

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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and dignity of retirement*

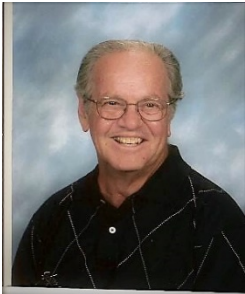


April 2017 Newsletter

Volume 04- 2017

Message from Big Sir Gary Williams

Thank You Gerry Veloria



I hope all are looking forward to the luncheon on the 20th, and I'm looking forward to a good turnout. Attendance is a good barometer on the health of the branch. This all ties into the automated call system that we are using, where we give a courtesy call, on Sunday before the meeting, where each member can give a "will attend" or a "will not attend" response. I encourage all to participate. Not only is turnout good but we have a financial responsibility to notify the Season's the Monday before the luncheon telling them how many meals to prepare. If we get it wrong we could end up paying for meals that not covered by members at the door or we could run out of food. Neither of these results is good. Please just let us know if you will or will not be attending. On a second item, we did not have any new members last month. While as a group we do a reasonably good job getting new members, we can do a lot better. We will be putting out the "comments" sheet at the meeting and one of the inputs can be "suggestions as to how to get new members". And of course any other comments are appreciated; feedback from the members is helpful in making the meetings more enjoyable and that is, after all, the main goal. Let's all gather and have fun.

Respectfully, Big SIR Gary Williams

Please visit our website at
www.sirinc2.org/branch144

SHLM: Julius Manrique
HLM: Ted Nagel, Jerry Strain & Gary Williams



Gerry Veloria(L) receives Certificate of Appreciation From Big SIR Gary Williams

Gerry is moving to San Francisco Area and will no longer be a member of Branch 144. Thank You for your service.

Ladies Day is just a regular meeting with guests. Even if your Wife or Girlfriend cannot attend, please come as it is a Luncheon as mentioned above. We have special entertainment and have a lot of fun. So again, please come!

Ladies Day Tickets go on sale this month. Please purchase tickets by May 4th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Thank You for your cooperation.



Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call [Gaylan King](tel:380-9896) at 380-9896

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BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2017

1. Big Sir Gary Williams called the BEC meeting to order for Branch 144 at 9:30 am.
2. Officers present were: Gary Williams, Edd Santwier, Gerry Veloria, Tom Watson, Gene Toschi, Bill Burchell, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, and Dan Huffstatler.
3. The Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.
4. Big Sir welcomed visitor Jerry Strain.
5. A correction to the meeting minutes of Feb. 16, 2017. The new bucket members collecting for donations are Bill Burchell and Bill Holloway. Corrections noted and approved (approved by all).
6. Treasurer's report: Tom Watson

Check Book balance	\$ 4,994.29
Total Receipts	\$ 2,723.00
Total disbursements	\$ 2,005.17
Check Book balances	\$ 4,994.29
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
Check Book and petty cash balance	\$ 5,912.12

Report approved (approved by all)

Newsletter, postage & printing (Robert Lewis)	\$ 43.17
Print ticket, Mail roster & Phone msg system (Gary Williams)	\$ 30.63
Award (Sam Graham)	\$ 24.00

Vouchers approved: (approved by all)

7. Membership Report: (Gaylan King) Membership as of Feb. 2017, (181) active members, (15) inactive members; (122) meeting attendance, (2) guest and (62) absent. Approved by all.
8. Committee Report:
 - Newsletter: (Bob Lewis) – OK. All is well.
 - Dining Club: (Vince Sereno) – doing OK
 - Bowling: (Vern Masse) - to speak to encourage membership.
 - Book Club: (Joe Venturini) – doing ok; separated romance novel books for easier display.
 - Accessories: (Sam Graham) – OK with 15 tables but may increase to 16
 - Sunshine – Ron Vigus mother passed
 - Golf: None
 - Travel: (Bill Stires) – doing well; got back from spring training and watched Giants beat Dodgers.
 - Program: (Edd Santwier) Today – minimize funeral cost; April – WWII presentation; May –Ladies or Guest Day with country western group; June- astronaut's speaker; July- Finance, Wills and Living Trust information.
9. New Business:
 - A. Phone call program - to remind members of the monthly meeting and luncheon, calls were made; (92) "yes" reply, (27) "no" reply, (45) no answer and went to answering machine. If a machine answers, a different message to call back with the reply should be heard but program does not use it. Currently, working on the problem.
 - B. Ladies Day- Leonard Davis and Edd Santwier to sell Ladies Day tickets;
 - C. Table set up – a suggestion that reserve (assigned) tables be provided so members can sit together with friends; recommendations were to sell seats, add tables or come in earlier and mark seats with attending member's badge. An on-going item for review.
 - D. RAMP discussion – promote members to participate. On the State Roster an address correction is required for SIRS 144.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am. April 20, 2017 meeting is scheduled at 9:30am. Respectfully Submitted- Gerry Veloria

Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

“San Francisco Gardenson the Roof Tour”

April 25, 2017

Travel to San Francisco and for a guided tour of the beautiful and very unique Gardens on the Rooftops of many buildings and landmarks. Stop for a great hosted lunch at Pompeii's Grotto.

