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**JUNE 2024 Newsletter - Turlock Branch #143**

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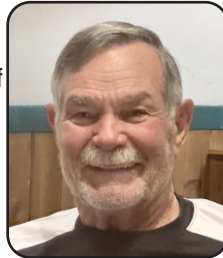
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## Message From The Big Sir...

May is behind us and June is in front of us. The summer months are now here. Many of you will be taking vacations with family and friends. I hope you are able to make many cherished memories.



During the month of June there are many activities in our own area. The Graffiti Festival on June 8th and 9th at Modesto Junior College, the Festival Car Parade on McHenry Ave. from 1:30 - 3:30. On the 14th of June we celebrate Flag Day. This is the day we Honor the Flag of our Very Special Nation.

June 16th is Fathers Day, get those BBQ's going! During the month of June many of us will be celebrating college, or high school graduations. The graduates will be looking forward to their futures as we did when we were YOUNG! We wish them well.

Now, to business of our SIR's Branch 143, our LITTLE SIR, Roger Jackson attended an

area 18 meeting. At our general meeting he will give us a short overview of what was covered in that meeting. Some of the SIR's Branches are looking into the regulations on attendance of general meetings. We may look into this also. We are continuing to have our Branch 143 grow in membership, as you have been bringing in new members. Lets keep those NEW members coming in.

Our next luncheon will be June 19th at the Black Bear Restaurant, doors open at 10:30.

Our BEC will be Friday June 21st at My Garden Cafe, meeting starts at 8:30.

Did you know that on June 22nd 1973, the Skylab crew returned safely from a 28-day flight around the earth.

Your BIG SIR  
Bob Holly

**NEXT DEADLINE: JULY 1-2 and 3 of 2024**

## JOIN US IN JUNE

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, JUNE 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**



# SIR TRAVEL

John Cardoza, Travel Chairman  
209-483-7722 - johncardoza@hotmail.com



## Panama Canal Cruise

**Aboard the Coral Princess**  
**San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale**  
**January 20-February 5, 2025**



### RATES:

**Double per person:**

**\$4185 to \$6295**

**Single: \$6965 to \$11125**

### TOUR FEATURES

- Transfers from Turlock and Modesto to cruise terminal in San Francisco and airport back to Modesto and Turlock post cruise
- Airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento post cruise.
- 16 Night Panama Cruise
- Port Taxes, transfers from ship to airport post cruise.
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person (excluding airline baggage fees)

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 1, 2024**

**MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN NEXT NEWSLETTER**  
**ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA**

### PORTS OF CALL

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**Contact John Cardoza at 209-483-7722, if you have any questions or need help!**

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**YOU CAN CONTACT JOHN CARDOZA email at johncardoza@hotmail.com**  
**to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.**

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# SIR 143 - 2024 OFFICERS

## Working For You!



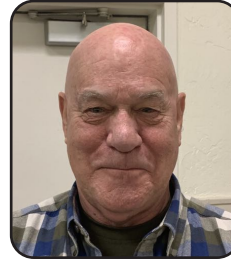
**Bob Holly**  
BIG Sir



**Roger Jackson**  
Little Sir



**Greg Back**  
Secretary/Web Master



**Rock Libby**  
Assistant Secretary



**Leonard Zumstein**  
Treasurer



**John Cardoza**  
Travel Chairman



**Mike Johnson**  
Membership



**Fred Courter**  
Newsletter



**Vern Segars**  
Assistant Treasurer



**Gary Toombs**  
Dine Out

### Proposed Slate of Officers - 2025

Election of officers for 2025 will take place at the August luncheon meeting. The following members have volunteered as officers of SIR BRANCH #143

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Big SIR</b>         | <b>Roger Jackson</b>    |
| <b>Little SIR</b>      | <b>Dan Gorman</b>       |
| <b>Secretary</b>       | <b>Greg Back</b>        |
| <b>Asst. Secretary</b> | <b>Rock Libby</b>       |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       | <b>Leonard Zumstein</b> |
| <b>Asst. Treasurer</b> | <b>Vern Segars</b>      |
| <b>Director 1</b>      | <b>Bob Holly</b>        |
| <b>Director 2</b>      | <b>Kevin Byrne</b>      |
| <b>Director 3</b>      | <b>Gary Toombs</b>      |
| <b>Director 4</b>      | <b>Mike Johnson</b>     |
| <b>Director 5</b>      | <b>John Cordoza</b>     |
| <b>Director 6</b>      | <b>Fred Courter</b>     |

