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FEBRUARY 2025 Newsletter - Turlock Branch #143

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Message From The Big Sir...

February is considered the shortest month of the year, yet it offers an incredible list of events to celebrate. You might think about celebrating ... Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Black History Month and National Make a Friend Day..... just to name a few.



National Make a Friend Day - February 11th is celebrated as National Make a Friend's Day. You can encourage a friend or many friends to join our SIR #143 group to appreciate making new friendships by participating in our luncheon meetings and events. You would be doing them a huge favor!

President's Day is February 17 - I enjoy reading Presidential Biographies and just finished reading *Confronting the Presidents*, by Bill O'Reilly. I have read many biographies of Presidents by different authors and one recently by Doris Kearns Goodwin, *An Unfinished Love Story*. I just really enjoy historical non-fiction reading. I enjoy the perspectives about real-life historical events and eras through the reading of Historical nonfiction. These books are usually based upon rigorous research and study. This month commit to reading a good book!

I have also been to several Presidential libraries and enjoy the work put into them by their foundations. Again, by at-

tending these you experience the historical events during the tenure of these leaders. Every president, since Herbert Hoover, has had presidential libraries established in their home state. The Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan libraries are in Yorba Linda and Simi Valley, respectively. They are close enough to make your trip an overnigher so you can see one library each, over a two-day period. Please consider taking a drive and enjoying these two libraries / museums. You will be glad you did!

Valentine's Day - February 14th - Be sure to take care of those sweethearts in your life! This month, at our February 19th luncheon meeting, our very own SIR #143 group will celebrate the month by inducting the following new members: Ed Aubert, Mike Barnard, Ed Darrimon and Ed Perez. Please get to know each of these gentlemen and make them feel welcome.

Activities for February:

Date: Monday Mornings - Golf - (Ken Kajioka)

Date: February 7 and 14 - Bocce Ball at the Dust Bowl - 10:00 a.m. (Mike Johnson)

Date: Every Tuesday Afternoon - Bowling at McHenry Bowl (Tom Mickelsen)

Quote of the Month: "There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit." - Ronald Reagan

REMEMBER LUNCHEON

11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, FEBRUARY 19th - WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.

NOTE: When you arrive at Black Bear Diner Order your food as soon as possible. Our speaker will start at 12 noon, also please try to finish your meal by 12 noon.

Luncheon Location: BLACK BEAR DINER
3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock



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Travel Chairman John Cardoza



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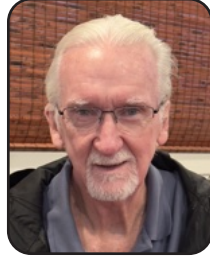
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NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at
MY GARDEN CAFE
FRIDAY February 21st

Meeting Starts at 8:30am
Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am

SIR BRANCH #143 BOWLING EVERY TUESDAY



at McHenry Bowl
CONTACT:
Tom Mickelson
209-632-2917

Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting

My Garden Cafe, Turlock

January 17th 2025 - 8:30AM

Officers Present: Bob Holly, Roger Jackson, Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein, Vern Segars, Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman.

Members/Guests Present: Rick Kindle, Ken Kajioaka, Rick Ahlborn.

Quorum: Secretary Greg Back reported that a quorum is present.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Vern Segars and seconded by Bob Holly. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Leonard Zumstein reviewed Form 28 from last month and reported –

Checking = \$4,439.12

Cash on hand = \$275.00.

Receipts = \$920.00

Expenditures = \$2,362.86

Receipts Itemized: \$400.00 dues, \$520.00 Christmas Luncheon. Expenditure itemized: \$20.08 printing, \$30.00 Constant Contact, \$1,920.28 Christmas Luncheon, \$375.02 gift basket, \$17.48 HLM award.

Membership Report: Chairman Mike Johnson reported that we have 92 members on our roster. New membership applications received for Ed Darrimon and Mike Barnhart. Motion to approve both membership applications by Bob Holly and second by Leonard Zumstein. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bocce Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson reported there has been good attendance with 8 members at the last outing.

Golf: Chairman Ken Kajioaka reported on Thursday golf at Creekside and to let him know if anyone is interested in playing.

