

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



August 2017 Newsletter

Volume 08-2017

Message from Big Sir Gary Williams



Here it is August and closing in on the end of summer. I hope many had a chance to travel and enjoy their retirement time. On that point, I would like to praise the fine work that Bill Stires does as Travel Chairman. For those, who have not participated in the trips you have missed a great experience. Everyone that I have talked to, that have taken a SIR trip, have raved that the experience was outstanding.

August is the month that we vote to select the members that will serve on the Branch Executive Committee (see page 6).

This is a very important function, for this is the group of members that are responsible for administrating the Branch. Everything that happens in Branch 144, good and bad, happens from actions taken by the Branch Executive Committee. We should be grateful that there are members' willing to spend a little time to make sure our group is successful. Every member should make it a point to attend the August luncheon not only to enjoy friendship and fine food but also vote for the members to administer our group next year. As the saying goes "if you did not vote, do not complain".

Respectfully, Big SIR Gary Williams

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

SHLM: Julius Manrique

HLM: Ted Nagel, Jerry Strain & Gary Williams

NEW MEMBERS



Pictured L-R Transfer from 103 John Medrano;(SP) Andre Dodd (NM) Cliff Partridge;(SP) Henry Solario (NM) Dennis Cervantes; (NM) Douglas Hodge(SP) Vince Sereno

Cliff Partridge was a Grocery Clerk at Lucky. He enjoys Golf, Camping, and Family.

His wife is Terri.

Dennis Cervantes was a Meat Manager at Lucky. He enjoys Golf, Skiing, and Hunting.

His wife is Nancy.

Douglas Hodge was a Teacher at Modesto High, Beyer High, and MJC (also Athletic Director at the latter two).

His wife is Margaret.

Dues will be due starting January 1st with all to be paid by March. Either \$24 paid in all by March or if paid quarterly, first payment of \$6 to be paid by March.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call

Gaylan King at 380-9896

SONS IN RETIREMENT
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order, by Big Sir Gary Williams, at 9:39 AM.
2. A quorum was established with the following members present: Big Sir, Gary Williams; Little Sir, Sam Graham, Secretary, Jerry Emery; Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Dan Huffstatler, Edd Santwier, and Gene Toshi.
Guests and Committee members present: John Gaspar, Julius Manrique, Ted Nagel, Vince Sereno, and, Bill Stires.
3. Motion by Galen King, 2nd by Edd Santwier to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED
4. The Treasurer's Report was presented by John Gaspar

Check book balance 6/1/2017.....	\$5139.66
Total receipts.....	\$1759.00
Total disbursements.....	\$2279.96
Total check book balance 6/30/2017.....	\$4818.70

Motion by Edd Santwier, 2nd by Galen King to accept the Treasurer's Report.
MOTION PASSED
5. A motion was made by Edd Santwier, 2nd by Gene Toshi to approve vouchers in the amount of \$25.00 (Manrique) for postage and \$47.12 for the newsletter. MOTION PASSED
6. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, which included 3 Inductees: Cliff Partridge, Larry French, and John Medrano. 1 application: Doug Hodge. 3 Deaths: Pert Manabat, Bob Wirth, John Alves. 1 Inactive: Vinny Altadonna. 1 Transfer to 103: Joe Massey. and 2 requests to drop: Hugh Hart and Charles Hopkins.
Motion by Gaylan King, 2nd by Edd Santwier to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
7. Brief reports were given from Nominating Committee, Full report at next BEC. Dining Club, all is will. Accessories will require new chairman next year. Bowling (an August 15th start), and Travel will make announcements at luncheon. Julius Manrique reported on his efforts to contact absentee member, and will report next BEC.
Edd Santwier mentioned the rest of this year's speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Big Sir Gary Williams began a discussion about the problems of absenteeism and its impact on our budget. General discussion was held about possible solutions. Motion by Jerry Emery, 2nd by Edd Santwier to begin charging \$24 yearly dues at the January, 2018 meeting. Members would be given until the March, 2018 meeting to pay their dues or be dropped. Detail of implementation to be worked out during the next few months.
MOTION PASSED. During the general meeting, the Big Sir will alert the attendees about this change and seek their input.
2. Sam Graham will sell license plate holders after today's meeting. He will attend a state meeting on August 8th, regarding election of State officers for 2018. He will also be acting Big Sir at the August 17th luncheon..
3. The next BEC meeting will be August 17, 2017 at 9:30AM

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Emery, Secretary.

