

# SENIOR TIMES

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

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## Message From The Big Sir...

Welcome to October, probably the largest month for selling candy. On the 24th of September several members of your Sir's leader group meet with a large number of other Sirs branches.



This was our 2024 annual meeting. In the near future the meeting will be published on the Internet, so you will be able to see what your state leaders have been working on this past year plus. Past State President Dale Decker, was Acknowledged and Awarded the Presidents Award. Following we elected the state Sir officers. There were no contested officers. Those of you who are Sir golfers might want to check with Ken Kajioka to find out the (tentative) 2025 State Golf Schedule.

I would like for each of you if possible to bring 2 names of friends to the luncheon meeting on the 16th of October. When you do please have their names, phone number, and e-mail, these will be collected and a post card will be sent to them, we will also send them an e-mail, and give them a phone call. This is just one way that we are trying to bring more members into our Branch 143. Trivia: October 12th (1492) Columbus discovered America.

October 19th (1951) World War II ended formally between U.S. and Germany.

October 31 (????) Halloween, night for "roving spirits," tricks. treats, fun, and little Goblins!

**Have a Good Month!!!!!!  
Your Big Sir Bob Holly**

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

## JOIN US IN OCTOBER

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, OCTOBER 16th - WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

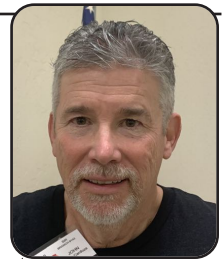
**NOTE: When you arrive at Black Bear Diner Order your food as soon as possible. Our speaker will start at 12 noon, also please try to finish your meal by 12 noon.**

**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!



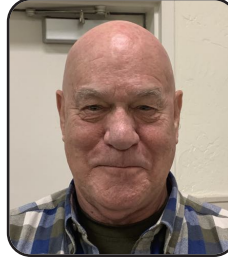
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BIG Sir



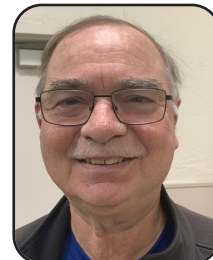
**Roger Jackson**  
Little Sir



**Greg Back**  
Secretary/Web Master



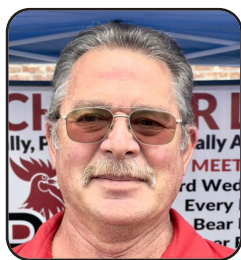
**Rock Libby**  
Assistant Secretary



**Leonard Zumstein**  
Treasurer



**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 October 18th**

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**

### **September 20, 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, Ken Kajioaka

**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 Fred Courter. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**Checking = \$4059.32**

**Cash on hand = 275.00.**

**Receipts = \$40.00**

**Expenditures = \$333.44**

**Expenditures were \$225.00**

**State quarterly assessment, \$39.44**

**\$69.00 reimbursement for Constant Contact subscription to Greg Back. New receipts for expense reimbursement submitted at the meeting today - \$90.06 from Rick Kindle for gift basket given away at Denair Farm Family Festival, \$20.08 to Fred Courter for printing/mailing supplies and \$15.00 for Constant Contact month subscription to Greg Back.**

Motion to approve these expenses by Vern Segars and second by Kevin Byrne. Motion carried unanimously.

**Membership Report:** Chairman Mike Johnson reported that we have 92 paid members with a median age of 79. Attendance at our Wednesday lunch meeting was 35 (including 5 guests) and 2 speakers. Mike submitted 1 new membership application from the lunch meeting from Tim Pflueger who also paid prorated dues for the rest of the year. Motion to approve the membership application by Roger Jackson and second by John Cardoza. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Bocce Ball:** Chairman Mike Johnson reported 6 players attended the last outing but ended early due to the high temperatures.

**Sunshine:** Chairman Rock Libby was not present, no report.

**Golf:** Chairman Ken Kajioaka reported that he would like to be notified of new members that are interested in golf.

**Travel:** Chairman John Cardoza reported that he met a member from a Modesto branch that is interested in going on our branch RV outings. He will forward the information to Roger Jackson. John stated that the next trip scheduled is the Panama Canal cruise in 2025 and that he is still working on logistics for a possible overnight Amtrak snow train to Reno.

