

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



August 2015 Newsletter

Volume 08-2015

### *Message from Big Sir Patton*

#### *Brooks*

Greetings to all SIR Branch 144 Members!!

Due to the Summer Vacation Season and Hot Weather our July 2, 2015 luncheon attendance was down from normal with 120 member meals purchased, with adjustments our guarantee to the Seasons was 121 meals.

If You are unable to attend, Please call Gary Williams so we can adjust the anticipated meal count. We need to notify The Season's at least 3 days in advance.

Gary Williams: phone 209.578.3471

WITH MANY VENUES AND ACTIVITIES CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR GREAT NATION AND HONORING OUR VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS IT WAS ALSO A TIME TO "GIVE THANKS" AND "APPRECIATE THE FREEDOM WE ENJOY".

Looking through some papers I thought this appropriate:

"THE CARING INSTITUTE"

KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS POSITIVE BECAUSE YOUR THOUGHTS BECOME YOUR WORDS  
KEEP YOUR WORDS POSITIVE BECAUSE YOUR WORDS BECOME YOUR ACTIONS

KEEP YOUR ACTIONS POSITIVE BECAUSE YOUR ACTIONS BECOME YOUR HABITS

KEEP YOUR HABITS POSITIVE BECAUSE YOUR HABITS BECOME YOUR VALUES

KEEP YOUR VALUES POSITIVE BECAUSE YOUR VALUES BECOME YOUR DESTINY

Next Meeting is August 6, 2015. Bring a Guest to enjoy a good meal and Friendly Fellowship.

Wishing all Life's Best!

SINCERELY,  
Patton Brooks

### New Member



**New Member Manny Fernández (center) with Patton Brooks (L) and Julius Manrique (R). Manny was a rancher and in insurance. He likes to fish, hunt, and is interested in taking up golf.**

**Welcome to SIR Branch 144 Manny!**



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

**SIR, Inc. Branch #144**  
**945 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA**

Executive Committee Minutes

July 2 , 2015

- Meeting Called to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR - 9:41 am
- 1. Officers Present: P.Brooks –B.Burchell - A.Swofford - J.Gasper – T.Watson  
Directors: –C.Adams - B.Cardoza – S.Graham – G.King – G. Toschi (B.Lewis)  
Committee Chairmen Present: Membership:G.King; Newsletter:G.Toschi(B.Lewis);  
Sunshine:J.Manrique Accessories: J.Bates; Dining Out Club: Vincent Sereno;  
Roster/Data:G.Williams; Book:F.Pierson – Attendance: T.Solongo – Guest:J.Strain, State vice  
President & E.Lewis  
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES
- 2. Previous Minutes: M/Gasper S/Burchell - Approved
- 3. Treasurers Report: Presented by: J.Gasper  
Checkbook Balance as of 05/30/2015 \$4,338.22  
Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00  
Receipts \$ 2,013.00  
Disbursements \$1,921.26  
TOTAL Balance as of 06/30/2015 \$4,429.96  
Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Graham S/Cardoza -Approved  
Vouchers to be paid: 3<sup>rd</sup> Q Dues \$227.50 Reimbursement Newsletter Toschi \$47.45  
Motion to pay Vouchers: :M/Watson S/Adams - Approved
- 4. Little SIR Report: presented by: B.Burchell
  - \* July 2 Topic: Michelle Laverty – Director of National Ag Science Center
  - \* Aug 6 Topic: Dick Hagerty “Behind the Scenes of Racing”
  - Committee Reports:
    - Dining Out Club : Thursday: Vince Sereno: July 23, 2015 @Shangri-La-China Bistro
    - Dining Out Club : Tuesday: Henry Solario: July 28, 2015 Papapavlo's
    - Membership: Gaylan King:

Active members 182	Last Months Attendance: 134
Deaths C.Duke	Last Months Absent: 55
Inactive members 17	Last Months Excused: 13
Pending Members2	Last Months Members Inducted 1
Unused Badges 49	Honorary Life Members 4
    - Members requesting Inactive Status: 1
  - Sunshine: J.Manrique D.Contreras in/out of Hospital – Former SIR member: Jim Brown passed away. Clarence Duke passed away
  - Newsletter: Bob Lewis; has replaced G.Toschi
  - Book Club: F.Pierson – Everything good
  - Pickle Ball: C.Adams – Going good
- 5. Old Business: 1) Big Sir P.Brooks appointed: Himself L.Davis & S.Graham to meet and write a formal Job Description for the position of Activity Director. STILL PENDING.
- 6. New Business: 1) New Promo Code for all SIR Members to use when purchasing tickets at the Gallo Center “SIR1516” The new Production season for Gallo started in June.
- 7. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: Aug 6, 2015 @ Season's @ 9:30am
  - Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:09 amRespectfully Submitted: Alan Swofford, Asst. Secretary

# Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

Hi travelers,

Take a look below at details of upcoming trips.

