

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



January 2016 Newsletter

Volume 01- 2016

### *Message from Big Sir Bill*

#### *Burchell*

#### **NEW YEAR, NEW LOCATION, NEW OFFICERS, NEW EXPECTATIONS**

Happy New Year!!! As we build on the past and embark on new situations for the future we are being welcomed by the Elks Lodge for our SIR Branch 144 monthly meetings. (See last month's (December) Newsletter for background as to the change.) **We will be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday).** We anticipate a smooth transition as we adjust to the new format.

**Our next meeting is Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.**

Times are the same, except the BEC meeting at 9:15 a.m. Branch Executive Committee (BEC) and set-up

10:30 Membership gathering

11:00 Luncheon Meeting

11:30 Lunch Buffet with program to follow

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

As we close out the past year we need to give a gracious tribute to last year's officers, board members, committee chairmen, and workers for maintaining an active, volatile, enjoyable year! They provided for many to be involved in enriching activities for the betterment of our organization.

The new officers and board members will be installed at our January meeting. Check out their names as listed in this Newsletter and get to know them. We solicit your comments and suggestions as to input for the benefit of our group. We want to provide a forum for our members to help them enjoy their active retirement years.

Join with me in looking toward new expectations in the year ahead as we promote the SIR moto of "Independence and Dignity of Retirement" with stimulating luncheons, programs, activities and camaraderie.

Respectfully,  
Bill Burchell, 2016 BIG SIR

### Ladies Day



Another Picture on Page 8

**"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!"**

**AGAIN, THE LUNCHEON IS ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE ELKS (645 CHARITY WAY) Map on page 8.**



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  
December 3, 2015

⑩ Meeting Called to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR - 10 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 – E.Lewis

Committee Chairmen Present: G.King -Membership : J.Manrique- Sunshine: J. Bates -Accessories: V. Sereno -

Dining Out Club: F.Pierson- Books: B. Stires - Travel: C.Adams- Pickelball: B.Lewis – Newsletter. Guest: J.

Strain, State Vice President

Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES

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

3. Treasurers Report: Presented by: John Gasper

Checkbook Balance as of 10/31/2015 \$ 4,108.72

Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00

Receipts \$ 3,825.00

Disbursements \$ 1,880.30

TOTAL Balance as of 08/31/2015 \$6,253.42

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Watson S/Cardoza -Approved

Vouchers to be paid: Reimbursements: P.Brooks: \$34.73 P.Brooks: \$19.86 P.Brooks:\$58.05

Motion to pay Vouchers: M/Graham S/McManus - Approved

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

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

⑩ Jan 21 Topic: Presented by G.McManus will be: Sean Slamon, Fire Chief “Modesto Fire Dept.”

• Committee Reports:

• Dining Out Club: Tuesday & Thursday: Vince Sereno: Will resume In January

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

• Membership report given by :G. King

• Active members 185 Last Months Attendance: 132

Deaths -3

Last Months Absent: 55

Inactive members 18

Last Months Excused: 13

Pending Members 1

Last Months Members Inducted 1

Unused Badges 46

Honorary Life Members 4

Members requesting Inactive Status: 1 Members requesting resignation: 4

• Sunshine: Passing member: Al Bowen – Jerry Oftring – Y.E. Evers -

Illness/Injury: Phil Braward – Steve Nelson

• Book Club: Everything going well

5. Old Business: J. Strain more discussion on new SIR Branch web site / voted to pay J.Strain current website fees.

M/Graham- S/Gasper - Approved

6. New Business: 1) B.Lewis is going to work with J.Strain on developing new webpage for Branch 144.

7. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: January 21, 2016 @ Elk's Lodge @ 9:30 am

• Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:45 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.

## New Trip

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

## 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](http://sir/area22.com) and print out any of the reservation forms.**



Tales of the Old  
South May 4-22, 201

## 2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

<b>Big Sir:</b>	<b>Bill Burchell</b>
<b>Little Sir:</b>	<b>Gary McManus</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Alan Swofford</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	<b>Charlie Brunn</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tom Watson</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	
<b>Directors:</b>	
	<b>Lauri Salvi</b>
	<b>Patton Brooks</b>
	<b>Gaylan King</b>
	<b>David Marino</b>
	<b>Leonard Davis</b>
	<b>Ernie Lewis</b>



### **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

### Important January Update----

(1). Due to scheduling conflicts, the NEW Dining Out Club will be meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month, instead of the previously announced 3rd Wednesday date.

(2). If you wish to join any of the 3 Dining Out Clubs, you must contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630 as soon as possible.

January Dining Locations and the Host & Hostess to contact (for confirmed members) are as follows:

#### 2nd TUESDAY DINING OUT CLUB MEETS:

Tuesday, January 12th, at 4:30 pm at Olive Garden (Italian). Confirm your reservation or express regrets to Host & Hostess Laurie & Helen Salvi at 576-7898 by Tues. Jan. 5th.

#### 4th TUESDAY DINING OUT CLUB MEETS:

Tuesday, January 26th at 4:30 pm at Marcella's. Confirm your reservation or express your regrets to Host & Hostess Henry & Karen Solario at 578-5607 by Tuesday January 19th.

#### 4th THURSDAY DINING OUT CLUB MEETS:

Thursday, January 28th at 4:30 pm at Shangri-La China Bistro. Confirm your reservation or express your regrets to Host & Hostess Fred Cassidy & Pat Myrice at 529-4787 by Thursday January 21st.