Area 18 Travel

SECOND DATE FOR TRIP
EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE
ABOARD
THE REGAL PRINCESS
INCLUDING A PRE-NIGHT STAY IN
FT. LAUDERDALE
January 6-14, 2018

Book by August 15, 2017 with your deposit and take advantage of the “Sun – Drenched Sale”.

Final payment not due until October 1, 2017

Join your friends and members aboard the Regal Princess built in 2014 for an exciting and fun cruise in the Eastern Caribbean. Enjoy a night in Ft. Lauderdale at the Embassy Suites before we board the ship for a 7 night cruise.

We will visit the following ports:

Princess Cays; enjoy a private beach party on the Island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

St. Thomas (Charlotte Amalie) the US Virgin Islands; enjoy the scenery and some duty free shopping.

St. Maarten (Phillipsburg); the island has 2 side a Dutch side and a French side dating back to the early 17th century.

Plus 3 days of cruising and all the activities on the Regal Princess.

Price: Interior Stateroom \$2425 per person double occupancy

Balcony \$2650 to \$2698 per person double occupancy

Mini Suite \$2995 per person double occupancy

Single prices available upon request

Must have valid passport up to June 30, 2018

Call for more information or reservation forms:
544-2684

Minimum of 10 passengers needed for the trip

SACRAMENTO UNDERGROUND TOUR

**Lunch on the Delta King
Leland Stanford Museum**

November 2, 2017

Price \$140.00 Per Person

Travel to Sacramento and learn about how and why they built a city upon another city in the underground tunnels. Enjoy a great lunch at the Pilothouse Restaurant on the Delta King on the Sacramento River. After lunch we take a tour of the Leland Stanford Mansion built in 1856.

Minimum needed for trip 30 passengers by August 30, 2017 or it will be cancelled.

Maximum of 46 passengers. Sign up early to reserve your space.

APPLE HILL, RENO

October 5-6, 2017

\$274.00 Double Occupancy

\$300.00 Single Occupancy

Our annual overnight trip up the hill to see the Fall colors and on to Reno for a stay at the Eldorado Hotel. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Carson Valley Inn and some free time for gambling. On to Reno and a buffet dinner before seeing a fantastic show “**Adam Trent**” the Illusionist. He brings his Broadway show of magic, comedy and music that is perfect for the entire family. Have a breakfast buffet before heading to John Ascuaga’s Nugget for some free time and lunch.

After lunch head to Apple Hill and High Hill Ranch for an apple pie or apple fritter before heading for home.

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

To join one of our clubs, *Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.*

Political Humor for August!

1. *"And now, gentlemen," continued the congressman, "I wish to tax your memories." "Gracious," muttered a colleague, "why haven't we thought of that before?"*
2. *Nowadays one has to be very careful with political jokes because many times political jokes get elected.*

August Locations

August 8th -- (2nd Tues. Club)
Tahoe Joe's -- Arrive by 4:45--5 pm
 3801 Pelandale Ave. -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Host Laurie & Helen Salvi at 576-7898, as soon as possible.

August 22nd -- (4th Tues. Club)
Famiglio Bistro Ristorante (the old Jacob's) Arrive by 4:45--5 pm. 2501 McHenry -- Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Hall & Judy Eubank at 524-3980 by Tues. August 15th.

August 24th -- (4th Thurs. Club)
Coach's Corner--(formerly Monaco's) Arrive by 4:45-- 5 pm--950 Oakdale Rd. -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Vince Sereno at 524-9630 No later than Thurs. Aug. 17th. Dinner Host is Fred Cassidy.