Respectively Submitted,  
Greg Back  
Chairman - Nominating Committee

### NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at

**MY GARDEN CAFE**  
**FRIDAY JUNE 21st**

Meeting Starts at 8:30am

Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am



### BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Joe Bughi 6/19, John Chenault 6/16, Larry Cloud 6/2, Bill Sargenti 6/23, Hartley Spycher 6/5

### ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Gordon Alldrin 6/21,  
Mario Dominques 6/6,  
Jon Effeson 6/10, Chuck Greer 6/7,  
Ray Land 6/17, Bill Nixon 6/19,  
Vern Segars 6/23,  
Kevin Storm 6/9, Mark Taylor 6/24





## **Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting**

### **My Garden Cafe, Turlock**

### **May 17, 2024 - 8:30AM**

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

Members/Guests Present: Rick Kindle.

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 Gary Toombs and seconded by Leonard Zumstein. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

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

Checking = \$4267 Cash on hand = \$275

Receipts = \$220 (\$160 dues received, \$60 from raffle)

Expenditures = \$72 (\$52 for printing expenses, \$20 for speaker lunch)

Motion by John Cardoza to reimburse Greg Back \$27.60 for 2 months of Constant Contact subscription. Second by Vern Segars. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Membership Report:**

Chairman Mike Johnson reported we had 38 members and 2 guests plus our guest speaker at this month's luncheon. One new member was installed bringing our membership total to 90 or 91 – will verify for next BEC meeting. No new membership applications were received.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Bocce Ball:** Chairman Mike Johnson reported there were 2 members at the last outing due to some regulars attending the branch RV campout which was at same time.

**Golf:** Chairman Ken Kajioka reported that attendance for the Thursday golf is down and we need more golfers or will lose the shotgun start.

**Travel:** Chairman John Cardoza reported that the Alaska cruise is next week with 3 couples going and also provided an update on the Panama Canal cruise Jan 20 thru Feb 5, 2025. John also discussed the Reno train trip that was cancelled. We had a large group that was signed up so he will try again next year Jan 9-10, 2025. Motion to approve the train trip as a SIR activity by Gary Toombs and second by Kevin Byrnes. Motion carried unanimously.

**RV:** Wagon Master Ken Kajioka reported that he has sold his rig but will be hotel camping for the Pismo Beach outing. Ken encouraged other members to come and participate in our activities at Pismo even if they don't have a rig, just hotel camp.

**Dine Out/Other Activities;** Chairman Gary Toombs reported that the next dine out will be at Angelini's in Turlock. There will be a limited menu with 8-10 items to choose from. He is working on a dine out in July more info will be provided later. A wine tasting is tentatively planned for June, date tbd. Due to increased service fees at our normal wine tasting venue at Toscana's Gary Toombs has volunteered to host this in his backyard.

**Ken Kajioka** reported on the outing to the Fallon House Theater in Columbia to see Route 66. A group dinner after the show will be at Gus's in Sonora with seating outside on the covered patio with misters.

**Recruitment Camp;** Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle reported he is working on getting a table at the Turlock Farmers market to promote our SIR branch. He has created QR codes to be applied to our promotional materials linking to our branch website. The website will be updated to provide more information for prospective members and contact info for our membership chairman to find out more about our lunch meetings and activities. A marketing committee consisting of Ken Kajioka, Roger Jackson, Mike Johnson, Gary Toombs, Greg Back and Rick Kindle was established. Greg Back will research Facebook advertising targeting our preferred demographic in our specific geographic areas and report back.

#### **Old Business:**

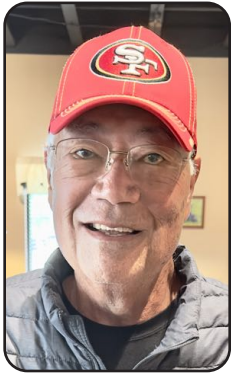
Little SIR Roger Jackson reviewed the schedule of branch operations. Greg Back presented a proposed slate of 2025 officers from the nominating committee which was reviewed by the BEC. Vern Segars made a motion to approve this proposed slate of officers and present to the membership with BEC recommendation. Second by Fred Courter. Motion approved unanimously. Officer nominations from the floor will be solicited from the floor at the next 2 lunch meetings and officer elections will be held in August.

#### **New Business:**

Ken Kajioka reported that he has reserved 10 spots for a campout at Jackson Rancheria RV park for Apr 27 thru May 2, 2025 but needs BEC approval as an official SIR activity. Motion to approve by Greg Back with second by Kevin Byrne. Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Fred Courter and seconded by Leonard Zumstein. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.



# RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka  
RV Chairman



# PISMO COAST RV OUTING

## OCTOBER 20-25, 2024

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[www.pismocoastvillage.com](http://www.pismocoastvillage.com)  
165 S. Dolliver Street, Pismo, CA 93449



### Reservations steps

1. Call for reservation April 1st to get a site. 805-773-1811. Mention that you are with Ken Kajioka group.
2. Call or text Ken to confirm your reservation.
3. **IMPORTANT:** Reservation is transferable. Please call Ken before canceling.



# THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



### Tasting the Wines of Croatia on Land and Sea

The Navigator and I spent most of March cruising the Adriatic Sea, and visiting Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro. It wasn't because the Game of Thrones was filmed in Dubrovnik or the fact that Dr. Carol Meredith, a UC Davis professor discovered that California's Zinfandel is identical to Croatia's Tribidrag and also happens to be the parent grape of Croatia's most popular red wine, Plavac Mali. Or the fact that Croatian-born Miljenko 'Mike' Grgich, who produced the winning Chardonnay at the 1976 Judgement of Paris went back to Croatia in 1996 and started a winery dedicated to producing the finest wines with Dalmatian grapes, Plavac Mali and Posip.

We went to Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro because we wanted to take in the beauty of the clear water and the rugged coastline of the Adriatic Sea. We wanted to enjoy the safety of these young democracies and the friendliness of their people. We wanted to enjoy docking and visiting seven medieval stone walled cities on our 50 passenger ship M/W Athena with 21 crew members spoiling us for ten days. Oh yeah, we did taste our share of the local wines.

In 2022, Croatian wines achieved their greatest success in the prestigious Decanter World Awards, considered the gold standard for the global wine industry. Croatia scored three platinum and 16 gold medals and can now consider itself a major wine producer in the region. It has many indigenous grape varieties that are not well known partly due to their complicated names. Try saying these wines (real fast!), Zlahtina, Grk, Istarska Malvazija and Kujundzusa. In Croatia, wine is either red (crno), white (bijelo) or rose (crveno), dry (suh) or sweet (slatko).

The house wines on the Athena were Croatian, a Merlot (yes!) and a Grasevina (think Riesling) and quite good. They also offered ten bijelos and ten crnos wines for purchase, and of course we did. On land, we tasted at several wine bars, two small wineries and even some homemade wines at two home visits. All were very "dobar"! Here are four wines we liked; Grk (just pronounce the three letters in a row), a dry white with notes of white pepper, melon, and pears. Posip, a full-bodied white with crisp flavors of apples, vanilla, spice and citrus. Teran, an earthy, full

bodied, robust red with flavors of berries and violets. Plavac Mali, a rich red wine with flavors of blackberry, pepper and spice, the most popular red of Croatia. The trip was fantastic. All we can say is Hvala Croatia!

### Calaveras Spring Wine Weekend

Wine lovers can explore **Calaveras Wine Country April 27 and 28**. One-day and two-day tickets are available and include a commemorative wineglass, a wristband for special tasting flights at 20 participating tasting rooms, access to live music/special events and a weekend guide with maps.

Wineglass/wristband/map pickup starts at 10:00 at the Murphys Information Center at 202 Main Street and 10:30 at select tasting rooms on both days. The event wraps up at 5:00 each day. For tickets, [www.calaveraswinegrapealliance.ticketspice.com](http://www.calaveraswinegrapealliance.ticketspice.com).

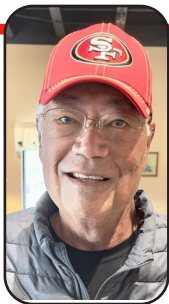
### What's on Our Table

The Best of Class Pinot Noir winner under \$18.00 in the recent S.F. Chronicle Competition was the 2021 Chloe from Monterey County. I tracked it down at Target for \$14.99. It's a well balanced wine and made my list wines under \$15. The 2021 Cloudline Willamette Valley Rose' of Pinot Noir is one of the best pinkies I've tasted this year. It's bottled by Cloudline Cellars from Dundee, Oregon, a Drouhin Family brand. I bought a case (\$60) at the Grocery Outlet. Zivjeli!

