

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



March 2017 Newsletter

Volume 03- 2017

### *Message from Big Sir Gary Williams*



When the meeting/luncheon date arrives I hope all have adjusted to day light savings time. At the meeting we will be selling Ladies Day tickets. All members are encouraged to attend even if there is no "Lady" involved. Remember

that the only reason we sell tickets is to get an accurate count for the number of meals to prepare, which is an ongoing problem. This the reason we have initiated a phone message program whereby all members can let us know their intent to attend or not attend the luncheon. On the Sunday before the meeting (the 12th) at about 4:30 PM all members will receive a phone call asking for an input as to whether they will be attending or not. If you are not at home a similar message will be recorded on your answering machine. Your input is greatly appreciated because it helps us knowing how many meals to prepare. If we "guess" at the number and get it wrong the branch ends up paying for meals not paid for by members or we run out of food. Either result is not good. The response to the "Comments" sheets left on the tables the last 2 meetings has been excellent, and it is appreciated. In the future I will be putting out the comment sheets at random meetings for input from the members. Look forward to seeing all on the 16th.

Please visit our website at  
[www.sirinc2.org/branch144](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch144)

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

### *New Members*



Pictured L-R (SP) Lonnie Bartels-(NM) Mike Watts; (NM) Tony Ruggirello, (NM) John Togliatti, (SP) Joe Miceli

Mike Watts was a Sales Manager. He enjoys Scuba Diving, Fishing, Motorcycling, & Golf. His wife is Sheila. Tony Ruggirello was a Butcher & Farmer. He enjoys Fishing & Gardening. His wife is Antonina. John Togliatti was a Farmer. He enjoys Golf & Gardening. His wife is Pauline.

***Ladies Day Tickets go on sale this month. Please purchase tickets by May 4<sup>th</sup>. No tickets will be sold at the door. Thank You for your co-operation.***



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

\* (NM)- New Member \*(SP)- Sponsor

**SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

1. Big Sir Gary Williams called the BEC meeting to order for Branch 144 at 9:30 am.
2. Officers present were: Gary Williams, Edd Santwier, Gerry Veloria, Tom Watson, Gene Toschi, Bill Burchell, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, and Dan Huffstatler.
3. The Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.
4. Big Sir welcomed visitors Jerry Strain, Chuck Shoup and Rick Kindle. Rick Kindle to present Bill Burchell award for his work as last year Big Sir.
5. The meeting minutes of Jan. 19, 2017 were approved as submitted (approved by all).
6. Presentation of annual audit- Chuck Shoup stated that Tom Watson did an outstanding job. The months reviewed indicated that all transactions were in order and reconciled. m/Toschi/s/Brooks
7. Treasurer's report: Tom Watson

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Check Book balance                | \$ 4652.20 |
| Total Receipts                    | \$ 2752.00 |
| Total disbursements               | \$ 2409.21 |
| Check Book balances               | \$ 4994.29 |
| Petty Cash                        | \$ 200.00  |
| Check Book and petty cash balance | \$ 5192.29 |

Report approved (m/Bill Burchell/s/Pat Brooks)

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Newsletter (Robert Lewis)               | \$ 34.17 |
| Phone Call System (Gary Williams)       | \$ 18.00 |
| Roster Supplies (Sam Graham)            | \$ 14.00 |
| Refund Ladies Day Ticket (Bob Offerman) | \$ 26.00 |

Vouchers approved: (m Gaylan King/s/ Ernie Lewis)

8. Membership Report: (Gaylan King) Three (3) new inductees; approved three (3) new members-Mike Watts, John Togliatti and Tony Ruggirello; fifteen (15) inactive members and 178 active members; Jan. attendance 112. m/Gaylan King/s/Edd Santwier.
9. Committee Report:
  - Newsletter: (Bob Lewis) - All is well.
  - Dining Club: (Vince Sereno) –One restaurant is being remodeled but doing OK
  - Bowling: None
  - Book Club: (Joe Venturini) – romance novel books were separated for easier display
  - Accessories: (Sam Graham) - 15 tables; everybody pitches in when help is needed; missing banner during move-expensive to replace.
  - Sunshine - None
  - Golf: None
  - Travel: (Bill Stires) - New travel destinations announce at the meeting.
  - Program: Today, Henry Solario, presents Modesto history; March-getting cheap funeral; April – WWII presentation; May –Ladies or Guest Day; July- Will, Living Trust and Finance information.
  - Bucket: Needs new bucket person to collect donations- Bill Burchell and Jay Norris; also to collect lunch tickets- Tom Watson and Edd Santwier
10. New Business:
  - A. Ladies day comments has no consensus, suggest name change as "Visitor's Day"
  - B. Phone call program is working on bug issues, tone and VM answering.
  - C. Roster pamphlet and cards handed out after luncheon.
  - D. Jerry Strain recommend to include RAMP in our meeting.
  - E. Sam Graham is looking for interested members to qualify as new 2017 officers

