

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



February 2015 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir

Patton Brooks

WOW! MANY POSITIVE EVENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHIN SIRS BRANCH 144 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF BIG SIR LEONARD DAVIS (2014),

A TRIBUTE TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

AS INCOMING BIG SIR FOR 2015, I FEEL PRIVILEGED TO BE SURROUNDED WITH VOLUNTEERS DEDICATED TO MAKING BRANCH 144 A WARM AND FRIENDLY PLACE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH MEMBERS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS.

MANY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN HAPPENING SINCE THE NEW YEAR BEGAN. GARY WILLIAMS AND COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN BUSY WORKING ON THE 2015 DIRECTORY AND WILL BE GOING TO PRINT THIS WEEK. WORKERS WILL BE AT THE TABLE WHEN YOU TURN IN YOUR BADGE TO PRESENT YOUR NEW DIRECTORY.

LITTLE SIR BILL BURCHELL IS BUSY LINNING UP GUEST SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE NEW YEAR, INFORMATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL.

THE SURVEY IS COMPLETE AND WE WILL REMAIN AT "THE SEASONS",

A NEW CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015. OUR NEW CONTRACT CALLS FOR AN INCREASE OF \$1.00. NEW MEAL COST IS \$13.00 PLUS .99 TAX== \$13.99 TOTAL, THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TIP, PLEASE, LEAVE TIP ON THE TABLE. (SERVERS ARE KELSEY AND BRANDON)

MY SINCERE THANKS TO SAM GRAHAM AND JOHN GASPER FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN NEGOTIATING WITH "THE SEASONS" OWNER, AHMO AND BANQUET MANAGER, SONHA.

"THE SEASONS ARE UPGRADING THEIR FACILITY AND ARE COMMITTED TO SIRS 144 IN PROVIDING QUALITY FOOD AND FRIENDLY SERVICE.

NEW MEAL COST AT THE DOOR--- \$14.00

LETS ENJOY FOOD, FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP,

BIG SIR PATTON BROOKS

SIR, Inc. Branch # 144
945 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA
Executive Committee Minutes
December 8, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Big Sir Patton Davis called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.
There was a quorum present.

2. **Officers** - Present: Pat Brooks, Bill Burchell, Alan Swofford, John Gasper. Tom Watson
Absent: Gary McManus.

Directors - Present: Chuck Adams, Bill Cardoza, Gaylan King, Richard Riddell,
Gene Toschi, Sam Graham

Committee Chairmen – Activities: Chuck Adams; Book Club: Frank Pierson;
Dining Club: Vince Sereno, House: John Bates; Membership: Gaylan King;
Newsletter: Gene Toschi; Sunshine: Julius Manrique, Ted Nagel; Travel: Bill Stires.

Guests

3. **Minutes** of the December 4th meeting were approved. **M/S/P:** Toschi/Burchell

4. **Treasurers Report:** Presented by John Gasper:

Checkbook balance 11/30/14..... \$5739.51
Petty Cash on hand..... \$200.00
Receipts..... \$441.00
Disbursements..... -\$2564.01

Total Balance 11/30/14..... \$3816.50

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: **M/S/P:** Watson/Graham

Approval of Disbursements: Newsletter \$55.76 **M/S/P:** Burchell/Watson

Pins \$26.00 **M/S/P** Cardoza/ Gasper

5. **Little Sir Report** - Presented by Pat Brooks:

- Birgit Fladager DA Made presentation January
- February's Speaker: Mark Anglin, MJC Ag Dean.
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6. **Committee Reports-**

- **Activities:** Chuck Adams - Pickle Ball going strong. Bocce Ball to start to start again.
- **Book Club:** Frank Pierson – Many books available. Audio books would be welcome.
- **Dining Club:** Vince Sereno – Going great – Getting good response from volunteers.
Tuesday Club 1/27/2015 Carino's
Thursday Club 1/22/32015 Marcellas

- **Newsletter:** Gene Toschi – Going well. Need information more timely.
- **Sunshine:** Julius Manrique –
- **Membership:** Gaylan King –

Applicants voted in:

Inductees.

Transferring to Sirs Branch 103: .

Active members ----- 174
Inactive members ----- 18
Deaths ----- 0
Honorary Life Members ----- 4
December Attendance ----- 154
December Absent ----- 106
Unused Badges ----- 54
Total Badges ----- 250
Requesting inactive status9
Requesting to be dropped.....8

- **Travel:** Bill Sires: Very active.

Planning for Spring Training trip and Cruise to Alaska.

Check with Bill Stires (544-2684) for details.

7. **Old Business:** Roster Book should be completed 3rd Thursday in January

John Gasper discuss Seasons/ Elks club survey. Results will be available at the February meeting

No contract signed with Seasons yet. Finalize 1/8/2015

8. **New Business:** Discussed charging for hard mailing Jerry Strain

Seasons lunch meal cost will be \$14.00 in February .

9. **Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting:** Thur Feb 5th at **9:30 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned a t 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Alan Swofford, Assistant 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



TO 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 4:30

PM--(Winter early start time) -- on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 24th at **MARCELLA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT**, (Located in Frontier Town Center at the Northwest corner of Tully Road & Standiford Ave at the west end nearest Standiford & directly across the parking lot from Mr. T's Donut Shop)

Telephone Tuesday Host & Hostess Leonard & June Davis, at 524-1526 by Tuesday, February 17th

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

4th Thursday Group --Arrive before 4:30

pm--(Winter early start time) on Thursday, FEBRUARY 26th at **MIMI'S CAFE**, 3401 Dale Road in the Vintage Faire Shopping Mall, next to Dale Road and the closed elephant Bar Restaurant.

