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MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



June 2016 Newsletter

Volume 06- 2016

Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell

It is good to see all the participation in Sir Branch 144 activities!



Our basic activity, the **Monthly Luncheon and Program**, continues to keep us enjoying each other's company and sharing the camaraderie of our friends. The many workers who cover all the details each month do a great job and their efforts should not go unnoticed. Their effort is much appreciated and **thank you** to all who take part in keeping our monthly meetings viable.

Other activities cover many interests and those participating reap the benefit of extended involvement and participate where they can share the benefits with others. There are many choices: golf, bowling, pickleball, travel, reading and dining.

Enjoy the activities that suit you and support all our volunteers that keep these activities going strong. A big **Thank You** to all involved.

Sincerely,

Bill Burchell, Big Sir

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

Ladies Day



Jammers



Enjoying Conversation



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
May 19, 2016

1. Meeting Called to Order: B.Burchell, BIG SIR - 9:45 am
2. Officers Present: - A.Swofford - C. Brunn -T.Watson -B. Burchell – G. McManus- Directors: D.Marino – G.King – L. Davis - E.Lewis - L. Salvi – P. Brooks
Committee Chairmen Present: G.King -Membership : V. Sereno -Dining Out Club: F.Pierson- Books: B. Stires - Travel: R.Lewis – Newsletter: Sunshine – J. Manrique : H. Vigil-Donations; J . Bates-Accessories
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES
3. Previous Minutes: M/McManus, S/King - Approved
4. Treasurers Report: Presented by: T. Watson

Checkbook Balance as of 02/01/2016	\$ 6583.96
Petty Cash on Hand	\$ 200.00
Receipts	\$ 2352.00
Disbursements	\$ 1760.88
TOTAL Balance as of 04/30/2016	\$ 7375.08

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Brunn S/E. Lewis -Approved

Vouchers to be paid: Newsletter; B. Lewis \$40.88

Motion to pay Vouchers: M/ King S/ McManus Approved
5. Little SIR Report: presented by: G. McManus
 - 5/19/2016 Musical Entertainment , 'Jammers'
 - 6/16/2016, Larry Hughes, Little Sir #143; Disaster PrepFEMA
6. Committee Reports:
 - * Chaplain; Norm VanWalterop passed away – Tom Hampson new Chaplain
 - * Golf; Jay Norris will be new golf chairman starting October2016
 - Membership report given by : G. King
 - Active members: 188 Last Months Attendance: 126
Deaths: 2 Last Months Absent: 63
Inactive members: 17 Last Months Excused: 18
Pending Members: 1 Last Months Inductees: 2
Unused Badges 44 Honorary Life Members: 3
Members requesting Inactive Status: 0 SHLM: 1
Members requesting resignation:0 Member asking to be reactivated: 0
 - Sunshine: J.Manrique _ Gene Toschi's wife passed away; Gerald Underwood passed away
 - Book Club: F.Pierson -Ok
 - Membership; G. King – vote in new member, JoeMassey
 - Travel-Area 22 Bill Stires – will speak duringmeeting
7. Old Business: B. Lewis is going to work with J.Strain on developing new webpage for Branch 144. Now completed : www.sirinc2.org/branch144
*Area 22 annual picnic May 21 (see website)

* New business cards are now complete; G. Williams will distribute
8. New Business:
 - * Bill Burchell, Big Sir, attended state meeting in Fresno last month; main topic was 'improve image of SIR'.
9. Adjourned Meeting @ 10:10, Next Council meeting June, 16,2016 @9:15
Respectfully submitted, A Swofford

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 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 will go up by \$750.00 on July 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

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



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

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

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



June Update----

NEW MEMBERS are welcome!
 (may be Couples or Singles.)
 You may join us for an evening of
 good food, good friends, and
 a fun-filled time.

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

2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

**Tues. June 14th, at 5 pm at Tahoe Joe's
 Famous Steakhouse.** Reservation or Regrets to
 Host & Hostess, Joe & Diane Venturini at 524-6577
 By Tues. June 7th.

Tues. July 12th at 5 pm at Strings (Italian)
 Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Jerry &
 Merlyne Strain at 551-8220 By Tues. July 5th.

4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

**Tues. June 28th at 5 pm at Bella Italia In
 Riverbank,** Reservations or Regrets to Host &
 Hostess Bill & Elizabeth Duncan at 321-7977 by
 Tuesday June 21st.

**Tues. July 26th at 5 pm at Velvet Creamery
 on McHenry Ave.** --- Reservations or Regrets
 to Host & Hostess Vince & Kathy Sereno at
 524-9630 by Tues. July 19th.

4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

**Thurs. June 23rd at 5 pm at BEIJING
 Restaurant.** --- Reservation or Regrets to:
 Host & Hostess Chuck & Juanita Hopkins at 238-
 3849 by Thursday June 16th.

