up for the ASAP. This could possibly be one of the largest outings. Thanks to all.



## Travel - Phil Bolander

Hello to you wandering souls. We had a nice travel presentation at Lake of the Pines and several couples joined up to go to Nashville for New Year's. I was just informed there only 50 seats left out of 200 for this trip. This amount includes people from all California SIR branches. We have three couples from Branch 79 going and if anyone else is interested the please call me or Talbot Tours at 1-800-662-9933 ASAP. This is a fun trip with air, hotel, gratuities, home pickup, and some meals included in the price. The hotel is fantastic with everything you could want under one roof and is decorated for the holidays. A lot of things to see and do, plus a New Year's dinner on the General Jackson paddle wheeler. Give me a call at 530 745-9874 or e-mail me at lpb4th@sbcglobal.net. Let's not forget our lunch on Sept. 15th and I will have info at a table on this trip. Hope to see you soon.

## Friday Golf - Bill Heale

August 5, 2016: c.t.p #2 Terry Doan, ctp #4 Joe Argo, ctp #5 Bill Heale, ctp 2nd shot fog. #7, Ken Hansen. Paid \$8.00 Each!

August 12, 2016: ctp #2 4th shot fog. Mel Hagman, ctp #7 Reg Murray, ctp #8 Ed Smith, Paid \$7.00 Each.

August 19, 2016 was our Annual Nine and Dine. I don't think anyone shot a nine, but everyone sure dined and enjoyed themselves. We had a great turnout, a lot of visitors from other branches. Also thanks to Norm for the Great Food. Everyone won a Great Prize.

August 26, 2016: ctp #1 third shot fog Tony Oliveira, ctp #3 any shot Ray Stanley, ctp #4 Dave Dunlap, ctp #5 third shot fog Terry Doan. Paid \$7.00 Each!

And another thing for all of our new members who are interested: "Come on down" some Friday and join the fun. I didn't say you had to know how to play; we can help and get you signed up for a N.C.G.A. card.

## Activity Calendar

SIR Luncheon: Elks Club: October 20th, Thursday, 11:00 am Speaker

Dining Out - September 27th, Tuesday, Darkhorse Golf Course, Lake of the Pines area, 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

79er Wine Trail: September 22nd, Thursday, Crooked Lane Brewery, 3:00 pm, Highway 49 at Palm, Auburn.

Bocce Ball: Auburn Recreation Park - Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am.

Tournament Golf: Empire Ranch in Folsom on Monday, September 26th with an 8:30 am, shotgun start, Nassau format.

Bowling: Rocklin Bowl - Friday 12:30 pm

September 26, 2016 at Tall Pines Bowl in Paradise California

Fishing Group meets second Thursday at 8 am, monthly, at Denny's restaurant, just off I-80 at the Foresthill exit.

Golf: Black Oak Golf Course - Friday 7:30 am



# happy birthday!

Tom Beale, Kirby Brock, Steve Coffman, Ronald Cooley, Bob Devlin, Joe Dydynski, Al Graber, Bill Higgins, Bob Hyman, Ken Koch, Bob Lemmon, Harry Mayo, Mac McDevitt, Tony Oliveira, Ernie Perry, Jeff Romines, Frank Slaton, Rodger Tognazzini, Bill Watson, Lyle Westoby, and Keith Wiggans.

## Treasurer's Report

Terry Doan

Beginning balance: \$4586.37

Ending balance: \$3253.57

The money you put in the tube on your table at the luncheon helps cover our branches expenses. A minimum contribution of \$3.00 per person is suggested.

## Lunch Report

Bill Beale

Roster Count 205, Excused Absent 40, Un-excused Absent 44, Guests 3, Visitor 1, Paid Lunches 119. Badges not returned #119 Lund, # 129 Mierkey, and # 139 Crawford. Thank you to the 40 members who took the time to call, or e-mail me you couldn't make it; very helpful.

## Dining Out - Craig Saunders

Great News. Our next monthly Dining Out is at Darkhorse Golf Course, one of California's top ten courses, located just north of Auburn!. Prepare yourself for an excellent cuisine prepared by Executive Chef Joe Flores and his staff. As usual the time is 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 27th. Wine, beer, and spirits are available. Wine you may bring - \$5 corkage fee. Our dinner consists of Chicken Marsala entree or Tortellini-filled pasta entree with rice pilaf, fresh steamed vegetables, rolls, salad and dessert all for \$18 per person. We look forward to you being there and most will arrive early for seating. Space is limited to 54 people and other SIR Branches within Area 33 have been notified of this event. Sign up is at our September 15th luncheon or call me at 530-268-9668/// email:wolfcreekplace@yahoo.com with last name and number of attendees.

**DIRECTIONS FROM BELL ROAD AREA:** drive north on Highway 49 (7.2 miles) towards Combie Road (Lake of the Pines area). Turn right on Combie Road, drive 1 mile to traffic light, and turn right at light. Drive 3 miles on Combie Rd. to Darkhorse Drive. Turn left into entrance and drive into parking area. Enter club house by stairs or ramp entrance.

**DIRECTIONS FROM GRASS VALLEY AREA:** drive south on Highway 49 to Combie Road. Turn left onto Combie Road and follow above directions to Darkhorse Golf Course. Sign up early and we'll see you there on Tuesday September 27th.



## STATEWIDE NEWSLETTER SIR HAPPENINGS

To read the latest edition of SIR happenings visit [sirinc.org/sirhappenings](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings) Learn about what is happening in the SIR state organization and at other SIR Branches.

## SIR INFORMATION

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
First Thursday of each month  
7:45 a.m. at Denny's, Auburn Ravine Road (I-80/Foresthill Exit)  
**Branch 79 Newsletter**  
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**Branch 79 Web site**  
[www.sir79.org](http://www.sir79.org)

### BRANCH 79 OFFICERS

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(530) 492-3163

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Don Sherman (916) 663-2958  
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79er Wine Trail: Bob Lemmon (530) 477-8507

## DECLARATIONS

**Luncheon Attendance:** When a member is unable to attend the Thursday meeting he should notify the Attendance Chairman no later than the 3rd Monday prior to the Thursday luncheon.

**Attendance Rule:** Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman and giving a valid reason or attending less than six (6) meetings within the past twelve (12) months, shall be notified of pending termination. Certification of attendance at another Branch Meeting is considered a credit. Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance requirement. (Rule 100)

**Prospective Members:** Must attend a Luncheon and be introduced by a sponsor to the general membership prior to being accepted as a new member of the branch. (Rule 67).

**Non-Responsibility Clause:** All travel activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its Branches do not assume responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or passengers, or their property, in any matters pertaining to said travel and other activities. (Rule 345)