

SONS IN RETIREMENT

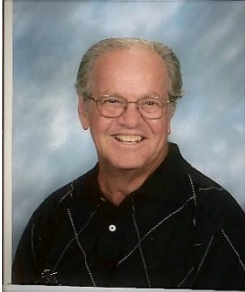
MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



October 2017 Newsletter

Message from Big Sir Gary Williams



October is here and the hot summer days are gone and cooler days are here. I am looking forward to the October meeting and hope all of you are planning to attend. It is always a fun time to meet with members and talk about what is going on with each other's lives; which is the foundation of the Sons in Retirement. On that note, I would like to mention that the more members we have the more fun we have. Unfortunately lately the membership has been in decline. The best source of new members is the current members. I would encourage each member to be more aggressive in inviting possible new members to a meeting. Every current member comes into contact with many possible members each month. Pick up several introduction cards and put them in your wallet and when you come into contact with a prospect, give him one. Jerry Emery the Recruiting Chairman has the cards; see him at the meeting and get a supply. I am always amazed at the number of senior men I meet that have never heard of Sons in Retirement, but they do exist. This does not speak highly of our members activities to spread the word and introduce seniors to the fun and excitement we enjoy. Let's all make a commitment to do a better job of spreading the word and watch the membership grow.

Respectfully, Big SIR Gary Williams

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

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

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NEW MEMBERS



Pictured L-R (NM) Doug Woodman (Sp) Jack Brey; (NM) Michael Moncure (Sp) Edd Santwier

Doug was a City Mechanic. He enjoys Bowling, Golf, Boating, and Motorcycles. His wife is Mary.
Michael was a Computer Engineer. He enjoys Motorcycling. His wife is Kathy

***Dues will be due January 1st and delinquent if not paid by March 31st.
Thank you for your co-operation.***

We would like more members to get involved in branch administration. Right now we are in need of a secretary. Thank you.



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

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM by Big Sir, Gary Williams.

Officers present were: Gary Williams, Edd Santwier, Tom Watson, Gene Toschi, Jerry Emery, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Dan Huffstatler. Guests included: Doug Hodge, Bill Stires, Ted Nagel, and Sam Graham.

A motion was made by Gaylan King, 2nd by Edd Santwier to approve the minutes of the August meeting. MOTION PASSED.

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

Beginning balance of : \$4,257.58

Receipts of: \$1,642.00

Total Disbursements of: \$1,535.87

Checkbook Balance of : \$4,363.71

A motion was made by Edd Santwier, 2nd by Gaylan King to approve the Treasurer's report. MOTION PASSED.

A motion was made by Gaylan King, 2nd by Gene Toschi to approve the voucher claims. MOTION PASSED.

Gaylan King presented the membership report, showing:

One Inductee-Larry French

Two Applications-Michael Moncure and Douglas B. Woodman

Three Requests to go Inactive-Tony Aragon, Joe Costa and Fred Cassidy.

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

A motion was made by Gaylan King, 2nd by Edd Santwier to approve the report including all of the above-mentioned changes. MOTION PASSED. The deaths of Tony Borrego and Duane Retzlaff were also noted.

Brief reports were made by Vince Sereno on the Dining Club, Edd Santwier on Programs, and Ted Nagel on Sunshine.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Big Sir, Gary Williams informed the Executive Committee that he, Sam Graham, Tom Watson, and another member(s) would meet and finalize the upcoming Dues Changes for next year. They will present their recommendation next month.
2. Today's luncheon would feature only one salad and one entrée, as opposed to two each in the past. A review of comments from the general meeting would be discussed next month to decide upon two proposals for our Season's contract for next year: (a) remaining at \$16, including tax, and charging us \$25/meeting for the use of the separate room for Executive Council meetings or (b) charging \$17 for the meal and no charge for the use of the separate room.
3. Training for the 2018 Officers will take place in Sonora on October 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Respectfully Submitted
Jerry Emery, Secretary

Area 18 Travel

SACRAMENTO UNDERGROUND TOUR

**Lunch on the Delta King
Leland Stanford Museum
November 2, 2017**

Price \$140.00 Per Person

Travel to Sacramento and learn about how and why they built a city upon another city in the underground tunnels. Enjoy a great lunch at the Pilothouse Restaurant on the Delta King on the Sacramento River. After lunch we take a tour of the Leland Stanford Mansion built in 1856.

Minimum needed for trip 30 passengers by September 30, 2017 or it will be cancelled. Maximum of 46 passengers. Sign up early to reserve your space.

**“ A Holiday Celebration”
Reno Overnight Tour
December 7-8, 2017**

**Price: \$275.00 per person, Double
Occupancy**

\$299.00 Single Occupancy

Join 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.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE ABOARD

**THE REGAL PRINCESS
INCLUDING A PRE-NIGHT STAY IN
FT. LAUDERDALE**

January 6-14, 2018

CABINS STILL AVAILABLE

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

Call for more information or reservation forms: 544-2684

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

Possible Future Trips:

Sounds and Taste of the South – Memphis, Nashville and New Orleans – October 2018

Panama Canal Cruise – 2019

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

By Vince Sereno -- 524-9630.

