

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



April 2015 Newsletter

Volume 04-2015

Message from Big Sir

Patton Brooks

SPRING IS HERE!!! Plenty of Activities to Enjoy and be Active in.

Baseball Spring Training, Pro-Football Draft, Golf Season in full swing, College Basketball Playoffs.

Great time to check Branch 144 Activities.

Pickle Ball --Chuck Adams

Golf-----Bill Holloway

Bocci Ball----Bernie Fairfield

Bowling-----Vern Masee

Dining Group--Tuesday--Vince Serrano

Dining Group--Thursday--Henry Solario

Travel-----Bill Stires

Book Club----Frank Pierson

April 2, 2015--- Guest Speaker----Chris

Murphy---Journalist, Modesto Bee

May 7, 2015---Ladies Day Luncheon---Please, Purchase tickets at the April 2, 2015 Luncheon.

\$14.00 Per Person or \$28.00 Per Couple.

Respectfully,

Big Sir Patton Brooks

New Member



(L to R), New member Rocky Gould with sponsor Bernie Fairfield. Rocky's former occupation was a meat cutter. His spouse's name is Jan. Rocky enjoys golf .

Dan and Louie receive Certificates from Past Big Sir Leonard Davis



SIR, Inc. Branch #144
945 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA
Executive Committee Minutes
March 5, 2015

1. Call to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR
2. Officers Present: P.Brooks – G.McManus – J.Gasper –
Directors: C.Adams – B.Cardoza – S.Graham – G.King – T. Toschi – L.Davis
Committee Chairmen Present: Accessories: T.Borrego; Activities: C.Adams; House: J.Bates; Book Club: F.Pierson; Golf: B.Holloway; Membership: G.King; Newsletter: G.Toschi; Sunshine: T.Nagel;
Guest: J.Emery, Area Governor
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES
3. Previous Minutes: M/Gasper S/Graham Approved
4. Treasurers Report: Presented by: J.Gasper
Checkbook Balance as of 01/01/2015 \$4,438.99
Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00
Receipts \$2,501.00
Disbursements \$2,115.71
TOTAL Balance as of 02/28/2015 \$5,024.28
Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Davis S/McManus / Approved
Newsletter expense: \$50.14 Reissued TDHS Choir check \$100.00
Approval of Disbursements: M/Davis S/King / Approved
5. Little SIR Report: presented by: Absent
*March Topic: Brad Schall speaking about Alcatraz
*Next meetings topic: Chris Murphy – Modesto View
 - Committee Reports:
 - Book Club: Frank Pierson: Needs help after mtg.
 - Dining Club: Thursday: Vince Sereno: absent no report
 - Dining Club: Tuesday: Henry Solario: no report
 - Membership: Gaylan King:

Active members 183	Last Months Attendance: 136
Deaths 0	Last Months Absent: 47
Inactive members 18	Last Months Excused 9
Pending Members 3	Last Months Members Inducted 3
Unused Badges 46	Honorary Life Members 4
 - Members requesting Inactive Status: 0
 - Members requesting to be dropped: 0
 - Sunshine: T. Nagel cards sent
 - Travel: Area 22 Chairman: Bill Stires: AT Spring Training Trip –
 - Activities: C.Adams: Pickleball. Now have 44 dedicated courts. Also the City of Turlock will be introducing Pickleball into the Jr. High School System.
 - Golf: B.Holloway; Having issues with No Shows and Cancellations
6. Old Business:
No discussion
7. New Business: 1) SIR Branch Audit – done by John Bernard & Jerry Hawkins
Findings: Very well organized and through a very easy audit. Approved to Accept Audit Report
M/Graham S/Cardoza Approved
2) Chuck Adams requested to be relieved of the duties of Activity Director.. Big Sir P.Brooks appointed : Himself L.Davis & S.Graham to meet and write a formal Job Description for the position of Activity Director.
3) S.Graham reported that the Bar closed, drinks can still be ordered at your table.
4) J.Emery, Area Governor reported State Activity Committee
8. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: April 2, 2015 @ Season's @ 9:30am
 - Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:05 amRespectfully Submitted: Gary McManus, Secretary

Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

Alaska Inside Passage

May 12-22, 2015

Travel from San Francisco to Alaska with a return to San Francisco. Travel aboard the Golden Princess to exciting destinations in Alaska.

