

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



November 2016 Newsletter

Volume 11- 2016

### *Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell*

**Salute to our Veterans - Wear your Service Hat or Cap** to our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and pay tribute to those who have served in the military. American Legion Post 74 will again Post the Colors and Gordon Boike will share the "Ragged Old Flag". Our speaker will be our own **John Sai**. John attained his Commission after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1964. He spent 5 years on active duty which included three Tours in Vietnam as well as active Sea Duty. It will be a most fitting tribute to Veterans Day to hear John share his military experience.

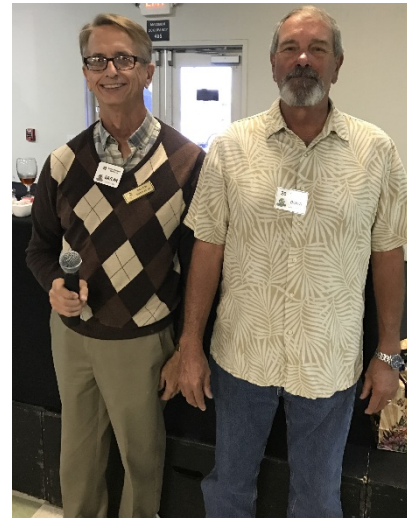


**Highlighting our Activities** – A non-competitive and highly popular activity enjoyed by many of our members is the "**Dining Out**" Club. With groups meeting on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of each month, the camaraderie while sharing a fine meal is a great pleasure. In the past year there have been about 80 participants who have enjoyed 15 different restaurants throughout the area. Chairman **Vince Sereno** has good help from **Henry Solario** and **Norman Lawrence** as well as many others to keep things organized and well planned. Check the Newsletter to see the details each month. And for his devoted effort as Chairman of this active group, preparing the monthly notice in the Newsletter and attending all the dinners, **Vince Sereno** is to be highly commended and deserves a great big THANK YOU – Yes SIR!!!

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

SHLM: Julius Manrique, Bob Offermann, &  
Frank Pierson  
HLM: Ted Nagel & Jerry Strain

### New Member



Sponsor Gaylan King(L) & New Member Doug Burroughs(R)  
Doug was the Director of Operations at Del Foods. He enjoys Golf, RV'ing, Dining out, & Riding Bikes. His wife is Pat.

**Please purchase tickets for the December 15<sup>th</sup> Ladies Day Luncheon by December 7<sup>th</sup> to Leonard Davis (524-1526). Refunds can be made by December 7<sup>th</sup> if needed.**  
***No tickets will be sold at the door.***

**Tickets will be \$13 per person.**



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**  
**October 20, 2016**

1. Little Sir Julius Manrique called the BEC meeting to order for Branch 144 at 9:20 am.
2. The officers present were: Julius Manrique, Gerry Veloria, Tom Watson, Gene Toschi, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis and Dave Marino.
3. Committee members present: Ted Nagel, Sam Graham, Gary Williams, Bob Lewis, Frank Pierson, Vince Sereno.
4. The Assistant Secretary confirmed that a quorum is present.
5. The meeting minutes of September 15, 2016 was approved as submitted (m/Watson s/Brooks).

6. Treasurer's report:

Check Book balance 9/1/2016_____	\$5278.22
Total Receipts _____	\$1488.00
Total disbursements _____	\$1465.74
Check Book balances _____	\$5300.48
Petty Cash _____	\$200.00
Check Book and petty cash balance _____	\$5500.48
Report approved (M/Brooks S/King)	
Voucher to pay: Newsletter (bob Lewis) _____	\$45.11
Ladies Day tickets (Gary Williams) _____	\$19.63

Approved to pay: (M/King S/Brooks)

7. Little SIR Report – Programs;
  - a. Great Valley Museum (located at the West side of Modesto Junior College) – Molly Flemate and Sam Letterman
  - b. The program for November 17, will be Veteran's Day Recognition with Gordon Boike and John Sai (USN).
8. Support Committees:

Membership (Gaylan King) – 186 Active; 1 pending (Doug Borroughs), 15 inactive, and one resigned (Jerry Lovelady). Approved M/Gaylan King, S/Ernie Lewis.

Data (Gary Williams) - Updating directory next months
9. Activity Committees:

Book Club (Frank Pierson) – Not enough table space, only half of the books are displayed.

Dining Club (Vince Sereno) – Getting ready for the 2017 schedule; no outings in November and December.

Accessories (Sam Graham) – 15 table count are set up monthly. So far no issues.
10. Other Business:

2017 Elks Club:  
Meeting with the Elk's Club on 10/25/16 to finalizes the contract for 2017.

Ladies Day Evaluations:
  - a. It was discuss that Poinsetta flowers would be place at each table or that roses would be provided to the ladies.
  - b. It was also agreed that Ladies Day tickets must purchase by Wednesday 12/7 2016 and that there would be no exception. The vote was passed and approved (m/Ernie Lewis s/ Gaylan King).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am. November 17, 2016 meeting is scheduled at 9:15am.

