

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



June 2017 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Gary Williams



I enjoyed the Ladies Day meeting last month, and all had a good time, now looking forward to the June meeting. Don't forget Father's Day on the 20th after our meeting on the 15th. We have one of the best branches in the entire state organization. We are in the top 10% in membership and we do an average job in bringing in new members. While this is OK, it does not reflect what I think we can do. There is a lot of room for improvement. There are two areas that I feel we can do better and will not require a lot of effort. First each member can be more aggressive in inviting new members to our luncheons. This would improve our membership growth and also improve each member's enjoyment of the meeting. The second thing that members could do is "get involved in the branch". By that, I mention things like volunteering to participate in one of the administration functions. There are many administration functions and each requires very little time and provides a lot of enjoyment. Each member's enjoyment in SIR is proportional to his involvement in SIR. If you want to have more fun, Get Involved. Let's all make it an effort to attend the meeting on the 15th and have a wild and noisy time.

Respectfully, Big SIR Gary Williams

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

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

LADIES DAY



Members and the Ladies arriving



Enjoying Conversation

Lunch and Entertainment were Excellent



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

SONS IN RETIREMENT
BEC MINUTES
MAY 18, 2017

1. Roll call of members present: Gary Williams, Edd Santwier, Tom Watson, Bill Burchell, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Dan Huffstatler
2. Confirmed that a quorum is present.
3. Approval of BEC minutes for the April 20, 2017 without change. (voice vote)
4. Treasurer's Report

Checkbook balance April 1, 2017.....\$5966.32
Total receipts..... \$1644.00
Total disbursements.....\$2145.17
Petty cash.....\$200.00

Checkbook balance April 30, 2017.....\$5695.15
Voucher to pay: Bob Lewis (newsletter)...\$42.17

Approval of Report and pay voucher: M/King S/Lewis

5. Membership Report: Submitted by Gaylan King:

Two inductees in April: Pete Dutton and Terry Fix

One inductee held over: Jim Eastwood (induct in June)

Active members..... 183

Inactive members.....16

Pending (Eastwood).....1

Unused badges.....50

6. Big Sir made comments in regards to problems with attendance.
A meeting will be called to explore possible solutions to the problem of not having an effective system to ascertain the number of members that will be attending the meeting and the number of members that will be eating lunch.
7. Meeting adjourned 10:30.
Next meeting will be June 15, 2017 at 9:30 AM
at the Season's

Area 18 Travel

12 NIGHT BRITISH ISLES CRUISE

AUGUST 28 – SEPT. 10, 2017

Transfer from Turlock/ Modesto to SFO for an overnight flight to London. After a day in London board the Caribbean Princess for a 12 night British Isles Cruise.

1st port of call is St. Peter Port and the picturesque harbor of Guernsey.

2nd port is the town of Cork in Ireland, with a chance to visit to visit the Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone.

3rd port is the capital of Ireland, Dublin with many attractions and history.

4th port takes us to Belfast in Northern Ireland and fantastic renaissance.

5th port takes us to the Firth of Clyde and Greenock and a fishing community.

6th port is at the Orkney Islands and the 9th century Viking settlement.

7th port is on to Iverness and the legend of the Loch Ness monster.

8th port is Queensferry north of Edinburgh.

9th port is off to the Normandy beaches in France.

10th port is back to London before disembarking for the trip home.

Prices: \$3195 per person Interior

Oceanview Wait list only

\$4495 per person Balcony

\$5175 per person Mini-Suite

Valid passport needed for trip 6 months past sailing date

POSSIBLE FUTURE TRIPS/SAVE THE DATES

Dec. 7-8, 2017 Reno Holiday Show

Jan. 7-14, 2018 Eastern Caribbean Cruise on the Regal Princess

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.

SACRAMENTO UNDERGROUND TOUR

**Lunch on the Delta King
Leland Stanford Museum**

September 12, 2017

Price \$140.00 Per Person

Travel to Sacramento and learn about how and why they built a city upon another city in the underground tunnels. Enjoy a great lunch at the Pilothouse Restaurant on the Delta King on the Sacramento River. After lunch we take a tour of the Leland Stanford Mansion built in 1856.

Minimum needed for trip 30 passengers by August 10, 2017 or it will be cancelled. Maximum of 44 passengers. Sign up early to reserve your space.

