

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



September 2016 Newsletter

Volume 09- 2016

Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell

New Officers & Directors For 2017

- Our August meeting gave us a good introduction to our new Mayor, Ted Brandvold. He is a long time resident of our community and has a strong desire to work for the betterment of Modesto. It was good to have him with us.



- Our September 15th meeting will continue on a government theme as we hear from Matt Machado, County Director of Public Works. He has a budget of over \$100,000,000 and a never- ending demand for maintaining the infrastructure of the County. Matt will give us his insight to the responsibilities, challenges and priorities of his department.
- **Highlighting Our Activities:** **Bowling** continues to be a popular activity with our members. Within branches 144, 143 and 103 there are currently 18 teams of 4 bowlers and they keep a very active schedule. The new league just started in August and they always encourage new members. They are looking forward to the State Tournament which will be held at McHenry Bowl November 3rd and 4th. **Verne Masse** has been chairman for the past 8 years and continues to do a great job of keeping it organized and preparing the monthly report for the Newsletter. We need to recognize him and give a big Thank You for his efforts – Yes SIR!!!

Bill Burchell – Big SIR

Big SIR: Gary Williams
Little SIR: Amos (Edd) Santwier III
Secretary: Gerry Veloria
Asst.Secretary: Charlie Brunn
Treasurer: Tom Watson
Asst. Treasurer: Gene Toschi
Directors: Pat Brooks, Bill Burchell, Dan Huffstatler, Gaylan King, David Marino, Ron Vigus

Congratulations To All The New Officers And Directors For 2017

Luncheons will be \$13 due to taxes now.

***To All Members:
Please, if at all possible try to make the
Luncheons. We are committed to 100
lunches. If we come up short of this, then it
comes out of the treasury. Thank You!
See message below:***



Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call Gary Williams at 578-3471

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

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

SIR. Inc. Branch 144

645 Charity Way, Modesto, Ca.

Executive Committee Minutes

August 18, 2016

1. The regular BEC meeting for Branch 144 called to order at 9:19 AM
2. The officers present were: Bill Burchell, Charlie Brunn, Tom Watson, Gene Toschi, Leonard Davis, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Sam Graham, Lori Salvi.
3. The Secretary confirmed that a quorum is present.
4. Committee Chairmen present: Julius Manrique, Bob Lewis, Frank Pierson, Vince Sereno, Bill Holloway, Bill Stires and visitor Jerry Strain
5. The minutes of the July 21, 2016 were approved as submitted. M/Watson S/Davis
6. Treasurers Report: M/King S/Davis

Checkbook balance as of July 1, 2016.....\$5,712.88

Petty cash on hand.....\$200.00

Receipts.....\$1,214.00

Disbursements.....\$1,626.73

Balance as of 7/31/2016.....\$5,531.15

Vouchers to be paid: Lori Salvi (raffle tickets)..... \$15.06

Bob Lewis (newsletter postage)..... \$45.11

Approved: M/Watson S/King

7. Little Sir Report: Speaker this month is Modesto City Mayor Ted Brandvold and the speaker next month will be County Director of Public Works Matt Machado.
8. Committee Reports: Sam Graham, Accessories Chairman noted that there will be fewer tables this month and succeeding months due to drop in attendance. All other committees report "All is well".
9. Membership Report:

There was one new member in July.....John Green

There was one member reinstated.....Howard Grieshaber

Active members as of 8/1/2016 (including above).....190

Inactive members..... 15

Unused badges..... 45

Total badges..... 250

10. New/old business:

1. Nomination for Area Governor is still on going,
2. The committee report on the Ladies Day procedure was presented with several recommendations. After discussion further review of the process is to be held. It was, however, agreed that the December Ladies day would be a "Sit Down affair" with an increase in price (to be determined by negotiations with the Elk's). Motion passed M/ Toschi S/King
3. The Elk's must charge sales tax therefore the cost for our lunch will be #12.92. Starting in September the members will pay \$13.00.
4. Contract negotiations will be done in October to determine the cost for lunch next year.

11. The Big Sir, with recommendations from the Nominating committee, appointed replacement BEC members to fill vacant positions. Little Sir: Julius Manrique; Secretary: Amos Santwier and Asst. Secretary: Gerry Veloria. They were sworn in and assumed the positions.

12. The Nominating committee's recommendations for BEC officers for 2017 was presented and approved by voice vote. The slate of officers will be presented to the group for a vote during today's luncheon. The 2017 officers will be: Big Sir: Gary Williams; Little Sir: Amos Santwier III; Secretary: Gerry Veloria; Asst. Secretary: Charlie Brunn; Treasurer: Tom Watson; Asst. treasurer: Gene Toschi; Directors: Bill Burchell, Gaylan King, Ron Vigus, David Marino, Dan Huffstatler, Pat Brooks

13. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM. The next meeting will be September 15, 2016 @ 9:15 AM

Respectfully submitted: Gary Williams, Interim Secretary

Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

Remember travelers can be friends, neighbors, and family, they do not ne to be SIR members to enjoy the trips.

