

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



October 2016 Newsletter

Volume 10- 2016

### *Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell*

### *Super Senior Award*

➤ **Highlighting our Activities:**

**PICKLEBALL IS GOING STRONG!!** Having started just a few years ago with the efforts of Chuck Adams and others, this rapidly growing sport has taken a solid spot in our Sir activities. Over 100 participants have enjoyed the exercise and camaraderie as groups gather on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 8:00 and 11:00 A.M. They make good use of 8 courts in Zerillo Park in Riverbank. A recent in-house tournament included about 40 players and provided the format for stimulating competition. New members are always welcome. Co-Chairmen **Cal Campbell** and **Joe Maxwell** keep the group organized and provide the monthly information for the newsletter. They deserve a big THANK YOU – Yes SIR!!!



- Our **October program** will give us great exposure to the **Great Valley Museum** which has been newly established on the Modesto Junior College west campus. This is truly a world class facility for which our community is justly proud. The program will be presented by **Molly Flemate** and **Sam Letterman** as they give us the inside story of what they do. If you have not visited it yet, this should stimulate an impressive visit right here in our own back yard.

Bill Burchell, Big SIR

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[www.sirinc2.org/branch144](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch144)

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



Robert Offermann (C) receives Super Senior Award with Area 22 Governor Rick Kindle (L) & SIR Vice President Jerry Strain. He is a Charter Member of Branch 144. He joined SIR on 7/18/1988. He has been married to his wife Margaret for 66 years.

**Please purchase tickets for the December 15<sup>th</sup> Ladies Day Luncheon this month or November.**

***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**  
**September 15, 2016**

1. Meeting called to order at 9:21 AM
2. Big Sir introduced the Area 22 Governor, Rick Kindle. Attending luncheon to present Super Senior Certificate to Charter member Bob Offermann
3. BEC officers present: Bill Burchell, Julius Manrique, Amos Santwier, Gerry Veloria, Charlie Brunn, Tom Watson, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Dave Marino, Lor Salvi. Committee Chairmen present: Vince Sereno, Bob Lewis, Frank Pierson, Bill Holloway, Sam Graham. Visitors present: Jerry Strain, Bill Stires
4. Secretary confirms that a quorum is present.
5. The minutes of the August 18 BEC meeting was approved M/ Watson S/Lewis  
Treasurers Report: Check book Balance as of 8/1/2016.....\$5331.15  
Total Receipts .....\$1338.00  
Total Disbursements.....\$1390.93  
Check Book Balance 8/31/2016..... \$5278.22  
Petty Cash.....\$ 200.00  
Check Book Balance plus petty cash.....\$5478.22  
Vouchers to pay: Bob Lewis (Newsletter).....\$45.11  
Bill Burchell (Awards).....\$12.85  
Approved M/Manrique S/Lewis
6. Little Sir Report: Speaker for today's luncheon is Matt Machado, County Dir. of Public Works  
Speaker for October 20 luncheon is Chairman of MJC Great Valley Museum. Chuck Shoup to introduce.
7. Membership Report: One member reactivated.....Howard Grieshaber  
One member dropped.....Bob Ange  
Vote to approve passed M/King S/Brooks  
Membership as of 8/15/2016 .....Active members.....187  
Inactive members.....15  
Unused badges.....48
8. Committee Reports: Golf Chairman Bill Holloway introduced the new Chairman Jay Norris who will start in October. All other Chairmen report that all is well.
9. New Business: Big Sir Bill Burchell reported on the negotiation with the Elk's with regard to the Ladies Day luncheon being a sit down affair. The cost would be \$21 to \$22 dollars per person.  
He reported that the Committee felt that the cost was too high and that a normal buffet would be a more acceptable. He then made the motion to disband the sit down approach and stay with the normal \$13 cost. The motion was seconded by Julius Manrique. A discussion was held on the motion questioning details of the Ladies Day's Luncheon. A vote was held and the motion passed 6 to 2. Following the vote it was noted by Big Sir Bill Burchell that a review of possible additions to the Ladies Day would be made, i.e.: A red Rose for the ladies; a Christmas card; a table decoration; etc. A recommendation would be made to the BEC in October. Report was given that Leonard Davis would be selling Ladies Day tickets in October and November assisted by Amos Santwier and Gerry Veloria. Also Jerry Strain would be providing the Name tags for the ladies. Big Sir Bill Burchell noted that the negotiation with the Elks for the contract for 2017 would be made in October with details available for the October BEC meeting.
10. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 with next meeting October 20, 2016

