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MAY 2024 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

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WEB: sirinc2.org/branch143**



Message From The Big Sir...

This past month we had two new members join Branch 143. I hope we can continue that this month. We will only continue to grow if you bring in your friends to become new members. This is the month that we remember those who served Our Country. Please thank a Veteran!!!! If you are a veteran, talk to your family and friends about your serving your country.



I Thank for YOUR Service!!!!

Your Big Sir
Bob Holly

May is upon us and that means we with our Mothers out there a **Happy & Blessed Mother's Day**. Also happening this month Our speaker will be **Chad Hilligus from the Gallo Center for the Arts**. That will be on 3rd Wednesday, May 17th, you won't want to miss this event. Also coming up are cruises to **Alaska** and the **Panama Canal**, and an **RV outing to the Pismo Coast RV Park**. Inside you will also find the info for our next **Dine Out to be held at Angelini's on Thursday, May 23**. Also on page 7 we have our newest Sir Members highlighted. Check out our Birthdays and Anniversaries on page 3. Also read an interesting article entitled: **“We Are A Generation That Will Never Come Back”**.

NEXT DEADLINE: JUNE 1-2 and 3 of 2024

**JUST A NOTE
ON NEXT
MEETING:**

At the next luncheon meeting, Rick Kindle will make a short presentation about observing Memorial Day, remembering our Veteran Members who have passed, and recognizing our existing Veteran members.

JOIN US IN MAY

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, MAY 15th -
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
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11 Night Inside Passage Cruise Aboard the Crown Princess

Sailing Round-Trip
San Francisco, May
26-June 6, 2024



Price: **Ocean View Stateroom:** \$2590 double
occupancy, Single \$4795

Balcony State Room - Double \$2855, Single \$5325

Mini-Suite - Double \$3322, Single \$6259

Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Tour Features: Transfers from Turlock/Modesto to the pier in San Francisco ROUND TRIP, 11 Night round-trip inside passage, All taxes including Port Taxes.

Escorted by John Cardoza 209-483-7722

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sunday Board Crown Princess
- Monday at Sea, Tuesday at Sea
- Wednesday Ketchikan
- Thursday Juneau
- Friday Skagway
- Saturday Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier
- Sunday At Sea
- Monday Victoria, Canada
- Tuesday at Sea, Wednesday at Sea
- Thursday Arrive San Francisco



CONDITIONS APPLY

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: JAN. 31, 2024

**ADD THE PRINCESS PLUS PKG FOR
AN ADDITIONAL \$660 Per Person!**

INCLUDES: beverage package (drinks up to \$15 each),
Wi-Fi, Crew Appreciation, Premium Dessert (2-per day),
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and Unlimited Juice Bar

★ 16 NIGHT 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

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico - Puerto Quetzal,
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historic locks and Cartagena, Columbia

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

**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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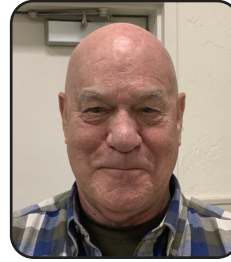
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BIG Sir



Roger Jackson
Little Sir



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John Cardoza
Travel Chairman



Mike Johnson
Membership



Fred Courter
Newsletter



Vern Segars
Assistant Treasurer



Gary Toombs
Dine Out

NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at

MY GARDEN CAFE

FRIDAY MAY 17th

Meeting Starts at 8:30am

Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am



BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Wardee Bruce, Andy Elder, Darrel Leaman, Jan Pyle,
Brad Sleeper, Jeff Wilson



ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Brent Bohlender, Harry Carlson, Bill First, Bob Lotspeich



Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting

My Garden Cafe, Turlock

April 19, 2024 - 8:30AM

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

Members/Guests Present: Ken Kajioka.

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 Roger Jackson and seconded by Leonard Zumstein. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

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

Checking = \$4,119.07 Cash on hand = \$275.00.

Receipts = \$460.00 (Dues \$400.00, Raffle \$60.00)

Expenditures = \$282.00 (Printing supplies \$20.00,

Postage \$12.00, State Assessment \$225.00)

Motion to approve reimbursements to Roger Jackson \$32.57 for raffle tickets and Fred Courter

\$19.36 for postage and printing supplies. First by Vern Segars and second by Gary Toombs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report:

Chairman Mike Johnson reported that he received 2 new membership applications at the prior lunch meeting for Rickard Ahlborn and Les Austin.

Applications were reviewed by the BEC with a motion to approve by Greg Back and second by Roger Jackson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bocce Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson reported that the group is playing today at the Dust Bowl.

Golf: Chairman Ken Kajioka had nothing to report.

Travel: Chairman John Cardoza was not present.

RV: Wagon Master Ken Kajioka reported that there are 2 upcoming RV trips. The trip to Black Oak Casino is this month, 4/28-5/3. The Pismo Coast Village RV trip is

10/20-25.

Dine Out/Other Activities; Chairman Gary Toombs reported that there was a good turnout for last month's dine out at the Great American Grill in Hilmar and that everyone seemed to have a good time. He is planning another dine out for Angelini's in Turlock tentatively on 5/23 – more on page 8.

