

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



February 2016 Newsletter

Volume 02- 2016

Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell

We're off to a good start!

It was great to share the experience of good support as we started the New Year with new surroundings. The Elks Lodge welcomed us warmly and we will fine-tune details as we go along to settle into a comfortable monthly activity. I appreciate all the effort of the many people who made this transition a solid move for our group. We had an impressive 140 in attendance and hope we can continue to keep our numbers up.

Modesto Fire Chief Sean Slamon gave us a most informative, educational and interesting program as to the status and responsibilities within the Fire Department. His presentation gave us a sense of confidence that we have able, dedicated and diligent members serving under him. Our thanks to Little Sir (and retired fire fighter) Gary McManus for starting out the New Year with an outstanding program.

We look forward to our next meeting on Thursday, February 18th, with our speaker Ron Agostini, colorful sports writer for the Modesto Bee, with his insight of the sports world. Hope to see you there.

Bill Burchell, Big Sir

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New Members



Pictured (L to R)- (S) Jack Hawes-(NM) Chuck Gentry-(NM) Robert Novakovich- (S) Keith Rogers

Chuck Gentry was a Marine Corps Helicopter Pilot & Agriculture Teacher. He enjoys hunting, golf, & building things. His wife is Patricia.

Robert Novakovich was School Teacher & Contractor. He enjoys Golf, Salsa Dancing & Skiing. His Fiancee is Lorelie.

"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
January 21, 2016

- Meeting Called to Order: B.Burchell, BIG SIR - 9:15 am

1. Officers Present: - G.McManus - A.Swofford - C.Braun -T.Watson -G.Toschi
Directors: P.Brooks– C.Adams - D.Marino – G.King – L. Davis - E.Lewis - L. Salvi
Committee Chairmen Present: G.King -Membership : T.Nagel- Sunshine: J. Bates -Accessories: V. Sereno -Dining Out Club: F.Pierson- Books: B. Stries - Travel: C.Campbell & M.Maxwell- Pickelball: R.Lewis – Newsletter. Guest: J. Strain, State Vice President
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES

2. Previous Minutes: M/Davis S/Lewis - Approved

3. Treasurers Report: Presented by: T. Watson

Checkbook Balance as of 11/31/2015	\$6.053.42
Petty Cash on Hand	\$ 200.00
Receipts	\$ 451.00
Disbursements	\$2.295.92
TOTAL Balance as of 12/31/2015	\$4.408.50

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Brooks S/McManus -Approved
Vouchers to be paid: Reimbursements: none presented
Motion to pay Vouchers: : M/ S/

4. Little SIR Report: presented by: G.McManus

Ⓢ Jan 21 Topic: Presented by G.McManus will be: Sean Slamon, Fire Chief "Modesto Fire Dept."

Ⓢ February 18 Topic: Ron Agostini – Modesto Bee Sports writer

5. Committee Reports:

- Dining Out Club: 2nd Tuesday: Norman Lawrence – Mimi's Cafe
- 4th Tuesday: Henry Solario Marcella's Mexican Rest
- 4th Thursday : Vince Sereno Shangri-La China Bistro

- Membership report given by : G. King

• Active members 174	Last Months Attendance: 85
Deaths - 0	Last Months Absent: 102
Inactive members 19	Last Months Excused: 35
Pending Members 2	Last Months Members Inducted 0
Unused Badges 0	Honorary Life Members 3
Members requesting Inactive Status: 6	Members requesting resignation: 9

- Sunshine: J.Manrique No report
- Book Club: F.Pierson - appears we're going to need more table space
- Membership: G.Williams – updating roster
- Pickelball: C.Campbell – Meeting 3 times a week see Newsletter article

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: 1) T.Watson – Discussion around tracking lunches sold - agreed to stay with current system.
2) J.Manrique – Concerning the annual Audit of SIR/Branch 144 is in process.

8. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: Feb 18 , 2016 @ Elk's Lodge @ 9:15 am

- Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:24 am

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.

