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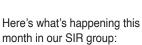
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Message From The Big Sir.

March is here, bringing fresh energy, new opportunities, and the first signs of spring. As the seasons change, it's a great time to focus on personal growth, brotherhood and service.



Daylight Savings time goes into

effect on March 9th! We can begin to enjoy longer days and hopefully warmer weather! Also, more daylight hours to spend outdoors!

St. Patrick's Day is March 17th - Luck of the Irish! I am looking forward to this day as we have a tradition of ordering Corned Beef and Cabbage from NETO'S and it is delicious!

Dine Out is March 26th at Olive Garden - Happy Hour 5:30 p.m. and Dining at 6:00 p.m.

Distinguished Service Award -

This month we are honoring someone for his unwavering resolve and dedication to our organization.



Looking for ways to contribute? - Volunteer, join a committee, or share your expertise! We learn from each other and build lasting friendships by serving

This month let's be intentional about supporting and uplifting each other. Whether through a text, a call, or a meet-up, let's remind our brothers they are not alone. Bring a friend or

two to our next SIR luncheon on March 19th or any activity this month!

Thank you for being a part of our community. We look forward to an exciting month ahead!

Activities for March:

Date: Monday Mornings - Golf - (Ken Kajioka) Date: March 7 and 21- 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 are good ships and there are wood ships, ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships, may they always be." Irish Friendship Quote

REMEMBER LUNCHEON

11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, MARCH 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

Travel Chairman John Cardoza





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John Cardoza
Travel Chairman



Mike Johnson Membership



Fred Courter Newsletter



Vern Segars
Assistant Treasurer



Gary Toombs
Dine Out

SPEAKER FROM OUR FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Certificate presented to MAYOLO BANUELOS - CHP Captain by Rick Ahlborn.



REMEMBER!!!

It is Now Time to pay your SIR Dues for 2025 DUES ARE \$40 for the year

please send your check (\$40 made out to "SIR") to: Leonard Zumstein - 2645 Mira Flores, Turlock, CA 95380

NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at

MY GARDEN CAFE FRIDAY March 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 February 21st 2025 - 8:30AM

Officers Present: Bob Holly, Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein, Vern Segars, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman.

Members/Guests Present: Rick Kindle, Anthony Butera

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 Lenny Zumstein and seconded by Bob Holly. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Checking = \$5,249.87 Cash on hand = \$275.00. Receipts = \$1,061.00 Expenditures = \$\$250.25

Receipts include: \$1,000.00 in dues and \$61.00 from the raffle. Expenditures include: \$250.25 for quarterly State SIR assessment.

Receipts were submitted for reimbursement of the following branch related expenses:

- -Rick Kindle reimbursement of \$1,098.46 for ad/recruiting expenses and \$45.90 for badge supplies.
- -Rock Libby reimbursement of \$28.84 for sunshine cards.
- -Fred Courter reimbursement of \$40.16 for printing and mailing supplies.
- -Greg Back reimbursement of \$30.00 for 2 months Constant Contact subscription.

Motion by Leonard to approve these expenses with second by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report: Chairman Mike Johnson reported that we had 32 members plus the guest speaker at this month's lunch meeting and that we currently have 92 members on the roster.

Mike entertained a motion to reinstate Dan Adams who has been absent due to illness. First by Greg Back and second by Dan Gorman. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bocce Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson reported that he has about 8-10 members coming out to play at the Dust Bowl. Mike also reported that he had a discussion with Brett Tate (one of the owners of the Dust Bowl) who told him we were welcome to come play anytime, not just when the restaurant/brewpub is open.

Golf: Chairman Ken Kajioka was not present but Rick Kindle reported that Manteca is now off the SIR golf schedule and also that a time limit on play is being considered.

Travel: Chairman John Cardoza was not present but in his place Vern Segar reported that an outing to the Sierra Repertoire Theater for a Beach Boy's Tribute show is being planned for June 12. Motion to approve to approve as a SIR activity by Vern with second by Lenny Zumstein. Motion carried unanimously.

RV: Wagon Master Roger Jackson was not present but Rick Kindle reported that 2 RV trips are upcoming – Jackson Rancheria in April/May and Pismo Beach in October. For more information contact Roger.

Dine Out/Other Activities: Chairman Gary Toombs was not present.

Recruitment & Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle reported on our 4 branch trial advertising/recruiting campaign. Ads started February and are running in the Turlock Journal, Modesto Bee, 209 Magazine, the Modesto View and in Mid Valley Publications of the Denair Dispatch, Hughson Chronicle and Waterford News. No results reported to date but will continue to monitor.

Old Business: At our monthly luncheon a framed certificate of appreciation was presented to our speaker and his picture was taken for our newsletter and social media posting. Rick Kindle suggested we continue to do that as well and sending a copy of the photo along with a thank you note to the speaker. It was agreed that we will continue the practice.