Travel: Chairman John Cardoza reported the Panama Canal cruise is departing next week and the New Orleans river cruise departure is approaching. He is researching a possible trip to the Rose Bowl and will report back. The Reno train trip had 28 people and was a big success. He is also researching possible day trips and will report back.

RV: Wagon Master Roger Jackson reported that we have upcoming campouts scheduled for Jackson Rancheria in April and Pismo Beach in October and to let him know if anyone would like to attend.

Dine Out/Other Activities: Chairman Gary Toombs reported that we had a very nice dinner outing to the New Town Café and

that the next dine out will be at the Olive Garden in Turlock with more details to be provided soon.

Recruitment & Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle reported on the Turlock and Modesto SIR ad campaign in the Turlock Journal, Modesto Bee, 209 Magazine and M-View. Ads are planned to start in February. Rick also reported that he is putting together a SIR VIP table package for the Covenant Village Crab Feed in March. Tickets are \$80/person and see Rick for tickets.

Old Business: Treasurer Lenny Zumstein reported he has received 2025 dues from 40 members. Greg Back will send dues reminder emails.

After discussion about members that have still not paid 2024 dues there was a motion to immediately drop those unpaid members from our roster by Vern Segar with second by Greg Back. Motion carried unanimously.

-Big SIR Roger Jackson reported we have a new presentation/program committee consisting of Ken Kajioaka, Dan Gorman and Gary Potter who will be responsible for finding and scheduling speakers for our luncheon programs.

-Roger discussed our Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon and reported that the Fruityard is now charging \$400 room rental. Roger is researching other options including the New Town Café and report back. Roger and Rick will also follow up entertainment possibilities.

New Business: Nominating Committee Chairman Bob Holly polled the BEC for volunteers to continue in their positions for 2026. Will report on his candidate search at the next meeting.

-Membership Chairman Mike Johnson reported that he could use some help at our lunch meetings greeting members and making sure guests or new members were made welcome. Kevin Byrne volunteered to assist Mike.

-Dan Gorman suggested holding the BEC meeting prior to our regular lunch meeting and also to send the newsletter via group texts. It was decided to continue the discussion at the next BEC meeting.

-Big SIR Roger Jackson discussed that our branch is allowed 2 HLM members based on our number of members. It was brought up that HLM Joe Adams has not attended any of our lunch meetings for quite some time. Roger will call him to see if he is going to return or not. Rick Kindle will also research if Joe qualifies for HLM Emeritus status which would not count against our allowed number of HLM for the branch. Will continue discussion at the next BEC meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by John Cardoza and seconded by Bob Holly. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.



RV TRAVEL

Roger Jackson

RV Chairman/Wagon Master



Jackson Rancheria RV Park

Sunday, April 27 – Friday, May 2, 2025

**11407 Dalton Road,
Jackson, CA 95642**

**Deadline to book is
March 15th, 2025**

1. Call to make your reservation: (800) 822-9466 Mention you are with SIRS2025
2. Once you have confirmed your reservation Call or text Roger, RV Chairman 209-658-2673 or Email: rogjaxn@me.com
3. **IMPORTANT: Reservations are transferrable: Please call Roger before cancelling**
10 rigs = a 15% group discount

Dine-In or Dine Out



Wednesday, MARCH 26th

OLIVE GARDEN

Countryside Drive Turlock

Drinks at 5:30pm - Dine 6pm

Join us for a fun night with your fellow SIR's and guests. Please RSVP right away:

Gary Toombs at 209-604-8406



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

Wine Investigation for Novices and Oenophiles (W.I.N.O.)



Chateauneuf-du-Pape White Wines in Lodi?

Chateauneuf-du-Pape, when translated means “new castle of the pope”. It refers to the time in the fourteenth century when the pope resided not in Rome but in the walled city of Avignon, France. A papal summer house was built among the vineyards and used for the next six centuries. The region is the most southern Rhone appellation and both red and white wines are produced. There are just 13 grape varieties permitted to be used in Chateauneuf-du-Pape wines. Only six white wines, Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Roussanne, Picpoul and Picardan are permitted.

