

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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

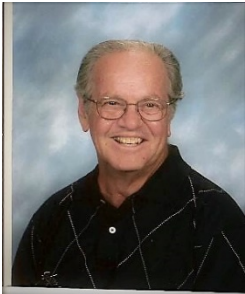


September 2017 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Gary Williams

NEW MEMBER



I am looking forward to the September meeting having missed the August meeting due to having my left knee replaced. From the reports I received I missed a very good meeting. I do not

believe there is another branch that could have both the current State President and the next Year's State President talk at the same meeting, but we did, and that speaks to the fact that we have a special branch. I for one am proud to be a member and hope all of you are too. We are in the process of incorporating some new changes to how we operate our branch. The most significant change is going to a "dues" basis in place of a "donations" basis. With an increase in our costs, along with a reduction in membership, and a review of the "donations" where approximately 40% of the members do not donate it is necessary to go to "dues". Every member should participate equally in sharing the cost of running the branch. I look forward to the member responses and input to this change.

Respectfully, Big SIR Gary Williams

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

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



Pictured L-R New Member Doug Hodge with Sponsor Vince Sereno

Douglas Hodge was a Teacher at Modesto High, Beyer High, and MJC (also Athletic Director at the latter two). His wife is Margaret.

Dues will be due starting January 1st with all to be paid by January 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

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BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:24 by Big Sir-Elect, Sam Graham. This was due to recent surgery that Big Sir, Gary Williams, recently had.
2. A quorum was established with the attendance of: Edd Santwier, Jerry Emery, Tom Watson, Gene Toshi, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Dan Huffstatier, Sam Graham, and Ron Vigus. Guests included: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Julius Manrique, Bob Lewis, and Ted Nagel.
3. Motion by G. King, 2nd by E. Lewis to approve the minutes of the July BEC Meeting. MOTION PASSED.
4. The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer, Tom Watson. Motion by E. Santwier, 2nd by G. King to approve the report. MOTION PASSED.
 Check book balance 7/01/2017.....\$4,618.70
 Total receipts.....\$1498.00
 Total disbursements.....\$1859.12
 Total check book balance 7/31/2017.....\$4457.58
5. Treasurer, Tom Watson, presented vouchers claims. Motion by R. Vigus, 2nd by E. Santwier to pay the vouchers. MOTION PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Gaylon King presented a report on membership, with the changes: Dale Farley return to active status: 3 members to inactive: Howard Grieshaber, Francis Barclay, and Bill Holloway; drop 6 inactive members; Dick Zimmermann, Otis Baggett, Ralph Herman, Al Fernandez, Mel Eisenhower and Fred Grove. Motion by J. Emery, 2nd by T. Watson to approve the membership changes. MOTION PASSED.
2. Report by Julius Manrique on the letters sent out to members with excessive absenteeism.
3. The 2018 BEC membership roster was presented. Motion by J. Emery, 2nd by G. King to approve the slate of Officers and Board Members for next year. MOTION PASSED.
4. Very brief reports were heard from committee chairs. Travel Chair Bill Stires and Dining Club chair, Vince Sereno presented brief outlines and would further address the upcoming events in the general session.
5. Further clarification was needed on the topic of dues for next year. It was decided to interpret the ruling as payment in full of the \$24 by the March meeting and to forego the quarterly payments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sam Graham informed the BEC of the on-going negotiations with Seasons' representatives about the cost of meals next year, tax included, and Seasons' responsibilities.
2. Sam informed the body that he would have license plate holders available at the meeting for \$2 each.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30. The next BEC meeting is 9/21/17 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Emery, Secretary.

Area 18 Travel

SECOND DATE FOR TRIP
EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE
ABOARD
THE REGAL PRINCESS
INCLUDING A PRE-NIGHT STAY IN
FT. LAUDERDALE
January 6-14, 2018

Book by August 15, 2017 with your deposit and take advantage of the “Sun – Drenched Sale”.

Final payment not due until October 1, 2017

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 \$2425 per person double occupancy

Balcony \$2650 to \$2698 per person double occupancy

Mini Suite \$2995 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

Minimum of 10 passengers needed for the trip

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 August 30, 2017 or it will be cancelled. Maximum of 46 passengers. Sign up early to reserve your space.

APPLE HILL, RENO

October 5-6, 2017
\$274.00 Double Occupancy
\$300.00 Single Occupancy

Our annual overnight trip up the hill to see the Fall colors and on to Reno for a stay at the Eldorado Hotel. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Carson Valley Inn and some free time for gambling. On to Reno and a buffet dinner before seeing a fantastic show “**Adam Trent**” the Illusionist. He brings his Broadway show of magic, comedy and music that is perfect for the entire family. Have a breakfast buffet before heading to John Ascuaga’s Nugget for some free time and lunch.