Respectfully Summited, Gerry Veloria

# Area 22 Travel

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

### By Bill Stires

Remember travelers can be friends, neighbors, and family, they do not need 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. 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: \$4925.00 to \$6200.00 depending on cabin selected.**

### **Singing Christmas Tree, December 3, 2016**

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this great event that is always a fantastic spectacular performance. "It's Beginning to Feel a Lot Like Christmas". Every show has been a different production. Trip includes: transportation, coffee and donuts, bingo, the performance, and dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory. **Minimum of 20 passengers needed for trip. Price: \$138.00 per person.**

### **Annual Holiday Celebration and Show in Reno, December 7-8, 2016**

**This trip will be cancelled on November 18, 2016 if we do not have 20 passengers signed up.**

We travel to Reno for our overnight stay at the Eldorado. A stop at Auburn for some shopping and lunch on the way to explore the quaint town. Arriving at the Eldorado for the performance of "**Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street**" which is a holiday favorite.

Trip includes: transportation, coffee and donuts, bingo, breakfast and dinner buffet, casino \$\$, and a private cocktail party. This is a very popular trip so sign up early. **Minimum of 20 passengers needed for trip. Price: \$275 double occupancy and \$299 single occupancy.**

### **Golden Gate Fields, January 28, 2017**

A very popular trip where you have the comfort of an exclusive Turf Club and enjoy a fantastic buffet before you bet on the ponies in the afternoon. **Minimum 20 passengers needed for trip and maximum of 44. Price: \$118.00 per person.**

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.

## 2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

<b>Big Sir:</b>	<b>Bill Burchell</b>
<b>Little Sir:</b>	<b>Julius Manrique</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Amos Santwier III</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	<b>Gerry Veloria</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



### Dining Out Club News

#### NOTES FROM VINCE:

*Thank You to all of our Dining Out Club members. Your assistance in making advance reservations, and when emergencies have arisen, letting me know so that we can make accurate reservations with each restaurant. This has made it much easier for me to deal with each restaurant. Thank you to Henry Solario (4th Tuesday) and to Norman Lawrence (2nd Tuesday) who are my assistant chairmen.*

The Dining Out Clubs do not meet again until January 2017 due to the Holidays.

We are able to add new members, either as singles or couples, so if you wish to join one of the three groups for 2017, *Contact Vince at 524-9630.*

#### Locations for January 2017

##### 2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 10th, at 5 pm at MARIE CALLENDER'S RESTAURANT.** Host & Hostess are Norman & Janet Lawrence

##### 4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

**Next meeting is Tuesday, January 24th at 4:30 pm at MARCELLA'S**  
Hosted by Henry Solario

##### 4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

**Next Meeting is January 26, 2017 at 4:30 pm at Beijing Restaurant**  
Host & Hostess are Vince & Kathy Sereno



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name Date Age

Abplanalp	Carl	11/14/46	70
Altadonna	Vincent	11/19/51	65
Bica	Gus	11/14/44	72
Chalk	Gary	11/21/39	77
Clark	Russell	11/09/29	87
Cook	Deane	11/04/38	78
Hampson	Thomas	11/17/48	68
Holly	Steve	11/17/48	68
Jackson	Edward	11/12/44	72
Maxwell	Joe	11/22/41	75
McCormick(I)	James	11/09/35	81
Salonga	Antonio	11/21/40	76
Toschi	Gene	11/06/33	83
Williams	Gary	11/09/36	80
Zoodsma	Marion	11/25/25	91

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date Years

Baggett(I)	Otis	Nola	11/06/54	62
Johnson	Clayton	Pauline	11/24/62	54
King	Gaylan	Cathey	11/18/00	16
Lawrence	Norm	Janet	11/30/55	61
Machado	Joe	Patricia	11/05/61	55
Pollard	Dan	Gail	11/21/59	54
Riddell	Richard	Cora	11/29/99	17
Scoble	Tony	Virginia	11/27/81	35
Wright	Joe	Mignon	11/19/49	67
Yanko	Bob	Roseann	11/23/96	20

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY &  
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**



## Nov. 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 08 October 04 2016

Series: Gary Pattee 700 Gary Pattee 700

Game : Gary Pattee 259 Larry Maxfield 269

Week 09 October 11 2016

Series: David Brown 726 David Brown 726

Game : David Brown 279 David Brown 279

Week 10 October 18 2016

Series : Gary Pattee 731 Chuck Nichols 748

Game : Gary Pattee 289 Gary Pattee 289

Week 11 October 25 2016

Series : Gary Pattee 703 Chuck Shoup 706

Game : Chuck Shoup 265 Chuck Shoup 287

League has just started, come out and join us.

