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MODESTO BRANCH 144

*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



April 2016 Newsletter

Volume 04- 2016

Message from Big Sir Bill

We enjoyed our March meeting on St. Patrick's Day March 17th !!! It was good to see the Green of the Irish and hear a lilting welcome in Irish Brogue by Tom Watson. And an Irish limerick is always fun:

There was an old man
who would confide,

That when he
retired he might as well
have died;

But he became a good SIR,

And his golf swing was a blur;

Now he can strut in the yard with Great Pride!!



For our March program, Pete Morelli, the highly respected NFL Referee, gave us a rare opportunity to hear first-hand some of the intricacies of his high-profile duties. What a privilege it was for us to hear him share the workings of officiating in the NFL. His professionalism is impressive.

We're looking forward to our April meeting as we welcome **Tom Changnon, Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools**. He oversees a staff of 940 and a budget of over \$220 million providing for 190 schools with over 106,000 students.

Join us on April 21st --- Bill Burchell, Big Sir

Please visit our website at:

www.sirinc2.org/branch144

NEW MEMBER



Pictured (L to R) Secretary Alan Swofford, Sponsor Bud Lewis, & New Member Jerry Lovelady

Jerry's former occupation was CEO of Lovelady's Body Shop Inc. He enjoys Golf, Card Playing, Traveling, and Pool. His wife is Fran.

Ladies Day is coming up on May 19th. Your purchase this month will be very much appreciated. For singles, look for sign on table.

"Please remember that with a new calendar year SIR Branch #144 needs your \$24.00 annual donation to pay State assessments, newsletter costs, speaker lunches, etc.! Thank you!"



Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call Gary Williams at 578-3471

SIR, Inc. Branch #144
645 Charity Way, Modesto, CA
Executive Committee Minutes
March 17, 2016

1. Meeting Called to Order: B.Burchell, BIG SIR - 9:19 am
2. Officers Present: - A.Swofford - C.Braun -T.Watson -B. Burchell
Directors: D.Marino – G.King – L. Davis - E.Lewis - L. Salvi – P. Brooks
Committee Chairmen Present: G.King -Membership : V. Sereno -Dining Out Club: F.Pierson- Books: B. Stries -
Travel: R.Lewis – Newsletter: G. Williams -Data: B. Holloway-Golf: Sunshine
– J. Manrique -Accessories: J. Bates Guest: J. Strain, State Vice President
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES
3. Previous Minutes: M/Davis, S/King - Approved
4. Treasurers Report: Presented by: T. Watson
Checkbook Balance as of 02/01/2016 \$ 5806.50
Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00
Receipts \$ 2079.00
Disbursements \$ 1967.83
TOTAL Balance as of 02/31/2016 \$ 6117.67
Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Brooks S/E. Lewis -Approved
Vouchers to be paid: Newsletter; B. Lewis \$42.71 Certificate Frames; B. Burchell \$64.41
Motion to pay Vouchers: : M/ Brooks S/ King Approved
5. Little SIR Report: presented by: A. Swofford
 - March 17, 2016 Speaker/topic ; Peter Morelli-NFL referee
 - April 21, 2016 Speaker/topic; Tom Changnon-Superintendent; Stanislaus Office of Education
 - Committee Reports:
 - Dining Out Club : 2nd Tuesday: N. Lawrence April 12, 2016 @ Marcella's
 - 4th Tuesday: Henry Solario (March 22, 2016 Shangri-La China Bistro
 - 4th Thursday : Vince Sereno March 24, 2016 @ Marcella's
 - Membership report given by : G. King
 - Active members 186 Last Months Attendance: 130
 - Deaths - 0 Last Months Absent: 56
 - Inactive members 18 Last Months Excused: 13
 - Pending Members 2 Last Months Inductees 9
 - Honorary Life Members 3
 - Unused Badges 44 Senior HLM:1
 - Members requesting Inactive Status: 0 Members requesting resignation: 0
 - Member asking to be reactivated; 1-C. Abplanap
 - Sunshine: J.Manrique Henry Solario's wife, Karen, passed away; Gene Toschi's wife, Betty, hospitalized; Steve Nelson passed away
 - Book Club: F.Pierson - discussed purchasing locks for book storage box
 - Golf: B. Holloway – Will speak to membership, discuss needing new chairman and vice chairman (October 2016 last month)
 - Membership; G. King – vote in new member, Jerry Lovelady, M/King S/Davis passed
 - Travel-Area 22; will speak to membership-new trip Golden Gate Park
6. Old Business: B. Lewis is going to work with J.Strain on developing new webpage for Branch 144.
Now completed : www.sirinc2.org/branch144
7. New Business: State SIR representative J. Strain discussed RAMP program, institute program to keep membership @ plus one; Keeping exe. Council meeting @9:15 start time; Ladies Day tickets will be sold in March and April – need to pre-purchase tickets (A. Swofford J. Gaspar); J Strain discussed procedure for adding persons to Honorary Life Membership status.
8. Next Exe. Council meeting April 21, 2016 @ 9:15
9. Adjourned – 10:00am
Next Branch #144 Meeting: April 21, 2016
Meeting adjourned 9:56am

