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

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## Message From The Big Sir...

**VOTE, VOTE, VOTE ON  
NOVEMBER 5th**

November is now here. Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday the 20th of November, at the Black Bear Diner, The doors open at 10:30 with the luncheon followed by our general meeting, and our guest speaker. Our guest speaker will be Lori Crivelli, she will be speaking about Medicare and many of the changes or new for the year 2025. There are several important changes for the new year.

Remember guests are always welcome to our meetings. I would like for each of you to bring 2 names of potential members (for our Sir branch 143) with phone numbers, and e-mails. Remember we are trying to reach a total membership of 100 or more by the end of the year. We can do this with your help!

**There are 2 Exceptional days in the month of November:**  
On Monday the 11th we celebrate Veterans Day! Please let



any and all Veterans that you appreciate their service. If you are a Veteran, I would personally would like to Thank You for Your Service!!!!

The second Exceptional Day has been around a lot longer. It is Thanksgiving on Thursday the 28th of November! Please give Thanks for what you and your family have.

**Trivia:**

- November 19 1863 Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
- November 22 1963 President Kennedy assassinated in Dallas,
- Texas Do you remember where you were??????
- November 30 1835 Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens) was born in Florida, Missouri

Our BEC meeting is at My Garden Cafe on Friday 22nd of November.

The meeting starts at 8:30. Come early for breakfast !!!!!  
Please have a peaceful month of November!!!!!!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!**

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

## JOIN US IN NOVEMBER

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, NOVEMBER 20th -  
WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

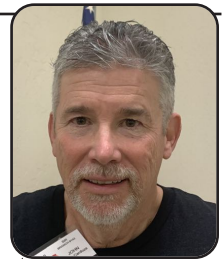
**NOTE: When you arrive at Black Bear Diner Order your food as soon as possible. Our speaker will start at 12 noon, also please try to finish your meal by 12 noon.**

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



# SIR TRAVEL

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



★ ★ ★ ★ **16 NIGHTS** ★ ★ ★ ★

## Panama Canal Cruise

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



We have a married SIR from Turlock and would like to find someone to share a cabin with on this cruise.

### 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

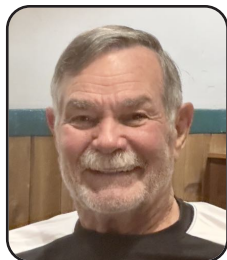
**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico - Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala/Puntarenas, Costa Rica/Fuerto Amador, Panama/Full Transit through the historic locks and Cartagena, Columbia**

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.**

# SIR 143 - 2024 OFFICERS

## Working For You!



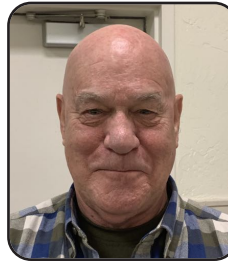
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BIG Sir



**Roger Jackson**  
Little Sir



**Greg Back**  
Secretary/Web Master



**Rock Libby**  
Assistant Secretary



**Leonard Zumstein**  
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**John Cardoza**  
Travel Chairman



**Mike Johnson**  
Membership



**Fred Courter**  
Newsletter



**Vern Segars**  
Assistant Treasurer



**Gary Toombs**  
Dine Out

### INCOMING 2025 BRANCH OFFICERS

Election of officers for 2025 took place at the August luncheon meeting by a unanimous vote. Here are the incoming 2025 Branch 143 officers:

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

Respectively Submitted,  
Greg Back  
Chairman - Nominating Committee

### NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at

**MY GARDEN CAFE**  
**FRIDAY November 22nd**

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**

### **OCTOBER 18, 2024 - 8:30AM**

**Officers Present:** Roger Jackson, Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter, John Cardoza, Dan Gorman.

**Members/Guests Present:** Rick Kindle, 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 Leonard Zumstein and seconded by John Cardoza. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Checking = \$4,209.18**

**Cash on hand = \$275.00**

**Receipts = \$300.00** (\$10 dues, \$50 raffle, \$240 prepaid Christmas Luncheon)

**Expenditures = \$150.14** (printing supplies, Constant Contact subscription)

Expenses submitted at this meeting for reimbursement: \$28.80 to Greg Back for Constant Contact monthly subscriptions, \$20.08 to Fred Courter for postage and printing supplies, \$121.91 to Rick Kindle for Turlock Farmer's Market raffle prizes. Leonard asked for a motion to approve these expenses with first by Gary Toombs and second by Fred Courter. Motion carried unanimously.

**Membership Report:** Chairman Mike Johnson was not present but John Cardoza reported that 29 members, 2 guests and 1 speaker were in attendance at our October luncheon.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Bocce Ball:** Chairman Mike Johnson not present, no report.

**Golf:** Chairman Ken Kajioka reported on current state of the branch golf program and requested a current membership list to verify all those attending SIR golf events are members in good standing.

