

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

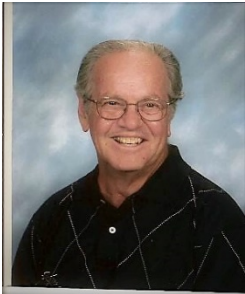
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and dignity of retirement*



February 2017 Newsletter

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### *Message from Big Sir Gary Williams*



Here it's February already. Please do not forget Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> and remember to get that someone special a card and let them know how special they are. Also, I want to

express a "Thank You" to the members that submitted a "comments" sheet at the last meeting; we received 12 from the 14 tables, a great response. At the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> we will go over a summary of the comments. At the meeting we will be having a discussion about the new "phone call" program that we have started to remind each member of the next meeting and having a way to respond as to the members intended attendance. Finally a reminder that we recommend that each member make their annual donation of \$24.00 to cover our expenses. I look forward to seeing each of you on the 16<sup>th</sup> for fun and food.

Big SIR, Gary Williams

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[www.sirinc2.org/branch144](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch144)

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

### *New Members*



(NM)\* Tom Skeen- (SP)\* Henry Solario; (NM) Rick Irwin Jr- (SP) Lor Salvi; (SP) Patton Brooks- (NM) Tom Conway Jr

**Tom Skeen was a machinist. He enjoys golf. His wife is Carmen.**

**Rick Irwin Jr was in the wine business. He enjoys golf. His wife is Bonnie.**

**Tom Conway Jr was in food sales- grocery Stouffer's Foods. He enjoys some handy work, and fishing. His wife is Geraldine(Jerry).**

*We are now back at the Seasons.  
The price of Luncheons will be  
\$16. We will still be meeting on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.  
Luncheon is February 16, 2017.*



Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call **Gaylan King** at 380-9896

\* (NM)- New Member \*(SP)- Sponsor

**SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 19, 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, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Dan Huffstatler and Ron Vigus.
3. The Secretary confirmed that a quorum is present.
4. Big Sir welcomed the New Year and the approved new contract at Seasons Catering
5. The meeting minutes of December 13, 2016 were approved as submitted (m/Gaylan King/s/ Ron Vigus).
6. Treasurer's report:

Check Book balance 1/1/2017(YTD)	\$ 4208.20
Total Receipts (YTD)	\$20118.41
Total disbursements (YTD)	\$20004.71
Check Book balances	\$ 4652.20
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
Check Book and petty cash balance	\$ 4852.20

Report approved (m/Ernie Lewis/s/Pat Brooks)

Roster pamphlet	\$ 311.59
Newsletter Jan 2017 and special letter vouchers	\$ 76.32

Approved: (m Gaylan King/s/ Ron Vigus)

7. Membership Report: (Gaylan King) Contacted members with 7 or more unexcused absences. Motion to authorize dropping members with limited attendance. Recommended exit interview. m/ Gaylan King/s/Pat brooks.
8. Committee Report:
  - Newsletter: (Bob Lewis) - All is well.
  - Dining Club: (Vince Sereno) -Off and running
  - Bowling: None
  - Book Club: (Joe Venturini) – Going well
  - Accessories: (Sam Graham) - 14 tables includes 2 worker tables
  - Sunshine - Richard Riddell has breathing problem and on oxygen; Henry Solario– Broken wrist; Jerry Strain's wife had open heart surgery and recovering.
  - Golf: None
  - Travel: Bill Stires- announced travel destinations at the meeting
  - Program: None scheduled for February – one suggestion is a topic on getting cheap funeral
9. Other Business:
  - Business cards to be available for distribution next month;
  - Working on increasing attendance by using monthly phone calls to members to remind about luncheon.
  - Roster of Members pamphlet distributed at end of meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02am. February 16, 2017 meeting is scheduled at 9:30am. Respectfully Submitted- Gerry Veloria

# Area 22 Travel

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

### By Bill Stires

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

**Tulip and Windmill Cruise, April 2-10, 2017.** Enjoy a 7-night cruise aboard the AmaCerto through the Netherlands and Belguim. This is an **all inclusive** trip that includes: non-stop airfare to and from SF to Amsterdam, all transfers, meals with beer and wine, choice of shore excursions at each port, along with many other extras. **Prices: \$4925.00 to \$6200.00 depending on cabin selected.**

### “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**  
**Deadline: March 21, 2017**

### Spring Training March 5-10, 2017

Our annual Adult Spring Break trip is a very popular one and always fun filled.

We travel to Palm Springs for and overnight stay at Palm Mountain resort and dinner at the tram station at the top of the mountain. Then on to Scottsdale for 3 days and nights. We will see Giants play the Dodgers and an A’s game. A dinner show and the popular Rustlers Rooste are some highlights. Day attractions are included along with many other extras. **Need 30 minimum for trip Prices: \$1450 per person double occupancy. Single: \$1950**

### Canadian Rockies June 6-12, 2017

Travel to beautiful Calgary to start the tour of the Canadian Rockies, then off to Jasper for 2 nights to visit Lake Louise, drive along many snowcapped peaks, see waterfalls, and wildlife before heading to Jasper for 2 nights. Then off to Banff for 3 nights and visiting Glacier Skywalker, Surprise Corner, and Bow Falls and many other attractions before heading back to Calgary and home.