Our Speaker Committee were absent from the meeting but it was relayed that committee member Gary Potter has already line up speakers for the next few months as well as for several later in the year. We should have a full report at the next BEC meeting.

Nominating Committee Chair Bob Holly reported that he is making progress on our slate of officers for next year and will report more details at our next BEC meeting.

We have a new dine out outing planned for Castle Noz on the evening of May 16. All branches in Area 18 have been invited to attend with us. Catering will be by Neto's and 60's, 70's, 80's music will be provided by the band "No Way Back". Acting Big SIR Dan Gorman entertained a motion to approve this out as a SIR activity with a first by Vern Segars and second by Lenny Zumstein. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Our new Area 18 representative Anthony Butera was in attendance at our BEC meeting and suggested Covenant Living as a possible new meeting site for our branch luncheons. Mike Johnson suggested we continue looking for new venues including Convenant Living. Discussion will continue at our next BEC meeting.

Rick Kindle brought up a complaint from a member at our last lunch that they were unable to hear the speaker from the rear of the room at Black Bear. We will encourage members with hearing issues to arrive early enough to sit in the front of the dining room. We will also put that into our lunch meeting reminder emails.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Bob Holly and seconded by Lenny Zumstein. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.



RV TRAVEL

Roger Jackson

RV Chairman





11407 Dalton Road, Jackson, CA 95642 Deadline to book is March 15th, 2025

Jackson Rancheria RV Park Sunday, April 27 – Friday, May 2, 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: rogiaxn@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.)



Solitary Cellars Wins Best Winery Award

Solitary Cellars is located at 14439 North Friant Road just a few miles outside of Fresno. Solitary Cellars won the 2024 Fresno Bee Best of Central California-Best Winery Award. They are open for wine tasting or just relaxing from 12-5:00 pm daily. The winery has partnered with the San Joaquin River Parkway Conservation Trust which controls 76 acres of riverfront property and is open to the public for hiking, fishing, bicycling or tasting the award wining wines from Solitary Cellars.

Greg Bergersen co-founded the label, Solitary Cellars, with partner Rick Quesada. They met when they were both correctional officers at the Valley State Prison in Madera County. Their careers in corrections set up their prison theme for their brand. Both have retired and now their new job is producing 1,500 cases of wine annually to satisfy the 1,400 members in their "Chain Gang" wine club.

Solitary Cellars buys fruit from Monterey, Lake, San Joaquin and Amador Counties. Greg and Rick maintain solid relationships with their growers which equates to consistent quality wines and 90+ scores. In fact, this January is a 90+ red wine flight with the regular \$15 fee which is waived with a bottle purchase. The Wine Enthusiast magazine reviewed and scored the following wines: the 2022 "East Block" Old Vine Zinfandel 92 points, the 2021 "Les Grilletes" Red Wine Blend 90 points, the 2022 Syrah 92 points and the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon 92 points.

The red wine flight has nine choices and the white and sparkling wine flight has five. Their "Two for Tuesday Complimentary Wine Tasting" is a super deal. Weekends feature live music. Solitary Cellars also won the 2024 Best Wine Selection, the Best Wine Bar and the Best Charcuterie. Cheers to Solitary Cellars! Wine Events to Consider

If you crave Zinfandel, the ZinEX 2025 Tasting will be held at the CIA Copia in Napa on Feb 1 from 1:30-4 pm. Tickets are available at zinfandel.org. The 15th Annual International White Wine Festival is February 15-16 in Anderson Valley. Go to avwines.com for more information. The Paso Robles Blend-Fest on the Coast is Feb.20-23, check out pasowine.com/events. Behind the Cellar Door in Amador Wine Country will be March 22-23, go to amadorwine.com. The El Dorado Wine Festival is April 26-27 with 20 El Dorado County wineries participating. Early bird pricing ends Jan 31. Find tickets at eldoradowines.org. The 26th Annual Pinot Noir Festival in Anderson Valley is May 15-17 and early tickets can be purchased now at avwines.com. The Paso Robles Wine Festival is May 15-18. For information and tickets go to pasowine.com/events. What's On Our Table

I bought four Australian reds from the local Grocery Outlet, all in the \$5-6 range. The Beefsteak Club and the Hesketh Family were both 2019's Shiraz (Syrah) from the Limestone Coast. The 2020 Heathcote Shiraz was from Victoria and the 2021 Bleasdale was a Blend of Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvèdre. All four were good/solid daily wines especially when you consider the price. If you prefer bold, spicy wines with dark fruit flavors stick with the 3 100% Shiraz wines. The Potts Family Bleasdale Blend with 67% Shiraz, 23% Grenache and 10% Mourvèdre was my choice with bright red fruit flavors and a long smooth finish. Cheers to Aussie wines for using screw caps! Easy to open and excellent closures for left over wine. Cheers!!!

