

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



December 2015 Newsletter

Volume 12-2015

Message from Big Sir Patton Brooks

"THANK YOU" SIRS BRANCH 144 MEMBERS,
CHAIRMEN, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR MAKING
2015 A BLESSED AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE!!

BEING ASSOCIATED WITH MEN OF VALOR AND
STERLING CHARACTER HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE
AND HONOR.

I FEEL LIKE I HAVE RECEIVED MORE THAN I HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO EXPRESS IN RETURN.

LOOKING FORWARD:

SIRS BRANCH 144 WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS WITH
INCOMING BIG SIR BILL BURCHELL, LITTLE SIR GARY
McMANUS,

ALL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.
SPECIAL " THANK YOU"

TO THE MANY BEHIND THE SCENE WORKERS WHO
FAITHFULLY PERFORMED THEIR DUTIES
TO MAKE EACH MEETING ENJOYABLE.
LEONARD DAVIS, 2014 BIG SIR FOR
ENCOURAGEMENT AND CONFIDENCE IN ME.

JOHN BERNARD AND HERB LONG WHO
RECOMMENDED I GET INVOLVED IN SIRS!!
JOHN GASPAR AND TOM WATSON FOR YOUR
DILIGENCE IN KEEPING THE FINANCIAL RECORDS UP
TO DATE.

SAM GRAHAM FOR YOUR COUNCIL AND TIMELY
ADVICE.

RESPECTFULLY,

PATTON BROOKS, 2015 BIG SIR

OPEN LETTER TO ALL SIRS MEMBERSHIP ON PAGE 6

New Member



(L to R) Patton Brooks – New Member Ken Haub-
Sponsor Gary McManus. Ken was a Firefighter for
Modesto FD & Helicopter Pilot for CA National
Guard. His wife is Beverly. Welcome Ken!

**DECEMBER 3, 2015, LADIES DAY LUNCHEON
WILL BE AT
THE SEASON'S 945 McHENRY AVENUE,
MODESTO, CA. 95350.**

ENTERTAINMENT: THE YES COMPNY

**WE ANTICIPATE A GREAT ATTENDANCE, OVER
140 TICKETS SOLD. IF YOU NEED TO PURCHASE
TICKETS.**

PLEASE, CALL

PAT BROOKS: 209.522.6417 OR E-MAIL

pattnb@yahoo.com

BILL BURCHELL: 209.529.6039



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

SIR, Inc. Branch #144
945 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA
Executive Committee Minutes
November 5, 2015

⑩ Meeting Called to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR - 9:46 am

1. Officers Present: P.Brooks –B.Burchell - G.McManus - A.Swofford - T.Watson -J.Gasper

Directors: B.Cardozo – C.Adams -L.Davis – S.Graham – G.King -
Committee Chairmen Present: G.King -Membership : J.Manrique- Sunshine: J. Bates -Accessories: V. Sereno -Dining Out Club:
G.Williams -Roster/Data: F.Pierson- Books: T. Solongo - Attendance: B. Stries - Travel: C.Adams- Pickelball: Guest: J. Strain, State
Vice President - Guest: J. Brunn, member
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES

2. Previous Minutes: M/Cardozo S/Adams - Approved

3. Treasurers Report: Presented by: John Gasper

Checkbook Balance as of 09/30/2015	\$4,325.93
Petty Cash on Hand	\$ 200.00
Receipts	\$1,723.00
Disbursements	\$1,940.21
TOTAL Balance as of 08/31/2015	\$4,308.72

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Graham S/Watson -Approved
Vouchers to be paid: Reimbursements: Newsletter R. Lewis \$47.45
Motion to pay Vouchers: M/Davis S/Cardoza - Approved

4. Little SIR Report: presented by: B. Burchell

⑩ Nov 5 Topic: Larry McFarland " Honor our Veterans" "Flight Presentation Film & Patriotic Music"

⑩ Dec 3 Topic: Ladies Day – Entertainment by: "Yes Company"

- Committee Reports:

