

# SENIOR TIMES

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

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## Message From The Big Sir...

At our last meeting we installed Ken Gomes as our newest member. Be sure to welcome Ken when you see him at our luncheon meeting or any place you see him or any of our other members. We are still striving to reach 100 members by the end of the year. We need your help to reach this number.



Please talk to your friends about joining a fabulous group of men who meet once a month for a luncheon meeting and take part in a number of leaser activities. At our next meeting we will be taking ideas from our members for day trips.

On the 24th of September several members of your leadership group will be attending a

state meeting. During this meeting we will be discussing possible changes to SIR. Some of the possible changes Logo, Name, possibly be coming a 501c, paying a director and other Leadership positions. We will bring back the information we are given at this state meeting.

### Trivia:

September 5th: 1774 First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia

September 8th: 1892 Pledge of Allegiance adopted  
September 14th: Francis Scott Key wrote "Star Spangled Banner"

September 24th: U.S. Supreme Court Established

September 29th: Congress established regular Army, of 840

**Please Be SAFE!!!!!!**  
**Your Big Sir Bob Holly**

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

## JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 18th - 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

**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!**

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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!



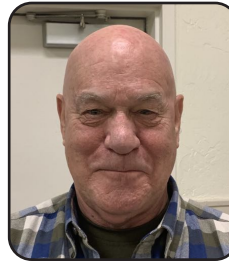
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BIG Sir



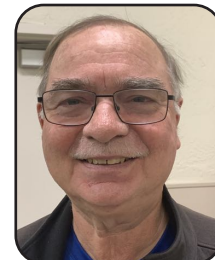
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Little Sir



**Greg Back**  
Secretary/Web Master



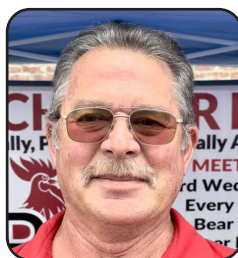
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Assistant Secretary



**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 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 September 20th**

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**

### **August 23, 2024 - 8:30AM**

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

**Members/Guests Present:** Mark Taylor, Larry Hughes

**Quorum:** Secretary Greg Back reported that a quorum is present.

#### **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Motion to accept the June BEC minutes as published in the newsletter by Lenny Zumstein and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Leonard Zumstein reviewed Form 28 from last 2 months and reported – June Checking = \$4,296.76, Cash on hand = \$275.00, Receipts = \$92.00 Expenditures = \$75.94, July Checking = \$4,392.76 Cash on hand = \$275.00, Receipts = \$96.00 Expenditures = \$0.00, Treasurer Leonard Zumstein requested a motion to reimburse Greg Back \$69.00 for Constant Contact subscription and Fred Courter \$39.44 for printing supplies/postage. First by Roger Jackson and Second by Greg Back. Motion carried unanimously.

**Membership Report:** Chairman Mike Johnson reported that there were 36 in attendance at our August luncheon including guests and speakers. Mike reported that new member Les Austin is still pending installation. He is recovering from medical issues but should be at the October lunch meeting. Also presented 2 membership applications for Les Stokes and Ken Gomes for review and approval. Motion to approve by Mike Johnson and second by Rock Libby. Motion carried unanimously. Branch membership now stands at 90.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Bocce Ball:** Chairman Mike Johnson reported there were 6 in attendance at the last Bocce Ball outing at the Dust Bowl Brewery with 3 staying for lunch.

**Golf:** Chairman Ken Kajioka not present, no report.

**Travel:** Chairman John Cardoza not present but Roger Jackson reported on the proposed train trip to Reno this winter. Amtrak has changed their schedule and there is not currently connecting service from Turlock. More info to be provided later.

**RV:** Wagon Master Ken Kajioka was not present but Roger Jackson reported that there are 7 rigs signed up for Pismo Beach in October and 10 rigs signed up for Jackson Rancheria next April.

**Dine Out/Other Activities;** Chairman Gary Toombs reported that the next outing will be 10/3 for oil tasting at Scibica's followed by dinner at JP Asian Fusion restaurant in Modesto. Motion to approve this as an official SIR outing

by Mike Johnson with second by Gary Toombs. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recruitment and Publicity:** Chairman Rick Kindle not present, no report.

#### **Old Business:**

Little SIR Roger Jackson discussed the next publicity event at the Turlock Farmer's Market on 9/7 and passed around the signup sheet for volunteers. Call Roger if you would like to help out at our booth.

Big SIR Bob Holly discussed the upcoming state meeting in Lafayette on 9/24 and requested all officers/directors to attend. Bob also discussed the election of 2025 branch officers at the August luncheon. Results of the election were:

**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 Cardoza**

**Director 6 – Fred Courter**

#### **New Business:**

There was discussion about the "Doing My Part" recognition pins followed by a motion to award a pin to Roger Jackson at the next lunch meeting. First by Vern Segars with second by Rock Libby. Motion carried unanimously.