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03am. March 16, 2017 meeting is scheduled at 9:30am. Respectfully Submitted- Gerry Veloria

# 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.

**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. **Prices: \$4925.00 to \$6200.00 depending on cabin selected.**

**“San Francisco Gardens on the Roof Tour” April 25, 2017**

Travel to San Francisco and for a guided tour of the beautiful and very unique Gardens on the Rooftops of many buildings and landmarks. Stop for a great hosted lunch at Pompeii’s Grotto.

**\$147.00 per person**  
**Minimum 20 needed for trip**  
**Deadline: March 21, 2017**

## CANADIAN ROCKIES

JUNE 6-12, 2017

Leave Turlock/Modesto and fly to beautiful Calgary for the first day and night of this amazing tour. Then on to Jasper for 2 nights and stop on the way at one of the most beautiful lakes in North America, Lake Louise. We will drive along snowcapped peaks, waterfalls, and glistening glaciers, while looking out for wildlife. While in Jasper we will have time to explore the town before taking a cruise on Maligne Lake and then enjoy a regional dinner.

Then it is off to Banff for 3 nights. We will stop at the Columbia Icefield Visitor Center and board an Ice Explorer and travel to Athabasca Glacier for a breathtaking and up close view of the glacier. There will be time for sightseeing and exploring Banff along with a talk with a Canadian Mountie. In Banff we will have excursions to Surprise Corner, Bow Falls and the hoodoo rock formations. On the last day in Banff time for optional excursions and then Be My Guest Farewell Dinner at the Guinn Family ranch.

We head to Canmore and learn more about the Canada National pastime Ice Hockey. Then on to Calgary for our trip home with fond memories of the Canadian Rockies.

**A VALID PASSPORT THROUGH DECEMBER 2017 NEEDED FOR THE TRIP**

TRIP INCLUDES:  
ALL GROUND AND AIR TRAVEL  
LUXURY AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES  
EXPERT TRAVEL DIRECTOR AND SEPARATE DRIVER  
ALL GRATUITIES FOR ENTIRE TRIP  
HAND PICKED INSIDER EXPERIENCES  
VIP ENTRY TO MANY SIGHTS  
6 BREAKFAST 3 DINNERS  
Price: \$2850 Per Person Double Occupancy  
Single Supplement: Add \$650

Contact **Bill Stires** for detailed information and reservation forms for all SIR travel. 209-544-2684 or go online at [sirinc2.org/branch144](http://sirinc2.org/branch144) and print out any of the reservation forms.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

### 2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Big Sir:</b>             | <b>Gary Williams</b>    |
| <b>Little Sir:</b>          | <b>Edd Santwier III</b> |
| <b>Secretary:</b>           | <b>Gerry Veloria</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>Patton Brooks</b>    |
|                             | <b>Bill Burchell</b>    |
|                             | <b>Dan Huffstatler</b>  |
|                             | <b>Gaylan King</b>      |
|                             | <b>Ernie Lewis</b>      |
|                             | <b>Ron Vigus</b>        |



**Pictured L-R: Director Bill Burchell; Secretary Gerry Veloria; Big SIR Gary Williams; Little SIR Edd Santwier III were sworn in by Alan Baxter**

(Editor’s note: Alan Baxter, not Donald Dill did the swearing in)

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



### Dining Out Club News

**The 3 separate evening Dining Out Clubs are beginning the new year with great enthusiasm. We are adding new members and others are planning to join us shortly, (couples and singles). All are welcome and there is room for more members.**

