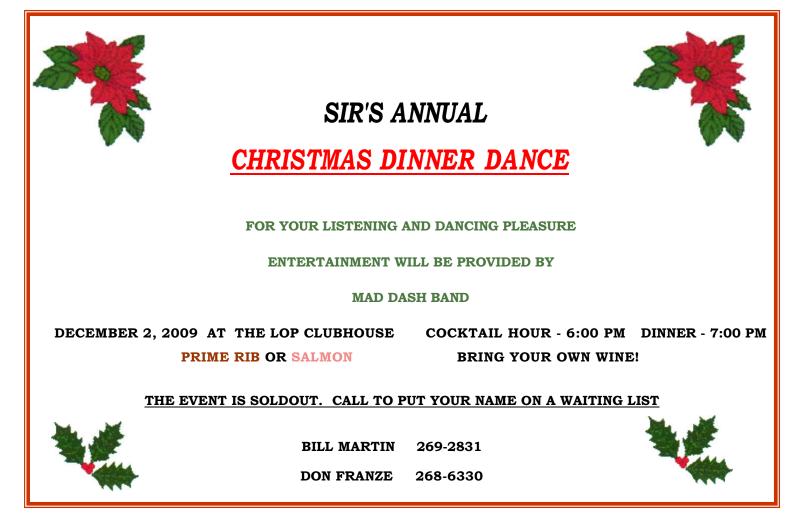


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BIG SIR - PHIL JONES

This last year has shown that LOP has a very active SIR Branch, and as the year quickly comes to a close we look forward to the Branch 170 Annual Christmas Dinner Dance that will be the final event to a productive year. Thanks to the efforts of the members, we were able to increase the membership to over 100 this year. We also had two very active members, Bill Timbers and Steve Michalak, honored with the Lifetime Membership Award. I wish to thank the members of the Executive Board, the committee chairs, and the directors for all their help and advice that made the position of Big SIR a rewarding experience for me during 2009.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Dinner Dance.



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN - STEVE PARKS

As you may know Phil Frank has retired as Sunshine Chairman. He has served our SIRS Branch 170 for many years with extraordinary compassion and good humor – he will be a tough act to follow. Phil had a great network of "informers". I am asking all the callers to let me know if they hear of a member in ill health.

We were all shocked to hear of the sudden death of Larry Couture on Sunday, Oct. 18. Larry was very involved in LOP activities including the ECC, the Men's Golf Club Board, a member of the LOP Board of Directors, the Pinesmen, the SIRS and the Sierra Seniors. Larry was 64 and has been at LOP for about 8 years following his retirement from Timex. He is survived by his wife Barbara, two sons and a daughter. Besides golf, Larry enjoyed wilderness jeeping. His memorial service was on Oct. 23 at the Clubhouse and was well attended.

Mac Porterfield is recovering from back surgery. The day before his surgery, he managed to take in the President's Cup golf tournament at Harding Park in San Francisco.

Our own Phil Frank is still dealing with a mobility problem with his new knee but is doing rehab faithfully.

2010 SIRS Branch 170 Officer s L.-R. Lynden Laird, Mel Pimentel, Larry Shelley, Bill Martin and Don Franze



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