

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



May 2016 Newsletter

Volume 05- 2016

### *Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell*

**Ladies Day** is always a most enjoyable activity of SIR Branch 144!!! The gathering broadens the friendship of our members with their ladies and adds a high note to our luncheon. We look forward to an entertaining program with **The Jammers** and will enjoy sharing our May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting together.



Of special note this past month is the success of our Branch 144

**Bowling Team** for having won the championship in the Area 22 Bowling League. Good Job, SIR.

It was also good to see the impressive exposure of **Pickleball** in the May/June issue of Stanislaus Magazine. Branch 144 was on the ground floor of establishing this new sport with **Chuck Adams**, among five SIR members, being credited for founding the local club. Good Job, SIR.

With many activities to interest our retired friends, always be looking to invite a friend to join us. We are always encouraging everyone to bring one.

Best regards,

Bill Burchell, Big Sir

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

### NEW MEMBERS



Pictured (L to R) (Sponsor) Lonnie Bartels, (NM) Ed Jackson, (NM) Bob McManus, (Sponsor) Gary McManus

**Ed Jackson worked as an Investigator for the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office. He enjoys golfing, bowling, and travelling. His wife is Lynda..... Bob McManus was a Firefighter for the City of Modesto. He enjoys Golf and RV Travel. His wife is Dana.**

Ladies Day is coming up on May 19<sup>th</sup>. For singles, look for sign on table.

**"Please remember that with a new calendar year SIR Branch #144 needs your \$24.00 annual donation to pay State assessments, newsletter costs, speaker lunches, etc.! Thank you!"**



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  
April 21, 2016

1. Meeting Called to Order: B.Burchell, BIG SIR - 9:15 am
2. Officers Present: - A.Swofford - C. Brunn -T.Watson -B. Burchell – G. McManus- G. Toschi 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. Stries - Travel: R.Lewis – Newsletter: G. Williams -Data: B. Holloway-Golf: Sunshine  
– J. Manrique : Guest: J. Strain, State Vice President Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES
3. Previous Minutes: M/McManus, S/Brooks - Approved
4. Treasurers Report: Presented by: T. Watson

Checkbook Balance as of 02/01/2016	\$ 5917.67
Petty Cash on Hand	\$ 200.00
Receipts	\$ 2165.41
Disbursements	\$ 1499.12
TOTAL Balance as of 03/31/2016	\$ 6783.96

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/McManus S/E.Brooks -Approved Vouchers to be paid: Newsletter; B. Lewis \$40.88

Motion to pay Vouchers: : M/ McManus S/ Brooks Approved

5. Little SIR Report: presented by: G. McManus
  - April, 21 2016 Speaker/topic ; Tom Changnon-Superintendent, Stanislaus Cty. Office of Ed.
  - May 19, 2016 Speaker/topic; Musical group 'Jammers' (Ladies Day Luncheon)
    - Committee Reports:
    - Dining Out Club : 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday: N. Lawrence May 17<sup>th</sup> – Bella Italia/Riverbank
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday: Henry Solario April, 26<sup>th</sup> – Pasta Pronto/CoffeeRd
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday : Vince Sereno April 28<sup>th</sup> Bella Italia/Riverbank
  - Membership report given by : G. King
  - Active members 187 Last Months Attendance:116
  - Deaths - 1 Last Months Absent: 71
  - Inactive members:17 Last Months Excused: 21
  - Pending Members 2 Last Months Inductees 1
  - Unused Badges 44 Honorary Life Members 3
  - Members requesting Inactive Status: 0 SHLM Member: 1
  - Members requesting resignation:0 Member asking to be reactivated; 0
  - Sunshine: J.Manrique Steve Nelson passed away, Judge Underwood passed away
  - Book Club: F.Pierson - Ok
  - Golf: B. Holloway – Will speak to membership,
  - Membership; G. King – vote in new member, Edward Jackson and Robert McManus
  - Travel-Area 22; will speak to membership
6. Old Business: B. Lewis is going to work with J.Strain on developing new webpage for Branch 144. Now completed : [www.sirinc2.org/branch144](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch144)
7. Area 22 annual picnic May 21 (see website), Ladies Day tickets on sale
8. New Business: State SIR representative J. Strain discussed RAMP program, State looking for secretary volunteer; Remind council to mingle prior to members meeting; G. McManus, need new business cards to give to prospective members
9. Next Exe. Council meeting May 19 2016 @ 9:15
10. Adjourned – 9:50am