\$147.00 per person

Minimum 20 needed for trip

Trip on a Wait List as trip is full.

CANADIAN ROCKIES

JUNE 6-12, 2017

Leave Turlock/Modesto and fly to beautiful Calgary for the first day and night of this amazing tour. Then on to Jasper for 2 nights and stop on the way at one of the most beautiful lakes in North America, Lake Louise. We will drive along snowcapped peaks, waterfalls, and glistening glaciers, while looking out for wildlife. While in Jasper we will have time to explore the town before taking a cruise on Maligne Lake and then enjoy a regional dinner.

Then it is off to Banff for 3 nights. We will stop at the Columbia Icefield Visitor Center and board an Ice Explorer and travel to Athabasca Glacier for a breathtaking and up close view of the glacier. There will be time for sightseeing and exploring Banff along with a talk with a Canadian Mountie. In Banff we will have excursions to Surprise Corner, Bow Falls and the hoodoo rock formations. On the last day in Banff time for optional excursions and then Be My Guest Farewell Dinner at the Guinn Family ranch.

We head to Canmore and learn more about the Canada National pastime Ice Hockey. Then on to Calgary for our trip home with fond memories of the Canadian Rockies.

A VALID PASSPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 2017 NEEDED FOR THE TRIP

TRIP INCLUDES:

ALL GROUND AND AIR TRAVEL

LUXURY AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES

EXPERT TRAVEL DIRECTOR AND SEPARATE DRIVER

ALL GRATUITIES FOR ENTIRE TRIP

HAND PICKED INSIDER EXPERIENCES

VIP ENTRY TO MANY SIGHTS

6 BREAKFAST 3 DINNERS

Price: \$2850 Per Person Double Occupancy

Single Supplement: Add \$650

POSSIBLE FUTURE TRIPS/SAVE THE DATES

August 29, 2017 British Isles Cruise

Sept. 12, 2017 Underground Tour Sacramento

Oct. 5-6, 2017 Apple Hill

Dec. 7-8, 2017 Reno Holiday Show

Jan. 7-14, 2018 Eastern Caribbean Cruise

12 NIGHT BRITISH ISLES CRUISE ABOARD THE CARIBBEAN PRINCESS AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Transfer from Turlock/ Modesto to SFO for an overnight flight to London. After a day in London board the Caribbean Princess for a 12 night British Isles Cruise. 1st port of call is St. Peter Port and the picturesque harbor of Guernsey.

2nd port is the town of Cork in Ireland, with a chance to visit to visit the Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone.

3rd port is the capital of Ireland, Dublin with many attractions and history.

4th port takes us to Belfast in Northern Ireland and fantastic renaissance.

5th port takes us to the Firth of Clyde and Greenock and a fishing community.

6th port is at the Orkney Islands and the 9th century Viking settlement.

7th port is on to Iverness and the legend of the Loch Ness monster.

8th port is Queensferry north of Edinburgh.

9th port is off to the Normandy beaches in France.

10th port is back to London before disembarking for the trip home.

Prices: \$3095 per person Interior

\$3295 - \$3650 per person Oceanview

\$4395 per person Balcony

\$5075 per person Mini-Suite

Valid passport needed for trip 6 months past sailing date

Prices will go up after April 12, 2017.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed information and reservation forms for all SIR travel. 209-544-2684 or go online at sirinc2.org/branch144 and print out any of the reservation forms.

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

Humorous stories are also part of our evening Dining Out Clubs dinners. Here is a sample taken from "Church Ladies with Typewriters" The church bulletin stated: "Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help that they can get."

To join one of our fun groups,
Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

April Locations

April 11th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

Bella Italia --Arrive Prior to 5:00 pm--Coffee Rd. & Floyd Ave.

Confirm any new Reservations or any regrets with Hosts Jay & Kathy Norris at 209-606-1475.

April 25th -- (4th Tues. Club)

MIMI'S Cafe--5:00 pm

Confirm any new Reservations or Regrets with Host Gene Toschi at 402-4242, No later than Tuesday April 18th.