Respectfully submitted Alan Swofford, Secretary

Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

Remember travelers can be friends, neighbors, and family, they do not need to be SIR members to enjoy the trips.

Tales of the Old South

May 4-11, 2016

A great trip to view and hear about the Civil War through Savannah and up to Charleston. Fly to Savannah and board a private bus with our own tour guide. Learn about the South's hospitality with private dinners. Visit Middleton Place, Hilton Head and on to Charleston. All airfares, gratuities, hotel tips, charges and local taxes included. 11 meals included and overnight in 4 and 5 star hotels.

Price: \$2995 per person

New York City and Princess Cruise to Quebec City, Quebec

October 10 -22, 2016

Fly to New York City for 2 night stay in the heart of Times Square at the Millennium Hotel. A day of leisure to explore the city and then dinner and a Broadway show. The next day a private tour of the city including the 9-11 Memorial. Board the Caribbean Princess and sail up the coast of New England while stopping at 7 ports and then 2 days in Quebec City, Quebec.

Prices include airfare, hotel, dinner and show, private tour, port taxes and much more.

Prices range from: \$3520 to \$5065 per person depending on cabin type. Single prices are higher.

Elkhorn Slough Safari

April 27, 2016

Travel by bus and have lunch at Phil's Fish Market in Moss Landing before boarding a pontoon boat for a tour of the slough, seeing many species of animals and birds.

Price: \$140.00 WAIT LIST

23 maximum passengers

Golden Gate Fields

June 9, 2016

Join your friends and other SIR members for a day at the races. Enjoy a great buffet lunch in the Turf Club before the races start. Then place your bets on the horses and enjoy the day. This is a popular trip so sign up early to reserve your spot.

Price: \$118.00

Upcoming trips:

Sacramento Rivercats August 14, 2016

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

2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Big Sir:	Bill Burchell
Little Sir:	Gary McManus
Secretary:	Alan Swofford
Assistant Secretary:	Charlie Brunn
Treasurer:	Tom Watson
Assistant Treasurer:	Gene Toschi
Directors:	
	Lauri Salvi
	Patton Brooks
	Gaylan King
	David Marino
	Leonard Davis
	Ernie Lewis



Officers and Directors for 2016

L to R: Patton Brooks, Ernie Lewis, Gaylan King, Leonard Davis, David Marino, Lor Salvi, Tom Watson, Alan Swofford, Gary McManus, Bill Burchell

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

congratulations!

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



April Update-----

Dining Out Club Membership is being limited to 30 members per Club. If you would like to join or to visit at a dinner with us, you should do so soon before we establish a waiting list.

To join a Dining Out Club,
or to visit at a dinner with us,
Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

Tues. May 17th, (Date Change) at 5 pm at Bella Italia/Riverbank. Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 by Tues. May 10th.

Tues. June 14th, at 5 pm at (Restaurant to be announced) Hosted by Joe & Diane Venturini

4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

Tues. April 26th at 5 pm at Pasta Pronto on Coffee Road. Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Gene & Sue Richards at 492-0391 by Tuesday April 19th.

Tues. May 24th at 5 pm at MIMI'S Cafe. Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Orbie & Peggy Camacho 529-9420 by Tues. May 17th.

4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

Thurs. April 28th at 5 pm at Bella Italia/Riverbank. Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Joe & Virginia Costa at 529-6334 by Thursday April 21st.