Prices vary depending on cabins and location on ship.

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

Contact Bill Stires for detailed flyers and reservation forms for all SIR travel. 209-544-2684



DINING CLUBS



JOIN OUR FUN GROUP: (Singles or couples)

Contact Tuesday Chairman, Henry Solario at 578-5607 , for Tuesday Dining,
Contact Dining Chairman Vince Sereno at 524-9630 , for Thursday Dining,

Dining Clubs meet either the 4th Tuesday, or 4th Thursday of each month, January thru October. **RESERVATIONS**, either YES for attendance, or NO, for "will not be there", are necessary for the restaurant seating preparation.

4th Tuesday Group --Arrive before 5:00

pm--(Back to regular start time) --

Tuesday, April 28th at **MINNIE'S**,
(Located at the corner of McHenry Ave. & Needham Ave.)

{Parking behind Minnie's, enter their parking area from Needham Ave.}

Telephone Tuesday Host & Hostess GENE & BETTY TOSCHI at 402-4242 by Tuesday,

April 21st

with your intentions for YES, I will be there, NO, I can't be there.

4th Thursday Group --Arrive before 5:00

pm--(Back to regular start time)

Thursday, APRIL 23rd at **PERKO'S CAFE----**
3500 OAKDALE ROAD.

(Located at the Northeast corner of Sylvan Ave. & Oakdale Road.)

Thursday Host & Hostess are Fred Cassidy & Pat Myrice

Telephone Pat at 529-4787 by Thursday, April 16th with your intentions for: YES, I will be there, NO, I can't be there.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Bravard	Phillip	04/01/25	90
Brey	Elmer	04/16/27	88
Fairfield	Bernie	04/09/48	67
Gasper	John	04/16/47	68
Hubbard	Gary	04/14/46	69
King	Gaylan	04/25/46	69
Manrique	Julius C.	04/08/32	83
Nelson	Steve	04/29/21	94
Pierson	Frank	04/22/23	92
Swofford	Alan	04/07/48	67
Wright	Joe	04/04/28	87

APRIL ANIVERSARIES

Name		Spouse	Date
Altadonna	Louis	Emilia	04/11/47
Brey	Elmer	Norma	04/02/11
Contreras	Don	Dee	04/12/59
Davis	Glenn	Jo Anne	04/09/60
Farley	Dale	Joyce	04/07/78
Faulkner	Kent	Truda	04/01/78
Hawkins	Jared	Maree	04/16/77
Holly	Steve	Pamela	04/20/74
Osborn	Billy	Judy	04/27/69
Williams	Gary	Susan	04/10/96
Wirth	Robert	Sue	04/24/04

April 2015 Bowling



High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games
Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 25, February 03, 2015

Series: David Brown 744 David Brown 744
Game : David Brown 299 David Brown 299

Week 25, February 10, 2015

Series : Gary Pattee 664 Dominic Genova 687
Game : Gary Pattee 257 Daniel Stevens 262
Week 25, February 17,

2015

Series: Frank Alcaraz 646 JP Canabou 681
Game : Frank Alcaraz 268 Frank Alcaraz 277

Week 25, February 24, 2015

Series: Gary Pattee 678 Murle Webb 688
Game : Gary Pattee 279 Gary Pattee 279

Come out for our home town tournament.

----- 2014 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

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Apr 13 thru 16 Mon to Thur Gold Dust West Carson City
(530) 558-9727

May 4, 5 & 6 Mon to Wed Black Oak Casino Sonora (209)
736-4804

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 Chairman:

Chuck Adams 883-2965

SIR 143 Plays at Columbia Park
600 Columbia St. Turlock
Thursday 9:00am

April 2015 Golf



Mon	Apr 6 th	Creekside (MP #1)	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Apr 13 th	Atwater	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$40	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	Apr 20 th	Dryden	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103
Mon	Apr 27 th	Manteca	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	May 4 th	Creekside (MP #2)	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 143
Mon	May 11 th	Micke Grove	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$33	Carts Included	Host: 144

On April 6th the first Match Play round will be played at Creekside. This is an optional contest separate from the regularly scheduled tournament (tournament within a tournament). Match play uses a single-elimination format and pits players of similar handicaps. Match play rules apply for these matches. However, because it is a tournament within a tournament players will need to keep track of their total number of strokes. The cost to enter into Match Play is \$5. A separate signup sheet will be available for entry into this event.

