

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

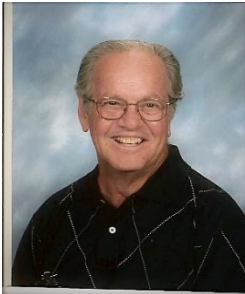
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence  
and dignity of retirement*



May 2017 Newsletter

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### *Message from Big Sir Gary Williams*



We have been through the April showers and now look forward to the May flowers. We also look forward to the May luncheon/meeting where we will gather again to enjoy fellowship with our friends with the added attraction that our wives, girlfriends, significant others, whatever the case may be, will be, joining us. I will be a fun time. On another note, do not forget Mother's Day on Sunday the 14th. On the business side, the State SIR has been reorganized and we now are in Region 2 and Area 18. The Area governor is still Rick Kindle but we have a new Region Director who is Jerry Morrow who lives in Mi Wuk Village. This is a result of an ongoing problem of diminishing membership. Our branch is not immune to the problem. Our branch has dropped in membership over the last few years from about 200 to an average of 180. Our greatest source of new members is the current members bringing in visitors and making them members. I strongly encourage all to do a little soul searching and do a better job of inviting visitors. The best way to really enjoy SIR is to be involved. It's a lot better than just riding in the cart and looking at the scenery.

Respectfully, Big SIR Gary Williams

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) Chuck Sheaffer; Terry Fix; Edd Santwier; Peter Dutton. Not pictured are sponsors: Don Sanford & Jack Brown. Terry Fix was a High School Teacher & Coach. His hobbies are Modesto PC User Group & McHenry Museum (Press & Publications). His Wife is Edna. Pete Dutton was in Labor Relations. His hobby is Sport Cars. His Wife is Vivien.

***Ladies Day Tickets are on sale.  
Please purchase tickets by May  
4<sup>th</sup>. If after the 4th call Leonard  
Davis to see if still available at  
492-0254***



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

**SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 20, 2017**

Prior to the meeting, Jerry Emery was sworn in as the new Secretary.

At 9:30 AM, Big Sir Gary Williams called the meeting to order. A quorum was confirmed as officers present included: Gary Williams, Edd Santwier, Tom Watson, Jerry Emery, Gene Toschi. Directors: Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Dan Huffstatler. Bill Burchell Absentees included: Charlie Brunn, and Ron Vigus.

Visitors were welcomed and included Bill Stires and Julius Manrique.

The minutes of the March BEC meeting were approved. M/Watson S/King

Treasurer's Report submitted by Tom Watson. M (Brooks S/Lewis to approve, including the approval of voucher claims:

Checkbook balance as of 3/1/17	\$5712.22
Petty Cash	\$200.00
Receipts	\$2192.00
Disbursements	\$1937.80
Balance on 3/31/17	\$5966.32
Voucher to pay: Bob Lewis: newsletter	\$43.17

Membership report Gaylan King- M/King S/ Lewis to approve, including 3 applications: Peter Dutton, Terry Fix and Jim Eastwood and 1 termination: Gerry Veloria

Committee Reports-All going well.

**New Business**

- A. New state fee structure with a \$1 increase. M/Lewis S/King
- B. Ladies' Day and short BEC meeting. M/Brooks S/Burchell to approve \$250 entertainment expense
- C. Table set up-2 extra tables will be set up.
- D. RAMP Discussion-There are now 126 Branches of SIR
  
- E. \$75 expense for Nominating Committee Meeting (4/27, 10:00 A.M., Season's) approved  
M/Watson S/King

Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 AM

# Area 18 Travel

## **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

## **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.

1<sup>st</sup> port of call is St. Peter Port and the picturesque harbor of Guernsey.

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> port takes us to Belfast in Northern Ireland and fantastic renaissance.

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

6<sup>th</sup> port is at the Orkney Islands and the 9<sup>th</sup> century Viking settlement.

7<sup>th</sup> port is on to Iverness and the legend of the Loch Ness monster.

8<sup>th</sup> port is Queensferry north of Edinburgh.

9<sup>th</sup> port is off to the Normandy beaches in France.

10<sup>th</sup> 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**

Sept. 12, 2017 Underground Tour Sacramento

Oct. 5-6, 2017 Apple Hill

Dec. 7-8, 2017 Reno Holiday Show

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.

## "DINING OUT" CLUBS



### Dining Out Club News

Humorous stories are also part of our evening Dining Out Clubs dinners. This one is a sample taken from "Political Humor". A political candidate speaking of his opponent said, "That low-down scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it!"

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

### May Locations

#### May 9th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

*Divine Swine -- Arrive 4:45 to 5:00 pm -- 825 West Roseburg Ave. Confirm any new Reservations or any regrets with Hosts Joe & Diane Venturini at 209-524-6577.*

#### May 23rd -- (4th Tues. Club)

*Pastas Pronto--Arrive 4:45 to 5:00 pm-- 2509 Coffee Road -- Confirm any new Reservations or Regrets with Host Gene & Sue Richards at 492-0391, No later than Tuesday May 16th.*

#### May 25th -- (4th Thurs. Club)

*Marcellas---Arrive 4:45 to 5:00 pm. NW Corner of Tully/Standiford Confirm any new Reservations or Regrets with Hosts Julius & Barbara Manrique at 209-576-1077 no later than Thursday May 18th.*

### JUNE Dates & Locations

JUNE 13th--2nd Tues-- ???