**Travel:** Chairman John Cardoza reported on the upcoming Panama Canal cruise January 20 through February 5, 2025 with 6 cabins booked. He also reported on the proposed Reno trip January 9-10, 2025. Amtrak revised schedules no longer support train connections from Turlock to Reno so the current plan is for the train to Stockton connecting to buses to Sacramento and Reno. The return trip is still via train all the way. Fairs are about \$98/person at this time and those interested should contact John.

**RV:** Wagon Master Roger Jackson reported on the up-

coming Pismo Beach trip and the various activities planned such as wine tasting, attending a play, bike rides and a group dinner. Roger also reported on the Jackson Rancheria RV trip for April, 2025 with 10 rigs currently signed up.

**Dine Out/Other Activities;** Chairman Gary Toombs reported the next dine out will be at Don Tito's Bar and Grill in Denair on Tuesday, November 7. Cocktails at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6pm. Those interested should RSVP to Gary right away.

**Recruitment & Publicity:** Chairman Rick Kindle reported that a publicity training session over Zoom would be at 10am today. Rick also reviewed options for a media ad campaign for Area 18 branches that had State SIR matching funds available. Rick requested that the BEC approve \$1,000.00 for Branch 143 advertising with a commitment for another \$1,000.00 next year dependent upon results after a review at end of first quarter 2025. Motion was requested with first by Greg Back and second by Dan Gorman. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** Little SIR Roger Jackson reviewed the schedule of branch operations and stated that the branch Form 20 has been successfully submitted. Treasurer Leonard Zumstein reported that our quarterly State SIR assessment has been paid.

Roger reported on the December Lady's Day Luncheon at the Fruit Yard on our regular meeting day/time December 18, 2024. Cost will be \$40/person and those interested need to mail their checks to Treasurer Leonard Zumstein or pay at the November lunch meeting.

There was continued discussion of an Activities subcommittee for day trips. Members included John Cardoza and Ken Kajioka but more are needed.

There was discussion about our Membership Chair Mike Johnson and that he needs help at the lunch meetings to greet guests, make sure guests are paired with a member for lunch and pass out membership applications (with pens to complete them). It is on the agenda to discuss at our next luncheon meeting and to ask for volunteers to help at future meetings.

**New Business:** It was brought up that Speaker Committee Chairman Gary Potter would like to step down. A new committee to replace Gary Potter was discussed potentially consisting of Gary Toombs, Ken Kajioka and Gary Potter. Will be discussed further at the next BEC meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by John Cardoza and seconded by Fred Courter. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:43am.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.**



# RV TRAVEL

Roger Jackson  
RV Chairman



## 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



**Thursday, November 7th**  
**Don Tito's Bar & Grill**  
 4701 Main St., Denair  
**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



From Travel  
Chairman  
**John  
Cardoza**



**Turlock SIR #143**  
**Train Experience – Turlock to Reno**  
**January 9 – 10, 2025**

**\$150/person - Roundtrip (rates vary and subject to change)**

**Book Flex-Rates / Senior-Military Discount (10%)**

**Amtrak Website link: [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) 800-872-7245**

**NOTE: When you book with an agent or direct, be sure to reserve the same train numbers.**

**Itinerary**

<b>TRAIN</b>	<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DEPART</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ARRIVAL</b>
711	TURLOCK	1/9/25	7:45 AM	STOCKTON	1/9/25	8:36AM
<b>Bus 3711</b>	Stockton	1/9/25	8:45 AM	Sacramento	1/9/25	9:50AM
6	Sacramento	1/9/25	10:23 AM	Reno	1/9/25	3:27PM
5	Reno	1/10/25	9:24 AM	Martinez	1/10/25	4:13PM
718	Martinez	1/10/25	6:15 PM	Turlock	1/10/25	8:08PM

Please join us on this train experience when we take **Amtrak/BUS** to Sacramento and the California Zephyr from Sacramento to Reno. We will make stops in Roseville, Colfax and Truckee, before arriving in Reno.

The higher up we will go in elevation, the more stunning and gorgeous the views will become. We will see bright, sunlit woodsy meadows, farmland, mountains, huge pine trees, Donner Lake and the Truckee River, which flows right beside us. We will travel through several dark tunnels. The views will change from bright green grass to snowy mountains, and the skies will go from sunshine to thick cloud cover.

Gradually, we will start seeing patches of snow higher up and then maybe a foot or more of snow on either side of the train.

Once the train arrives in Reno around 3:30 p.m., we will walk a short distance to the hotel. It's recommended you make reservations, for Thursday night, January 9th, at the **Silver Legacy 775-329-4777**, or a hotel of your choice.

**Contact John Cardoza at 209-483-7722, if you have any questions or need help!**  
**PLEASE contact John when you have booked your trip.**



# THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



### The 11th Annual Barbera Festival Celebrates An Italian Classic

Let me put this out there right now. If you love Barbera wine, I mean really-really love it for its deep color, full body, low tannins, high level of acidity and food friendliness, then you need to put this festival on your calendar for next year. Do it right now! This highly anticipated Barbera experience treats everyone like a VIP. The big draw, of course, is the opportunity to indulge in the grand tasting featuring Barbera wines from 40+ renowned wineries from California and Italy. It is held at Terra d' Oro Winery in their very cool and spacious barrel room.