Ken Kajioka reported on the upcoming outing to the Fallon House Theater in Columbia to see Route 66 followed by dinner at Gus's Steakhouse in Sonora. Our SIR block of tickets is full with a waitlist but you can get your own tickets if you want to attend. Let Ken know.

Recruitment & Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle was not present.

Old Business:

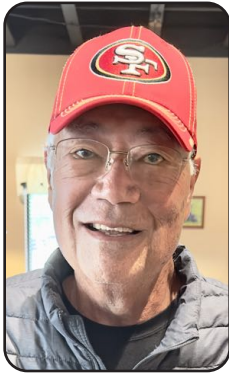
Little SIR Roger Jackson reviewed the schedule of branch operations and reported that the Nominating Committee report on a proposed slate of officers for 2025 was due this month. Nominating Committee chairman Greg Back had nothing new to report but stated that the slate was being finalized and he would have the list for the BEC next month.

New Business:

Big SIR Bob Holly discussed recognizing our branch veterans at the next meeting. Little SIR Roger Jackson will lead the recognition ceremony but needs updated veteran information from Rick Kindle. Webmaster Greg Back will also update the veteran information on our branch website.

Bob also discussed having a branch Honoree Committee to recognize and honor branch members who have made notable contributions to SIR. Roger Jackson volunteered to chair the committee and Greg Back volunteered to help on the committee. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Leonard Zumstein and seconded by Fred Courter. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:35am.

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

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.)



What To Do When The Wine Stinks

A special event? A fancy restaurant? An expensive wine list? You get to select the wine (gulp!). When the wine server arrives at your table, you check the label and the vintage...so far so good. After the cork removal ritual, the wine is poured for you to taste. You mentally review your tasting steps (see, swirl, smell, sip, swallow, summarize). Is something wrong with the wine? An off odor or an unpleasant taste? Repeat the steps again? Is there still something just a bit off? You probably have a flawed or spoiled wine.

What Should You Do?

First of all, tell the server you think there is something wrong with the wine. A trained sommelier will be able to tell with just a whiff if the wine is spoiled (oxidized) or corked—the two most common causes for a tainted wine. Being able to recognize these wine flaws will help you identify an “off” wine and hopefully not spoil your dining experience.

What Is An Oxidized Wine?

A loose cork or a faulty seal which allows oxygen to enter the bottle will start breaking down the wine. To learn how an oxidized wine smells, just leave leftover uncorked wine on the kitchen counter for a few days. Also storing wine improperly or keeping wine in extremely hot temperatures will cause oxidation. Remember that case you left in the trunk of your car? The wine loses its fruit character, tastes dull, will turn a brownish color, have a nutty aroma and a sherry-like quality. White wines take on a dried apple flavor and reds can smell like stewed prunes and will not pair well with your filet mignon.

What Is A Corked Wine?

No, a corked wine doesn't mean those bits of cork floating around in your glass. It refers to mold in the cork or present in the winery which combines with chemicals used to clean the cork creating a compound called trichloranisole or TCA. The wine smells and tastes like wet cardboard or wet newspaper. This musty quality can be present in fine wines (read expensive) as well as daily wines. Today, most wineries are fighting TCA by using composite corks, synthetic corks or screw caps. Ten to fifteen years ago cork taint was present in nearly 5% of wines in the market, according to experts.

Both wine flaws here are pretty easy to identify. If you're not sure, don't hesitate to

call the sommelier back for a whiff. The wine will be replaced if it is flawed with a clean wine glass to taste the new wine. Corked or oxidized wines are really yucky wines. Please don't ruin a nice dining experience by drinking a wine that smells and tastes like stewed prunes or musty wet newspapers.

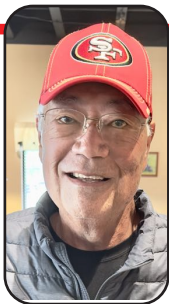
Wine Events To Consider

If you are a Pinot Noir fan, the Anderson Valley Pinot Noir Festival, May 17-19, 2024, should be #1 on your list. Nobody does Pinot like Anderson Valley. More than 50 wineries will be pouring including two dozen Napa and Sonoma wineries that covet Anderson Valley's fabulous fruit. Learn alongside winemakers at Friday's seminars then enjoy wine and music at the Friday sunset BBQ. Saturday immerse yourself in amazing Pinot Noirs, rose's and sparkling wines at the Grand Tasting and then explore the Valley during Sunday's winery open houses. Three days in paradise! For tickets and more information go to awwines.com.

The 5th Annual San Joaquin Valley Portuguese Festival hosted by the Carlos Vieira Foundation will be held April 19-21 at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds in Turlock. The three day event is open to ALL people to come and discover the culture and heritage of the Portuguese people and honor their contributions to the San Joaquin Valley. The Navigator and I went last year on Saturday and enjoyed the parade, the wine and cheese tasting and the entertainment. All the proceeds benefit the Carlos Vieira Foundation's Race for Autism campaign. For a complete list of activities over the three day run visit carlosvieirafoundation.org and remember admission and parking are free. Cheers!