To join one of our fun groups,  
**Contact Vince at 524-9630.**

### March Locations

March 14th -- (2nd Tues. Club)  
*OUTBACK Steakhouse--5:00 pm*  
*With any new Reservations or any regrets, Contact VINCE on his cell phone at 209-552-1539 ASAP!*

March 28th -- (4th Tues. Club)  
*CARINO'S ITALIAN--5:00 pm*  
*Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts John & Marian Alves at 527-2487, No later than Tuesday March 21st.*

March 23rd -- (4th Thurs. Club)  
*OUTBACK Steakhouse--5:00 pm*  
*Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Host Henry Solario at 578-5607 no later than Thursday March 16th.*

### APRIL Dates & Locations

April 11th--2nd Tues--Bella Italia

April 25th--4th Tues--Mimi's Cafe

April 27th--4th Thurs—Shangri-La  
China Bistro

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name Date Age

|              |         |          |    |
|--------------|---------|----------|----|
| Bohling      | John    | 03/30/44 | 73 |
| Bree         | John    | 03/12/32 | 85 |
| Brown        | Jack    | 03/06/40 | 77 |
| Dodd         | Andre   | 03/25/42 | 75 |
| Johnson      | Clayton | 03/20/41 | 76 |
| Massey       | Joe     | 03/10/41 | 76 |
| Norris       | Jay     | 03/18/46 | 71 |
| Peck         | Russell | 03/31/28 | 89 |
| Scoble       | Tony    | 03/28/34 | 83 |
| Sheaffer     | Chuck   | 03/17/49 | 68 |
| Sherman      | Fred    | 03/22/33 | 84 |
| Shoup        | Chuck   | 03/13/39 | 78 |
| Venturini    | Joe     | 03/10/30 | 87 |
| Weiss        | Tom     | 03/29/38 | 79 |
| Zimmerman(I) | Richard | 03/07/38 | 79 |

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date Years

|               |         |           |          |    |
|---------------|---------|-----------|----------|----|
| Brown         | Jack H. | Jackie    | 03/02/58 | 59 |
| Carvalcho(I)  | John    | Nancy     | 03/21/67 | 50 |
| Duncan        | Billy   | Elizabeth | 03/18/05 | 12 |
| Eisenhower(I) | Melvin  | Brenda    | 03/27/82 | 35 |
| Masciorini    | Walter  | Ann       | 03/03/56 | 61 |
| Oehrlein      | Kenneth | Sochi     | 03/14/64 | 53 |
| Rice          | Rodney  | Allegria  | 03/18/60 | 57 |
| Sargent       | John    | Shirley   | 03/22/03 | 14 |





## Feb 2017 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

|                     |                          |             |     |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Scratch Games       | Handicap Games           |             |     |
|                     | Week 20 December 27 2016 |             |     |
| Series: Joe Bradley | 655                      | Joe Bradley | 703 |
| Game : Joe Bradley  | 243                      | Joe Bradley | 259 |

|                       |                         |             |     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----|
|                       | Week 21 January 03 2017 |             |     |
| Series: John Sherrard | 656                     | Wes Rash    | 700 |
| Game : Joe Bradley    | 276                     | Joe Bradley | 289 |

|                        |                         |               |     |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----|
|                        | Week 22 January 10 2017 |               |     |
| Series : John Sherrard | 705                     | John Sherrard | 723 |
| Game : John Sherrard   | 256                     | John Sherrard | 262 |

|                       |                         |            |     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----|
|                       | Week 23 January 17 2017 |            |     |
| Series : David Brown  | 683                     | Don Binney | 707 |
| Game : John Schamante | 277                     | Don Binney | 295 |

|                        |                         |               |     |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----|
|                        | Week 24 January 24 2017 |               |     |
| Series : John Sherrard | 720                     | John Sherrard | 732 |
| Game : John Sherrard   | 264                     | Jerry Melvin  | 272 |

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

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

Feb. 21 Tuesday No Tap Pacific Bowl Stockton (209) 956-6763  
 Mar 20&22 Mon&Wed Diable Lanes Concord (925) 798-5440  
 Apr. 10 thru 13 Mon thru Thu Gold Dust West Carson City (530) 558-9727

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

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

Contact John Gasper 209 863-9565 or email [johngasper47@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:arthurpargament@icloud.com)