Little SIR Roger Jackson discussed our SIR presence at the upcoming Denair Family and Farm Festival on Saturday, 9/14 and solicited a motion to reimburse Rick Kindle \$25.00 to secure our booth space. Motion by Gary Toombs and second by Fred Courter. Motion carried unanimously.

Roger also discussed our upcoming 2024 Christmas Luncheon to be held at the Fruityard. After a short discussion the BEC decided on \$40.00 per person. Roger solicited a motion to approve the ticket price with a first by Vern Segars and second by Dan Gorman. Motion carried unanimously.

Roger also reported on an Area 18 joint picnic tentatively planned for next spring. We need to gauge our branch membership interest. More information to follow.

The BEC continued discussion about possible day trips and reviewed a list of possible trips provided by some of our branch members and their spouses/significant others. Need to discuss with Activities Chairman Gary Toombs when he is available.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Fred Courter and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 10:04am.

**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.)



### Why Don't We Drink More Champagne?

Champagne is delicious, readily available, food friendly and not very expensive, so why don't we drink it year-round? I guess we're programmed to think it's just for New Years Eve and special events...and what's that? When Madam Lily Bollinger of Bollinger Champagne was asked by a reporter when she drinks champagne, she replied, "I drink it when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink when I'm alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise never touch it...unless I'm thirsty."

To be called Champagne, the wine must come from the Champagne Region of France. The region is 90 miles northeast of Paris, has a very cool climate and is known for its chalky soils which produce highly acidic wines. Three grapes can be used to make Champagne: Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay. It is made by a process called Methode Champenoise which includes a secondary fermentation in the bottle creating those wonderful bubbles.

In the United States we refer to Champagne as Sparkling Wine, in Spain it is called Cava and in Germany it's Sekt, Prosecco or Spumante in Italy, and in the other regions of France it is labeled Cremant. Because of the secondary fermentation in the bottle, the pressure inside is about 90 pounds per square inch, so knowing how to open the bottle is very important for you and those around you.

Make sure the bottle is well chilled. Cut off the foil, keeping your hand on the cork at all times and pointing the bottle 45 degrees away from you, undue the wire cage and place a cloth napkin over the cork, twist the base of the bottle clockwise and the cork counterclockwise...the cork should ease right out with a sound of a quiet "phfft". The sweetness of Champagne is on noted the label. Brut means dry, Extra Dry means sweeter than Brut and Sec means semi-sweet which is very sweet. How about a bubbly for dinner tonight?

### Calaveras Wineries Score Gold

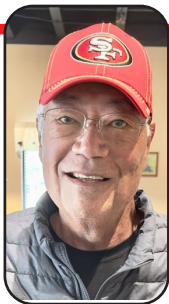
At the 43rd Annual Sierra Foothills Wine Competition a total of 19 Double Gold Awards, 33 Gold Awards, 92 Silver Awards and 55 Bronze Awards were presented. The Calaveras Winegrape Alliance members took home the top awards. Here are the Gold winners: Black Sheep '21 Zinfandel took a DG and the Best of Calaveras Red & Zinfandel Challenge Winner. Ironstone Vineyard scored two DGs with '21 Red Blend and '21 Chardonnay Reserve' and a Gold for the '21 Meritage Reserve'. Tanner Vineyards took a DG for the 2019 Petite Verdot and a Gold for the '22 Vermentino. Milliaire Winery took 2 Golds for the '21 Malbec and the '20 Touriga. Hovey Winery scored two Golds for their '22 Chardonnay, the 2019 Red Blend 'Founders Blend'.

These CWA Wineries took Golds: Gossamer Cellars '19 Barbera, Hatcher Winery 2019 Merlot, Newsome Harlow '23 Sauvignon Blanc, School Street Wines '23 Pinot Grigio & Best of Show White. Val du Vino Winery '21 Red Blend '3 Cousins'. Nice job CWA.

### What's On Our Table

McManis Family Vineyards took eight Silver Medals and six Bronze in the 2024 California State Fair Competition. The Silver awards were: '21 Cabernet Sauvignon (91), NV Brut (91), '22 Pinot Noir (91), '22 Merlot (91), '22 Petite Syrah (91), '23 Pinot Grigio (88), '22 Chenin Blanc/Viognier (88) and the '22 Viognier (88). Recently the Wine Enthusiast magazine recognized McManis Family Vineyards with four 'Best Buys' designations and all are from the Lodi Appellation. The '22 Merlot, \$10, and the '22 Pinot Noir, \$12, both earned 92 points. The '22 Petite Syrah, \$12, earned 91 and the '22 Cabernet Sauvignon, \$12, earned 90. Award winning wines available in your supermarket at affordable prices, well done McManis Family. Cheers!