Sept. Club Dates & Locations
Sept. 19th--2nd Tues--Beijing Restaurant
Sept. 26th--4th Tues-Outback Steakhouse
Sept. 28th--4th Thurs--Olive Garden

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Bates	John	08/19/38	79
Beckett	Charles	08/22/28	89
Bernard	John	08/13/37	80
Fallentine	Wayne	08/25/46	71
Galbraith	Biff	08/01/58	59
Griffin Jr.	John	08/13/39	78
Hodge	Doug	08/18/36	81
Lawrence	Norm	08/06/36	81
Lewis	Bud	08/21/24	93
Martinez	Joe	08/19/41	76
Mensingher	Mike	08/05/32	85
Tabacco	Ed	08/31/46	71
Valdez	Moe	08/27/57	60
Watson	Bob	08/16/45	72

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Adams	Chuck	Linda	08/10/63	54
Beckett	Charles	Barbara	08/15/54	63
Bell	Red	Sharon	08/18/62	55
Bohling	John	Patty	08/04/84	33
Bree	John	Deborah	08/10/57	60
Brunn	Charlie	Miry	08/25/56	61
Campbell	Cal	Marina	08/02/75	42
Cook	Deane	Sigrid	08/28/99	18
Emery	Jerry	Becky	08/25/68	49
Grieshaber	Howard	Theresa	08/08/76	41
Haines	Conrad	LaDean	08/25/67	50
Irwin	Rick	Bonnie	08/10/68	49
Long	Herb	Alleen	08/03/55	62
McCormick(I)	James	Jane	08/27/60	57
McCoy	Mac	Bev	08/22/64	53
Nerland	Gary	Sandra	08/14/60	57
Rogers	Keith	Elaine	08/04/73	44
Sereno	Vince	Kathy	08/26/61	56
Shoup	Chuck	Karen	08/18/62	55
Townsend	Roger	Ruth	08/23/69	48
Venturini	Joe	Diane	08/23/53	64
Watson	Bob	Flora	08/08/71	46





August 2017 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 35 April 4 2016

Series: David Brown 651 Richard Chandler 717

Game : David Brown 235 Larry Maxwell 278

Larry Maxwell 235

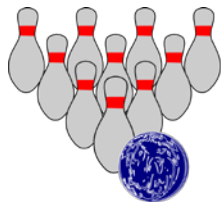
Congratulations to Team #10: Don Reed. Ron Flagel, Charles Fox and Joe Miceli 2017 Champions.

SIR League meeting is August 8 at 12 noon (bring ball). League starts August 15 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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 jzpiecer@sbcglobal.net

AUGUST 2017 Golf



AUGUST 7, 8:00 AM	DIABLO GRANDE	CARTS : INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 43.00	
AUGUST 14, 8:00 AM	ELKHORN	CARTS : INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$ 43.00	
AUGUST 21, 8:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 164	\$ 29.00	
AUGUST 28, 8:00AM	DRYDEN	CARTS \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 27.00	
SEPT. 5 8:00 AM	ATWATER	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$33.00	
SEPT. 11 8:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$29.00	

GUYS, WE NEED TO SIGN UP FOR GOLF SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. THESE LATE SIGN UPS ARE GETTING TO BE A PAIN IN THE BUTT! IF YOU CAN'T MAKE YOUR MEETING, CALL ME, DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST DAY.

WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF NO SHOWS, CALL ME IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PLAY. CONTACT INFO BELOW.

CONGRATS TO ALL THE PLAYERS GOING TO FAIRFIELD (RANCHO SOLANO) ON AUGUST 14TH. AND ALSO THE INDIVIDUALS (CREEKSIDE IQ) GOING TO DIABLO GRANDE ON AUGUST 23. HAVE A GREAT TIME EVERYONE.