In 2022, I was checking the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition Gold winners. A winery called Acquiesce won four Best of Class awards, all white Rhone varietals from Lodi. This amazing feat meant that all four would be in competition against all the other Best of Class white wines. Including themselves, for the Best White Wine of the 2022 SFCWC. The 2020 Mokelumne River Viognier from Acquiesce Winery won that award and their Picpoul Blanc, Roussanne and Grenache Blanc also played a big role in celebrating the Acquiesce team. Their success wasn't a fluke. In 2023 and 2024, they continued to rack up Golds, Double Golds, Best of Class, Best of Region and Best of California awards in the SFCWC, the California State Fair, the Sunset International, the Los Angeles International, the American Fine Wine Competition and the International Women's Competitions.

In 2003, Rodney and Susan Tipton purchased a farm in Lodi after Rodney's job took them all over the U.S. and overseas for many years. The farm had 12 acres of Zinfandel, a house and a 120 year old barn. With the help of a consultant Susan became the winemaker, focusing mostly on Roses' but she personally favored white wines. She tried a white wine from Chateau Beaucastel, one of the top wineries from Chateauneuf-du-Pape. She returned to BevMo to buy more. The clerk

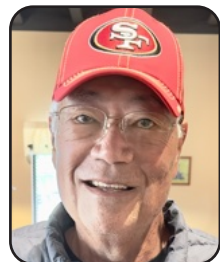
checked and said that was the last bottle in California. She was definitely hooked on Rhone Whites. In 2008 four acres were planted to Grenache Blanc, Roussanne, Viognier and Picpoul Blanc. And later, they were the first to plant Bourboulenc in the United States. The first vintage for sale was in 2012 and Acquiesce Winery sold out in just six months. And the word spread. You can order the wine on line or purchase at the winery, which is open for elevated tastings Thursday to Sunday. Four selected wines are matched with food pairings. The fee is \$20 for a one hour, relaxed informative presentation with absolutely no pretension. The best deal would be to join the wine club with 20% off six bottles twice a year, invitations to special events, four tastings for four people per year and a guarantee to get every release. I suggest you go to their website for more information.

“Acquiesce” is a verb meaning to surrender or to become quiet. Acquiesce has become their mantra, to submit to nature, to yield to the vineyard, to acquiesce to the grapes so they present their own true character. The wines here are the winners, guided by Susan and Rodney Tipton and winemaker Christina Lopez. The Navigator and I enjoyed our tasting. We talked about it all the way home. So yes, there are Chateauneuf-du-Pape white wines produced and bottled in Lodi, thanks to Acquiesce Winery.

What's On Our Table

The 2021 Saint Roch Old Vine Rose' from the Cotes du Roussillon region in France is 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah. And that's not all, It's an Eric Solomon Selection. It was delicious and was just \$3.99. I bought six bottles. I took a chance and bought six bottles of the 2019 Bridlewood Monterey County Pinot Noir, only \$4.50. It is a good light house red. Together, that made a case and at this Grocery Outlet they take another 10% off. My case was just \$52. That is a deal. Cheers!

Comments? Find me on Facebook or at rgwinton@yahoo.com.



GOLF
Chairman
Ken Kajioka

SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2025

Feb	3	Mon	9:00 SG	103B	Swenson	\$45		\$9	\$54	Carts Included
	10	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$27	\$20	\$9	\$56	Carts Optional
	18	Tue	9:00 SG	103A	Atwater	\$50		\$9	\$59	Carts Included
	24	Mon	9:00 SG	103B	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
Mar	3	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Manteca	\$41		\$9	\$50	Carts Included
	10	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Creekside	\$27	\$20	\$9	\$56	Carts Optional
	17	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Tracy GC	\$50		\$9	\$59	Carts Included
	24	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	31	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Swenson	\$45		\$9	\$54	Carts Included

Every Thursday we will have Golf at Creekside Golf Course 9 hole or 18 hole, contact Ken Kajioka for more info or to sign-up.

REMINDER: When you sign-up for golf it also means you will attend 50% of the luncheons Every Third Wednesday.