RESPECTFULLY SBMITTED: AMOS SANTWIER, SECRETARY

# 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, Himegen, 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: \$4175.00 to \$5450.00 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 perperson.**

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

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.**

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><br><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><br><b>Patton Brooks</b><br><b>Gaylan King</b><br><b>David Marino</b><br><b>Leonard Davis</b><br><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

The 4th Tuesday & 4th Thursday Dining Out Clubs do not meet in late November or December due to the Holidays. The 2nd Tuesday group will meet as usual in November. Planning for 2017 is in process. If you wish to join one of our fun groups for 2017, **Contact Vince at 524-9630.**

#### Locations for October

##### 2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

**Tuesday, October 4th, at 5 pm at BEIJING RESTAURANT.** Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess, Jay & Kathy Norris at 606-1475 By Tuesday September 27th.

**Tuesday, November 8th, at 4:45 pm at MIMI'S CAFE.** Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess, JOE & MARY MICELI at 527-5818 By Tuesday November 1st.

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

**Tuesday, October 25th at 4:30 pm at BELLA ITALIA/Riverbank,** (Note earlier October Start Time)--- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Chuck & Karen Shoup at 869-1939 by Tuesday October 18th.

**Next Meeting is January 24, 2017 at 4:30 pm.** Volunteers to be a Dinner Host & Hostess or Host & their restaurant preference for January, February, & March 2017 should be established by our October meeting. Contact Vince!

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

**Thursday, October 27th at 4:30 pm at Famiglia Bistro Ristorante (Italian).** --- (Note earlier October Start Time) Reservations or Regrets to: Host & Hostess Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 by Thursday October 20th.

**Next Meeting is January 26, 2017 at 4:30 pm.** Volunteers to be a Dinner Host & Hostess or Host & their restaurant preference for January, February, & March 2017 should be established by our October meeting. Contact Vince!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

| NAME         |        | DATE     | AGE |
|--------------|--------|----------|-----|
| Adams        | Chuck  | 10/29/42 | 74  |
| Bellino      | Nick   | 10/15/40 | 76  |
| Boyd         | Mike   | 10/13/43 | 73  |
| Cole         | Ben    | 10/02/37 | 79  |
| Davis        | Len    | 10/03/36 | 80  |
| Duran        | James  | 10/12/37 | 79  |
| Evans        | Bob    | 10/02/47 | 69  |
| Fernandes(i) | Alvin  | 10/04/25 | 91  |
| Gaudio       | Jeff   | 10/09/42 | 74  |
| Grieshaber   | Howard | 10/08/49 | 67  |
| Grove(l)     | Fred   | 10/17/46 | 70  |
| Hamiel       | Mike   | 10/25/39 | 77  |
| Hansen       | Fred   | 10/20/28 | 88  |
| Kazas        | Louie  | 10/22/29 | 87  |
| Leo Jr.      | Frank  | 10/04/28 | 88  |
| Loeb         | Stan   | 10/23/33 | 83  |
| Masse        | Vern   | 10/24/45 | 71  |
| Miceli       | Joe    | 10/24/40 | 76  |
| Moran(l)     | Paul   | 10/21/47 | 69  |
| Oehrlein     | Ken    | 10/18/42 | 74  |
| Pinkston     | Ernie  | 10/18/46 | 70  |
| Quintanal    | Ron    | 10/30/45 | 71  |
| Redding      | Bill   | 10/26/40 | 76  |
| Sanford      | Don    | 10/05/23 | 93  |
| Spiva        | Carl   | 10/06/26 | 90  |
| Strain       | Jerry  | 10/10/42 | 74  |
| Stroud       | Gary   | 10/18/39 | 77  |
| Wilhelm      | Lew    | 10/19/40 | 76  |
| Williams     | Wayne  | 10/18/40 | 76  |