**RV:** Wagon Master Roger Jackson reported on the various activities planned for the Pismo Beach RV trip and that there were 9 rigs confirmed with 1 spot still open. The Jackson Rancheria RV outing in spring 2025 has 11 rigs signed up.

**Dine Out/Other Activities;** Chairman Gary Toombs reported the dine out after the Route 66 play was a big success and enjoyed by all who attended. The next dine out will be in Modesto at the J.P. Asian Fusion restaurant on October 3 following the olive oil tasting event at Scibiacas Olive Oils also in Modesto. There are currently 35 signed up for the tasting. There may be another dine out in Nov/Dec but he is still working on it with the details tbd. Also a possibility is an event in his backyard for pizza cooked in his authentic Italian outdoor wood fired pizza oven with bring your own wine or other beverage.

**Recruitment & Publicity:** Chairman Rick Kindle reported that our SIR branch outreach event at the Denair Farm and Family Festival was very successful. The raffle basket given away was a good hook to get people to stop and give us a chance to talk to them about SIR.

#### **Old Business:**

Little SIR Roger Jackson discussed the upcoming Christmas ladies day lunch at the Fruit Yard. The special speaker for the luncheon will be Aaron Nelson from Jessica's House. He will talk to member Greg Miranda about providing musical entertainment for the luncheon in exchange for his lunch. Tickets for the Christmas luncheon are \$40/person and to RSVP and send payment to Leonard. There was discussion about table decorations and raffle prizes for the Christmas ladies day luncheon. Last year's luncheon had poinsettias on the tables but they took up too much room and people set them on the floor. For this year's luncheon we discussed having the poinsettias and a gift basket at front table and raffle them after lunch. Each lady present will be given a ticket for the raffle drawing as they enter. There was a motion to approve \$200 for the poinsettias and gift basket with first by Greg Back and second by Vern Segars. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

Rick Kindle asked for approval to purchase another gift basket to be given away the Turlock Farmer's Market outreach event. There was a motion to approve up to \$125 for a gift basket with first by Gary Toombs and second by Fred Courter. Motion carried unanimously.

Big SIR Bob Holly discussed the idea of soliciting names of potential new members with the branch then sending out invite cards to a SIR luncheon or other activity. Will be discussed more at the next BEC meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Kevin Byrne and seconded by Roger Jackson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

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



# RV TRAVEL

Roger Jackson  
RV Chairman



## PISMO COAST RV OUTING OCTOBER 20-25, 2024

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### RESERVATION STEPS:

- 1 Call for reservation 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.



## 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**



# THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



### Central Coast Wine Competition names Eberle Winery as Winery of the Year.

The California Mid-State Fair released the winners of the 22nd Annual Central Coast Wine Competition (CCWS) presented by the Community West Bank and KRUSH 92.5 FM and the 9th Annual California Craft Spirits Competition (CCSC) presented by Visit Atascadero.

The Central Coast Wine competition named Eberle Winery as the 2024 Winery of the Year. This is the second time they have won the award going back to 2013. The Paso Robles winery had all of their 12 entries place in this year's competition. They took home Best of Show and Best White honors along with three Best of Class and Double Gold awards, five Golds, three Silvers and one Bronze.

The 2023 Paso Robles Viognier was Best of Show and the Best White from Eberle Winery. The Best Red was the 2022 Tannat from Volatus, Paso Robles. The Best Rose' was the 2023 Sofia Rose' from Delicato Family Wines, Monterey. The Best Dessert Wine was the Mission Angelica from the Glunz Family Winery & Cellars, Paso Robles.

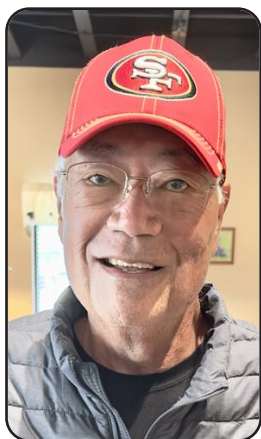
In the Spirits Competition the Best of Show and Best of Class Gin was Griffio, Petaluma, Scott Street

Gin. The Best Class Agave was the Catedral De Mi Padre, Paso Robles, Ensemble Mexicano. The Best Class Liqueur was Griffio, Petaluma, Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur. The Best of Class Vodka, Golden Eagle Vodka, Lake Forest CA, Golden Eagle Vodka.