Please do not combine the Match Play entry fee (\$5) with the regular tournament entry fee (\$29). Separate checks are required.

Remember, should you be unable to play your match on the day of the tournament it is your responsibility to get together with your opponent and schedule a makeup round. The makeup round must be completed prior to the scheduled second round held on May 4th at Creekside.

Now that Daylight Savings Time is here be prepared for the new start times starting in May.

Notice that May 4th tournament at Creekside is the Monday before our Monthly meeting on May 7th. Please be prepared to signup at the meeting.

Pairings/Results, visit our Website at
<http://sirarea22.manogolf.com>.

Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway, 209-832-1421

E-mail: 7weedacre@hughes.net

34532 Bernard Drive, Tracy, CA 9537

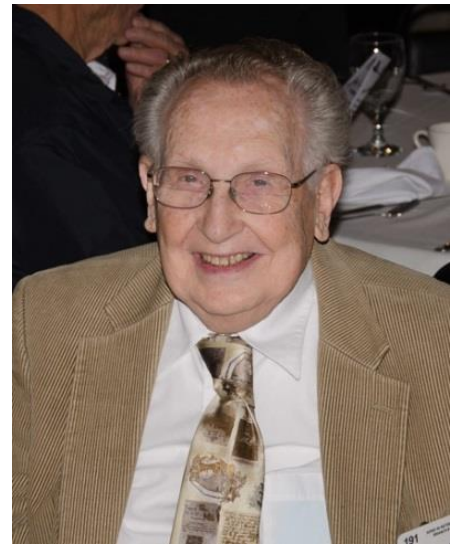
**Don't Forget!!! Tickets will be
on sale for the May Ladies Day
Luncheon**



Recognition of Our Hard Workers

Branch Chaplain Norman Van Walterop has been a member since February 15, 2001. He volunteered immediately to be Treasurer and held that post for several

years until our regular Chaplain retired and then Norman took over that position. He takes that position seriously and comes by it naturally. He is a retired Revered Priest of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin County. Along with that position he was a part time registered Pharmacist. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and U.O.P. school of pharmacy.




Norman loves classical music and is an avid reader. He uses our Branch library quite extensively. You will see him carry a bag of books to Sirs each month deposit them and then take a bag of book away for monthly reading. Norman played the bassoon in MoBand and each Fourth of July he would dress up as Uncle Sam.

Norman is "truly a fine worker" for our Branch.



By Julias Manrique



Calendar of Events

May 12-22 Alaska Inside Passage
 Sept Washington DC

Program for April 2, 2015

Chris Murphy
Modesto View

Mr Murphy will present observations about Our City

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

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2015

Big Sir: Patton Brooks 522-6417
Little Sir: Bill Burchell 529-6039
Secretary:..... Gary Mc Manus 479-3134
Assistant Secretary:..... Alan Swofford 480-6539
Treasurer: John Gasper 863-9565
Assistant Treasurer: Tom Watson 577-4390

DIRECTORS FOR 2015

Sam Graham 552-0960 Bill Cardoza 521-6794
Gayland King 568-7061..... Gene Toschi 402-4242
Leonard Davis 492-0254.... Chuck Adams 883-2965

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, Inc Bobbie Hairston 707-252-0252
DIRECTOR, REGION 8..... Jerry Strain 209-551-8220
GOVERNOR AREA 22..... Jerry Emery 209 838-1562

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. 492-3777
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:..... Vern Masse 538-4275
Branch 144 Pickleball Chairman: Chuck Adams 883-2965
Programs: Bill Burchell 529-6039
Newsletter:..... Gene Toschi 402-4242
Orientation:..... Gary Williams 578-3471
Assistants: Julius Manrique, 576-1077, Ted Nagel 869-6304
Dining:..... Vince Sereno, 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607
House:..... John Bates 383-5259
Attendance: Tony Salonga, 541-1944; Pert Manabat, 551-1080
Sunshine:..... Julius Manrique 576-1077
Assistant: Ted Nagel 869-6304
Chaplain:..... Norman VanWalterop 529-8169
Membership/Data/Reports:..... Gayland King 552-8930
Activities Director:
Book Club: Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577
Accessories:..... Tony Borrego 529-8931

