

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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




July 2016 Newsletter

Volume 07- 2016

### *Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell*

#### Doing the Most Good

- Dick Hagerty, our June speaker, gave us a most interesting and in depth look at the great things the **Salvation Army** has done over the years to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the less fortunate. The Good that is accomplished locally as well as world-wide is most impressive!
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- As we pass mid-year with Sir Branch 144, the **Nominating Committee** is looking ahead to next year's officers, directors and leaders. We need our members to be enthusiastic and willing to take an active role with the many volunteer members to say yes - Yes Sir to a request to help out.
- We look forward to our **July 21<sup>st</sup> program** with a man committed to his hobby. Tom Burchell has run 15 marathons, including the infamous 2013 Boston Marathon where he crossed the finish line just 30 minutes before the bomb blasts. His experience of the chaos that followed inspired him to go back to Boston the next year and run it again -----Boston Strong!

Bill Burchell – Big SIR

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

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

### New Members



(Pictured L to R) Sponsor James Haub- New Member Joe Massey; Returning Member Gary Guthrie; New Member Tom Hampson- Sponsor Don Sanford.

Joe Massey was a Police Officer for the City of Modesto. He enjoys Hunting, Fishing, Golfing & Camping. His wife is Peggy.

Gary Guthrie was an Insurance Broker. He enjoys Golfing. His wife is Maxine. Welcome back!

Tom Hampson was an Educator/Marketing/Fundraiser for Church World Service. He enjoys Skiing, Hiking, & Photography. His wife is Hennie. Tom is also our Chaplain now. Thank You Tom!

**WELCOME TO ALL NEW  
MEMBERS TO BRANCH 144**



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  
June 16, 2016

1. A preliminary discussion was presented by Big Sir Bill Burchell with regards to (A) the bad response from members about the food at the Ladies Day luncheon and (B) the resignation of 2 BEC members. These items will be discussed and handled at a later date.

2. The regular BEC meeting was called to order by Big Sir at 9:48 AM

3. BEC officers present were: Gaylon King, Ernie Lewis, David Marino, Pat Brooks, Tom Watson, Bill Burchell, Len Davis and Lor Salvi

Committee Chairmen present: Bob Lewis, Frank Pierson, Julius Manrique, Vince Sereno, Sam Graham. Visitors: Jerry Strain, Bill Stires

Secretary Confirms Quorum is present.

4. Minutes of the May 19, 2016 BEC meeting were approved. M/King-S/Davis

5. Treasurers Report was presented by Tom Watson

Checkbook balance as of 5/1/2016.....	\$7175.08
Petty cash on hand.....	\$200.00
Receipts .....	\$344.00
Disbursements.....	\$1588.88
Balance as of 5/31/2016.....	\$5930.20

Vouchers submitted to be paid: Document frames \$34.37 by Bill Burchell

Newsletter \$39.95 by Bob Lewis

Approved to pay: M/King-S/Brooks

6. Little Sir Report: Larry Hughes scheduled speaker for this month cancelled. Dick Hagarity will replace him. July speaker will be Tom Burchell

7. Committee Reports:

A. Membership: Gaylan King

3 new members this month: John Massey (no vote required) also Gary Guthrie a returning member, and Tom Hampson (vote required) accepted M/Watson- S/King

- a. Active members.....188
- b. Inactive members..... 16
- c. Unused badges..... 43
- d. New members..... 3
- e. Total badges..... 250

B. Newsletter: Bob Lewis All is well

C. Book Club: Frank Pierson All is working, could use more/bigger tables

D. Dining Club: Vince Sereno: All is well

E. Travel: Bill Stires The Golden Gate trip was success. Will make announcements at luncheon.

F. No report from other committees

8. Old Business: The recruitment cards are completed and Gary Williams will make an announcement at the luncheon.

9. New business: Frank Pierson has earned Senior Life Membership and will be presented a certificate from the State by Big Sir Bill Burchell and witnessed by HLM's Jerry Strain and Julius Manrique.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 10:15. The next BEC meeting will be July 21, 2016 at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Williams, Interim Secretary

# Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

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

## **New York City and Princess Cruise to Quebec City, Quebec**

**October 10 -22, 2016**

Fly to New York City for 2 night stay in the heart of Times Square at the Millennium Hotel. A day of leisure to explore the city and then dinner and a Broadway show. The next day a private tour of the city including the 9-11 Memorial. Board the Caribbean Princess and sail up the coast of New England while stopping at 7 ports and then 2 days in Quebec City, Quebec.