#### 2016 Meeting Dates:

2nd Tuesday Club--Jan 12/Feb 9/Mar 8/Apr 12  
May 10/ Jun 14/ Jul 12/ Aug 9/ Sep 13/ Oct 11

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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name Date Age

Barclay	Francis	01/01/31	85
Bica	Daryl	01/08/48	68
Boike	Gordon	01/29/35	81
Burchell	William	01/10/34	82
Cassidy	Fred K.	01/26/21	95
Conkey	Harold	01/19/24	92
Farley(I)	Dale	01/24/45	71
Haub	Kenneth	01/01/45	71
Holloway	Bill	01/20/47	69
Huffstatler	Daniel	01/18/48	68
Lucas	Joseph	01/24/34	82
Marino	David	01/24/40	76
McCoy	Harold	01/10/33	83
McManus	Gary	01/19/47	69
orey	Michael	01/14/30	86
Mountain	Jeffery	01/19/48	68
Nagel	Ted	01/08/30	86
Novakovich	Robert	01/25/47	69
Pollard	Daniel	01/08/37	79
Rovere	Donald	01/17/38	78
Sai	John	01/22/43	73
Sereno	Vincent	01/25/39	77
Stambaugh	Dennis	01/25/47	69

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date

Abplanalp(I)	Carl	Gloria	01/26/45
Cardoza	Bill	Karen	01/18/75
Lang	Dick	Elizabeth	01/04/49
Leach(I)	Jack	Cornellia	01/27/57
Leo Jr.(I)	Frank	Lyola	01/06/48
Martinez	Joe	Erlinda	01/16/76
Montgomery	Doug	Josephine	01/14/69
Redding	Bill	Nita	01/18/81
Santwier III	Edd	Sharon	01/09/65
Spiva	Carl	Anabel	01/27/51
Veloria	Gerry	Debra	01/19/80

# January 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 15 November 24, 2015

Series: Ken Snarr 661 Ken Snarr 739  
 Game : Tom Chesko 247 Tom Chesko 271

Week 16 December 01, 2015

Series : Jay Faughn 689 Chuck Nichols 769  
 Game : Jay Faughn 266 Chuck Nichols 299

Week 17 December 08, 2015

Series: Gary Pattee 731 Gary Pattee 731  
 Game : Gary Pattee 268 Bob Lewis 268  
 Gary Pattee 268

Week 18 December 15, 2015

Series: Ron Quintanal 642 Ron Quintanal 726  
 Dwight Sullivan 642  
 Game : Ron Quintanal 237 Ron Quintanal 265

Week 19 December 22, 2015

Series: Gary Pattee 626 Tony Lopez 714  
 Game : David Brown 246 Tony Lopez 293

Week 20 December 29, 2015

Series: David Brown 665 Alan White 741  
 Game : Alan White 267 Alan White 275

Week 21 December 22, 2015

Series: Jay Faughn 647 Ernie Lewis 694  
 Game : Bob Lewis 224 Steve Hughes 250  
 Jay Faughn 224  
 Alan White 224

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

We would like to see some of you attend those events.

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse 209-538-4275

[vn03@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vn03@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**

# January 2016



## Supplement Golf

Mon	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Atwater</b>	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$40	Carts Included	Host: 143
Tue	Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Manteca</b>	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swenson</b>	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$37	Carts Included	Host: 144
Mon	Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>The Reserve</b>	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 103
Mon	Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Diablo Grande</b>	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 143
Tue	Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Creekside</b>	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144

Branch 144 has been holding its monthly meeting at Season since 1988. Season and SIR could not come to terms contractually. Because of this Branch 144 will now hold it monthly meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month starting January 21, 2016 at the Elks.

The move from the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday means that three (3) January golf tournaments will be held prior to the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. As shown above they are Creekside, Atwater, and Manteca.

Golf Members who did not attend December's monthly meeting held on the December 3<sup>rd</sup> (the last at Seasons) and wish to participate in the additional tournaments listed need to mail me a check for each tournament and to provide me with the following information:

1. Included in the memo part on the check the course and date of the tournament.
2. Whether to ride or walk if the option is available.
3. Requested playing partner(s) if this applies.

NCGA dues are due. 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 January 1<sup>st</sup>. After this date current members who have not renewed will be placed on the Inactive List and will have until our January 21st to renew without the \$10 penalty for renewing late. For those who are joining SIR Golf as new members the fee is \$45.

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](mailto:sirgolf144@gmail.com)

*Julius Manrique received  
Senior Honorary Life  
Member*



*Tom Norquist received  
Certificate of Membership*



*Marion Zoodsma received  
Senior SIR Award (L), Lou  
Altadonna received Super  
Senior SIR Award (R) with  
Patton Brooks*



## Calendar of Events



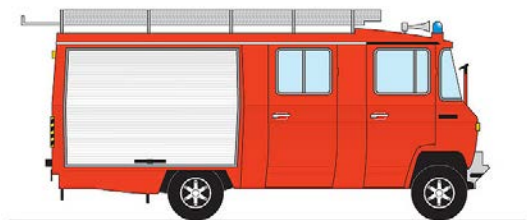
**Annual Spring Training Trip to Arizona  
March 6-11 in Scottsdale**

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



Program for JANUARY 21, 2016

The speaker will be Sean  
Slamon the Fire Chief of the  
Modesto Fire



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## 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

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## 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:** .....

### 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

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, Inc ...Donald A. Dill 530-885-6943  
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

**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. 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