Marriage Humor for October!

(1.) *A well-known executive, also well-known as a ladies' man, announced at the club that his wife had just hired a new secretary for him. "Is that so?" responded a friend. "Blond or brunette?" "Neither," replied the executive sadly, "he's bald."*

(2.) *Adam & Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married -- and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.*

(3.) *It was a teenage marriage. She was 15. He was 16. Both families disapproved, but they attended the wedding. As the preacher asked the bridegroom to repeat after him, "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," the groom's mother said to her husband, "There goes his paper route."*

October Locations

Oct. 10th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

LA PARILLA Mexican Restaurant -- (in McHenry Village) -- Arrive by 4:40--5 pm 1700 McHenry Ave. -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Hosts Tom & Carmen Skeen at 968-1306, by Tues Oct. 3rd.

Oct. 24th -- (4th Tues. Club)

Tasty Thai -- Arrive by 4:25 -- 4:40 pm. (corner of Roselle & Floyd Ave's.) 3020 Floyd Ave., Suite 105 -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Hosts Chuck & Karen Shoup at 869-1939 by Tues. Oct. 17th.

Oct. 26th -- (4th Thurs. Club)

Outback Steakhouse -- Arrive by 4:25 - 4:40 pm.-- 2045 West Briggsmore Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Hosts Julius & Barbara Manrique at 576-1077 by Thurs. Oct. 19th.

NOV. Club Dates & Locations

*Nov. 14th--2nd Tues--Marie Callender's
4th Tuesday & 4th Thursday Clubs do not meet in November or December*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name Date Age

Adams	Charles	10/29/42	75
Bellino	Nick	10/15/40	77
Boyd	Michael	10/13/43	74
Cole	Benjamin	10/02/37	80
Davis	Leonard	10/03/36	81
Duran	James	10/12/37	80
Evans	Robert	10/02/47	70
Gaudio	Jeffery	10/09/42	75
Grieshaber(I)	Howard	10/08/49	68
Hamiel	Mike	10/25/39	78
Kazas	Louie J.	10/22/29	88
Leo Jr.	Frank	10/04/28	89
Loeb	Stanley	10/23/33	84
Masse	Vern	10/24/45	72
Miceli	Joseph	10/24/40	77
Moran(I)	Paul	10/21/47	70
Oehrlein	Kenneth	10/18/42	75
Pinkston	Ernest	10/18/46	71
Quintanal	Ronald	10/30/45	72
Redding	Bill	10/26/40	77
Sanford	Donald	10/05/23	94
Strain	Jerry	10/10/42	75
Stroud	Gary	10/18/39	78
Watts	William	10/15/45	72
Wilhelm	Lewis	10/19/40	77
Williams	Wayne	10/18/40	77

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date Years

Elson(I)	Richard	Kay	10/16/56	61
Gaudio	Jeffery	Karen	10/17/06	11
Gentry	Charles	Patricia	10/30/82	35
Graham	Sam	Claire	10/29/61	56
Guthrie	Gary	Maxine	03/24/68	49
Holloway(I)	Bill	Lucille	10/15/92	25
Kincanon	John	Sharon	10/27/01	16
Liebert	Merle	Diane	10/22/69	48
Raspo	Robert	Patricia	10/21/61	56
Sherman	Fred	Norma	10/15/88	29
Tatting	Carl J.	Lena	10/12/91	26
Weiss	Thomas	Nancy	10/23/71	46
Yockey(I)	Daniel	Gerry	10/16/60	57

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"MEN ENJOYING ACTIVE RETIREMENT"



As of August 2017 about 41% of SIR Branch 144 members have made the \$24 annual donation for a total of \$1,823. The projected "Bucket" donations for the year approximate \$1,100 which are equivalent to the \$24 annual donation of about 25% of Branch membership. The combined totals of donations for the year are thus from about 66% (or two-thirds) of the membership. That means that over ONE-THIRD of our membership (about 60 members) have NOT GIVEN the needed donation for 2017! For these members we STRONGLY ENCOURAGE all of you to give the \$24 annual donation at the next luncheon meeting on September 21, 2017. If the remaining 60 members who have not yet donated do NOT donate, SIR Branch 144 will end the year with a deficit.

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

Calendar of Events



**Sacramento Underground Tour
November 2, 2017**

**Eastern Caribbean Cruise January 6-14 2018
aboard the Regal Princess**

Possible Future Trips:

Sounds and Taste of the South – Memphis,
Nashville and New Orleans – October 2018

Panama Canal Cruise – 2019

Program for October 19, 2017

County Supervisor
Dick Montieth will speak about
"Why get into Politics"



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

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,
Norman Lawrence 551-5081
House: Bill Burchell 529-6039, Bill Holloway 832-1421
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



Ted Nagel (R) receives SHLM from State President Jerry Strain

**If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!
Tony Borrego passed ; Ernie Lewis had skin cancer surgery; Ernie Lewis' brother-in-law (my uncle) Wayne Smith passed**