Prices include airfare, hotel, dinner and show, private tour, port taxes and much more.

**Prices range from: \$3520 to \$5065 per person depending on cabin type. Single prices are higher.**

## **Sacramento Rivercats,**

**August 14, 2016**

Time to take our annual trip to the ballpark in Sacramento to see the

SF Giants triple AAA team. Seats behind home plate. **\$100.00**

## **Apple Hill/Reno**

**September 29-30, 2016.** Our annual trip to Reno to stay overnight at the Eldorado Hotel and see the Broadway production of "The Directors". See the Fall colors and receive breakfast and dinner buffet coupons along with some gaming money. Stop at Apple Hill on the way home for Apple pie and coffee. **Price: \$274.00 double occupancy and \$295.00 for single. Need minimum of 20 to make trip a go.**

**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. This trip will fill up fast as there are only 74 cabins and 150 passengers. **Prices have been extended and will go up by \$750.00 on August 1, 2016. Prices: \$4175.00 to \$5450.00 depending on cabin selected.**

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.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

### 2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

<b>Big Sir:</b>	<b>Bill Burchell</b>
<b>Little Sir:</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Open</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>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**

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



### July Update-----

#### Welcome to all our NEW MEMBERS

Currently, we have a total membership of 80 Individuals in the 3 clubs, and keep a Maximum of 30 members per each Club.

To join the Dining Out Club or to visit at a dinner with us, Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

#### 2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

##### Tues. July 12th at 5 pm at Strings ( Italian )

Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Jerry & Merlyne Strain at 551-8220 By Tuesday July 5th.

##### Tues. Aug 9th, at 5 pm at OLIVE GARDEN.

Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess, Norman & Janet Lawrence at 551-5081 By Tuesday August 2nd.

#### 4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

##### Tuesday. July 26th at 5 pm at Velvet

Creamery on McHenry Ave. --- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 . . . by Tuesday July 19th.

##### Tuesday. August 23rd at 5 pm at MARIE

CALLENDER'S, Reservations or Regrets to Host Henry Solario at 578-5607 by Tuesday August 16th.

#### 4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

##### Thursday. July 28th at 5 pm at George's

Steakhouse .--- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess John & Marian Alves at 527-2487 by Thursday July 21st.

##### Thursday. August 25th at 5 pm at Velvet

Creamery on McHenry. --- Reservation or Regrets to: Host Roy Hardison at 575-4667 by Thursday August 18th.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Alves	John	07/06/19	97
Baggett(I)	Otis	07/22/33	83
Bartels	Lonnie	07/23/47	69
Bell	Red	07/29/38	78
Berg	Gordon	07/02/41	75
Butler	Jack	07/10/20	96
Campbell	Cal	07/23/48	68
Frederick	Jim	07/15/29	87
Gould	Rocky	07/19/48	68
Graham	Sam	07/10/36	80
Hawes	Jack	07/07/40	76
Lang	Dick	07/01/31	85
Levin	Louis	07/14/37	79
Lewis	Bob	07/14/51	65
Lewis	Ernie	07/02/31	85
Lombardi	Lou	07/18/36	80
Morrow	Wally	07/13/23	93
Pyle	Richard	07/05/30	86
Ruch, Jr.	Wally	07/11/29	87

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Anderson	Lee	Sandy	07/03/65	51
Cose	Dave	Anne	07/26/64	52
Grove(I)	Fred	Carol	07/31/71	45
Harris	Ron	Karen	07/05/80	36
Haub	Ken	Beverly	07/24/65	51
Manrique	Julius	Barbara	07/20/63	53
Massey	Joe	Peggy	07/01/84	32
Miceli	Joe	Mary	07/01/67	49
Morey	Mike	Phyllis	07/12/53	63
Pinkston	Ernie	Connie	07/17/01	15
Quintanal	Ron	Glenna	07/05/02	14
Salonga	Tony	Seny	07/06/76	40
Schamante	John	Cheri	07/19/03	13
Williams	Wayne	Sharrol	07/08/66	50

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**







## July 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games                      Handicap Games  
Week 35 April 12 2016  
Series: Dwight Sullivan 633      Richard Chandler 717  
Game : Dwight Sullivan 245      Richard Chandler 278

Season High Scores  
Series: Jay Faughn      723      Gary Pattee      792  
Game: Don Reed      269      Chuck Nichols      299

Highest Average  
Gary Pattee: 209.76

Champions: Team 6  
Bob Glover, Frank Leo Jr, Joe Machado, Ron Halliday

League meeting is August 9th  
League starts August 16<sup>th</sup>

Come out for our home town tournament.  
----- 2016 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----  
June 1&2 Wed&Thur Pinole Valley Lanes Pinole (707)  
745-3475  
June 21&22 Tue & Wed Tall Pines Paradise (530) 876-  
1782

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)

## 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**

## August 2016 Golf



Mon	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Atwater</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$40	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Dryden</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Creekside</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103
Mon	Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Elkhorn</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$44	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Manteca</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164

Don't forget the End of Year tournament is just around the corner. It will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Manteca. This will be the last tournament that both Andre and I will host. Jay Norris still needs an assistant.