**Prices: \$2850 per person double occupancy. Add \$650 single supplement**

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.

## 2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

<b>Big Sir:</b>	<b>Gary Williams</b>
<b>Little Sir:</b>	<b>Edd Santwier III</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Gerry Veloria</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	<b>Charlie Brunn</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tom Watson</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	<b>Gene Toschi</b>
<b>Directors:</b>	
	<b>Patton Brooks</b>
	<b>Bill Burchell</b>
	<b>Dan Huffstatler</b>
	<b>Gaylan King</b>
	<b>Ernie Lewis</b>
	<b>Ron Vigus</b>



**Pictured L-R: Director Bill Burchell; Secretary Gerry Veloria; Big SIR Gary Williams; Little SIR Edd Santwier III were sworn in by Alan Baxter**

(Editor’s note: Alan Baxter, not Donald Dill did the swearing in)

**Please visit our website at**  
[www.sirinc2.org/branch144](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch144)

**Please visit The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at:**  
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

## "DINING OUT" CLUBS



### Dining Out Club News

**Thank You to all members of the 3 groups for responding to the January call for reservations or regrets. It makes it easier to deal with our restaurants and they appreciate knowing the number to expect. If you do not respond, I need to guess what you are planning.**

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

#### **February Locations**

February 7th--(2nd Tues. Club)

*Marcella's--5:00 pm*

*Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Host Henry Solario at 578-5607 as soon as possible!*

February 28th--(4th Tues. Club)

*Shangri-La China Bistro-4:30 pm*

*Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Host & Hostess Biff & Veeann at 575-2724, No later than February 21st.*

February 23rd--(4th Thurs. Club)

*Mimi's Cafe ---4:30 pm*

*Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Bob & Margaret Offermann at 524-0198 by Thurs. February 16th.*

#### March Dates & Locations

March 14th--2nd Tues--Outback

March 28th--4th Tues--Carino's

March 23rd--4th Thurs-- ???

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name Date Years

Carrington	Glenn	02/13/52	65
Coffman	Phil	02/26/35	82
Cose	Dave	02/15/40	77
Duncan	Billy	02/01/53	64
Elson(I)	Richard	02/20/29	88
Faulkner	Kent	02/18/42	75
Gentry	Chuck	02/14/54	63
Hall	Wes	02/26/23	94
Hawkins	Jerry	02/01/44	73
Herman(I)	Ralph	02/11/29	88
Hopkins	Chuck	02/15/44	73
Kincanon	John	02/06/39	78
Montgomery	Doug	02/04/45	72
Rice	Rod	02/19/38	79
Riddell	Richard	02/08/41	76
Rogers	Keith	02/22/49	68
Sargent	John	02/18/45	72
Solario	Henry	02/07/32	85
Tatting	John	02/14/29	88
Togliatti	John	02/20/34	83
Townsend	Roger	02/13/39	78
Tucker(I)	David	02/22/36	81
Vigil	Vig	02/29/36	81
Yanko	Bob	02/27/34	83

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date Years

Binney	Donald	Penny	02/01/68	49
Black	Gary	Judi	02/19/81	36
Cole	Ben	Jamie	02/03/70	47
Conkey	Hal	Lucile	02/11/66	48
Duran	Jim	Anita	02/14/10	7
Hubbard	Gary	Virginia	02/06/65	52
Offermann	Bob	Margaret	02/11/50	67
Salvi	Lor	Helen	02/12/76	41
Skeen	Tom	Carmen	02/12/83	34

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND  
CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL***



## Feb 2017 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games	Handicap Games		
	Week 20 December 27 2016		
Series: Joe Bradley	655	Joe Bradley	703
Game : Joe Bradley	243	Joe Bradley	259

	Week 21 January 03 2017		
Series: John Sherrard	656	Wes Rash	700
Game : Joe Bradley	276	Joe Bradley	289

	Week 22 January 10 2017		
Series : John Sherrard	705	John Sherrard	723
Game : John Sherrard	256	John Sherrard	262

	Week 23 January 17 2017		
Series : David Brown	683	Don Binney	707
Game : John Schamante	277	Don Binney	295

	Week 24 January 24 2017		
Series : John Sherrard	720	John Sherrard	732
Game : John Sherrard	264	Jerry Melvin	272

OUR TOURNAMENT IS NOV 3&4 COME BOWL

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

Feb. 21 Tuesday No Tap Pacific Bowl Stockton (209) 956-6763

Mar 20&22 Mon&Wed Diable Lanes Concord (925) 798-5440

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](mailto:vnr03@sbcglobal.net)

## FEBRUARY GOLF 2017



FEB 6, 9:00 AM	THE RESERVE	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$ 45.00	
FEB. 13, 9:00 AM	MICKEGROVE	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$ 33.00	
FEB. 21, 9:00 AM	DIABLO GRANDE	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 43.00	
FEB. 27, 9:00 AM	CREEK SIDE	CARTS \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 29.00	
MAR. 6 8:30 AM	DRY CREEK	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$42.00	
MAR. 10 9:00 AM	CREEK SIDE (MP)	CARTS \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$29.00	

**NOTE: DIABLO GRANDE IS ON TUESDAY**

**DRY CREEK TEE TIME IS 8:30 AM**

WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF RAIN LATELY, WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL WITH CARTS AROUND THE GREENS. STAY 30 FEET AWAY.