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



GOLF Chairman Ken Kajioka

SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2025

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
Apr	7	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Elkhorn	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included
	14	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$27	\$20	\$9	\$56	Carts Optional
	21	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Pheasant Run	\$55		\$9	\$64	Carts Included
	28	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional

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 MARCH will be

AARON ALLAIRE - Stan State A.D.

Aaron Allaire officially became the Stanislaus State University Director of Athletics on June 13, 2022, after serving as the interim director since February of 2022.

A long-time member of the Stan State athletics department as a student-athlete, coach and administrator, Allaire began his career in athletics administration at Stan State in 2014 serving initially as assistant athletics director for facilities and game operation. He was promoted to associate athletics director for facilities and game operations, and taking on more responsibilities, he was promoted again to senior associate athletics director. He has also served as a lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology since 2008.

Prior to his fully administrative roles, Allaire served as Stan State's head assistant baseball coach for eleven years beginning in 2003. The Warriors won a program-record 37 games in 2008 during his tenure on the staff. In 2009, the team was ranked No. 1 nationally by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. Stanislaus State baseball saw 47 all-conference players and sent 17 players to play professional baseball while he was on staff. In addition, he has managed game operations for Stan State since 2005, and he stepped in to assist with sports information for two years during a critical vacancy.

Allaire has served as the sport program administrator for men's golf, men's and women's track and field, and men's and women's cross country, and also spent time as the sport program administrator for women's tennis, softball, baseball, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's soccer. Pre-pandemic, Allaire oversaw a 300% increase in ticket revenue and attendance during a 4-year period. As Associate Director, Allaire oversaw all facility operations, maintenance and upgrades for Warrior Stadium, Fitzpatrick Arena, Warrior Baseball Field, Warrior Softball Field and the tennis courts. He also managed game day operations, including ticketing and event staff for all Warrior athletics home events. Additionally, he maintained the department's equipment inventory and

served as a liaison to the University's Physical Plant, Chartwells dining services, Risk Management, Student Recreation, UPD and Event Services departments. During his time as an administrator Warrior facilities have seen some major upgrades. A new floor, new seating and a complete makeover of the lobby in Fitzpatrick Arena. In addition, major upgrades to the volleyball locker room, the addition of a golf short range, a new hammer cage, new pole vault and high jump pits at Warrior Stadium, renovated softball locker, new video board in Fitzpatrick Arena and increased branding at all venues have all taken place.



In addition to roles overseeing facilities and game operations, he has also had budget oversight and oversees the EADA and NCAA Financial reports for the department.

Prior to joining the administrative staff, Allaire had been on campus since 1997 when he was a member of the baseball team. From 2002-14, Allaire served as an assistant baseball coach while holding a part-time role as a game day operations and equipment manager for all home events. Additionally, Allaire also has worked as an assistant in the Sports Information Office and has taught courses in the kinesiology department. He played baseball for the Warriors from 1997-99 and graduated in 2000 from Cal State Stanislaus.

Allaire has a bachelor's degree in history from Stan State, a California Secondary Teaching Credential from Chapman University and a M.A. in management with a specialization in leadership from National University. He and his wife Megan have three children: Case, Kellen and Brady.



TRIBUTE TO THE BEACH BOYS THURSDAY, JUNE 12 - 2 p.m. East Sonora Theater

Limited Seating, Payment Due By April 16th CONTACT KEN KAJIOKA 209-602-8351 for details



BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Gordon Alldrin, Bob Holly, Robert Boyd, Kevin Byrne, Joe Adams, Mike Barnard, and Tim Bughi

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Marvin Souza, S. Lon Bishop, Mike Lezar, Wardee Bruce, Leonard Zumstein, Larry Date

HAPPENINGS IN SIR #143

SIR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO BOB HOLLY AT THE FEBRUARY LUNCHEON



New Inductee from the February Luncheon - Ed Darrimon, with Dan Gorman, acting Big Sir, and Sponsor John Cardoza.





"SIR DINE-OUT"
MAY 16, 2025
5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

At

The Castle 6101 Keyes Rd, Snelling, CA

FROM THE BOCCI BALL COURT



Ed Fehr and Mike Johnson

Tickets are \$45 / person

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To: Leonard Zumstein → no later than April 20th

2645 Mira Flores Dr. Turlock, CA 95380

Dinner: Catered by Neto's

Tri-tip, Chicken Quarters, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and Roll

Beer / Wine / Soda / Water

Music by: "No Way Back" 60s, 70s, 80s band



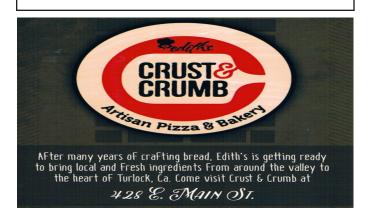
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