

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

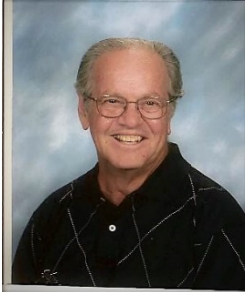
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



November 2017 Newsletter

Volume 11-2017

Message from Big Sir Gary Williams



The November luncheon is traditionally a meeting to honor our veterans. We are blessed to live in a country that is based on the idea of freedom and that freedom is largely the result of the efforts of our veterans. While we can disagree with the policies of the leaders that we chose, but we can have nothing except respect and gratitude for our veterans that carry out those policies. While we gather at the meeting to enjoy our time of sharing with our friends and eating together let us also remember the veterans. I attended a SIR meeting in Sonora, where items of improvement and concerns were discussed, and as a "heads up" to members, there will be several changes in how the branch operates in the future. So stay tuned for notices as changes are made. All this to remind each member to be involved and participate in the organization, so when changes are made, you have had your input. It is better to be involved and make your input than to have changes made that you don't know about and with which you do not agree. Get involved and enhance your SIR experience.

Respectfully, Big SIR Gary Williams

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

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

NEW MEMBER



Pictured L-R (SP) Lonnie Bartels- (NM) Merle Liebelt
He worked at Lucky Grocery. He enjoys golf. His wife is Diane.

Ladies Day tickets will be available at the November luncheon and need to be purchased by December 8. Call Edd Santwier @ 605-9638 or Leonard Davis @ 492-0254. Thank you!

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Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call [Gaylan King](tel:380-9896) at 380-9896

**SONS IN RETIREMENT
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM by Big Sir, Gary Williams.

Officers present were: Gary Williams, Edd Santwier, Tom Watson, Gene Toschi, Jerry Emery, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Ron Vigus and Dan Huffstatler. Guests included: Michael Moncure, Bob Lewis, Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Ted Nagel, Julius Manrique, and Sam Graham.

A motion was made by Tom Watson, 2nd by Edd Santwier to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting. MOTION PASSED.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Tom Watson. The October report showed:

Beginning balance of:\$4,652.20

Receipts of:.....\$1,740.00

Total Disbursements of:.....\$2,000.29

Checkbook Balance of:.....\$4,303.42

Motion by Edd Santwier, 2nd by Pat Brooks to approve the Treasurer's report. MOTION PASSED.

Motion by Edd Santwier, 2nd by Gaylan King to approve the voucher claims for the newsletter (\$35.80) and awards (\$71.36). MOTION PASSED.

Gaylan King presented the membership report, showing:

Two Inductees-Michael Moncure and Douglas B. Woodman

One application-Merle James Liebelt.

Two Requests to go Inactive- Frank Barclay and Joe Wright.

Two Requests to drop Membership-Manny Fernandez and Hugh Hart.

Motion by Jerry Emery, 2nd by Gaylan King to approve the motion approving the above actions. MOTION PASSED.

Brief reports were made by Ted Nagel (Sunshine Chair), Bill Stires (Travel Club), and Big Sir, Gary Williams, about officer training in Sonora on 10/31.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Jerry Emery, 2nd by Gaylan King to approve the recommendation for the collection of dues next year between January and March. MOTION PASSED.

2. Ladies' Day tickets for the December meeting will go on sale today and continue through the November meeting.

3. The contract with Season's Restaurant for 2018 was discussed. Motion by Jerry Emery, 2nd by Gene Toschi to approve the rate of \$17 per meal. MOTION PASSED with clarification necessary regarding the availability of one or two entrées.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jerry Emery, Secretary

Area 18 Travel

**THIS TRIP MAY BE CANCELED
DUE TO LESS THAN 20
PASSENGERS. DEADLINE IS
NOVEMBER 10.**

“ A Holiday Celebration”

Reno Overnight Tour

December 7-8, 2017

Price: \$275.00 per person, Double

Occupancy

\$299.00 Single Occupancy

Join Call for more information or
reservation forms: 544-2684

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your friends and neighbors for a fantastic trip through the mountains and possible snow. We travel to Auburn for lunch and some Christmas shopping before heading to Reno for our overnight stay at the Eldorado. Enjoy a “Private Cocktail Party” before enjoying a delicious dinner buffet. Then it is on to the fabulous Christmas Extravaganza “The Unbelievables”. A great variety show featuring singing, dancing, comedy and other acts.