Don't forget it is now a requirement to signup for the tournament following the next months meeting. All other branches hold their meetings before us and require their members to signup for the tournament after their meeting of the next month. If players from 144 do not sign up for the tournament following the next months meeting, I cannot give an accurate count to the Handicap Chairman. This could result in the situation where some players may not be able to play because of a cap placed upon us by the golf course.

Golf carts at Dryden on June 27<sup>th</sup> was a major issue. Dryden did not have enough carts. At Creekside on June 6<sup>th</sup> there were not enough carts. This resulted in the Golf Club paying an extra fee for additional carts. When signing up for tournaments at these courses be aware of this problem and consider walking instead. I know in our age group for some walking is not an option.

Lastly, playing partners. If a player does not signup at our meeting, I do not honor the request from other players to be paired with that player. As in the past, should a player know they will miss a meeting mail me your checks for all the tournaments you wish to sign up for with instructions (riding/walking and playing partner(s)) or give your checks to a friend to sign you up at the meeting. Only exception is upon verbal approval of the Golf Chairman or Assistant Golf Chairman.

Pairings/Results, visit our Website at  
[www.sirinc2.org/area22](http://www.sirinc2.org/area22)

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

The Golf Treasurer has requested that instead of returning checks for tournaments missed that he be permitted to shred them instead. With a show of hands from those present at the last monthly meeting it was agreed to allow the treasurer to shred checks instead of returning them. Check are not cashed until a player has played the tournament for which the check was written. Tournaments in which a player either is a No Show or Cancelled will have their check shredded. In the future no checks will be returned but will be shredded by the Golf Treasurer.

For those who are interested in the Reno outing Week One has been cancelled and combined with Week Two because of the lack of response. Those who signed up for Week One have been moved to Week Two.

Again I am getting incomplete information on the signup sheets especially whether a player wants to ride or walk. Remember if you leave it up to me you may not like what you get. Also when requesting playing partners I need the first initial and last name. First names alone are not sufficient. We have several members who have the same last name. If playing partner requests in the comment column is left off I assume by default that you don't have a preference of who you are paired with. It is also your responsibility to check with your requested partner whether they are playing or not and if they have request to play with someone else. I see a lot of request where the requested player did not even sign up.

As a reminder please be sure that the Ride/Walk, Check #, Amount Paid, and Comment columns are filled out and filled out correctly. Please write legibly so that your chicken scratch may be interpreted correctly.



(PICTURED L TO R) HLM JERRY STRAIN, BIG SIR BILL BURCHELL, SHLM FRANK PIERSON (WITH SHLM AWARD), AND SHLM JULIUS MANRIQUE



## Calendar of Events

**August 14, 2016 Sacramento Rivercats**

**Sept 29-30, 2016 Apple Hill/Reno**

**October 10-22, 2016 New York City and  
Princess Cruise to Quebec City, Quebec**

**April 2-10, 2016 Tulip & Windmill Cruise**

Program for July 21th, 2016

The Speaker will be Tom  
Burchell- Marathon Runner



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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:** ..... Open  
**Secretary:**..... Open  
**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 380-9896                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:**.....Open  
**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, Gary Williams,  
Ted Nagel  
**Membership:**.. Gaylan King 380-9896  
**Book Club:** Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577  
**Accessories:**..... John Bates 383-5259



"Thank you to over 50% of members who have contributed an annual donation of \$24.00 or more in 2016! Over the past three years the "bucket" donations of \$2 per luncheon have been about 45% of total donations (or about 82% of annual donations). Through May of this year "bucket" donations are only one half of the usual. Please consider either doubling your "bucket" donations for the remainder of the year or if you have not contributed an annual donation to make the usual \$24.00 annual donation.

**Tom Watson, Treasurer SIR Branch 144"**

**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!**

**Roberta, wife of C.K. Gottschalk passed away suddenly.**

*Please see Jerry Strain's article on the website.*