Thurs. May 26th at 5 pm at Outback Steakhouse. Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Dan & Peggy Dwyer at 527-4674 by Thursday May 19th.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

NAME		DATE	AGE
Bravard	Flip	04/01/25	91
Brey	Jack	04/16/27	89
Fairfield	Bernie	04/09/48	68
Fernandez	Manny	04/29/49	67
Gasper	John	04/16/47	69
Hubbard	Gary	04/14/46	70
King	Gaylan	04/25/46	70
Manrique	Julius	04/08/32	84
Nerland	Gary	04/03/37	79
Pierson	Frank	04/22/23	93
Swofford	Al	04/07/48	68
Wright	Joe	04/04/28	88

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	SPOUSE	DATE	YEARS	
Altadonna	Louis	Emilia	04/11/47	69
Brey	Elmer	Norma	04/02/11	5
Contreras	Don	Dee	04/12/59	57
Davis	Glenn	Jo Anne	04/09/60	56
Farley(l)	Dale	Joyce	04/07/78	38
Faulkner	Kent	Truda	04/01/78	38
Hawkins	Jerry	Maree	04/16/77	39
Holly	Steve	Pamela	04/20/74	42
Osborn	Billy	Judy	04/27/69	47
Williams	Gary	Susan	04/10/96	20
Wirth	Bob	Sue	04/24/04	12



Senior Honorary Life Member: Julius Manrique

Honorary Life Members: Ted Nagel, Frank Pierson

& Jerry Strain



April 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 30 March 08 2016

Series: Jerry Strain	658	Jerry Strain	697
Game : Jerry Strain	258	Jerry Strain	271

Week 31 March 15 2016

Series : David Brown	644	Tony Lopez	722
Game : Ron Quintanal	254	Ron Quintanal	280

Week 32 March 22 2016

Series: Alan White	669	Alan White	265
Game : Gary Pattee	246	Alan White	732

Week 33 March 29 2016

Series: Gary Pattee	717	Gary Pattee	717
Game : Gary Pattee	277	Gary Pattee	277

Week 34 March 08 2016

Series: Joe Machado	601	Steve Hughes	751
Game : Joe Machado	229	Steve Hughes	266

Come out for our home town tournament.

----- 2016 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

May 1,2&3 Sun, Mom&Tues Clover Leaf Bowl Fremont (510) 790-3135

June 1&2 Wed&Thur Pinole Valley Lanes Pinole (707) 745-3475

June 21&22 Tue & Wed Tall Pines Paradise (530) 876-1782

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

SIR 144 plays at Zerillo Park in Riverbank

Saturday 9:00am

For more info call Cal Campbell 380-0523

Tuesday 9:00am

For more info call John Gasper 863-9565

Branch 144 Pickleball Co-Chairmen:

Cal Campbell 380-0523

Joe Maxwell 524-2826

SIR 143 Plays at Columbia Park

600 Columbia St. Turlock

Thursday 9:00am

May 2016 Golf



Mon	Apr 25 th	Manteca	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$41	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	May 2 nd	Creekside (MP)	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 143
Mon	May 9 th	Micke Grove	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$38	Cart Included	Host: 144
Mon	May 16 th	Manteca	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Fri	May 20 th	Turlock CC	8:30 AM Shotgun
	\$60	Carts & Lunch Included	Host: J. Adams
Mon	May 23 rd	The Reserve	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 103

The fiscal year ends after our annual End of Year tournament on September 26th. At this time Andre Dodd (Assistant Golf Chairman) and I (Golf Chairman) have decided to end our tenure and wish to have someone else in Branch 144's golf community take over as the chairman and assistant chairman. Someone will need to step up by the end of July in order to learn how to perform the various functions and computer systems. I would prefer someone to step up even sooner.

I had announced at the last meeting that I am requiring all players to sign-up for the first tournament after our monthly meeting. The reason for this is to give those golf courses that limit the number of players an accurate count on how many players we will field.

For example: last month we played Pheasant Run. Between all the branches we were limited to 96 players. At the time of our meeting the other branches had already signed up 72 players. With the cap at 96 the result is only 24 spots were left for us. The problem is who gets left out if we have more than 24? I don't want to make the decision of who gets left out nor do I want to have to say to a member you cannot play. With the advanced knowledge the handicap chairman can then negotiate with the golf course to give us additional holes as needed.

This month our first tournament is The Reserve and we are usually capped unless we can provide an accurate number of players who are planning to play. If we get enough to sign-up in advance we can negotiate to have additional holes or even get the whole golf course and not worry about the open play they put in between our group.
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Please note that beginning in May the start times will be 8:00 AM. So don't be late.

Friday May 20th will be our annual visit to Turlock CC. The cost of \$60 includes a continental breakfast, golf with cart, and a full course lunch/dinner at the end. Tee time is 8:30. There will be a signup sheet at the upcoming monthly meeting/luncheon. This is a great outing for us so please help support Joe Adams on making this a successful event. I have done this since it's beginning and have not been disappointed. My golf sucked but the tournament and food was great.