THE FRESNO BRANCH WOULD LIKE TO INVITE US TO JOIN THEM AT PHEASANT RUN TENATIVE DATES ARE 4/18, 6/20, 10/17. THESE WOULD BE PLAYED ON TUESDAYS. ANY PRIZE MONEY WOULD GO TO YOUR ACCT.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR NCGA DUES BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO PLAY AS A GUEST. NO PRIZE MONEY.

JAY NORRIS BR. 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

[SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM)

209-606-1475



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:arthurpargament@icloud.com)

Modesto: Coming Soon  
Beyer Park  
Contact: Jay Pierce 209 602-0901 email [jzperce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jzperce@sbcglobal.net)



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"MEN ENJOYING ACTIVE RETIREMENT"



"Members are reminded that with the start of the new year comes time for the usual \$24 Annual Donation to SIR Branch 144. The Annual Donation covers Branch costs such as this Newsletter printing & mailing, Guest speaker & Member birthday and sponsors' ("free") lunches, Roster printing, Ladies' Day Luncheon entertainment & roses, State SIR Assessment of \$5/year, Sunshine Committee cards & postage, etc. In January less than 1 in 6 members (about 16.5%) gave an Annual Donation and we thank these members. Many more members need to donate the \$24 to defray basic Branch expenses. Members may of course donate \$2 per month every month in lieu of the \$24 Annual Donation. This amount has never increased in over two decades of this practice. The Executive Committee has kept a lid on expenses and with the continued generosity of our loyal Members, we will be able to keep current on all Branch expenses!

Thank you for your support to assist Branch Executive officers in meeting Branch expenses with "SIRtitude!"

Tom Watson, Treasurer  
SIR Branch 144"



## Calendar of Events

**March 5-10, 2017 Spring Training  
Scottsdale, AZ**

**April 2-10, 2017 Tulip & Windmill Cruise  
Netherlands & Belgium**

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

**June 6-12, 2017 Canadian Rockies**

Program for February 16, 2017

The Speaker will be Henry  
Solario

He will speak on Early  
Modesto and Golf



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## Past Big Sirs

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

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## Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

### OFFICERS FOR 2017

**Big Sir:** ..... Gary Williams 578-3471  
**Little Sir:**.....Edd Santwier III 605-9638  
**Secretary:**.....Gerry Veloria 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  
Gaylan King 380-9896                 Dan Huffstatler 691-8028  
Ron Vigus 524-1569                     Ernie Lewis 523-7387

### STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

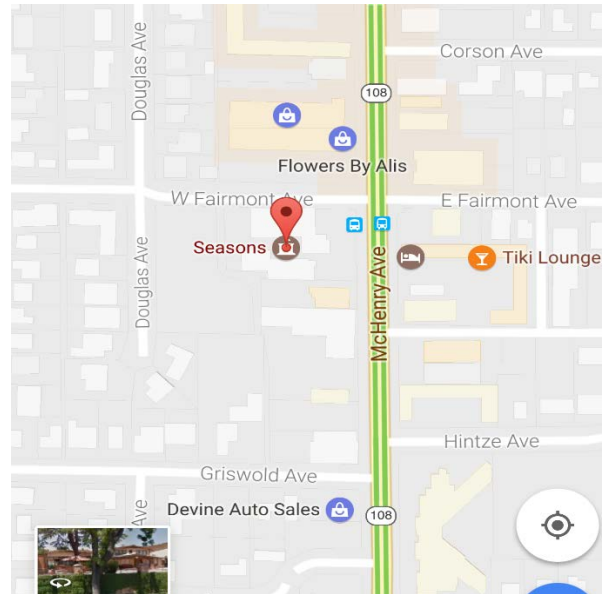
STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ... Jerry Strain 551-8220  
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ....Derek Southern 925-253-1646  
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Alan Baxter 559-434-1037  
GOVERNOR AREA 22.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

### 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  
**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:**..... Herman Vigil 557-9705  
**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



Fred Cassidy(R) receives Super Senior SIR President's Award from State SIR President Jerry Strain



**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! Henry Solario has a broken wrist. Richard Riddell has breathing problems. Jerry Strain's wife is recovering from open heart surgery. Frank Pierson passed on 12/31/2016.**