- Dining Out Club: Tuesday & Thursday: Vince Sereno: No Dining Out in Nov & Dec

** Starting in January - There will be a new Wednesday Dining Out Club**

- Membership report given by: G. King

- Active members 189 Last Months Attendance: 122

Deaths - 0		Last Months Absent: 65
Inactive members 18		Last Months Excused: 21
Pending Members 1		Last Months Members Inducted 1
Unused Badges 42		Honorary Life Members 4
Members requesting Inactive Status: 0		Members requesting resignation: 0

- Sunshine: no report

- Newsletter: no report

- Book Club: Everything going well

- Golf: no report

- Pickleball: The group is growing

- Rooster / Data: Please check old directory for correctness – getting ready to do new directory – If you have a change please let Gary Williams know.

5. Old Business: none

6. New Business: 1) Appointed Charles Brunn to be 2016 Assistant Secretary – He was then sworn in by P.Brooks.2) J. Strain discussed a new SIR Branch web site.

7. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: Dec 3 , 2015 @ Season's @ 10:00 am

- Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:33 am

Respectfully Submitted: Gary McManus, 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.

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE presents "Christmas in the City" at Capital Christian Center in Sacramento, December 12, 2015

Come join the fun and get in the Christmas spirit with a fantastic performance by the 110 member chorus along with a well down production. Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory after the matinee show. This trip sells out fast so don't delay and get your reservation in soon. Price \$134.00 per person.

Deadline: December 5

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHOW in RENO "Ebenezer, The Musical Christmas Carol". December 17-18, 2015

Travel to Reno for an overnight stay at the El Dorado hotel and enjoy a Private Cocktail Party before enjoying the best dinner buffet in Reno. On to the show which has been in Europe and other parts of the United States. Based on Charles Dickens classic it will be both entertaining and heartwarming. Breakfast buffet and casino credit included. Price \$273 double and \$288 single. Deadline: November 25

New Trip
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

Contact **Bill Stires** for detailed information and reservation forms for all SIR travel. 209-544-2684 or go online at sir/area22.com and print out any of the reservation forms.



Tales of the Old South May 4-22, 201

2016 Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee, Julius Manrique, Gary Williams, Sam Graham and Ted Nagel have presented the following "Slate of Officers" to be voted on by the membership in October 2015, installed in November and take office January 2016.

2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS	
Big Sir:	Bill Burchell
Little Sir:	Gary McManus
Secretary:	Alan Swofford
Assistant Secretary:	Charlie Brunn
Treasurer:	Tom Watson
Assistant Treasurer:	
Directors:	
	Lauri Salvi
	Patton Brooks
	Gayland King
	David Marino
	Leonard Davis
	Ernie Lewis



Officers and Directors for 2016

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

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out" Club News

Preparing for 2016----

Preparation is necessary to ensure the fluid operation of the clubs. Even though the clubs do not meet in November or December, decisions need to be made and some decisions for 2016 started last July when it became evident that a 3rd "Dining Out" Club was needed. During the October Thursday "Dining Out" Club meeting, a consensus was reached and our 3rd club was established. Some members of that club volunteered to be the first members of the new 3rd Wednesday "Dining Out" Club. A 2016 calendar of meeting dates was given to the members of each "Dining Out" Club, and volunteers of each club chose to be the Host & Hostess for a specific month of the year. Next is the selection of a restaurant by the Host & Hostess and is followed by making confirmed reservations with the restaurant. We have not as yet confirmed any reservations, but the Wednesday club has chosen Italian, the Tuesday club, Mexican, and the Thursday club, Chinese. November/December is when reservations are made for the first 3 months of the year. See the January Newsletter for the latest information.

Individual SIR members, or SIR members and their wives/lady friends are invited to join one of our clubs. Contact Vince Sereno at the luncheon or 524-9630 for information.