On April 4th the first Match Play round was played at Creekside. Remember, were you unable to play your match on the day of the tournament and had rescheduled a makeup round with your opponent the makeup round must be completed prior to the second round scheduled for May 4th otherwise by default your opponent wins.

Pairings/Results, visit our Website at <http://sirarea22.manogolf.com>.

Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway

Phone # 209-832-1421

34532 Bernard Drive, Tracy, CA 95377

E-mail: sirgolf144@gmail.com

SIR Area 22 Annual Picnic
2001 Edgebrook Drive Near Scenic Drive and El Vista (Dry Creek) This is a Family event Saturday

May 21, 2016 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Eat at 12:30

Pot Luck, Bring enough for 4 people

Bring your Plates & utensils

Golf Pitching Contest at 11:30

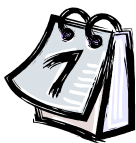
Contact Murle Webb

209 526 6511

Email murleweb@gmail.com



Calendar of Events



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Learn about the Civil War**

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August 14, 2016 Sacramento Rivercats

**October 10 -22, 2016 New York City and
Princess Cruise to Quebec City, Quebec**

Program for April 21, 2016

The speaker will be Tom
Changnon- Superintendent,
Stanislaus County Office of
Education



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

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2016

Big Sir:..... Bill Burchell 529-6039
Little Sir: Gary McManus 479-3134
Secretary: Alan Swofford 480-6539
Assistant Secretary: Charlie Brunn 524-3614
Treasurer:..... Tom Watson 577-4390
Assistant Treasurer: Gene Toschi 402-4242

DIRECTORS FOR 2016

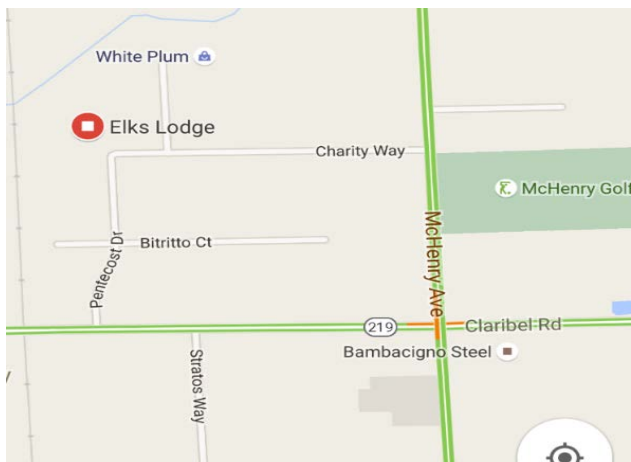
Ernie Lewis 523-7387 Patton Brooks 522-6417
Gaylan King 568-7061..... Lor Salvi 576-7898
Leonard Davis 524-1526 David Marino 838-2038

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

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STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, Inc Jerry Strain 551-8220
DIRECTOR, REGION 8..... Ron Flagel 338-8109
GOVERNOR AREA 22... James K. Mann 632-9385

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Travel: Area 22:... Bill Stires 544-2684
Area 22 Golf Chairman: . Joe Adams
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway 832-1421
Assistant: Andre Dodd 527-0482
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: . Gary McManus 479-3134
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471
Assistants: Julius Manrique, 576-1077, Ted Nagel 869-6304
Dining: Vince Sereno, 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607
House: Herman Vigil 557-9795
Attendance: Tony Salonga, 541-1944; Pert Manabat, 551-1080
Sunshine: Ted Nagel 869-6304
Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077
Chaplain: Norman VanWalterop 529-8169
Membership: .. Gaylan King 552-8930
Activities Director:
Book Club: Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577
Accessories: John Bates 383-5259



Thank you to over half members who gave annual donations (\$2,348) of \$24 or more as of March 2016! This represents nearly half (over 50%) of our 174 active members. Keep up the good work, Branch 144! It's never too late to donate. You can still give a \$24 annual donation by bringing it to the April 21st luncheon OR mailing check made out to "SIR Branch #144" to:
Tom Watson Treasurer 1457 Ramsgate Drive Modesto CA 95355. Thank you!
Tom Watson

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know.
Thank You!
Steve Nelson passed.
The wife(Catharine)of Wally Ruch passed.
The wife(Betty)of Gene Toschi passed.
Please see Jerry Strain's article on the website