Modesto: Coming Soon  
Beyer Park  
Contact: Jay Pierce 209 602-0901 email [izpierce@sbcglobal.net](mailto:izpierce@sbcglobal.net)

## MARCH 2017 Golf



|                      |                      |                   |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| MARCH 6,<br>9:00 AM  | DIABLO<br>GRANDE     | CARTS<br>INCLUDED |
| HOST: 164            | \$ 43.00             |                   |
| MARCH 13<br>9:00 AM  | CREEKSIDE<br>M/P     | CARTS \$<br>15.00 |
| HOST: 103            | \$ 29.00 &<br>\$5.00 |                   |
| MARCH 20,<br>9:00 AM | SWENSON              | CARTS \$<br>15.00 |
| HOST: 143            | \$ 26.00             |                   |
| MARCH 27,<br>9:00 AM | LOCKEFORD            | CARTS \$15.00     |
| HOST: 144            | \$ 38.00             |                   |
| APRIL 3 8:30<br>AM   | MANTECA              | CARTS \$<br>15.00 |
| HOST: 164            | \$30.00              |                   |
| APRIL 10<br>9:00 AM  | CREEK SIDE           | CARTS \$15.00     |
| HOST: 103            | \$29.00              |                   |

**NOTE: DIABLO GRANDE IS REPLACING DRY CREEK, WITCH IS UNDER WATER GOOD NEWS BARRY IS BACK TO WORK AS HANDI-CAPING & PARING & RESULTS. A BIG HAND TO PAUL BENDER FOR DOING A GREAT JOB WHILE BARRY WAS OUT. MATCH PLAY STARTS ON MARCH 13, AT CREEKSIDE. COST IS \$5.00 PLUS GREEN FEES. SIGN UP WITH YOUR GOLF CHAIEMAN OR SEE JOE ADAMS AT THE COURSE OTHER DATES ARE DRYDEN 4/24, CREEKDIDE 5/22**

WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF RAIN LATELY, WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL WITH CARTS AROUND THE GREENS. STAY 30 FEET AWAY.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR NCGA DUES BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO PLAY AS A GUEST. NO PRIZE MONEY.

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

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

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"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 February nearly 1/3 of members 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 "SIRitude!"

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



## Calendar of Events

**March 5-10, 2017 Spring Training  
Scottsdale, AZ**

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

**April 25, 2017 San Francisco Gardenson  
the Roof Tour**

**June 6-12, 2017 Canadian Rockies**

Program for March 16, 2017

The Speaker will be Randy  
Seifkin from Funeral  
Alliance of Stanislaus  
He will speak on the High  
Cost of Funerals



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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  
2016 Bill Burchell

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## Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

### OFFICERS FOR 2017

**Big Sir:** ..... Gary Williams 578-3471  
**Little Sir:**.....Edd Santwier 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

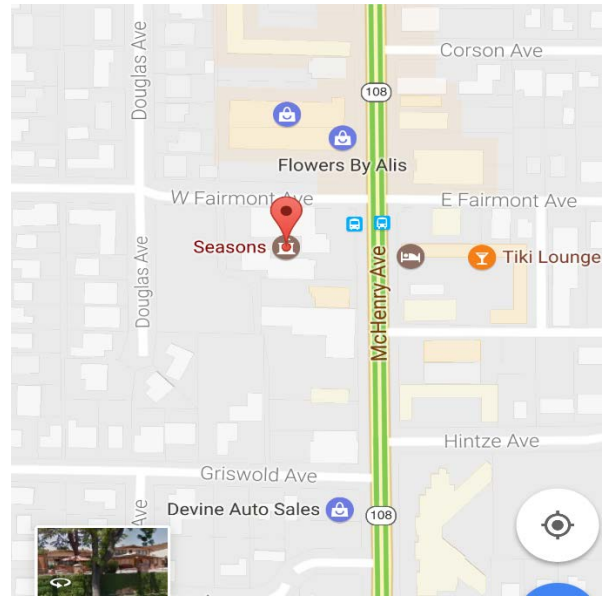
STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ... Jerry Strain 551-8220  
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ....Derek Southern 925-253-1646  
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Alan Baxter 559-434-1037  
GOVERNOR AREA 22.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

### 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 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:**.....Open  
**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



Bill Burchell receives his plaque for BIG SIR for 2016 from Area Governor 22 Rick Kindle.



**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!**