Anderson Valley Wineries, Vineyards, Restaurants and Lodging



GOLF

Ken Kajioka, Chairman

| SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|---------|------|-----------|------|------|-------|------|----------------|
| MO | DATE | DAY | TIME | HOST | COURSE | GF | CART | PRIZE | TOT | REMARKS |
| May | 6 | Mon | 8:00 SG | 103A | Atwater | \$45 | | \$9 | \$54 | Carts Included |
| | 13 | Mon | 8:00 SG | 103B | Creekside | \$25 | \$20 | \$9 | \$54 | Carts Optional |
| | 20 | Mon | 8:00 SG | 144 | Manteca | \$40 | | \$9 | \$49 | Carts Included |
| | 28 | Tue | 8:00 SG | 103A | Dryden | \$23 | \$20 | \$9 | \$52 | Carts Optional |
| 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 |

Speaker for month of May will be

Chad Hilligus, Gallo Center

A proven arts leader, Chad was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Gallo Center for the Arts in Modesto, CA in July 2021. Previously he served as Executive + Artistic Director of Performance Santa Fe, and five years at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert, CA in various roles, including Senior Manager of Sponsorship Development, Resident Producer overseeing all special programming projects, and ultimately, Director of Major Gifts.

Chad has produced, directed, and performed in over 300 shows in more than twenty different countries across North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. A former member of the multi-platinum classical crossover group The Ten Tenors, Chad first gained international acclaim starring as Tony in the 50th Anniversary World Tour of West Side Story. He has performed as a Resident Artist with Sarasota Opera, Nashville Opera, Tulsa Opera, San Diego Opera, and frequently appears as a guest artist with orchestras across the country, most recently the Pacific Symphony and the Modesto Symphony Orchestra.

Chad is the founding producer of Innovative Arts Live. As a producer, he

has collaborated with icons such as Kristin Chenoweth, Tyne Daly, Lucie Arnaz, Alan Cumming, Florence Henderson, Gavin MacLeod, Lily Tomlin, and a long list of Broadway performers. Highlights include producing and directing West Side Story at Boston's Symphony Hall as part of the Bernstein Centennial with Keith Lockhart and The Boston Pops, producing and directing Carol Channing's 95th Birthday Spectacular at the McCallum Theatre, as well as producing Ms. Channing's official memorial celebration following her passing in 2019 at the age of 97.

Chad is also proud to serve on the California Presenters Board of Directors as the Chair of the CP Leadership Program, and on the Board of Directors for Visit Modesto.

Gallo Center for the Arts - (505) 984-8759



SIR NEWS

Branch 143 New Members



Left to right, Rick Ahlborn (sponsor Lon Bishop), Bob Holly, Big Sir, Les Austin, sponsor Larry Hughes



WE ARE A GENERATION THAT WILL NEVER COME BACK

- A generation that walked to school and then walked back.
- A generation that did their homework alone to get out asap to play in the street.
- A generation that spent all their free time in the streets with their Friends.
- A generation that played hide and seek when dark.
- A generation that made mud cakes.
- A generation that collected sports cards.
- A generation that found, collected and washed & returned empty coke bottles to the local grocery store for 5 cents each, then bought a Mountain Dew and candy bar with the money.
- A generation that made paper toys with their bare hands.
- A generation who bought vinyl albums to play on record players.
- A generation that collected photos and albums of clippings of their life experiences as a Kid.
- A generation that played board games and cards on rainy days.
- A generation whose TV went off at midnight after playing the National Anthem.
- A generation that had parents who were there.
- A generation that laughed under the covers in bed so parents didn't know we were still awake.
- A generation that is passing and unfortunately it will never return no matter how hard we try.

I loved Growing up when I did. it was the best of times

Send us photos of your event and we may get them into the SIR Newsletter...LIKE THIS GUY DID!



A Celebration of Rick Kindle's 80th Birthday happened on Saturday April 7th

Pictured left to right: Kelli Kindle Pohl, Tyler Kindle, Dana Kindle, Bailey Kindle, Rick Kindle, Jr., Judy Kindle, Rick Kindle, Sr., Emma Pohl, Lisa Kindle, Andain de los Santos, Monica Kindle Crabtree and Joe Crabtree.

The dog's name is Remi!

Dine Out



ANGELINI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

**Located on Geer Road
in Turlock**

Thursday, May 23rd
Meet 5:30 drinks - 6:00 dining
call Gary by Fri. May 17th
to RSVP 209-604-8406

SIR BRANCH # 143 THEATER TRIP

Thursday, June 27, 2024
2:00 p.m.

11175 Washington St., Columbia, CA 95310

TICKETS: \$25.00 / PERSON



Get your kicks with this smash coast-to-coast hit musical revue!

Beginning with the sounds of 1950s Chicago and traveling along the 'Main Street of America' to the California coast with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest 'Rock 'n' Road' hits of the 20th century. Songs include "Dead Man's Curve," "King of the Road," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena," "Beep-Beep," "Six Days on the Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and many more.

April 17th, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED:
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WE PLAN TO DO AN EARLY DINNER at GUS's ... AFTER THE PLAYLet Roger know if you are interested in joining us.

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