### What's on our Table

As I write this, the temperature today is going to hit 105 degrees, yesterday was a cool 103 and tomorrow it might hit a sizzling 107. It's time for my "no brainer" wine cooler to cool my jets. Buy a few bottles of (cheap) Pinot Grigio and bottles of diet tonic (yes, no carbs). Mix one bottle of wine to a bottle of tonic. Next, slice up and squeeze several limes and lemons, pour over insulated glass well packed with ice, hit the pool and enjoy! If that doesn't float your boat try Option #2. Select a bone dry and well chilled Rose'. The Grocery Outlet has plenty to choose from, all under \$6. I've mentioned the Terra Nostra from Corsica and the Cloudline from Oregon. Here are a few more: Diora La Belle Fete Monterey, Cape Bleue Rose' and Res Fortes Rose both from France. Not satisfied? Then resort to Option #3. Don't dump the Rose', just mix it with the diet tonic, add the citrus and Viola, a sexy Pink wine cooler. Please stay cool, 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,
- October 7, 8:00am SG Host 103A at Castle Oaks GF \$49, Prize \$9 TOT \$58, carts included
- October 14, 8:00am SG, Host 103B at Tracy GC, GF \$50, Prize \$9, TOT \$59, carts included
- October 21, 8:00am SG, Host 144, at Dryden, GF \$24, Cart \$20, Prize \$9, TOT \$53, carts optional
- October 28, 8:00am SG, Host 103A at Manteca, GF \$40, Prize \$9 TOT \$49 carts included

Speaker for month of OCTOBER will be

**Monica Finn** Economic Development and Research Department at Opportunity Stanislaus



Monica Finn heads the Economic Development and Research Department at Opportunity Stanislaus. With over two decades of experience in Wealth Management, along with a strong background in Finance and Economic De-

velopment, Monica brings a unique blend of expertise to her role. Known for delivering exceptional results and trusted as an advisor to top Silicon Valley executives she is recognized for her ability to drive impactful change.

Originally studying Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Forensic Studies, Monica shifted her focus to positively impacting society by solving complex challenges. Her solution-driven mindset and operational expertise allow her to thrive in dynamic environments, offering clear direction in technical and non-technical contexts.

Monica grew up in the Bay Area and moved to Central Valley in 2016, where she has found a true sense of home. She loves the Central Valley for its small hometown feel and critical role in driving economic growth and innovation across industries. Monica is passionate about working on initiatives to bolster the

region’s future, focusing on long-term, sustainable development for the business community and residents.

Monica’s strengths include Operations, Program and Project Management, Business Unity Management, Quality Control, Strategic Partnerships, and Content Creation. She excels at managing diverse projects and fostering collaborations that lead to successful execution. With a passion for simplifying complex concepts, Monica creates compelling content that resonates with a broad audience.

Outside of her professional life, Monica is deeply committed to community involvement, volunteering with local organizations focused on economic empowerment.

With her extensive background, Monica Finn is poised to drive meaningful change in the business world and the communities she serves through her work at Opportunity Stanislaus.

Active Member of the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED)

Board member for the California Central Valley Economic Corporation (CCVEDC)

Ambassador for Stanislaus Latino Chamber of Commerce (SLCC)



**BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER**

Larry Date 10/21/1947, Phil Franco 10/4/1947,  
Ladd Hackler 10/29/1942, Tom Pannier 10/15/1947



**ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER**

Kevin Byrne 10/24/1981, Edward Friedberg 10/17/1983,  
Bernie Mailloux 10/22/1955, Marvin Scott 10/29/1961



# Some photos from the Denair Farm & Family Held September 14th



## Dine-In or Dine Out

Coming on December 18th Our Christmas Luncheon -  
The cost will be \$40.00 each, The Speaker will be Erin  
Nelson. More info to follow.



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Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer .....	Vern Segars	634-2142
Membership .....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Assistant Membership/Mailing .....	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Recruiting .....	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Bowling.....	Tom Mickelson	632-2917
Travel Chairman .....	John Cardoza	483-7722
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Chaplain.....	OPEN	
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Assistant RV Chairman .....	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Web Master .....	Greg Back	585-6862
Nominating Com. Chair.....	Greg Back	585-6862

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John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman

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