2016 Meeting Dates:

3rd Wednesday Club--Jan 20/Feb 17/Mar 16/Apr 20
May 18/ Jun 15/ Jul 20/ Aug 17/ Sep 21/ Oct 19

4th Tuesday Club---Jan 26/Feb 23/Mar 22/Apr 26
May 24/ Jun 28/ Jul 26/ Aug 23/ Sep 27/ Oct 25

4th Thursday Club---Jan 28/Feb 25/Mar 24/Apr 28
May 26/ Jun 23/ Jul 28/ Aug 25/ Sep 22/ Oct 27



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Avila	Sam	12/05/35	80
Baker(I)	John	12/22/48	67
Brooks	Pat	12/24/39	76
Brunn	Charlie	12/03/31	84
Costa	Joe	12/07/23	92
Davis	Glenn	12/18/34	81
Fairchilds	Don	12/12/29	86
Gardali	Chuck	12/31/35	80
Gonzales	Sam	12/02/38	77
Machado	Joe	12/26/40	75
Moore	Martin	12/17/51	64
Osborn	Billy	12/06/38	77
Richards	Gene	12/14/29	86
Silveira	Bill	12/25/26	89
Sullivan	Don	12/14/41	74
Yockey	Dan	12/17/40	75

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	
Brown	Ron	Anita	12/26/59
Coffman	Phil	Beverly	12/28/56
Gottschalk	C. K.	Roberta	12/21/59
Hamiel	Mike	Aloise	12/01/78
Kazas	Louie	Cleo	12/10/50
Marino	David	Donna	12/26/64
Maxwell	Joe	Melissa	12/29/62
Moran(I)	Paul	Marie	12/28/84
Morrow	Wally	Pat	12/26/45
Mountain	Jeff	Sandra	12/05/70
Ruch, Jr.	Wally	Catharine	12/25/51
Strain	Jerry	Merlyne	12/30/60



December 2015 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 11 October 27, 2015

Series: David Brown	678	David Brown	678
Game : John Kincanon	243	John Kincanon	278

Week 12 November 03, 2015

Series : Tom Chesko	620	Tom Chesko	704
Game : John Sherrard	225	Dominic Genova	273

Week 13 November 10, 2015

Series: Gary Pattee	674	CK Gottschalk	723
Game : Don Reed	269	Don Reed	298

Week 14 November 17, 2015

Series: Gary Pattee	681	Marvin VanMiddenorp	703
Game : Gary Pattee	257	Chuck Nichols	265

Come out for our home town tournament.

----- 2015 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

Jan 19th Tues Pacific Bowl Stockton 209-956-6763

Jan 26&27 Tues & Wed Napa Bowl Napa 707-257-7537

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 Chairman:

Chuck Adams 883-2965

SIR 143 Plays at Columbia Park

600 Columbia St. Turlock

Thursday 9:00am

December 2015 Golf



Mon	Dec 7 th	Dryden	9:00 AM Shotgun
		\$27 Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Dec 14 th	Manteca	9:00 AM Shotgun
		\$29 Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 143

I have started collecting NCGA Dues. Renewal fees are the same as last year. For current SIR Golf members the cost is \$45. I am asking all Branch 144 members to renew by our January 7th monthly meeting. After this date current members who have not renewed will be placed on the Inactive List and will have until our February 4th meeting to renew without the \$10 penalty for renewing late. For those who are joining SIR Golf as new members the fee is \$45.

The signup sheets this month has been difficult because of poor handwriting and bad information. These problems increase my work load and increase the time it takes to complete the Final Signup sheets I send to the Treasurer and Handicap Chairman.

First name(s) of requested playing partner(s) and eligible name(s) is not acceptable. I may make an educated guess based on past history, however I should not have to guess who is being requested. If any necessary field is left blank (ie Riding/Walking) then again I am forced to make an educated guess. Catching these errors at the meeting is difficult because of the large number of entries. Thus I do not see these error until I get home and start compiling the data to pass on to the Treasurer and Handicap Chairman.

Starting with the January Signup Sheets, if I am unable to read the required/requested information, especially the requested playing partner, I will not honor the request. So, I ask every golf member of Branch 144 to take a little more time at the Signup table to ensure that the entries are legible.

Last but not lease, I wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving and to enjoy your loved ones.