Annual Spring Training trip to Arizona
(Adult Spring Break)
March 6 – 11, 2016

Our best Spring Training trip yet!
Travel to Las Vegas for our first night stay and on to Scottsdale for 3 nights at the Residence Inn. While in Scottsdale we will see 2 baseball games (Giants and A's). Along with the games we will tours of the University of Phoenix Stadium (former Super Bowl venue) and the Pueblo Indian Museum. A great dinner at the Rustler's Roost and a dinner theatre show. We will depart Scottsdale and on to Palm Springs and a stay at the Hilton in downtown Palm Springs before heading home. Trip will sell out fast so sign up early
Price: \$1499 Per Person Double, \$1800 Single

We have a trip planned to October, 2016 to New York City for 2 days and board a Princess Cruise Ship and sail up the coast of New England and end up in Quebec City, Quebec. More details to come. Sign up by February 29 and receive double on board credits and discounts on the trip. Come to an informational meeting on February 16, 2016, time 10:30 at the Sun and Shadows clubhouse at 2030 Sunset Drive in Turlock for more details. Prices and details to come soon.

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.

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

Let's give a warm welcome to the new Officers and Directors. Thank You.

Bob Lewis, Editor



"DINING OUT" CLUBS



"Dining Out" Club News

February Update-----

All Dining Out Clubs have had successful meetings in January. We are good food, good friends, good conversation and laughter groups, and it is a great time for all our old members and new members. Henry Solario continues to enlighten us with bits of Modesto History and his personal experiences growing up in this town. New is a comical and/or thought provoking selected story by Vince.

To join a Dining Out Club, please contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

Tues. February 9th, at 4:30 pm at Mimi's Cafe.
Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Norman & Janet Lawrence at 551-5081 by Tues. Feb. 2nd.

Tues. March 1st, at 4:30 pm at Outback Steakhouse Reservations or Regrets to Hosts Joe & Mary Miceli at 527-5818 by Tues, February 23rd.

4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

Tues. February 23rd at 4:30 pm at Velvet Creamery. Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Richard & Katherine Pyle at 613-9483 by Tues. February 16th.

Tues. March 22nd at 5 pm at Shangri-La China Bistro, hosted by Gene & Betty Toschi

4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

Thurs. February 25th at 4:30 pm at Mimi's Cafe. Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Bob & Margaret Offermann at 524-0198 by Thurs. February 18th.

Thurs. March 24th at 5 pm at Marcella's, hosted by Julius & Barbara Manrique

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

NAME		DATE	AGE
Carrington	Glen	02/13/52	64
Coffman	Phillip	02/26/35	81
Cose	David	02/15/40	76
Duncan	Billy	02/01/53	63
Elson(I)	Richard	02/20/29	87
Faulkner	Kent	02/18/42	74
Gentry	Charles	02/14/54	62
Hall	Wesley	02/26/23	93
Hawkins	Jared	02/01/44	72
Herman(I)	Ralph	02/11/29	87
Holly	Steve	02/19/49	67
Hopkins	Charles	02/15/44	72
Kincanon	John	02/06/39	77
Montgomery	Douglas	02/04/45	71
Rice	Rodney	02/19/38	78
Riddell	Richard	02/08/41	75
Rogers	Keith A.	02/22/49	67
Sargent	John	02/18/45	71
Solario	Henry	02/07/32	84
Tatting	Carl J.	02/14/29	87
Townsend	Roger	02/13/39	77
Tucker(I)	David	02/22/36	80
Vigil	Herman	02/29/36	80
Yanko	Robert	02/27/34	72

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

NAME		SPOUSE	DATE	YEARS
Binney	Donald	Penny	02/01/68	48
Black	Gary	Judi	02/19/81	35
Cole	Benjamin	Jamie	02/03/70	46
Conkey	Harold	Lucile	02/11/66	50
Duran	James	Anita	02/14/10	16
Hubbard	Gary	Virginia	02/06/65	51
Offermann	Robert	Margaret	02/11/50	66
Pyle	Richard	Katherine	02/26/55	61
Salvi	Laurie	Helen	02/12/76	40



February 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games	Handicap Games	
Week 22 January 12 2016		
Series: David Brown	683	David Brown 683
Game : David Brown	259	Daniel Stevens 273
Week 23 January 12 2016		
Series : Gary Pattee	714	Gary Pattee 714
Game : Chuck Nichols	245	Chuck Nichols 278
Week 24 January 12 2016		
Series: Jerry Strain	671	Jerry Strain 281
Game : Jerry Strain	268	Jerry Strain 710
		Dwight Sullivan 710
Week 25 January 12 2016		
Series: Gary Pattee	694	Gary Pattee 694
Game : Gary Pattee	267	Gary Pattee 267