Speaker for month of FEBRUARY will be MAYOLO BANUELOS - CHP Captain

Capt. Mayolo Banuelos' office at the California Highway Patrol's Modesto facility is pretty typical, except for one thing. The adornments around the room — San Francisco 49ers paraphernalia, m. awards, mementos from his career — say a lot about him. But in the corner hangs a picture of a young Banuelos carrying an injured child from the scene of multiple-fatality collision west of Modesto in 1999. The photo, said the 44-year-old, represents his mission as the new commander of the Modesto office: to be a trusted leader and to make the area "the safest place to live, travel and work." "I'm trying to get that to our employees here, our officers, that when they go out there, day in, day out, to go out there and do their job. To be visible ... because our own family members are driving these roadways. Our friends are driving these roadways and it's tragic when these fatalities can be prevented." Banuelos is the definition of a homegrown cop. He grew up in west Modesto, graduated from Modesto High School, earned his associate's degree at Modesto Junior College, his bachelor's degree at California State University, Stanislaus, and lives in Turlock. As a kid, he loved the very popular show "CHiPs" and idolized its star, Erik Estrada. "I always wanted to be a CHP officer. That was my dream growing up. I wanted to be a CHP officer and nothing else but a CHP. That's why I became an Explorer as soon as I turned 16," said Banuelos. The CHP's Explorer Program offers those between the ages of 15 and 21 the opportunity to work alongside officers in the line of duty, kind of like an internship. Banuelos clearly is proud to be a product of the program, lauding the opportunity it gave him. "The way I look at it, being a young Explorer in west Modesto where there's not a lot of, you know. People think there's not an option for our youth.

But there are, if you make the right choices." said Banuelos. His career has taken him all over the state. After becoming an officer, Banuelos was assigned to San Jose but eventually made his way back to Modesto, patrolling the unincorporated areas of south Modesto, Keyes, Empire and Denair. He called this period "the best time of my career." He then worked for several offices throughout the Central Valley and rose through the ranks as he did, culminating in his promotion to captain in 2022. As captain, he was assigned to the Golden Gate division, overseeing a wide variety of units. About a year later, he was given the opportunity to attend the FBI's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. "It was rigorous. It's physical training. I took five master graduate level classes, so I'm halfway done through a master's degree program, I got a graduate certificate to the University of Virginia and this month I started my first class to continue — I need to get five more classes through the University of Virginia to get my graduate degree." Shortly after his training in Quantico, Banuelos assumed his role as commander of the Modesto office. It's an opportunity he described as "surreal" and "a dream come true." "I'm very blessed, humbled for this opportunity," said Banuelos. I know I have a lot of responsibility because like I said, I'm vested in this community and I'm gonna hold myself accountable because I know that my own family members are driving here on these roadways, our friends. I just want to be here, I want to be present. I want to be engaged in this command."



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BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Luis Duron, Ken Edwards, Jon Ellefson, Mike Johnson, Mike Reed

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Elvin Evans, Roger Jackson, Tom Lindquist, Ed Michalec,



HAPPENINGS IN SIR #143

A Few Photos From Our Recent Trip To Reno On The Zyper Train From Sacramento



Photos of the trip taken by Debi Jackson



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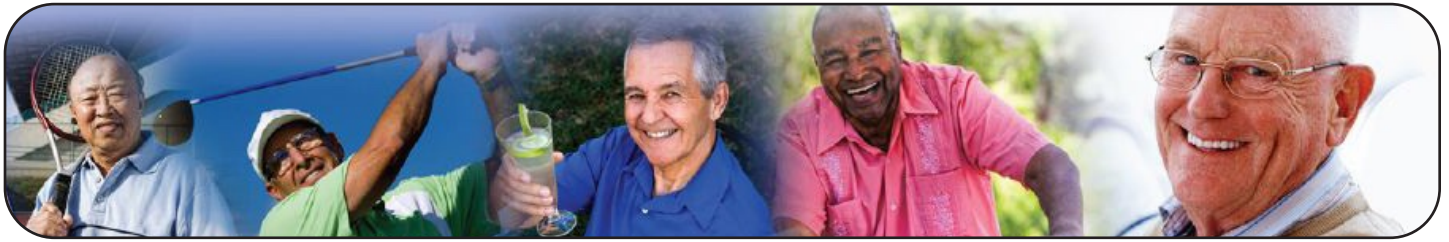

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