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

| NAME      |         | SPOUSE   | DATE     | AGE |
|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-----|
| Alves     | John    | Marian   | 10/29/00 | 16  |
| Dwyer     | Dan     | Peggy    | 10/18/52 | 64  |
| Elson(l)  | Richard | Kay      | 10/16/56 | 60  |
| Gaudio    | Jeff    | Karen    | 10/17/06 | 10  |
| Gentry    | Chuck   | Patricia | 10/30/82 | 34  |
| Graham    | Sam     | Claire   | 10/29/61 | 55  |
| Guthrie   | Gary    | Maxine   | 03/24/68 | 48  |
| Hart(l)   | Hugh    | Joan     | 10/11/69 | 47  |
| Holloway  | Bill    | Lucille  | 10/15/92 | 24  |
| Kincanon  | John    | Sharon   | 10/27/01 | 15  |
| Raspo     | Robert  | Patricia | 10/21/61 | 55  |
| Sherman   | Fred    | Norma    | 10/15/88 | 28  |
| Tatting   | John    | Lena     | 10/12/91 | 25  |
| Weiss     | Tom     | Nancy    | 10/23/71 | 45  |
| Yockey(l) | Daniel  | Gerry    | 10/16/60 | 56  |



## Oct. 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games  
Scratch Games                      Handicap Games

Week 04 September 06 2016

Series: David Brown 659              Joe Bradly 680  
Game : David Brown 246              Rodger Lochry 260

Week 05 September 13 2016

Series : Gary Pattee 682              John Schumante 718  
Game : Gary Pattee 237              John Schumante 256

Week 06 September 20 2016

Series: David Brown 724              Vern Masse 726  
Game : David Brown 279              Vern Masse 285

Week 07 September 27 2016

Series : Gary Pattee 652              Jay Faughn 691  
Game : Joe Bradly 244              Marvin VanMiddendorp 256

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-----

Oct 4&5 Tue & Wed Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights  
(916) 366-6699

Oct 11&13 Tue&Thur Harvest Park, Brentwood  
(925)783-5614

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

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

We would like to see some of you attend those events.  
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse 209-538-4275

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



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

Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a non-profit public benefit corporation for retired men. SIR assists men in renewing old friendships and making new friends through SIR activities. Having fun is our goal. We have more than 15,500 members in 133 Branches throughout northern California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border and Lake Tahoe to the Pacific Ocean.

Membership is open to men retired from full-time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. Member volunteers staff, administer and govern all Branch activities. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion or the selling of anything to any member. The only requirements to join SIR are that a man be retired, or semi-retired, be able to attend the monthly luncheons, and be sponsored by an active member.

Each Branch has monthly luncheon meetings where Sirs renew old friendships and establish new ones. Speakers are invited to speak on topical subjects of general interest. Most Branches have summer and winter luncheons where wives, partners and guests are invited.

Of special interest are Branch activities like golf, bowling, computers, RV's, investing, genealogy and many other activities of interest to our members.

An extensive travel program is available to all members and their guests. Travel events vary from one day local excursions to trips of several weeks duration to destinations throughout the world. It is great fun to travel with people you know.

Our founders chose the rooster as the official SIR logo to represent the freedom he displays around the barnyard. We have paid our dues to the business world and now is the time for us to strut and crow a little.

## What's with the Rooster?

"Of all the creatures on earth, none express more independence and dignity with sureness and aplomb than the rooster. The majesty of his presence is felt in every barnyard, and when he crows he can be heard for miles, not in a fainthearted crow, but with a noise that calls attention to his being."

Our founders chose the rooster as the official logo to represent the freedom he displays around the barnyard. We have paid our dues to the business world and now is the time for us to strut and crow a little. We share the dignity of retirement with one another as members of SIR.

## 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**



## Program for October 20, 2016

The Speakers will be Molly Flemate & Sam Letterman to tell us about what they do at The Great Valley Museum at MJC West Campus



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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

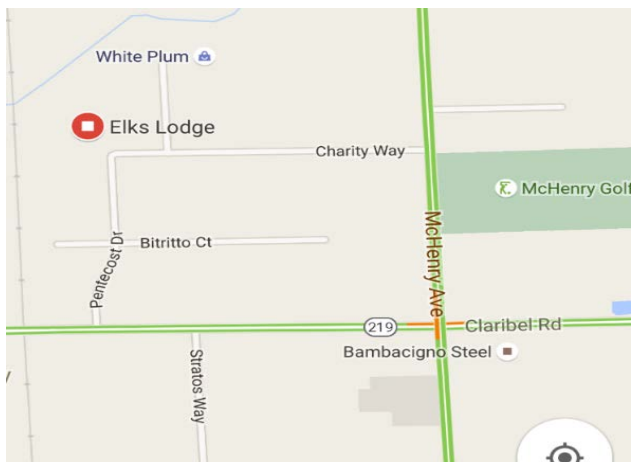
### STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

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!**

**Patton Brooks Mother passed away.**

**Fred Hanson broke his hip.**

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