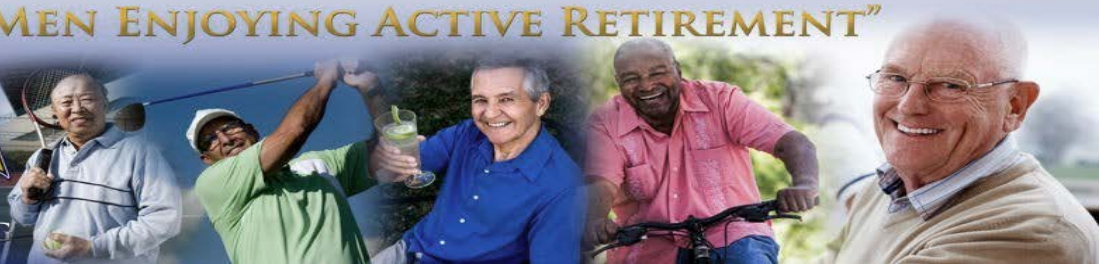
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209-606-1475

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"MEN ENJOYING ACTIVE RETIREMENT"



Here is the slate of Officers and Directors for 2018 to be voted on at the August luncheon:

Officers:

Big SIR.....Sam Graham
Little SIR.....Jerry Emery
Secretary.....Bill Holloway
Asst. Secretary.....Mike Watts
Treasurer.....Tom Watson
Asst. Treasurer.....Nilo Casiano

Directors:

Patton Brooks
Bill Burchell
Dan Huffstatler
Gaylan King
Edd Santwier
Gary Williams

SIR License Plate Frame orders will be taken at the August luncheon for \$2.00, with orders taken by the end of August.

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

Calendar of Events



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

**Apple Hill, Reno Overnight
October 5-6, 2017**

**Sacramento Underground Tour
November 2, 2017**

**Eastern Caribbean Cruise January 6-14 2018
aboard the Regal Princess**

Program for August 17, 2017

Jerry Strain will speak about:
SIR Now and into the Future



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:.....Jerry Emery 838-1562

Assistant Secretary:.. Charlie Brunn 524-3614

Treasurer:.....Tom Watson 577-4390

Assistant Treasurer:...Gene Toschi 402-4242

DIRECTORS FOR 2017

Bill Burchell 529-6039

Patton Brooks 522-6417

Gaylan King 380-9896

Dan Huffstatler 691-8028

Ron Vigus 524-1569

Ernie Lewis 523-7387

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ... Jerry Strain 551-8220

STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, IncDerek Southern 925-253-1646

DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Jerry Morrow 586-2979

GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Travel: Area 18: ..Bill Stires 544-2684

Area 18 Golf Chairman:.. Joe Adams

Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475

Assistant:....Gary Hubbard 551-5253

Area 18 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,

Norman Lawrence 551-5081

House: Bill Burchell 529-6039, Bill Holloway 832-1421

Attendance: Tony Salonga, 541-1944;

Sunshine:..... Ted Nagel 869-6304

Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077

Nominating Committee: Sam Graham, Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks

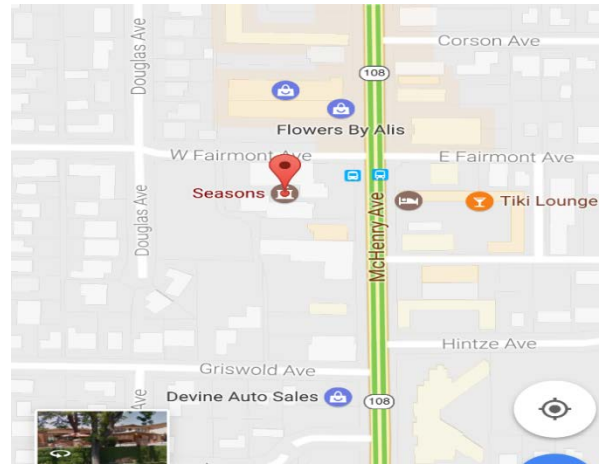
Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896

Book Club:.... Joe Venturini 524-6577

Accessories:..Sam Graham 552-0960



Jack Brey receives the Senior SIR President's Award from Big SIR 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!

John Alves passed