## Western Caribbean with Princess Cruises Nov 8-15 2015

. Our trip also includes an extra excursion to NASA Space Center in Houston, which is not part of the Princess Cruise. Our price includes all taxes, port charges, trip and a hosted cocktail party on board the Caribbean Princess. So print the form and mail it to Ilene or call Ilene directly with your credit card information **(925) 837-8742 x 11** as soon as possible to join us on this fantastic opportunity

**ILENE FERGUSON**  
3201 Danville Blvd. # 255  
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F: (925) 743-9152  
[iferguson@alamoworld.com](mailto:iferguson@alamoworld.com)  
[www.alamoworld.com](http://www.alamoworld.com)

Hope to see you on the trips and happy travels!

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

## 2016 Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee, Julius Manrique, Gary Williams, Sam Graham and Ted Nagel have presented the following "Slate of Officers" to be voted on by the membership in October 2015, installed in November and take office January 2016.

### 2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

<b>Big Sir:</b>	<b>Bill Burchell</b>
<b>Little Sir:</b>	<b>Gary McManus</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Allan Swafford</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	<b>Robert Ange</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tom Watson</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	
<b>Directors:</b>	
	<b>Lauri Salvi</b>
	<b>Patton Brooks</b>
	<b>Gayland King</b>
	<b>David Marino</b>
	<b>Leonard Davis</b>
	<b>Ernie Lewis</b>



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## "DINING OUT" CLUBS



### "Dining Out" Clubs News:

If you had attended the last several Dinners, you would have learned some early Modesto History presented by our Resident Golf Pro, Henry Solario. Topics included History of the house of the current Minnie's Restaurant, Modesto City Parks & how they were named, plus several other topics of Modesto history of 60 to 70years ago.

To join the Dining Out Clubs, Contact Henry Solario at 578-5607, for the Tuesday evening club, or Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630 for the Thursday evening club.

#### **Tuesday "Dining Out" Club**

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 25th at 5:00 pm --(Arrive before 5:00) at:**

#### **VELVET GRILL & CREAMERY**

2204 McHenry Ave. (Next to McDonald's)

Reservations Required!

Phone Host & Hostess Vince & Kathy Sereno at **524-9630** by **Tuesday August 18th**

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

#### **Thursday "Dining Out" Club**

**Next meeting is Thursday, August 27th at 5 pm -- (Arrive before 5 pm) at:**

#### **JOHNNY CARINO'S ITALIAN**

3401 Dale Road-- (Located Next to Sisk Road)

**Reservations Required!**

Phone Host & Hostess Laurie & Helen Salvi at **576-7898** by **Thursday, August 20th**

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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Ange	Bob	08/26/53	61
Bates	John	08/19/38	77
Beckett	Charles	08/22/28	87
Bernard	John	08/13/37	78
Fallentine	Wayne	08/25/46	69
Griffin Jr.	John	08/13/39	76
Lawrence	Norm	08/06/36	79
Leach(I)	Jack	08/20/34	81
Lewis	Bud	08/21/24	91
Martinez	Joe	08/19/41	74
Mensingher	Mike	08/05/32	83
Radloff	Harold	08/25/37	78
Tabacco	Ed	08/31/46	69
Watson	Robert	08/16/45	70

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Name		Spouse	Date
Adams	Chuck	Linda	08/10/63
Beckett	Charles	Barbara	08/15/54
Bell	Red	Sharon	08/18/62
Bernard	John	Norma	08/23/59
Bohling	John	Patty	08/04/84
Bree	John	Deborah	08/10/57
Campbell	Cal	Marina	08/02/75
Cook	Deane	Sigrid Bruns	08/28/99
Emery	Jerry	Becky	08/25/68
Grieshaber	Howard	Theresa	08/08/76
Haines	Conrad	LaDean	08/25/67
Herman(I)	Ralph	Pat	08/19/51
Long	Herb	Alleen	08/03/55
McCormick(I)	James	Jane	08/27/60
McCoy	Mac	Bev	08/22/64
McManus	Gary	Phyllis	08/13/78
Radloff	Harold	Kay	08/27/66
Rogers	Keith	Elaine	08/04/73
Sereno	Vince	Kathy	08/26/61
Shoup	Chuck	Karen	08/18/62
Solario	Henry	Karen	08/19/89
Townsend	Roger	Ruth	08/23/69
Venturini	Joe	Diane	08/23/53
Watson	Robert	Flora	08/08/71