Come out for our home town tournament.
 ----- 2016 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----
 Feb 9th&10th Tues & Wed Granada Bowl
 Livermore 925-455-8633
 Feb 23rd Tues Pacific Bowl Stockton 209-956-6763
 Mar 21&23 Mon&Wed Diable Lanes Concord 925-798-5440

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

March 2016 Golf



Mon Feb 22 nd	Manteca	9:00 AM Shotgun
\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon Feb 29 th	Elkhorn	9:00 AM Shotgun
\$44	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon Mar 7 th	Creekside	9:00 AM Shotgun
\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103
Mon Mar 14 th	Micke Grove	9:00 AM Shotgun
\$38	Carts Included	Host: 144
Mon Mar 21 st	Pheasant Run	9:00 AM Shotgun
\$41	Carts Included	Host: 143

When writing out your checks please be sure to include the course name and the date of the tournament in the memo part of the check. This added information is beneficial for both the Treasure and I. It eliminates confusion as to which tournament the check is for and facilitates returning checks to players for tournaments that were not played.

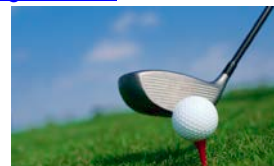
On the signup sheets I have been seeing requests for the same playing partners from different groups. This is confusing for me in which group to place requested players and in turn increases the amount to time it takes to fill out the signup sheets sent to the Handicap Chairman.

Each player is responsible for filling out the signup sheet completely and correctly. Talk with the players you want to play with and make sure that another group does not want to play with the same player. Duplication creates problems. Also remember handwriting need to be legible.

Starting in March when I do the Signup Sheet for the Handicap Chairman and I encounter this confusion; I may not attempt to sort out who is to play with who. If a player leaves the request off, I may not place that player in any group and the player will be placed in a random group at the discretion of the Handicap Chairman.

Pairings/Results, visit our Website at
www.sirinc2.org/branch144

Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway
 Phone #209-832-1421
 34532 Bernard Drive, Tracy, CA 95377
 E-mail: sirgolf144@gmail.com



*Patton Brooks receives recognition
From President Hairston for service
As President of Branch 144. Presented
By State VP Jerry Strain*



*Phillip Bravard (C) receives
Senior SIR Award from Patton
Brooks (L) and Big SIR Bill
Burchell*



Congratulations!

Calendar of Events



**Annual Spring Training Trip to Arizona
March 6-11 in Scottsdale**

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



Program for FEBRUARY 18,

The speaker will be Ron
Agostini- Sports Writer for
the Modesto Bee



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

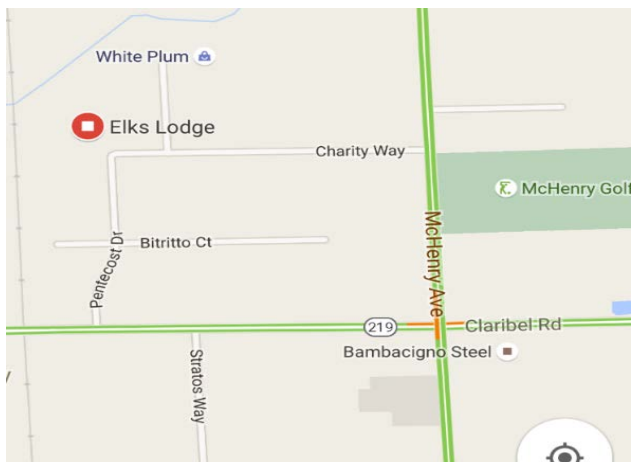
Ernie Lewis 523-7387 Patton Brooks 522-6417
Gaylan King 568-7061..... Lor Salvi 576-7898
Leonard Davis 524-1526 David Marino 838-2038

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

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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 69 members who gave annual donations of \$24 or more in January! This is 39% of our 174 active members. You can still give a \$24 annual donation by bringing it to the February 18 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!