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.

Sacramento Rivercats,

August 14, 2016

Time to take our annual trip to the ballpark in Sacramento to see the SF Giants triple AAA team. Seats behind home plate. **\$100.00**

Apple Hill/Reno

September 29-30, 2016. Our annual trip to Reno to stay overnight at the Eldorado Hotel and see the Broadway production of "The Directors". See the Fall colors and receive breakfast and dinner buffet coupons along with some gaming money. Stop at Apple Hill on the way home for Apple pie and coffee. **Price: \$274.00 double occupancy and \$295.00 for single. Need minimum of 20 to make trip a go.**

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 have been extended and will go up by \$750.00 on August 1, 2016. Prices: \$4175.00 to \$5450.00 depending on cabin selected.**

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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Big Sir:	Bill Burchell
Little Sir:	Julius Manrique
Secretary:	Amos Santwier III
Assistant Secretary:	Gerry Veloria Charlie Brunn
Treasurer:	Tom Watson
Assistant Treasurer:	Gene Toschi
Directors:	Lauri Salvi Patton Brooks Gaylan King David Marino Leonard Davis Ernie Lewis



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

Please visit The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Why JOIN the Dining Out Club?

1. To enjoy eating favorite foods.
2. To laugh & talk with friends.
3. To make new friends.
4. To have fun times.
5. To Join, *Contact Vince at 524-9630.*

Locations for September & October. .

2nd TUESDAY DINING OUT CLUB

Tuesday, September 13th at 5 pm at Mikes's Grillhouse, --- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Laurie & Helen Salvi at 576-7898 . . . By Tuesday September 6th.

Tuesday, October 49th, at 5 pm at BEIJING RESTAURANT. Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess,
Jay & Kathy Norris at 606-1475 . . . By Tuesday September 27th.

4th TUESDAY DINING OUT CLUB

Tuesday, September 27th at 5 pm at Outback Steakhouse --- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Marion & Viola Zoodsma at 522-8053 . . . by Tuesday September 20th.

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

4th THURSDAY DINING OUT CLUB

Thursday, September 22nd at 5 pm at TASTY THAI/Coffee Road, --- Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Bernie Fairfield & Sharon Wolinski at 262-8128 . . . by Thursday September 15th.

Thursday, October 27th at 4:30 pm at FAMILIA BISTRO RISTORANTE (Italian), --- (Note the earlier Start Time)
Reservations or Regrets to Host & Hostess Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 . . . by Tuesday October 20th.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Binney	Donald	09/07/44	72
Brown	Ron	09/15/34	82
Contreras	Don	09/18/24	92
Eisenhower(I)	Melvin	09/06/42	74
Hardison	Roy	09/05/29	87
Harris	Ron	09/03/58	58
Harris	Donald	09/15/28	88
Manabat	Pert	09/06/29	87
Masciorini	Walter	09/13/31	85
Mello	Jim	09/27/43	73
Offermann	Bob	09/13/21	95
Raspo	Robert	09/01/39	77
Veloria	Gerry	09/20/52	64
Wirth	Bob	09/26/33	83

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Norquist	Tom	Barbara	09/09/60	56
Peck	Russell	Charlotte	09/03/49	67
Sheaffer	Chuck	Cherie	09/09/72	44
Vigil	Vig	Shirley	09/10/89	27





Sept 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 01 August 16 2016

Series: Gary Pattee 672 Ron Quintanal 724
Game : John Sherrard 268 Ron Quintanal 283

Week 02 August 23 2016

Series : Tim Michelsen 640 Rick Armstrong 701
Game : Don Reed 247 Don Reed 273

League has just started, come out and join us.

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

Sept 11 SunClover Leaf Bowl Fremont (510) 790-3135

Sept 16&17 Fri&Sat Tahoe Bowl, Lake Tahoe(775) 246-1027

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

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

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 2016 Golf



Mon	Sep 19 th	Creekside	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	Sep 26 th	Manteca End of Year	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$21/\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: All
Mon	Oct 3 rd	Dryden	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103
Mon	Oct 10 th	Diablo Grande	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	Oct 17 th	Creekside	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Oct 24 th	Dry Creek	8:30 AM Shotgun
	\$42	Carts Included	Host: 164

The End of Year tournament will be held at Manteca on September 26th. To qualify for a free lunch members must have played a minimum of 15 rounds between October 2015 and prior to the upcoming End of Year tournament (Sept 26th). A list showing how many rounds each member has played will be posted on the bulletin board at the September meeting. Green fees still apply. Green fees for those who qualify for a free lunch is \$21 while those who do not it is \$29.

NCGA member renewal dues are coming. We will possibly start collecting NCGA dues starting in October or November once the Handicap Chairman hears from the NCGA on the final cost for the year. It is anticipated that the dues amount will remain the same \$45 if renewing and \$55 for new members.