June 27th--4th Tues--Velvet Creamery

June 22nd--4th Thurs-- Bella Italia

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name Date Age

Anderson	Lee	05/26/45	72
Aragon	Tony	05/01/29	88
Burroughs	Doug	05/03/52	65
Cardoza	Bill	05/14/49	68
Eubank	Eubie	05/26/49	68
Fix	Terry	05/10/36	81
Gottschalk	C. K.	05/27/37	80
Hart(I)	Hugh	05/03/23	94
Hill	Randell	05/31/33	84
Long	Herb	05/29/34	83
Santwier III	Edd	05/23/44	73
Schamante	John	05/28/47	70
Vigus	Ron	05/19/42	75
Watson	Tom	05/19/57	60

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date Years

Baker(I)	John	Debby	05/05/90	27
Bartels	Lonnie	Elaine	05/17/69	48
Borrego	Yony	Rozanne	05/14/54	63
Gasper	John	Teddie	05/31/69	48
Jackson	Ed	Lynda	05/17/91	26
Lombardi	Lou	Judith	05/24/80	37
Manabat	Pert	Nena	05/15/61	56
Masse	Vern	Ruth	05/13/84	33
Norris	Jay	Kathy	05/05/01	16
Sullivan	Don	Robin	05/05/84	33

**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](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)

## MAY 2017 Golf



MAY 8 8:00AM	MICKEGROVE	CARTS : INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$ 33.00	
MAY 15 8:00 AM	PHEASANT RUN	CARTS : INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 42.00	
MAY 22 8:00 AM	CREEKSIDE M/P	CARTS : \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 29.00	
MAY 30 8:00 AM	DRYDEN	CARTS \$15.00
HOST: 164	\$ 27.00	
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	

### NOTE TEE TIME CHANGE 8:00 AM

THE ABCD TURNAMENT IS BEING HELD JUNE 12, AT MANTECA. WE NEED TO GET THE TEAMS TOGETHER SOON. IF YOU KNOW WHO YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH LET ME KNOW.

THIS IS A 4 MAN SCRAMBLE WITH A PLAYER FROM EACH HANDI-CAP GROUP. WILL BE A LOT OF FUN.

FOUND: PITCHING WEDGE, AT ELKHORN ON 5/1.

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

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

[SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM)

209-606-1475

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

"MEN ENJOYING ACTIVE RETIREMENT"



"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!

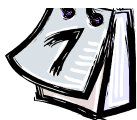
The \$24 Annual Donation amount has not increased in over two decades. The Executive Committee has kept a lid on expenses. For those who have not made the Annual Donation, please provide your support so that Branch Executive Officers may meet Branch expenses with "SIRitude!"

*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



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

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

POSSIBLE FUTURE TRIPS/SAVE THE DATES

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Program for May 18,  
2017

For Ladies Day:  
Jason Winfree & Gary  
Vessel co-founders from  
the Award Winning  
bluegrass group  
**RED DOG ASH**

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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:**.....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

### STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

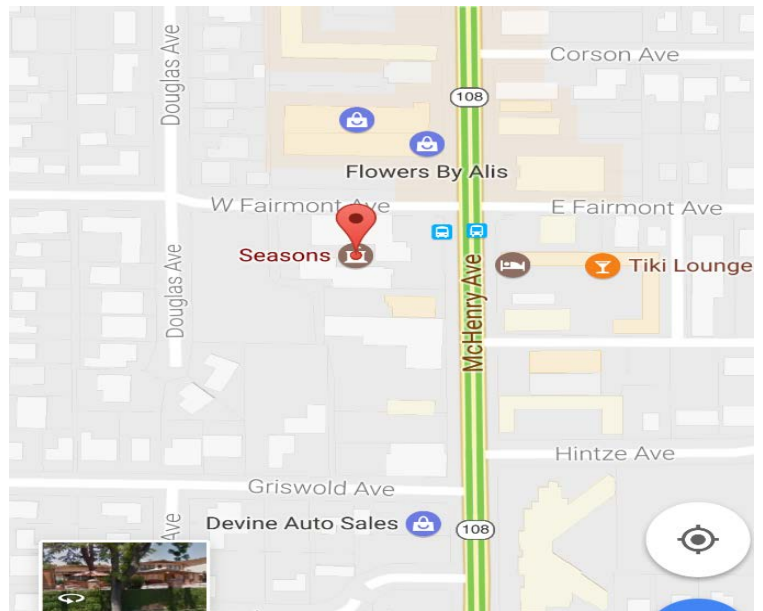
STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ... Jerry Strain 551-8220  
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ....Derek Southern 925-253-1646  
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Jerry Morrow 586-2979  
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

### 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



Jerry Emery(L) is taking over as Secretary for the rest of the year



**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!  
Prayers for Bob Wirth, John Alves, and Don Sanford.**