Respectfully submitted Alan Swofford, Secretary

# 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.

## Tales of the Old South

**May 4-11, 2016**

A great trip to view and hear about the Civil War through Savannah and up to Charleston. Fly to Savannah and board a private bus with our own tour guide. Learn about the South's hospitality with private dinners. Visit Middleton Place, Hilton Head and on to Charleston. All airfares, gratuities, hotel tips, charges and local taxes included. 11 meals included and overnight in 4 and 5 star hotels.

**Price: \$2995 per person**

## 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.**

## Golden Gate Fields

**June 9, 2016**

Join your friends and other SIR members for a day at the races. Enjoy a great buffet lunch in the Turf Club before the races start. Then place your bets on the horses and enjoy the day. This is a popular trip so sign up early to reserve your spot.

**Price: \$118.00**

## Upcoming trips:

Sacramento Rivercats August 14, 2016

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.

## 2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

<b>Big Sir:</b>	<b>Bill Burchell</b>
<b>Little Sir:</b>	<b>Gary McManus</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Alan Swofford</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



### May Update-----

We welcome **NEW MEMBERS**, Couples or Singles, to join us for an evening of good food, good friends, & a great time.

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

#### 2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

**Tues. May 17th, (NOTE DATE CHANGE) at 5 pm at Bella Italia/Riverbank.** Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 by Tues. May 10th.

**Tues. June 14th, at 5 pm at Tahoe Joes**  
Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Joe & Diane Venturini at 524-6577 By Tues. June 7th.

#### 4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

**Tues. May 24th at 5 pm at MIMI'S Cafe.**  
Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Orbie & Peggy Camacho at 529-9420 by Tues. May 17th.

**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.

#### 4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

**Thurs. May 26th at 5 pm at Outback Steakhouse,** Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Dan & Peggy Dwyer at 527-4674 by Thursday May 19th.

**Thurs. June 23rd at 5 pm at Bella Italia/Riverbank.** Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Chuck & Juanita Hopkins at 238-3849 by Thursday June 16th.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age
Anderson Leland	05/26/45	71
Aragon Tony	05/01/29	87
Cardoza William	05/14/49	67
Gottschalk C. K.	05/27/37	79
Hart(I) Hugh	05/03/23	93
Haub James	05/02/48	68
Hill Randell	05/31/33	83
Long Herbert	05/29/34	82
Lovelady Jerry	05/21/46	70
Santwier III Amos	05/23/44	72
Schamante John	05/28/47	69
Vigus Ronald	05/19/42	74
Watson Thomas	05/19/57	59

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Baker(I) John	Debby	05/05/90	26
Bartels Lonnie	Elaine	05/17/69	47
Borrego Tony	Rozanne	05/14/54	62
Gasper John	Teddie	05/31/69	47
Jackson Ed	Lynda	05/17/91	25
Lombardi Louis	Judith	05/24/80	36
Manabat Pert	Nena	05/15/61	55
Masse Vern	Ruth	05/13/84	32
Norris Jay	Kathy	05/05/01	15
Pierson Frank	Valerie	05/04/56	60
Silveira Bill	Rose	05/01/49	67
Sullivan Don	Robin	05/05/84	32

Senior Honorary Life Member: Julius Manrique  
Honorary Life Members: Ted Nagel, Frank Pierson,  
& Jerry Strain



## 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 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**

## June 2016 Golf



Mon	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>The Reserve</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 103
Tue	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Diablo Grande</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Creekside (ABCD)</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Swenson</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$37	Carts Included	Host: 103
Mon	June 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Manteca</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @15	Host: 164

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 May 2<sup>nd</sup> the second Match Play round was played at Creekside. Remember, were you unable to play your match on the day of the tournament and had rescheduled a makeup round with your opponent the makeup round must be completed prior to the third round scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> at Dryden.