April 27th -- (4th Thurs. Club)

Shangri-La China Bistro---Arrive prior to 5:00 pm. Confirm any new Reservations or Regrets with

Hosts Vince & Kathy Sereno at 209-552-1539 no later than Thursday April 20th.

MAY Dates & Locations

May 9th--2nd Tues--Divine Swine

May 23rd--4th Tues--Pastas Pronto

May 25th--4th Thurs-- Marcella's

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Bravard	Phillip	04/01/25	92
Brey	Jack	04/16/27	90
Fairfield	Bernie	04/09/48	69
Fernandez	Manny	04/29/49	68
Gasper	John	04/16/47	70
Hubbard	Gary	04/14/46	71
King	Gaylan	04/25/46	71
Manrique	Julius	04/08/32	85
Nerland	Gary	04/03/37	80
Wright	Joe	04/04/28	89

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Altadonna	Louis	Emilia	04/11/47	70
Brey	Jack	Norma	04/02/11	6
Contreras	Don	Dee	04/12/59	58
Davis	Glenn	Jo Anne	04/09/60	57
Eastwood	Jim	Chris	04/17/71	46
Farley(I)	Dale	Joyce	04/07/78	39
Faulkner	Kent	Truda	04/01/78	39
Hawkins	Jerry	Maree	04/16/77	40
Osborn	Billy	Judy	04/27/69	48
Williams	Gary	Susan	04/10/96	21
Wirth	Bob	Sue	04/24/04	13

Happy Birthday

&

congratulations!



March 2017 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games	Handicap Games		
Week 30 March 07 2017			
Series: Gary Pattee	641	Tony Lopez	703
Game :Terry McChesney	247	Bob Lewis	269

Week 31 March 14 2017			
Series: John Sherrard	639	Tony Lopez	703
Game : John Sherrard	256	John Sherrard	262

Week 32 March 21 2017			
Series : Joe Micelli	715	Joe Micelli	751
Game : Joe Micelli	265	Joe Micelli	277
		Bob Lewis	277

Week 33 March 28 2017			
Series : Gary Pattee	656	Gene Cox	688
Game : David Brown	234	Gene Cox	257

Week 34 April 04 2017			
Series : Jay Faughn	635	Jerry Strain	669
Game : Jay Faughn	236	Larry Maxfield	263

OUR TOURNAMENT IS NOV 3&4 COME BOWL
Come out for our home town tournament.

----- 2017 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

Apr. 10 thru 13 Mon thru Thu Gold Dust West Carson
City (530) 558-9727

We would like to see some of you attend those events.
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse 209-
538-4275

vnr03@sbcglobal.net



Central Valley Pickleball

Schedule

Riverbank - Zerillo Park
8 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday (Winter hours
9am)

Contact John Gasper 209 863-9565 or email
johngasper47@yahoo.com

Turlock
Crane Park Tuesday evening 5:30 pm
Columbia Park Thursday 9am
Contact: Art Pargament 209 620-8249 or email
arthurpargament@icloud.com

Modesto: Coming Soon
Beyer Park
Contact: Jay Pierce 209 602-0901 email
izpierce@sbcglobal.net

APRIL 2017 Golf



APRIL 3, 9:00 AM	MANTECA	CARTS : \$15.00
HOST: 164	\$ 30.00	
APRIL10 9:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS \$ 15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 29.00	
APRIL 17, 9:00 AM	ATWATER	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 40.00	
APRIL 24 9:00AM	DRYDEN – M/P	CARTS \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 27.00	
MAY 1, 8:00 AM	ELKHORN	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$43.00	
MAY 8, 8:00 AM	MICKEGROVE	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$33.00	

NOTE TEE TIME CHANGE 8:00 AM

GUY'S WE NEED TO WRITE OUR CHECKS AT THE MEETING. THE PROCESS SLOWS WAY DOWN FOR THE PEOPLE SIGNING YOU IN AT THE COURSE , THE LINES GET LONGER. CHECK YOUR GOLF SCHEDULE, WRITE CHECKS FOR THE GAMES YOU WANT TO PLAY, TAKE THEM TO YOUR GOLF CHAIRMAN AT YOUR MEETING, OR MAIL THEM. THEY ONLY GET CASHED IF YOU PLAY. YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OR MORE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE WILLIAMS FOR HIS ACE AT SWENSON, THIS MAKES HIS TOTAL

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JAY NORRIS BR. 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN 209-606-1475

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"Members are reminded that Annual Donations of \$24 are still needed from most members. The Annual Donations cover costs such as Newsletter printing and mailing, Guest speaker/Member Birthday and Sponsors' ("free") lunches, Roster printing, May/December entertainment, State Assessments of \$5 per member per year, Sunshine Committee cards and postage, etc. Through March, 68 members or 37% have donated the \$24 (or more). Some members prefer to donate \$2 per month in lieu of the Annual Donation. We thank these members for their support!

