

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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and dignity of retirement*



January 2017 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Gary Williams

Here we go with the start of a new year, 2017, with the Branch returning to the Season's. To me it will feel as though we are returning home. I joined Branch 144 in March of 2004, and with the exception of last year, all meetings were at the Seasons. I have received several notes from members voicing their appreciation of the move. The only question raised was in regard to the price increase, which will be explained at the January meeting. I would invite all members to attend the January luncheon and check out the remodeled facility, you will find it very warm and inviting.



We all should extend a great appreciation to last year's Sig Sir, Bill Burchell, for doing an outstanding job. He had the misfortune from the start of his tenure to be faced with the upheaval of moving to a new location at the Elk's and then the resignation of the Little Sir and Secretary later in the year, and if that was not enough, had to deal with the pricing increase at the Elk's at the end of the year necessitating the move back to the Season's. All this going on while still doing the normal tasks of Big Sir. Now we can look back and see that he did a great job and handled it all very well and needs to be recognized for doing an outstanding job.

See you January 19 at the Season's Catering.

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

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

LADIES DAY



Enjoying Conversation (more pics on page 6)

*We are now back at the Seasons.
The price of Luncheons will be
\$16. We will still be meeting on
the 3rd Thursday of each month.
Luncheon is January 19, 2017.*



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

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BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 2016

1. Special meeting called to order by Big Sir Bill Burchell at 10:04 AM at the Season's Catering
2. Officers present: Bill Burchell, Julius Manrique, Ed Santwier, Gerry Veloria, Gene Toschi,
Len Davis, Ernie Lewis, Dave Marino
3. Visitors present: Gary Williams (2017 Big Sir), Vince Sereno, Bob Lewis (Newsletter)
4. Secretary confirms a quorum is present
5. The minutes of the November 19 BEC meeting was approved: M/Manrique S/ Toski
6. Treasurers' Report: check book balance as of 11/1/2016.....\$5099.89
total receipts..... \$1547.00
total disbursements.....\$1623.11
check book bal as if 11/30 (inc \$200.00 petty cash).\$5250.78
Treasure's report approved: M/Toschi S/Manrique
no vouchers submitted
7. Membership report: Three new members for November: Gary Chalk, Hall Eubank
and Frank Le Sage,
Three new members for January 2017: Rick Irwin, Tom Skeen, Tom Conway

One transfer back from 103: Jerry Emery

all new members approved: M/Davis S/Graham

8. Committee reports: None (no committee members present)
9. Old business: Ladies Day update. Sam Graham reports that he will pick up the Roses and have them available for the Attendance personnel to hand out, the lighting will be low lighting, and the table arrangement has been made. Bill Burchell reported that the menu has been coordinated with the Elk's for an enhanced menu. Len Davis reported that 139 meals have been paid for and a check is ready to give to the Elk's.
10. New business: A discussion comparing the Elk's proposal and the Season's proposal was had. It was unanimous that the Season's was the best course for Branch 144 to proceed. A detailed breakdown of the Season's/Branch 144 proposed contract details was presented. A vote to approve the Big Sir to proceed with contract approval with Season's Catering in accord with the breakdown was approved: M/Davis S/ Lewis.
It was agreed that the Newsletter Chairman (Bob Lewis) will send a letter explaining in detail the change to all members via e-mail to those with e-mail addresses and all others via USPS. The letter should contain information as to new location and change in price as a minimum.
11. Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:04

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 Belgium. 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. We will visit the following cities: Amsterdam, Hoorn, Arnhem, Hjmegen, Antwerp, Ghent, Rotterdam, Kinderdijk, Schoonhoven, Keukenhof and back to Amsterdam. **Prices: \$4925.00 to \$6200.00 depending on cabin selected.**

Golden Gate Fields. January 28, 2016

A very popular trip where you have the comfort of an exclusive Turf Club and enjoy a fantastic buffet before you bet on the ponies in the afternoon. Minimum 20 passengers needed for trip and maximum of 44. Price: \$118.00 per person

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. **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 sirinc2.org/branch144 and print out any of the reservation forms.

2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

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



Pictured L-R: Director Bill Burchell; Secretary Gerry Veloria; Big SIR Gary Williams; Little SIR Edd Santweir III were sworn in by outgoing State President Donald Dill(back)

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

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

Happy New Year!

It's time to eat, drink, talk, laugh and be merry again for all 3 groups of the Dining Out Clubs. Welcome to our 2017 year when we will meet at our favorite restaurants for good food, great times, and socializing with old and new friends. (Then there is more of Vince's short versions of "humour" or interesting "tidbits" of information.) What more could you ask for? To join one of our fun groups, Contact Vince at 524-9630.