APPLE HILL, RENO Overnight

October 5-6, 2017

\$274.00 Double Occupancy

\$300.00 Single Occupancy

Our annual overnight trip up the hill to see the Fall colors and on to Reno for a stay at the Eldorado Hotel. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Carson Valley Inn and some free time for gambling. On to Reno and a buffet dinner before seeing a fantastic show "Adam Trent" the Illusionist. He brings his Broadway show of magic, comedy and music that is perfect for the entire family. Have a breakfast buffet before heading to John Ascuaga's Nugget for some free time and lunch.

After lunch head to Apple Hill and High Hill Ranch for an apple pie or apple fritter before heading for home.

Receive gambling money, and food credit during the trip.

Minimum of 20 passengers needed for trip to be a go before August 22, 2017 or the trip will be cancelled.

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

A little bit of Humor for June! GOLF

1. A game in which a little white ball is chased by a lot of gaffers too old to chase anything else.
2. "Is Roger a bad golfer?" "Bad? He's the only guy in the world who has an unplayable lie when he tees up!"

To join & reserve a seat at one of our fun groups, *Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.*

June Locations

June 13th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

Olive Garden-- Arrive 4:45 to 5:00 pm -- 2200 Plaza Parkway at Sisk Road. Confirm any new Reservations or any regrets with Hosts Norm & Janet Lawrence at 209-551-5081.

June 27th -- (4th Tues. Club)

Velvet Grill & Creamery--Arrive 4:45 to 5:00 pm--2204 McHenry Ave. -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Host Richard & Katherine Pyle at 613-9483, No later than Tuesday June 20th.

June 22nd -- (4th Thurs. Club)

Bella Italia/Modesto 2625K Coffee Road. --Arrive 4:45 to 5:00 pm. Confirm any new Reservations or Regrets with Host Peggy Dwyer at 209-527-4674 no later than Thursday June 15th.

JULY Club Dates & Locations

JULY 11th--2nd Tues--Velvet Creamery

JULY 25th--4th Tues--Beijing

JULY 27th--4th Thurs-Velvet Creamery

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Altadonna	Lou	06/12/20	97
Black	Gary	06/24/45	72
Boepple	Will	06/18/38	79
Borrego	Tony	06/05/33	84
Carvalho(I)	John	06/21/43	74
Green	John	06/05/50	67
Haines	Conrad	06/08/47	70
Harrison	Bryan	06/14/31	86
Salvi	Lor	06/17/37	80

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Altadonna	Vinny	Linda	06/24/78	39
Bellino	Nick	Judy	06/15/64	53
Boepple	Will	Virginia	06/11/60	57
Brooks	Pat	Patricia	06/01/63	54
Burchell	Bill	Edith	06/26/59	58
Burroughs	Doug	Pat	06/30/73	44
Costa	Joe	Virginia	06/30/62	55
Davis	Leonard	June	06/08/57	60
Dodd	Andre	Doris	06/06/81	36
Eubank	Eubie	Judy	06/29/86	31
Fairfield	Bernie	Sharon	06/10/92	25
Hampson	Tom	Hennie	06/29/02	15
LeSage	Frank	Patricia	06/28/75	42
Moore	Martin	Bonnie	06/17/77	40
Nagel	Ted	Dona	06/20/70	47
Richards	Gene	Sue	06/19/84	33
Sai	John	Mary Jo	06/04/66	51
Stambaugh	Dennis	Jan	06/14/69	48
Tabacco	Ed	Karen	06/13/70	47
Watson	Tom	Cathleen	06/07/80	37
Zoodsma	Marion	Viola	06/01/52	65

CONGRATULATIONS



May 2017 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 35 April 4 2016

Series: David Brown 651 Richard Chandler 717

Game : David Brown 235 Larry Maxwell 278

Larry Maxwell 235

Congratulations to Team #10: Don Reed. Ron Flagel, Charles Fox and Joe Miceli 2017 Champions.

OUR TOURNAMENT IS NOV 3&4 COME BOWL
Come out for our home town tournament.

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

May 19 thru 21 Fri thru Sun Tahoe Bowl Lake Tahoe 775-246-1027

June 7&8 Wed & Thur Pinole Valley Bowl Pinole 707-745-3475

June 20 & 21 Tues & Wed Tall Ones Bowl Paradise 530-413-9373

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

Riverbank - Zerillo Park
8 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday (Winter hours 9am)

Contact John Gasper 209 863-9565 or email 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

Modesto: Coming Soon
Beyer Park
Contact: Jay Pierce 209 602-0901 email izpierce@sbcglobal.net