### Questions? Find me on Facebook or [rgwinton@yahoo.com](mailto:rgwinton@yahoo.com)



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## GOLF

Ken Kajioka,  
Chairman

SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2024										
MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Jun	3	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Elkhorn	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included
	10	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	17	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Manteca	\$40		\$9	\$49	Carts Included
	24	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Dry Creek	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included
Jul	1	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$24	\$20	\$9	\$53	Carts Optional
	8	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Castle Oaks	\$49		\$9	\$58	Carts Included
	15	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$26	\$20	\$9	\$55	Carts Optional
	22	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Swenson	\$40		\$9	\$49	Carts Included
	29	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Elkhorn	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included



Speaker for month of June will be

# Angela Freeman

Angela Freeman has been an educator for the past 23 years, 21 of those years in Turlock Unified School District. She began her career as an elementary school teacher, teaching first, second and third grade students. For the past 10 years she has been an administrator in Turlock at Crowell Elementary, Julien Elementary, and the past six years the principal of Pitman High School. Over the course of her career, she was named Stanislaus County Teacher of the year in 2012 and ACSA Region 7 Secondary Administrator of the Year in 2021. As the principal of Pitman, she has continued to build programs and facilities to enrich students' learning and experiences.



## SIR NEWS

### Branch 143 Inductee Rick Ahlborn



Left to right, Rick Ahlborn with Little Sir Roger Jackson.

## SIR LUNCHEON AGENDA JUNE 19th

### CALL TO ORDER 11:30 A.M.

1. Welcome and thank you for attending
2. Pledge of Allegiance-Little Sir
3. Song- (Joe Adams)
4. Prayer- Chaplain (Fred Courter)
5. Introduce/ Recognize any visiting SIR members
6. Introduce/ Recognize any guests
7. Introduce and Induct new members with sponsor – (Ed Michalec (John Cardoza), Joe Bughi, Jr. and Tim Bughi ( Joe Bughi )
8. Recognize birthdays for the month (read the names)
9. Recognize anniversaries for the month (read the names)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Golf – Ken Kajioka
2. Travel – John Cardoza
3. Sunshine – Rock Libby
4. RV – Ken Kajioka
5. Bowling – Tom Michelsen
6. Bocce Ball – Mike Johnson
7. Dine out/ Activities – Gary Toombs
8. Wine tasting – Russ Winton
9. RC airplanes – Greg Back
10. Special Announcements
11. BEC meeting Friday at 8:30 am– My Garden Cafe (come early at 7:30 AM for breakfast)

### Program at 12 PM

1. Introduction of program / speaker - Gary Potter
2. Adjourn Meeting
3. 50/50 Raffle -

**SIR BRANCH #143 BOWLING EVERY TUESDAY**

McHenry Bowl  
Show-up for fun in the lanes



# JUST FOR LAUGHS

-A small zoo in Berkeley CA obtained a very rare species of gorilla. Within a few weeks the gorilla, a female, became very difficult to handle. Upon examination, the veterinarian determined the problem. The gorilla was in heat. To make matters worse, there was no male gorilla available.

- Thinking about their problem, the Zoo Keeper thought of Bobby Lee Walton, a redneck part-time worker responsible for cleaning the animal cages. Bobby Lee, like most rednecks, had little sense but possessed ample ability to satisfy a female of any species. The Zoo Keeper thought they might have a solution.

-Bobby Lee showed some interest but said he would have to think the matter over carefully. The following day, he announced that he would accept their offer, but only under five conditions:

- "First", Bobby Lee said, "I ain't gonna kiss her on the lips." The Keeper quickly agreed to this condition.

- "Second", he said, "She must wear a 'Dale Earnhardt Forever' T-Shirt." The keeper again readily agreed to this condition.

- "Third", he said, "You can't never tell nobody about this." The keeper again readily agreed to this condition.

- "Fourth", Bobby Lee said, "I want any offspring raised as Southern Baptist." Once again it was agreed.

- And last," Bobby Lee said, "I'm gonna need another week to come up with the \$500.00.

## SIR BRANCH # 143 THEATER TRIP

Thursday, June 27, 2024

2:00 p.m.

11175 Washington St., Columbia, CA 95310

TICKETS: \$25.00 / PERSON



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April 17th, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED:

[rogjaxn@me.com](mailto:rogjaxn@me.com)

WE PLAN TO DO AN EARLY DINNER at GUS's ... AFTER THE PLAY .....Let Roger know if you are interested in joining us.

# Dine Out



# Wine Tasting with Pizza

In July...  
More Info To Come



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Membership .....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Assistant Membership/Mailing .....	Rick Kindle	652-8608
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Assistant Golf .....	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine .....	Rock Libby	634-6508
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Bocce Ball.....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program .....	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program .....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Chaplain.....	OPEN	
RV Chairman .....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Assistant RV Chairman .....	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Web Master .....	Greg Back	585-6862
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