Remember Friends, Relatives, and Neighbors along with SIR members may join us on all our trips.

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE
ABOARD
THE REGAL PRINCESS
INCLUDING A PRE-NIGHT STAY
IN FT. LAUDERDALE
January 6-14, 2018
CABINS STILL AVAILABLE
INCLUDES AIRFARE AND ALL
TRANSPORTATION**

Join your friends and members aboard the Regal Princess built in 2014 for an exciting and fun cruise in the Eastern Caribbean. Enjoy a night in Ft. Lauderdale at the Embassy Suites before we board the ship for a 7 night cruise. We will visit the following ports:

Princess Cays; enjoy a private beach party on the Island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

St. Thomas (Charlotte Amalie) the US Virgin Islands; enjoy the scenery and some duty free shopping.

St. Maarten (Phillipsburg); the island has 2 side a Dutch side and a French side dating back to the early 17th century.

Plus 3 days of cruising and all the activities on the Regal Princess.

Price: Interior Stateroom \$2500 per person double occupancy

Balcony \$2750 to \$2800 per person double occupancy

Mini Suite \$3095 per person double occupancy

Single prices available upon request

Must have valid passport up to June 30, 2018

Future Trips:

Spring Training – March 4- March 9, 2018

Details to come soon.

Sounds and Taste of the South – Memphis,

Nashville and New Orleans – October 24-

November 2, 2018

Panama Canal Cruise – January 31-February 15, 2019

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

By Vince Sereno -- 524-9630.

To all my evening Dining Out Club Members.

I want to Thank all of you for making each of the 3 evening Dining Out Clubs very enjoyable and successful evenings. Thank You to Norman Lawrence and Henry Solario for being the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Tuesday Club Chairman. Thank You to all of you who chose to select a restaurant and to be the Dinner Host that evening. Thank You to all members for making advance dinner reservations or regrets for the next month's dinner. We needed each members yes or no attendance count as each restaurant needs to know how many guests to expect.

Working together with you has been a pleasure. Thank you very much.

Senior Moments Humor

All the names in your little black book are doctors.

You can hear just fine---you just can't make out what people are saying.

After you spend a half hour frantically searching for your bifocals, your wife informs you that they are on your head.

Your short-term memory has been replaced by a pad & pencil, but you can't remember where you put the pad.

You've come to the conclusion that gravity gets stronger as you get older.

As far as you can tell, every bottle has a child-proof cap.

Your 3rd grade lunch box is now worth more than you collected last year in Social Security.

November Location

Nov. 14th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

MARIE CALLENDER's-- Arrive by 4:40--5 pm 3500 Sylvan Ave. -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Hosts Wes Hall at 524-3160 or Mike & Phyllis Morey at 527-5371, by Tues Nov. 7th

4th Tuesday & 4th Thursday Clubs do not meet in November or December

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age
Abplanalp Carl	11/14/46	71
Altadonna(I) Vincent	11/19/51	66
Bica Gus	11/14/44	73
Chalk Gary	11/21/39	78
Clark Russell	11/09/29	88
Cook Deane	11/04/38	79
Hampson Thomas	11/17/48	69
Jackson Edward	11/12/44	73
Maxwell Joe	11/22/41	76
McCormick(I) James	11/09/35	82
Salonga Antonio	11/21/40	77
Skeen Thomas	11/26/40	77
Toschi Gene	11/06/33	84
Williams Gary	11/09/36	81
Woodman Douglas	11/23/56	67
Zoodsma Marion	11/25/25	92

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Johnson Clayton	Pauline	11/24/62	55
King Gaylan	Cathey	11/18/00	17
Lawrence Norman	Janet	11/30/55	62
Machado Joe	Patricia	11/05/61	56
Pollard Daniel	Gail	11/21/59	58
Riddell Richard	Cora	11/29/99	18
Scoble Nathaniel	Virginia	11/27/81	36
Wright Joe	Mignon	11/19/49	68
Yanko Robert	Roseann	11/23/96	21



October 2017 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 7 September 26

Series: John Schamante 685 John Schamante 760

Game : Manny Simas 236 Steve Holly 261

Week 8 October 3

Series: Larry Sallee 639 Roger Lochry 691

Game : Ron Quintanal 245 Ron Quintanal 272

Week 9 October 10

Series: David Brown 628 Larry Maxfield 719

Game: David Brown 227 Joe Miceli 248

Joe Miceli 227

Week 10 October 17

Series: David Brown 667 David Brown 700

Game: John Schamante 244 Don Sullivan 266

Week 11 October 24

Series: Manny Simas 642 Manny Simas 699

Game: John Schamante 256 Tom Mickelsen 280

Week 12 October 31

Series: David Brown 643 Ron Quintanal 689

Game: David Brown 250 David Brown 254

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse

209-538-4275

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

Turlock
Crane Park Tuesday evening 5:30 pm
Columbia Park Thursday 9am
Contact: Art Pargament 209 620-8249 or email
arthurpargament@icloud.com