## June 2015 Bowling Report

### High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

#### Scratch Games

#### Handicap Games

##### Week 34, March 03, 2015

<b>Series: Jerry Strain</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>Tony Lopez</b>	<b>731</b>
<b>Game : Neal Mathies</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>Neal Mathies</b>	<b>276</b>

##### Week 35, March 10, 2015

<b>Series : Jay Faughn</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>Jay Faughn</b>	<b>707</b>
<b>Game : Jay Faughn</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>Jay Faughn</b>	<b>275</b>

**The season is over, Congratulations to team 15, Jack Daleth, Tony Lopez, Ronnie Thomlison and Jay Faughn our 2015 league champions.**

**Come join us in August, when we begin the new season.**

#### ----- 2015 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

**June 3 & 4 Wed & Thur Pinole Valley Lanes Pinole (510) 235-8182**

**June 16 & 17 Tues & Wed Tall Pines Lanes Paradise (530) 876-1782**

**July 13 & 14 Mon & Tues Nu Generatio Yuba City (530) 671-5599**

**July 18, 19 & 20 Sat thru Mon Knotty Pine Pollock Pines (530-558-9727**

**July 26 & 27 Sun & Mon Black Oak Casino Sonora (209) 736-4804**

**Aug 17, 18 & 19 Mon thru Wed Reno Bowling Stadium (530) 558-9727**

**We would like to see some of you attend those events.**

**Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse 209-538-4275**

[vnr03@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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**



## August 2015 Golf

Mon Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Dryden</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Creekside</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103
Mon Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Diablo Grande</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
\$43	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Manteca</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon Aug 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Atwater</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
\$40	Carts Included	Host: 103

My normal email has gone haywire and gone on the fritz. Why? Who knows? Any way, I have got tired fighting my internet provider and have created a different email. My new email address for SIR is [sirgolf144@gmail.com](mailto:sirgolf144@gmail.com). Please start using this email address for all SIR activity.

The End of Year Tournament is just around the corner. To qualify for a free lunch players must have played a minimum of 15 rounds between October 2014 and prior to the upcoming End of Year tournament. I will have a list showing how many rounds each member has played posted on the bulletin board at the August meeting. Green fees still apply. Players are still responsible for getting and paying for their own carts.

At this time it is unclear whether the tournament will be held at Dryden as scheduled because of the number of carts required. Temper Golf is unwilling to provide extra carts without charging SIR Golf for the transportation and other fees associated with acquiring the extra carts. This could run into a few hundred dollars and would have to come out of our prize fund. When the issue is settled I will post the results.

On August 17<sup>th</sup> SIR Golf was scheduled to play Stevinson Ranch. Unfortunately, as most everyone knows, Stevinson Ranch has closed because of the drought. Because of this closure the Golf Committee has agreed to replace Stevinson Ranch with Diablo Grande. The cost and date are unchanged.

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

Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway  
Phone #209-832-1421  
34532 Bernard Drive, Tracy, CA 95377  
E-mail: [sirgolf144@gmail.com](mailto:sirgolf144@gmail.com)

**To all SIR members: The Gallo Center has a promo code for the 15/16 season. The code is sir1516. The code is good until 6/16. The code can be used online, by phone, or walk-in. Feel free to share with anyone and everyone!**



# Recognition of Our Hard Workers

## ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chuck Adams became a member on June 7, 2012 and Sam Graham on November 6, 2008. Chuck became activity chairman and proceeded to develop the Pickleball program that has expanded in Riverbank and Turlock. The program has grown in leaps and bounds. Chuck has encouraged other activities for the Branch as well as the community.



Chuck is a Director and sits on the Executive Board. Last year he coordinated the Modesto Nuts activity for the Branch. He loves baseball and track events.

Sam Graham is Public Relations Chairman and is responsible for the monthly ad placed in the Modesto Bee. Sam was past Secretary, Little Sir, and Big Sir. At each of these positions he added some great ideas. He is a Director, Member of the Nominating and Directory Committee. You will see Sam all over the place helping people with different tasks. He is a former J.C. Penny Manager who loves golf, pickleball and is an avid bridge player.

Chuck and Sam are “truly fine workers” for the Branch.

*By Julius Maurique*

### Calendar of Events



Nov 8-15 .....Western Caribbean

### Program for August 6th 2015

## Dick Hagerty

***Local personality speaking on Auto  
Racing – From The Inside Track***

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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

## 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 524-1526 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:**.....  
**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:**.... John Bates 383-5259