Telephone Thursday Host & Hostess Bob & Margaret Offermann, at 524-0198 by Thursday, February 19th with your intentions for: YES, I will be there, NO, I can't be there.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Bowen	Alfred	02/22/27	88
Coffman	Phillip	02/26/35	80
Cose	David	02/15/40	75
Elson(I)	Richard	02/20/29	86
Faulkner	Kent	02/18/42	73
Hall	Wesley	02/26/23	92
Hawkins	Jared	02/01/44	71
Herman(I)	Ralph	02/11/29	86
Hischier	Peter	02/04/36	79
Holly	Steve	02/19/49	66
Hopkins	Charles	02/15/44	71
Kincanon	John	02/06/39	76
Montgomery	Douglas	02/04/45	70
Rice	Rodney	02/19/38	75
Riddell	Richard	02/08/41	74
Rogers	Keith A.	02/22/49	66
Sargent	John	02/18/45	70
Solario	Henry	02/07/32	83
Tatting	Carl J.	02/14/29	86
Townsend	Roger	02/13/39	76
Tucker	David	02/22/36	79
Vigil	Herman	02/29/36	79
Yanko	Robert	02/27/34	81

FEBRUARY ANIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date
Binney	Donald	Penny 02/01/68
Black	Gary	Judi 02/19/81
Cole	Ben	Jamie 02/03/70
Conkey	Harold	Lucile 02/11/66
Duran	James	Anita 02/14/10
Hubbard	Gary	Virginia 02/06/65
Inglebretson(I)	Thomas	Helen 02/09/57
Offermann	Robert	Margaret 02/11/50
Pyle	Richard	Katherine 02/26/55
Salvi	Laurie	Helen 02/12/76

Bowling



High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 8, Oct 07, 2014

Series: David Brown	689	Marion Roberts	744
Game : David Brown	255	Marion Roberts	261

Week 9, OCT 14, 2014

Series: David Brown	670	Ron Haliday	700
Game : Ron Haliday	255	Ronnie Thompson	270

Week 10, Oct 21,

2014

Series: Bud Thompson	686	Bud Thompson	704
Game : David Brown	266	David Brown	266

Week 11 Oct 28, 2014

Series: Ron Haliday	659	Ron Haliday	689
Game : Ron Haliday	277	Ron Haliday	287

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

Jan 20	Tues	Pacific Bowl	Stockton 209-956-6763
Jan 26&28	Mon&Wed	Napa Bowl Sonoma	No # given

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

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

vnf03@sbcglobal.net

"IN A PICKLE"

Come out on Saturday mornings and slam away at those winter time blues.

Club is in need of recreational level players. If you want some fun and prefer to play at a non- competitive level come and try Pickleball.

Lessons available. There is also advanced and tournament level play. You can contact Chuck Adams or Sam Graham.

Charles Adams

pickleballcharlie@gmail.com

February 2015 Golf



Mon	Feb 9 th	Swenson	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$33	Carts Included	Host: 143
Tue	Feb 17 th	Creekside	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Feb 23 rd	Manteca	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	Mar 2 nd	Creekside	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103
Mon	Mar 9 th	Stevenson	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	9:00 AM Shotgun

Please note that the outing on the 17th of February is on a Tuesday because of Presidents Day on the 16th.

Anyone who has not paid their NCGA dues is now on the Inactive List. The cost will remain at \$45 until the first of March and then it will go up to \$55. Please make your checks out to SIR Golf.

I still have End of Year checks to give out. Please see me and pick them up.

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

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

Recognition of Our Hard Workers

John Bates has been a member since March 13, 2011 and **David Tucker** a member since October 3, 2013.

These two **Sirs** volunteered to be part of the "Bucket Brigade" and pass the collection bucket at each of the meetings.

This is a very important function that really helps sustain our budget. Many members make out a check for twenty four dollars for the year and not have to think about their two dollar contribution at each meeting when John and David come around. Regardless, these two **Sirs** thank you for your cooperation each month.

John is an active **Sir** participating in such activities as bowling, travel and he has become a very active "pickleball" enthusiast.

David is an avid and excellent bridge player and does a lot of traveling with his wife Linda.

Both of these **Sirs** are "truly fine workers" for Branch 144.

by: *Julius Manrique*



Calendar of Events



May 12-22 Alaska Inside Passage

Program for February 5, 2015

**Mark Anglin, Modesto Junior
College Dean of Agriculture and
Environmental Sciences**

**Have you kept up with the
development at MJC?**

**With Agriculture being the #1
economy in our area, come hear
an update on what makes MJC
a Jewel of Agricultural
Education in the heart of
California's San Joaquin Valley.**

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 916-531-5644.....

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, Inc Maynard Rodland 916 371-1978
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



Jerry Emery, Area 22 Govenor, presents Senior SIR recognition awards.



New Members

Ted Nagel introduces new members **James D Haub**, former firefighter interested in Golf, wife is Debi, **Ron L Quintanal** former teacher, interests are music and bowling, wife is **Glenna** and **James A. Lucas** former butcher, sausage maker and realtor, interested in cooking.