Modesto: Coming Soon
Beyer Park
Contact: Jay Pierce 209 602-0901 email
jzperce@sbcglobal.net

NOVEMBER 2017 Golf



NOV. 13, 9:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS : \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 29.00	
NOV. 20, 9:00AM	MANTECA	CARTS : \$ 15.00
HOST: 164	\$ 30.00	
NOV. 27 9:00 AM	DRYDEN	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 27.00	
DEC. 4, 9:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS \$15.00
HOST: 143	\$29.00	
DEC. 11, 9:00 AM	DRYDEN	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$27.00	
DEC. 18 9:00 AM	MANTECA	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$30.00	

THESE ARE THE LAST GAMES OF THE YEAR. 2018 LISTS WILL BE OUT WHEN EITHER NOV. OR DEC. HAVE A GOOD END OF YEAR

IT'S TIME TO RENEW OR JOIN THE NCGA

THE COST IS \$48.00 TO RENEW, \$58.00 FOR NEW MEMBERS

PAYABLE BY DEC. 31ST, AFTER WHICH YOU CAN ONLY PLAY AS A GUEST

PRIZE FUND CHECKS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT OUR NEXT MEETING. NOV. 16,2017. PAUL BENDER (GOLF TREASURER) WILL BE HANDING THEM OUT. IF YOU ARE NOT AT THE MEETING, YOUR CHECK WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR ADDRESS ON FILE. NO ONE CAN PICK UP YOUR CHECK !

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

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM

The committee met at the Old Mill and formulated the following to be submitted to the BEC

1. The details for the Branch to handle dues next year:

- A. Each member is required to pay a dues fee of \$24.00 annually
- B. The dues will be due January 1, 2018 and delinquent if not paid by March 31.
- C. There will be a table at the January luncheon to collect the payments
- D. Members not at the January luncheon should send a check to the Membership/Data Chairman at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto, CA 95356
- E. The newsletter will carry a notice of this requirement in the November, December, and January issues.
- F. Additionally a letter will be sent to all members the First week of January with a notice that dues are payable.
- G. The Membership/Data Chairman will maintain a spreadsheet tracking the payments and non payments of members.
- H. A letter will be sent to all members who have not paid by the end of February notifying them that if not paid March 31., 2018 their membership could be cancelled.
- I. New members will pay a prorated portion based on the number of months.

2. Proposed contract with Season's for 2018:

Proposal "A" \$16,00 cost includes meal, tax, tip and room use:

1 Protein (main dish), 1 Salad (garden). \$25.00 room charge for BEC meeting.

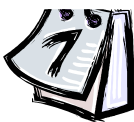
Proposal "B" \$17.00 cost includes meal, tax, tip and room use:

2 Proteins (main dish), plus 2 Salads (Caesar and Garden), no room cost for BEC.

All other provisions of the contract will remain unchanged for the proposal.

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

Calendar of Events



" A Holiday Celebration"

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December 7-8, 2017**

**Eastern Caribbean Cruise January 6-14 2018
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Program for November 17,
2017

Vern Masse will talk on
Veterans treatment for PTSD.
and
WWII pilot Sam Satariano will
talk on "Memories of my
experience in the Air Force"

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

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

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Bill Burchell 529-6039

Patton Brooks 522-6417

Gaylan King 380-9896

Dan Huffstatler 691-8028

Ron Vigus 524-1569

Ernie Lewis 523-7387

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Area 18 Golf Chairman:.. Joe Adams

Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475

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Area 18 Bowling Chairman:Jim Pastorelli. 406-8156

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:Vern Masse 538-4275

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Programs:.....Edd Santwier III: 605-9638

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Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471

Chaplain:...Tom Hampson 402-9908

Dining: Vince Sereno 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607,

Norman Lawrence 551-5081

House: Bill Burchell 529-6039

Attendance:.....Tony Salonga

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



Dick Montieth (L) receives Certificate from Edd Santwier

**If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!
Chuck Shoup and Lee Anderson are in rehab**