The tournament on June 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Carl Nowicki had a Hole-in-One at Manteca on a windy April 25<sup>th</sup> day. If you have not renewed your Hole-in-One insurance please either pay at the next tournament or to me at the next meeting. Cost for insurance is \$2.00.

Pairings/Results, visit our Website at  
<http://sirarea22.manogolf.com>.

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E-mail: [sirgolf144@gmail.com](mailto:sirgolf144@gmail.com)

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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.

**SIR Area 22 Annual Picnic**  
**2001 Edgebrook Drive Near Scenic Drive and El Vista (Dry Creek) This is a Family event Saturday**

**May 21, 2016 10:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**Eat at 12:30**

**Pot Luck, Bring enough for 4 people**

**Bring your Plates & utensils**

**Golf Pitching Contest at 11:30**

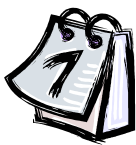
**Contact Murle Webb**

**209 526 6511**

**Email [murleweb@gmail.com](mailto:murleweb@gmail.com)**



## Calendar of Events



**April 27, 2016 Elkhorn Slough Safari**

**May 4-11, 2016 Tales of the Old South-  
Learn about the Civil War**

**June 9, 2016 Golden State Fields**

**August 14, 2016 Sacramento Rivercats**

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

Program for May 19th, 2016

The Entertainment for  
Ladies Day will be:

" Jammers "



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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:**.... 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

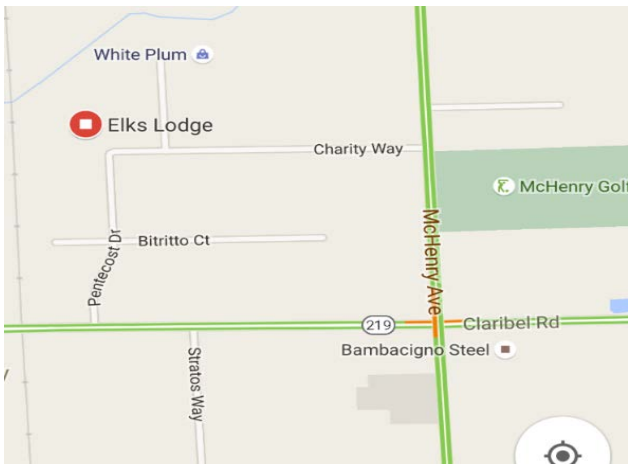
Ernie Lewis 523-7387                  Patton Brooks 522-6417  
Gaylan King 380-9896                Lor Salvi 576-7898  
Leonard Davis 524-1526              David Marino 838-2038

### STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, Inc ...Donald A. Dill 530-885-6943  
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, 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:** . 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 580-9896  
**Book Club:** Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577  
**Accessories:** ....John Bates 383-5259



Thank you to over half members who gave annual donations (\$2,348) of \$24 or more as of March 2016! This represents nearly half (over 50%) of our 174 active Thank you to over half members who gave annual donations (\$2,348) of \$24 or more as of March 2016! This represents nearly half (over 50%) of our 174 active members. Keep up the good work, Branch 144! It's never too late to donate. You can still give a \$24 annual donation by bringing it to the April 21st luncheon OR mailing check made out to "SIR Branch #144" to: Tom Watson Treasurer 1457 Ramsgate Drive Modesto CA 95355. Thank you!  
Tom Watson

**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!**

**Norman Van Walterop passed away.**

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