JUNE 2017 Golf



JUNE 5, 8:00 AM	LOCKEFORD	CARTS : INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$ 38.00	
JUNE 12 8:00 AM	MANTECA (TS)	CARTS \$ 15.00
HOST: 143	\$ 30.00	
JUNE 19, 8:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 29.00	
JUNE 26 8:00 AM	DRYDEN	CARTS \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 27.00	
JULY 3, 8:30 AM	DRY CREEK	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$42.00	
JULY 10 8:00 AM	CREEKSIDE (IQ)	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 143	\$29.00	

NOTE TEE TIME FOR DRY CREEK 8:30 AM

GUYS, WE NEED TO SIGN UP FOR GOLF SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON JUNE 15, YOU SHOULD SIGN UP FOR GAMES THRU JULY 24 . IF NOT BARRY HAS ONLY 3 DAYS TO GET EXTRA CARTS AND PAIRINGS DONE

FOR EXTRA CARTS 3 DAYS IS NOT ENOUGH TIME. WE HAVE MAXED OUT ON CARTS THE LAST TWO TIMES AT THESE COURSES. CREEKSIDE AND DRYDEN

REMEMBER IF YOU DON'T PLAY, YOU DON'T PAY

JAY NORRIS BR. 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN 209-606-1475

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM



"Members are reminded that Annual Donations of \$24 are still needed from most members. The Annual Donations cover costs such as Newsletter printing and mailing, Guest speaker/Member Birthday and Sponsors' ("free") lunches, Roster printing, May/December entertainment, State Assessments of \$5 per member per year, Sunshine Committee cards and postage, etc. Through March, 68 members or 37% have donated the \$24 (or more). Some members prefer to donate \$2 per month in lieu of the Annual Donation. We thank these members for their support!

The \$24 Annual Donation amount has not increased in over two decades. The Executive Committee has kept a lid on expenses. For those who have not made the Annual Donation, please provide your support so that Branch Executive Officers may meet Branch expenses with "SIRtitude!"

Joe Venturini would appreciate that our Members would bring Military books in for the Book Club

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>



Calendar of Events

**August 27- September 10, 2017--12
Night British Isles Cruise aboard The
Caribbean Princess**

**Sacramento Underground Tour
September 12, 2017**

**Apple Hill, Reno Overnight
October 5-6, 2017**

Program for June 15,
2017

Gary Glasser

SR-71 Black Bird

Instructor Pilot

Director

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
2016 Bill Burchell

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2017

Big Sir:.....Gary Williams 578-3471
Little Sir:.....Edd Santwier III 605-9638
Secretary:.....Jerry Emery 838-1562
Assistant Secretary:.. Charlie Brunn 524-3614
Treasurer:.....Tom Watson 577-4390
Assistant Treasurer:..Gene Toschi 402-4242

DIRECTORS FOR 2017

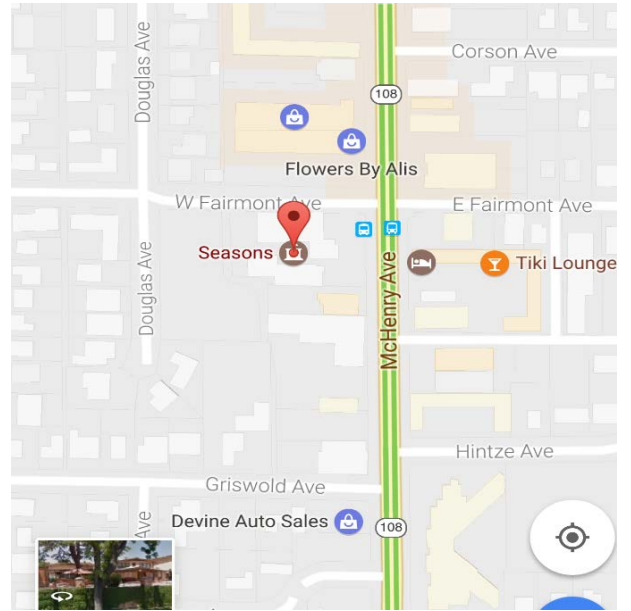
Bill Burchell 529-6039 Patton Brooks 522-6417
Gaylan King 380-9896 Dan Huffstatler 691-8028
Ron Vigus 524-1569 Ernie Lewis 523-7387

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DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Jerry Morrow 586-2979
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Travel: Area 18: ..Bill Stires 544-2684
Area 18 Golf Chairman:.. Joe Adams
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475
Assistant:....Gary Hubbard 551-5253
Area 18 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: 605-9638
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: Bill Burchell 529-6039, Bill Holloway 832-1421
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



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!