After lunch head to Apple Hill and High Hill Ranch for an apple pie or apple fritter before heading for home.

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

By Vince Sereno -- 524-9630.

Humor for September!

A railroad clerk who was being pestered with questions by a traveler, decided to teach him a lesson. "Upper or lower berth?", he asked. "What's the difference?"

The Clerk replied: "Well, the difference is \$10. The lower berth is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower. If you want it lower, you have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than the lower. Most people don't like the lower upper, although it's low on account of being higher. When you occupy an upper you have to go up to bed and get down to get up."

September Locations

Sept. 19th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

(NOTE Date Change) --- *BEIJING Restaurant-- Arrive by 4:40--5 pm 3848 McHenry Ave. -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Host Jay & Kathy Norris at 606-1475, by Tues Sept. 12.*

Sept. 26th -- (4th Tues. Club)

Outback Steakhouse -- Arrive by 4:40-5 pm. 2045 West Briggsmore -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Hosts Marion & Viola Zoodsma at 522-8053 by Tues. Sept. 19th.

Sept. 28th -- (4th Thurs. Club)

Olive Garden -- Arrive by 4:40-5 pm 2200 Plaza Parkway. Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with Hosts, Bernie Fairfield/Sharon Wolinski at 262-8128 by Thurs. Sept. 21st.

Oct. Club Dates & Locations

**Oct. 10th--2nd Tues--La Parrilla/
McHenry**

Oct. 24th--4th Tues--Tasty Thai

**Oct. 28th--4th Thurs- Outback
Steakhouse**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name Date Age

Binney	Donald	09/07/44	73
Brown	Ron	09/15/34	83
Contreras	Don	09/18/24	93
Emery	Jerry	09/01/47	70
Hardison	Roy	09/05/29	88
Harris	Ron	09/03/58	59
Harris	Donald	09/15/28	89
Masciorini	Walt	09/13/31	86
Mello	Jim	09/27/43	74
Offermann	Bob	09/13/21	96
Raspo	Robert	09/01/39	78

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date Years

Cervantes	Dennis	Nancy	09/08/90	27
Griffin Jr.	Jack	Jean Marie	09/16/00	17
Mensingher	Mike	Dawn	09/01/53	64
Partridge	Cliff	Terri	09/04/76	47
Peck	Russell	Charlotte	09/03/49	68
Sheaffer	Chuck	Cherie	09/09/72	45
Vigil	Vig	Shirley	09/10/89	28
Watts	Mike	Sheila	09/06/96	21



August 2017 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 1 August 15

Series: Don Reed 555 Tony Ferro 666

Game : Larry Sallee 229 Tony Ferro 242

Week 2 August 22

Series: Larry Sallee 618 Larry Sallee 639

Game : Larry Sallee 235 Marion Roberts 248

Week 3 August 29

Series: Manny Simas 625 Tom Mickelsen 733

Game : Jay Faughn 235 Tom Mickelsen 261

OUR TOURNAMENT IS NOV 3&4 COME BOWL

Come out for our home town tournament.

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
jzpierce@sbcglobal.net



SEPTEMBER 2017 GOLF



SEPT. 5 8:00AM	ATWATER	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 40.00	
SEPT. 11, 8:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 29.00	
SEPT. 18, 8:00 AM	DRYDEN	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 164	\$ 27.00	
SEPT 25 8:00AM	MANTECA	CARTS \$15.00
HOST: ALL	\$22.00	
OCT. 2 9:00 AM	MICKY GROVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$30.00	
OCT.9 9:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 143	\$29.00	

**START TIME CHANGE STARTING
OCT. 2 ,2017 WILL BE 9:00 AM AT
MICKEY GROVE**

OUR END OF YEAR TURNAMENT IS SEPT. 25, AT
MANTECA

IF YOU HAVE 15 GAMES BY THEN, YOUR COST IS
\$22.00

IF LESS THAN 15 GAMES, YOUR COST IS \$30.00
PLUS \$15.00 FOR LUNCH. THE FIRST 144
PLAYERS WHO SIGN UP GET TO PLAY. GUESTS
ONLY IF THER IS ROOM. CALL OR EMAIL ME IF
TOU WANT TO PLAY, THE SOONER THE BETTER.

CONGRATS TO ALL THE PLAYERS WHO WON AT
RANCHO SOLANO 8/14, AND THE WINNERS AT
DIABLO GRANDE 8/23.

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

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM

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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



Apple Hill, Reno Overnight
October 5-6, 2017

Sacramento Underground Tour
November 2, 2017

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

Program for September 21,
2017

Edd Santwier will speak on the
Hetch Hetchy Dam & the
Railroad built to support the
Dam construction



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, 541-1944;
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



State President Jerry Strain and State V.P. Derek Southern gave a talk on SIR Now and Into the Future

**If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!
Gary Williams had knee replacement surgery**