**Thurs. 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.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age
Altadonna Lou	06/12/20	96
Black Gary	06/24/45	71
Boepple Will	06/18/38	78
Borrego Tony	06/05/33	83
Carvalcho(I) John	06/21/43	73
Dwyer Dan	06/07/27	89
Haines Conrad	06/08/47	69
Harrison Bryan	06/14/31	85
Norquist Tom	06/26/39	77
Salvi Lor	06/17/37	79

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Altadonna Vincent	Linda	06/24/78	38
Bellino Nick	Judy	06/15/64	52
Boepple Wilbert	Virgiinia	06/11/60	56
Brooks Pat	Patricia	06/01/63	53
Burchell Bill	Edith	06/26/59	57
Camacho Orbia	Peggy	06/30/62	54
Costa Joe	Virginia	06/30/62	54
Davis Leonard	June	06/08/57	59
Dodd Andre	Doris	06/06/81	35
Fairfield Bernie	Sharon	06/10/92	24
Gould Rocky	Jan	06/11/88	28
Haub James	Debi	06/23/79	37
Hopkins Chuck	Juanita	06/27/87	29
Lovelady Jerry	Fran	06/09/68	48
Moore Martin	Bonnie	06/17/77	39
Nagel Ted	Dona	06/20/70	46
Richards Gene	Sue	06/19/84	32
Sai John	Mary Jo	06/04/66	50
Stambaugh Dennis	Jan	06/14/69	47
Tabacco Ed	Karen	06/13/70	46
Watson Tom	Cathleen	06/07/80	36
Zoodsma Marion	Viola	06/01/52	64



May 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 16th

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

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

June & July, 2016 Golf



Mon	June 20 th	Manteca	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @15	Host: 164
Mon	June 27 th	Dryden	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @15	Host: 143
Tue	July 5 th	Dry Creek	8:30 AM Shotgun
	\$42	Carts Optional @15	Host: 144
Mon	July 11 th	Micke Grove	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$38	Carts Included	Host: 164
Tue	July 12 th	Creekside IQ	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @15	Host: J. Adams
Mon	July 18 th	Lockeford Springs	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$38	Carts Included	Host: 103
Mon	July 25 th	Atwater	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$40	Carts Included	Host: 143

Jay Norris has agreed to take over as the new Golf Chairman starting the first tournament after the End of Year tournament. He will need an assistant to help out. Someone needs to step forward and give Jay a helping hand. If interested in helping see Jay Norris.

On June 27th the third Match Play round will be played at Dryden. Remember, should you be unable to play your match on the day of the tournament you will need to schedule a makeup round by July 12th.

The tournament on June 6th at Creekside is our ABCD 4-Man Scramble. This is a tournament within a tournament. Teams are made up using golfer indexes. A-players have an index between 0 and 17.0, B-players have an index between 17.1 and 22.0, C-players have an index between 22.1 and 27.0, and D-players have an index between 27.1 and 36.4. The May 1st indexes are to be used for determining player ranking.

If you do not wish to be on a qualifying team and still plan to play you will be paired into random ABCD groups and play a 4-man scramble. Those who wish to go on to the State Qualifier an additional \$5 is required. Green fees plus the prize fund (\$29 for Creekside) are still required for all players. The \$5 fee per team member is for those teams who want to participate in the Qualifier. As in the past, payment by check is preferred.

Pairings/Results, visit our Website at:
sirinc2.org/area22golf

Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway
Phone # 209-832-1421
34532 Bernard Drive, Tracy, CA 95377
E-mail: 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. Checks 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.



Calendar of Events



June 9, 2016 Golden State Fields

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 June 16th, 2016

The Speaker will be Larry
Hughes, Little SIR Branch 143.
He will be speaking on Disaster
Prep FEMA



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

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:..Gene Toschi 402-4242

DIRECTORS FOR 2016

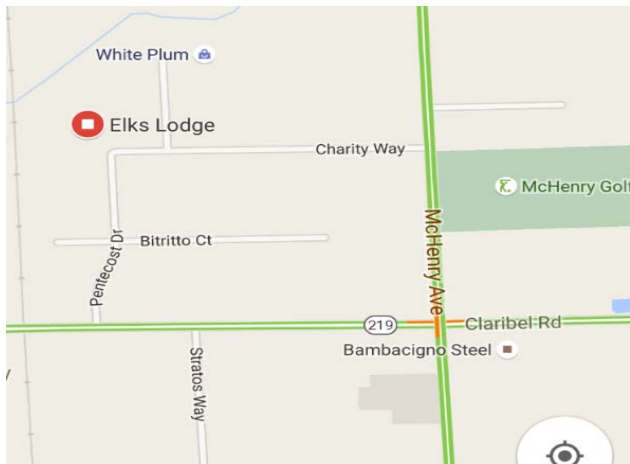
Ernie Lewis 523-7387 Patton Brooks 522-6417
Gaylan King 380-9896 Lor Salvi 576-7898
Leonard Davis 524-1526 David Marino 838-2038

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

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

Gerald Underwood passed away. Please see Jerry Strain's article on the website