OUR TOURNAMENT IS NOV 3&4 COME BOWL

Come out for our home town tournament.

### ----- 2016 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

Nov 3&4 Thur&Fri McHenry Bowl< Modesto (209) 492-3777

Nov 15&16 Tue&Wed Clayton Bowl Concord, (925) 689-1453

Jan 10 Tue Pacific Bowl Stockton (209) 956-6763

Jan 24&25 Tue&Wed Napa Bowl Napa (707) 257-7537

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**

## October & November 2016 Golf



*No input this month*

Oct 10 \$43.00	Diablo Grande Carts included	9:00 am shotgun Host 143
Oct 21 \$29.00	Creekside Carts \$15.00	9:00 am Shotgun Host 144
Oct 24 \$42.00	Drycreek Carts included	8:30 am shotgun Host 164
Oct 31 \$48.00	Tracy CC Carts included	8:30 am Shotgun Host 103
NOV 7 \$38.00	Lockeford Springs Carts Included	9:00 am Shotgun Host 144
Nov 14 \$38.00	Mickey Grove Carts Included	9:00 an Shotgun Host 143

### **NOTE START TIMES FOR DRYCREEK & TRACY**

NCGA dues renewal time is almost here. No price yet, last year was \$45.00 renewal, \$55.00 for new member. Will start collecting money as soon as we get a cost.

Just completed our end of year at Manteca. Had a good turnout. Had a lot of great prizes given away.

Norm Lawrence won the laser range finder (lucky guy)

Bob Lopez had an eagle on par 5 1<sup>st</sup> hole great job Bob.

All the results will be posted at our next meeting Oct. 20, 2016

Pairings/Results on our website a at

[www. Sirinc2.org/area22](http://www.Sirinc2.org/area22)

Golf Chairman Jay Norris

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**Confused about how to use SIR — SIR, Inc — SIR's — Sir — Sirs — Sir's — or Sirs' ...many of us are and here are some tips. SIR stands for Sons In Retirement ...if you want to use the corporate title, use SIR, Inc. or Sons In Retirement, Inc. Common Mistakes:**

- **SIR is never plural — there is only one Sons In Retirement — so, never write or say SIRS when referring to Sons In Retirement**
- **SIR is always capitalized**
- **There are no periods between the letters**
- **The possessive of SIR is SIR's Some examples:**
- **John is a member of SIR — Not SIRS**
- **SIR's annual meeting is held in August — possessive**
- **Sir Refers to an individual member of SIR Some examples:**
- **Sir John Jones is a member of SIR — Singular**
- **Many Sirs attended the SIR luncheon — Plural**
- **A Sir's son attended a SIR luncheon — Singular Possessive**
- **Some Sirs' wives attend SIR picnics — Plural Possessive**



28+Years of Longevity (LtoR) Bob Offermann, Lou Altadonna, & Pert Manabat



New Area Governor Rick Kindle & State VP Jerry Strain

## Calendar of Events



**December 3, 2016 Singing Christmas Tree**

**December 7&8, 2016 Annual Holiday Celebration and Show (Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street ) in Reno**

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

**January 28, 2017 Golden Gate Fields**

## Program for November 17, 2016

The Speaker will be our own  
John Sai

He will be sharing His experience in  
The United States Navy



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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:**.....Julius Manrique 576-1077  
**Secretary:**.....Amos Santwier III 605-9638  
**Assistant Secretary:**..Gerry Veloria 248-5692  
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

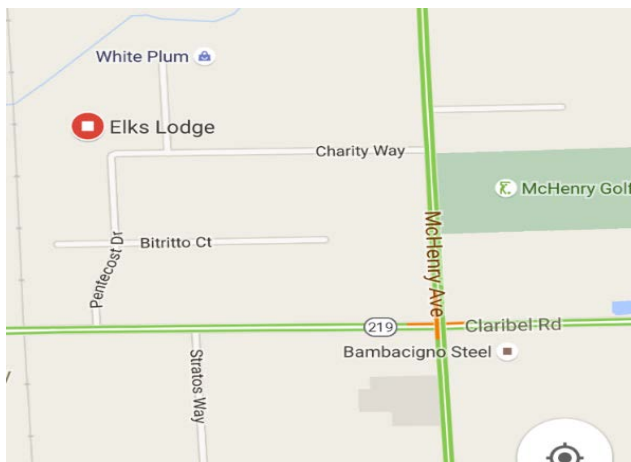
### STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ...Donald A. Dill 530-885-6943  
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ....Jerry Strain 551-8220  
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Ron Flagel 338-8109  
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:** .....Open  
**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:**.....Open  
**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:**..... Herman Vigil 557-9795  
**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, Gary Williams,  
Ted Nagel  
**Membership:**.. Gaylan King 380-9896  
**Book Club:** Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577  
**Accessories:**..Sam Graham 552-0960



"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!**

**Carl Spiva is very ill.**

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