January Locations

January 10th--(2nd Tues. Club)

Marie Callender's--5:00 pm

Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Norm & Janet Lawrence at 551-5081 as soon as possible!

January 24th--(4th Tues. Club)

Marcella's---4:30 pm

Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Host Henry Solario at 578-5607 No later than January 17th.

January 26th--(4th Thurs. Club)

Beijing Restaurant ---4:30 pm

Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 by Thurs. January 19th.

February Dates & Locations

February 7th--2nd Tues--Marcella's

February 28th--4th Tues--Shangri-La

February 23rd--4th Thurs--Mimi's

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Anderson	Scott	01/06/51	66
Barclay	Frank	01/01/31	86
Bica	Daryl	01/08/48	69
Boike	Gordon	01/29/35	82
Burchell	William	01/10/34	83
Cassidy	Fred	01/26/21	96
Conkey	Hal	01/19/24	93
Conway	Tom	01/11/33	84
Farley(I)	Dale	01/24/45	72
Guthrie	Gary	01/19/47	70
Holloway	Bill	01/20/47	70
Huffstatler	Dan	01/18/48	69
Lucas	Joe	01/24/34	83
Marino	David	01/24/40	47
McCoy	Mac	01/10/33	84
Morey	Mike	01/14/30	87
Mountain	Jeff	01/19/48	69
Nagel	Ted	01/08/30	87
Novakovich	Robert	01/25/47	70
Pollard	Dan	01/08/37	80
Rovere	Don	01/17/38	79
Sai	John	01/22/43	74
Sereno	Vince	01/25/39	78
Stambaugh	Dennis	01/25/47	70

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Abplanalp	Carl	Gloria	01/26/45	72
Cardoza	Bill	Karen	01/18/75	42
Conway	Tom	Jerry	01/15/82	35
Lang	Dick	Elizabeth	01/04/49	68
Leo Jr.	Frank	Lyola	01/06/48	69
Martinez	Joe	Erlinda	01/16/76	41
Montgomery	Doug	Josephine	01/14/69	48
Redding	Bill	Nita	01/18/81	36
Santwier III	Edd	Sharon	01/09/65	52
Spiva	Carl	Anabel	01/27/51	66
Veloria	Gerry	Debra	01/19/80	37

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**



June Davis sings the National Anthem



Calendar of Events

January 28, 2017 Golden Gate Fields

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Scottsdale, AZ**

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

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Program for January 19, 2017

Retired Modesto Police
Detective Sheri Cole will
Speak about her time with
MPD



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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OFFICERS FOR 2017

Big Sir: Gary Williams 578-3471
Little Sir:.....Edd Santweir 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

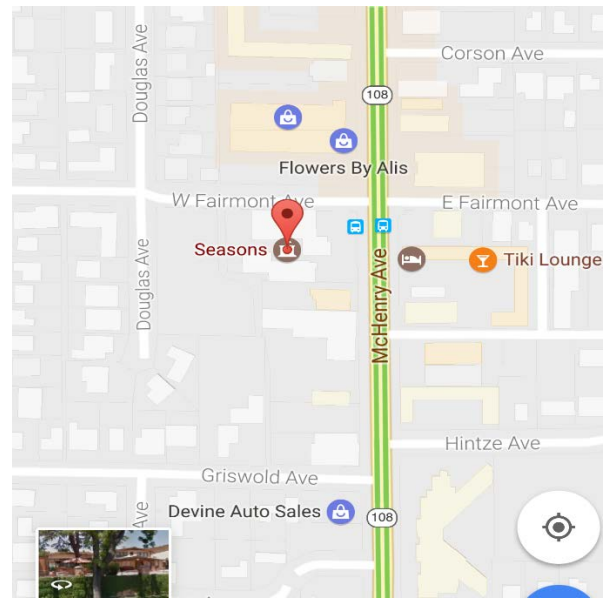
STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ... Jerry Strain 551-8220
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Ron Flagel 338-8109
GOVERNOR AREA 22.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

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 Santweir 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 557-9795
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



Gary Williams(C) receives HLM from Jerry Strain(L) with Wife Susan(R)



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! Fred Cassidy had a minor heart attack. Monte Schrader passed 12/24/2016. Dan Dwyer passed on 12/02/2016. Fred Hanson passed on 12/26/2016. John Bernard's wife Norma passed on 12/17/2016. Mac McCoy's wife has bladder cancer. Gaylan King broke vertebrae in his back. Ernie Lewis' sister Donna is recovering from cancer surgery. Ernie Lewis' brother Ron has colon cancer.