Note the time changes in the schedule. Starting October 9:00 AM Shotguns and Dry Creek 8:30 Shotgun.

As this is my last newsletter I will write as your golf chairman I want to thank everyone for their support and patience for the last 5 years. Most of all I want to thank Andre Dodd for his support and patience in the way I do business. I cannot begin to express how big his contribution throughout the years has been. I also want to thank Doris (his wife) for allowing him to continue for so long. **THANK YOU ANDRE.**

Your new Golf Chairman Jay Norris will write all future newsletters. Any input or inquiries should be addressed to him. Starting Oct 1st all phone calls and mailed checks should be addressed to Jay. Should you call me I will refer you to him.

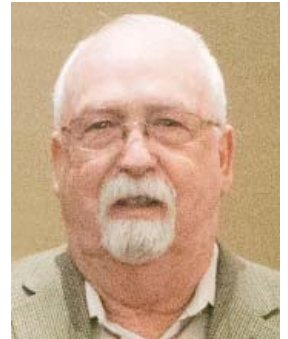
Pairings/Results, visit our Website at www.sirinc2.org/area22

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Jerry Strain — 2016 State Vice President

I would like to give you some background about myself and my family so that you know exactly who I am.

I am a native Californian born in Modesto and raised in Riverbank. I attended grammar school in Riverbank and graduated from Oakdale High School in 1960. My wife and I were married in December of 1960 and have now been married for 55 years. We have three children, 6 grandchildren, and one great grandson, all living in California. In January of 1961, I joined the US Air force where I spent 8 years as a Missile Systems Guidance Technician. I went to work for Westinghouse in February of 1969 where I spent the next 33 years. While working for Westinghouse, I went back to school at night and worked during the day. I have earned two AS Degrees, one in Metallurgy and one in Electrical Engineering. In 1985, I received a BSCS Degree in Computer Science. I then spent the next 17 years working as a Senior Systems Engineer with Westinghouse and eventually Northrop Grumman in the field of Oceanic Research with the Naval Department. I retired in 2002 and moved back to Modesto where most of our family still lives.



I joined Sons In Retirement in 2004, in order to play golf with my neighbor. In just over a year from the date I joined, I began to become quite active in SIR. I became the Branch Golf Chairman in 2004 and held that position until 2008. I was appointed as the Area 22 Golf Chairman from 2007 until 2012. As you can see, I held other jobs at the same time. I was Assistant Branch Secretary in 2008 and Secretary in 2009. At the same time, in 2009, I was appointed to the State Golf Committee as a member of the Policy Board.

In 2010, I was elected as the Little Sir of Branch 144, and in 2011 elected as the Big Sir. While I was the Big Sir, I also served on the State Golf Committee and was appointed as the Chairman of the Policy Committee. I served there for two years until 2012 when I and became Chairman of the Operations Committee where I served until January of 2016.

From 2014 until 2015, I served as Regional Director for Region 8. While serving as RD, I was also appointed as Chairman of the Growth and Membership Committee. As you may or may not see, I had 3 separate jobs at the same time.

I am now Vice President of SIR, and am proud of my legacy with SIR, particularly the Honorary Life Membership that my Branch awarded me in 2012, which to me is the highest award that SIR can bestow on one of its members.

Calendar of Events



Sept 29-30, 2016 Apple Hill/Reno

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

April 2-10, 2017 Tulip & Windmill Cruise



Program for September 15,
2016

The Speaker will be Matt
Machado, County Director of
Public Works



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

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

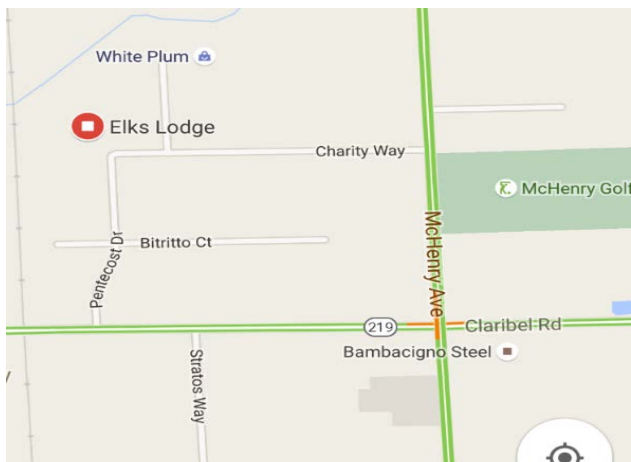
STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ...Donald A. Dill 530-885-6943
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, IncJerry Strain 551-8220
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Ron Flagel 338-8109
GOVERNOR AREA 22.....Open

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:.....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!

The Son of Bob Lewis, Bobby passed 8/6/2017. Pam Holly- Surgery

Please see Jerry Strain's article on the website