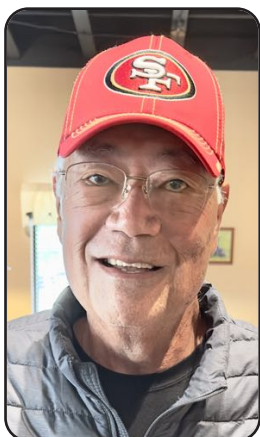
Parking was easy with a convenient shuttle to the barrel room. The servers began circulating with a variety of hors d'oeuvres at 4pm. Succulent lamb and beef skewers were grilled to perfection and the bruschetta on crostini was delicious. They also offered flatbreads topped with creamy brie, grilled peaches, fresh basil and a drizzle of hot honey. In the center of the room was an impressive charcuterie and cheese display. You could also watch the chef preparing a sizzling paella and later a creamy pasta. The dessert bar included rich Decadent Brownies, Salted Chocolate Chip Cookies, Caramel Toffee Cookies and Double Chocolate Chip Cookies. I guarantee you will not be hungry at closing, which is 7pm.

Excellent live music set the mood, along with a 360 photo booth, a sacred fire dance light show, a silent auction and a quiet VIP Lounge, if you needed a break, and I did. I should mention that the tasting is an array of Barbera wines, including sparklings, roses', classic reds,

whites and unique blends. The Terra d' Oro Winery is at 20680 Shenandoah School Road, Plymouth CA 05669. Congratulations to the Amador Vintners Association for celebrating the rich heritage and unique flavors of Barbera. Yes, the 12th ANNUAL BARBERA FESTIVAL, August 2, 2025 is on my calendar. Is it on yours?

### What's on Our Table

Two valley wineries, Peirano Winery and Bogle Family Vineyards scored well in the current Wine Enthusiast magazine. Bogle scored 91 points for the 2021 Essential Red Blend, the 2021 Petite Sirah and the 2022 Chardonnay. The SRP is \$11 and the sale price is in the \$7-\$10 range. These are quality daily wines at a very fair price. Peirano Winery from Lodi scored a 92 points for its 2022 The Immortal ZIN, \$14. I've seen this in our local Save Mart. The Peirano Estate Winemaker's Selection Red Blend scored 91. It is a blend of Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Tempranillo, \$20. I stopped by recently to taste and bought a mixed case for \$96! Again, quality wines at \$8 a bottle. Wowza! I don't get into Trader Joe's very often because there is no TJ's between Modesto and Fresno. I live in the town that had the last stoplight on Highway 99, so I'm stuck in the middle. Coming home from the Barbera Festival, the Navigator suggested we stop at TJ's in Modesto. Of course I agreed. I picked up a 2022 La Sonriente, a Spanish Garnacha from the Catalunya Region, for just \$6.99. La Sonriente made our table many years ago and I'm happy to see it again, kinda like meeting an old friend. Is it muy fantastico? No, just a sound wine at a fair price with a very cool label. Cheers! Comments? Find me on Facebook or at [rgwinton@yahoo.com](mailto:rgwinton@yahoo.com).



# GOLF Chairman Ken Kajioka

## SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2024

All Dates Monday,  
 November 4, 8:00am SG Host 103B at Dry Creek GF \$44, Prize \$9 TOT \$53, carts included  
 November 11, 9:00am SG, Host 144 at Dryden GC, GF \$24, Prize \$9, TOT \$53, carts \$20  
 November 18, 9:00am SG 103A, at Swenson, GF \$40, Prize \$9, TOT \$49, carts optional  
 November 25, 9:00am SG, Host 103B at Creekside, GF \$26, Prize \$9 TOT \$55 carts \$20



# Speaker for month of NOVEMBER will be **LORI CRIVELLI**



*Lori Crivelli, LUTCF, AFIS*

1572 Fulkerth Road  
Turlock, CA 95380  
209-668-3319



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



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

## **BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

Ed Boyle 11/8/1948, Ray Land 11/25/1937,  
Rock Libby 11/7/1946, Greg Miranda 11/17/1937  
Gary Potter 11/15/1940,



## **ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER**

Rick Kindle 11/27/1964, Tom Mickelsen 11/28/1970,





# Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon

**Popular Event - Make Your Reservations Now**

**When: Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

**Where: The Fruit Yard, 7948 Yosemite Blvd, Modesto**

**Time: 11:00am**

Please join us for our annual ladies day Christmas luncheon at the Fruit Yard. The menu includes Tri Tip, Chicken Marsala, Salad, Potatoes, Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Rolls and Dessert Tray.

**Our special guest speaker will be Erin Nelson from Jessica's House.**

**The cutoff date for reservations is December 1.**

If you would like to join us please send your check (\$40/person made out to "SIR") to: Leonard Zumstein 2645 Mira Flores, Turlock, CA 95380

*We hope you will be able to join us.*



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## TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2024

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RV Chairman .....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
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John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman

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