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



## GOLF

Ken Kajioka,  
Chairman

SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2024										
MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Sep	3	Tue	8:00	SG 144	Dryden	\$24	\$20	\$9	\$53	Carts Optional
	9	Mon	8:00	SG 103A	Swenson	\$40		\$9	\$49	Carts Included
	16	Mon	8:00	SG 103B	Dryden	\$24	\$20	\$9	\$53	Carts
YET	23	Mon	8:00	SG ALL	Manteca YET	\$40		\$0 or \$9	\$40	Carts Included
	30	Mon	8:00	SG 144	Creekside	\$26	\$20	\$9	\$55	Carts Included



Speaker for month of September will be

# AMY BUBLAK

Amy Bublak arrived at Stanislaus State in 1983 with two goals: to play sports and distance herself from her hometown of Latrobe in El Dorado County.

The 1989 graduate did so much more, emerging as the epitome of a Warrior.

The Mayor of Turlock, serving her second four-year term after re-election in 2022, is hard-pressed to explain her improbable journey, from unhappy childhood to athletics success, bachelor's degree in sociology, president of Stan State's Associated Students, Inc., police officer and the leader of a city of 73,000.

"I'm very blessed. I can only thank so many people that took a chance on me," Bublak said. "Between the Turlock community and the campus community, I am where I am."

The first to take a chance was the late Mark Erickson, the Stan State track team's throwing coach. He saw the Ponderosa High School student compete in the shot put and convinced her to attend Stan State.

The University was a place for her to start anew and to be something other than the people she'd seen all her life make bad decisions.

Still, she admits, "I had no intentions of getting an education. I was just going to play sports."

Athletics had been her lifeline.

She played basketball and competed in track at Ponderosa High School and walked on to Stan State's non-scholarship, Division III women's basketball team.

She was appointed by U.S. Attorney General William Barr to the



Social Problems Working Group, a subcommittee of the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice in 2019. The work is almost complete, she said, despite a change in presidential administrations.

Her priority as mayor is improving the roads in Turlock.

Her focus is on her city, and after some time away, on Stanislaus State.

Bublak and Stan's State Interim President Sue Borrego have connected and talked about more University-City collaboration.

Bublak arranged a bus tour of Turlock for Borrego and other University leaders, and Borrego accepted Bublak's invitation to ride with her in the city's holiday parade.

Riding in the parade is a perk for the mayor, but Bublak's commitment isn't about that.

"When I first ran for council, I felt I had to do it for Turlock," Bublak said. "I have to give back for everything I've gotten. I'll probably never be able to repay what I feel I got out of this community, Stanislaus State and Turlock."

The competitor in her, though, drives her to at least try.



## BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Ken Gomes - 9/5, Brent Bohlender - 9/30/1950  
 Jack Miller - 9/15/1936, Gary Toombs - 9/17/1942



## ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Louie Duron 9/28/1963, Michael Johnson 9/24/1988,  
 Les Austin 9/5/1981, John Cardoza 9/21/2022,  
 Fred Courter - 62 years, 9/8/1962,  
 Ernie Scheuber 9/28/1958, Curt Green 9/19/1969,  
 Ken Gomes 9/19, Phil Franco 9/24/2004,  
 Ladd Hackler 9/27/1969

## **NEW INDUCTEE for BRANCH #143...**

**Left to right: Big  
SIR Bob Holly,  
New inductee Ken Gomes**



# **Dine-In or Dine Out**



**SIR Members and Guests**

**Please Join Us for a Tasting Experience of  
Sciabica Premium**

**California Olive Oils and Craft Beer**

**Thursday, October 3rd - 1-3p.m.**

**2150 Yosemite Blvd, Modesto, CA 95354**

**Note: For those who want to do  
the craft beer tasting, there is a cost of \$10**

The gift shop / store will be available if you wish to purchase the best  
California Olive Oils and products as well as gift packs.

**Dine Out: 4:00 p.m. at J.P. Asian Fusion 3801 Pelandale Ave  
Suite E3, Modesto, CA 95356**

**Please let Roger know, by September 20th, if you would like to join in on the fun!  
Email: [rogjxn@me.com](mailto:rogjxn@me.com)**



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Newsletter Editor/Photo .....	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball.....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program .....	Gary Potter	667-8516
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RV Chairman .....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Assistant RV Chairman .....	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Web Master .....	Greg Back	585-6862
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Directors: Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter,  
John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman

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