The \$24 Annual Donation amount has not increased in over two decades. The Executive Committee has kept a lid on expenses. For those who have not made the Annual Donation, please provide your support so that Branch Executive Officers may meet Branch expenses with "SIRtitude!"

Joe Venturini would appreciate that our Members would bring Military books in for the Book Club

Calendar of Events



**April 25, 2017 San Francisco Gardenson
the Roof Tour**

June 6-12, 2017 Canadian Rockies

**August 27- September 10, 2017--12 Night
British Isles Cruise aboard The Caribbean
Princess**

Program for April 20, 2017

The Speaker will be Phil
Blake on WWII Battles in
the Pacific



Past Big Sirs

1988 Lynn Wood
1989 Elbow Jones
1990 Dick Benevento
1991 Warren Lawson
1992 Al Evans
1993 Joe Underwood
1994 Homer Jorgensen
1995 Don Singer
1996 Max Norton
1997 Charles Cox
1998 Dick Bachman
1999 George Harden
2000 John Shores
2001 Bob Curley
2002 Frank Pierson
2003 Julius Manrique
2004 Ed Boyle
2005 Ted Nagel
2006 George Ditman
2007 Herman Vigil
2008 Michael Mensinger
2009 Charles Shoup
2010 Gary Williams
2011 Jerry Strain
2012 Sam Graham
2013 Jerry Emery
2014 Leonard Davis
2015 Patton Brooks
2016 Bill Burchell

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2017

Big Sir: Gary Williams 578-3471
Little Sir:.....Edd Santwier III 605-9638
Secretary:.....Gerry Voloria 248-5692
Assistant Secretary:.. Charlie Brunn 524-3614
Treasurer:Tom Watson 577-4390
Assistant Treasurer:..Gene Toschi 402-4242

DIRECTORS FOR 2016

Bill Burchell 529-6039 Patton Brooks 522-6417
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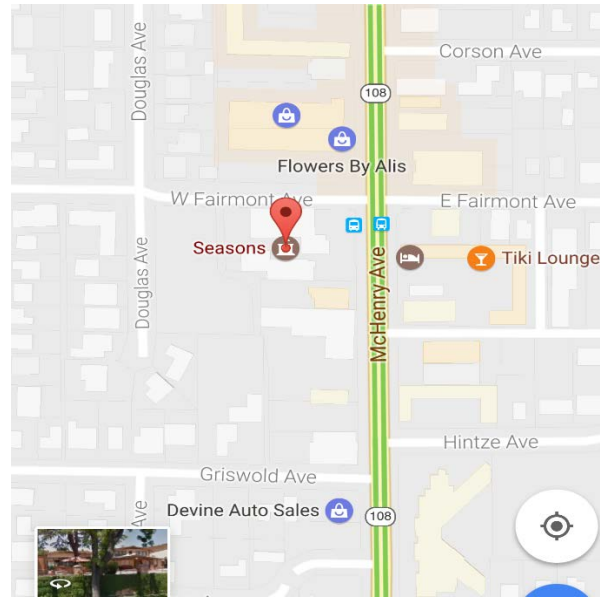
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STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, IncDerek Southern 925-253-1646
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Alan Baxter 559-434-1037
GOVERNOR AREA 22.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Travel: Area 22: ..Bill Stires 544-2684
Area 22 Golf Chairman:.. Joe Adams
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475
Assistant:....Gary Hubbard 551-5253
Area 22 Bowling Chairman:Jim Pastorelli. 406-8156
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:Vern Masse 538-4275
Branch 144 Pickleball Co- Chairmen: Cal Campbell 380-0523
Joe Maxwell 524-2826
Programs:.....Edd Santwier III: 605-9638
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471
Chaplain:...Tom Hampson 402-9908
Dining: Vince Sereno 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607
House: Bill Burchell 529-6039, Bill Holloway 832-1421
Attendance: Tony Salonga, 541-1944; Pert Manabat, 551-1080
Sunshine:..... Ted Nagel 869-6304
Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077
Nominating Committee: Sam Graham, Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks
Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896
Book Club:.... Joe Venturini 524-6577
Accessories: .Sam Graham 552-0960



Bill Burchell receives Badge for Big SIR 2016 from Gary Williams



Back at the Seasons - 945 McHenry Ave

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!

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The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>