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



DEAR SIRS BRANCH 144 MEMBERS,

(1) WE HAVE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH "THE SEASON'S ON LUNCHEON CONTRACT FOR 2016 AND DO NOT FEEL WE CAN MEET THEIR DEMANDS. THE NEW PRICE HAS KNOWN COSTS AND UNKNOWN COSTS, INCREASING MEAL COSTS FROM \$1.50 TO \$2.00 PER MEAL.

NEW COST WOULD BE \$16.00 PER MEAL (TIP NOT INCLUDED).

CONTRACT PROPOSAL:

ROOM ACCESS: 10:30 A.M.??

MINIMUM GUARANTEED GUESTS: 125, WILL ACCOMMODATE 5% INCREASE, NO DECREASE??

LINEN AND SKIRTING FEE: \$5.00 WILL APPLY FOR EACH PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION TABLE

ROOM TO BE SET TO ACCOMMODATE 125 GUESTS. IF ADDITIONAL TABLES NEEDED CLIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADDITIONAL LINEN COSTS.

ADDITIONAL GROUP NEEDS: PIANO, FLAG, PODIUM, PA SYSTEM, REGISTRATION TABLE: FEES WILL BE ASSESSED.

WE WILL DECLINE THE SEASON'S OFFER FOR 2016!!

(2) CHARITY WAY BALLROOM & CATERING AT THE ELKS CLUB, 645 CHARITY WAY, MODESTO, CA. 95356

EVENT COORDINATOR: BRENDA ROSS

MEAL COST: \$12.00 INCLUDES TIP (FOR YEAR 2016)

MENU BUFFET STYLE: TWO HOT ENTREES, TWO SALADS, ONE STARCH, AND ONE VEGETABLE WITH BREAD AND BUTTER.

DESSERT

ICE TEA, COFFEE, WATER.

WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE CHARITY WAY BALLROOM AND CATERING AT THE ELKS CLUB CONTRACT THE ELKS CLUB WANTS OUR BUSINESS AND WILL WORK TO EARN OUR TRUST.

APPROVED BY THE 2015 AND 2016 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS (2015 DIRECTOR BILL CARDOZA ABSENT)

OUR NEW MEETING DATE WILL BE THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING TIME.

SINCERELY,

PATTON BROOKS, 2015 BIG SIR BRANCH 144

BILL BURCHELL, 2016 BIG SIR BRANCH 144

Calendar of Events



Dec 12— Christmas in the City at the Capitol Christian Center in Sacramento

Dec 17-18 Ebenezer the Musical Christmas Carol at the El Dorado Hotel in Reno

May 4-11, 2016 Tales of the Old South. To learn about the Civil War

Program for DECEMBER 3, 2015

"YES" COMPANY AMBASSADORS

Enthusiastic young singers with a stimulating musical program



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

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2015

Big Sir:..... Patton Brooks 522-6417
Little Sir:..... Bill Burchell 529-6039
Secretary: . Gary Mc Manus 479-3134
Assistant Secretary:Alan Swofford 480-6539
Treasurer:..... John Gasper 863-9565
Assistant Treasurer:Tom Watson 577-4390

DIRECTORS FOR 2015

Sam Graham 552-0960 Bill Cardoza 521-6794
Gayland King 568-7061.... Gene Toschi 402-4242
Leonard Davis 524-1526 Chuck Adams 883-2965

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, Inc Bobbie Hairston 707-252-0252
DIRECTOR, REGION 8 Jerry Strain 209-551-8220
GOVERNOR AREA 22 Jerry Emery 209 838-1562

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. 492-3777
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:Vern Masse 538-4275
Branch 144 Pickleball Chairman:Chuck Adams 883-2965
Programs: Bill Burchell 529-6039
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
Orientation: . Gary Williams 578-3471
Assistants: Julius Manrique, 576-1077, Ted Nagel 869-6304
Dining: Vince Sereno, 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607
House:
Attendance: Tony Salonga, 541-1944; Pert Manabat, 551-1080
Sunshine: ..Julius Manrique 576-1077
Assistant:Ted Nagel 869-6304
Chaplain:Norman VanWalterop 529-8169
Membership/Data/Reports:Gayland King 552-8930
Activities Director:
Book Club: Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577
Accessories: John Bates 383-5259

