

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



July 2015 Newsletter

Volume 07-2015

Message from Big Sir Patton

Brooks

WOW!!! June 4th . was our 6th. Luncheon Meeting in 2015 for SIRS Branch 144. Our Luncheon attendance was 124 Members and 6 Guests for a total of 130 meals purchased.

John Bree (Member of Our Sirs Branch 144) was Guest Speaker for the June 4, 2014 meeting, presenting information relating to past and future water issues in California. One issue is the California population growth. (1950 approximate population-- ten million. 2015 approximate population--forty million.)

John's presentation was filled with information and facts accumulated through experience over many years.

Congratulations to 3 SIRS Branch 144 Members and Chaperones invited to attend a 3 Day Military Honor Tour in Washington D.C. with expenses paid. Departing from Fresno, Ca. on June 16, 2015.

CONGRATULATIONS: WE HONOR YOU AND APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE!

LOUIS ALTADONNA
DON SANFORD
MONTY SCHRADER

PLEASE, JOIN ME WITH HEARTFELT THANKS IN THANKING GENE TOSCHI FOR A JOB WELL DONE AS EDITOR OF BRANCH 144 NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE, WELCOME BOB LEWIS AS THE NEW EDITOR, GENE WILL BE WORKING WITH BOB DURING TRANSITION.

PLEASE, JOIN ME IN THANKING TONY BORREGO FOR BEING ASSESSORIES CHAIRMAN FOR BRANCH 144 AND SECURING BRANCH PROPERTY. TONY, A JOB WELL DONE OVER THE YEARS!

PLEASE, WELCOME JOHN BATES AS THE NEW BRANCH 144 ACCESSORIES CHAIRMAN. TONY AND JOHN WILL WORK TOGETHER DURING THE TRANSITION!

"THANK YOU" to all Members of Sirs Branch 144 for Your Attendance and Support.

SINCERELY,

Big Sir Patton Brooks

New Members



New Member Vinny AltaDonna (center) with sponser Lou Altadonna (L) and Gaylan King (R) His spouse is Linda. He enjoys sailing, golf, travel, walking, eating, reading, and almost anything.

SIR, Inc. Branch #144

945 McHenry Ave, Modesto, CA Executive Committee Minutes June 4, 2015

1. Meeting Called to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR - 9:45 am
2. Officers Present: P.Brooks –B.Burchell - G.McManus - J.Gasper –
Directors: – B.Cardoza – S.Graham – G.King – G. Toschi – L.Davis – B.Cardoza – C.Adams
Committee Chairmen Present: Membership:G.King; Newsletter:G.Toschi; 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
3. Previous Minutes: M/Toschi S/Cardoza - Approved
4. Treasurers Report: Presented by: J.Gasper
Checkbook Balance as of 04/30/2015 \$6,076.10
Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00
Receipts \$ 421.00
Disbursements \$2,158.88
TOTAL Balance as of 05/31/2015 \$4,338.22
Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/McManus S/Adams -Approved w/L.Davis objection
Vouchers to be paid: \$51.37 Ted Nagel & \$51.03 Gene Toschi
Motion to pay Vouchers: :M/Davis S/Burchell - Approved
5. Little SIR Report: presented by: B.Burchell
 - * June 4 Topic: John Bree- Discussion on California Water situation
 - * July 2 Topic: Michelle Laverty – Director of National Ag Science Center
 - Committee Reports:
 - Dining Out Club : Thursday: Vince Sereno: June 25, 2015 @ Urbano California Bistro
 - Dining Out Club : Tuesday: Henry Solario: June 23, 2015 @ Marie Callender's
 - Membership: Gaylan King:

Active members 184	Last Months Attendance: 86
Deaths	Last Months Absent: 98
Inactive members 17	Last Months Excused:
Pending Members 1	Last Months Members Inducted 1
Unused Badges 49	Honorary Life Members 4
 - Members requesting Inactive Status: 1
 - Sunshine: J.Manrique Cards Sent
 - Newsletter: G.Toschi; After June Newsletter G.Toschi will no longer be Editor and Publisher of the Newsletter. – As of July Bob Lewis will be taking over the Newsletter duties
 - Book Club: F.Pierson – Needs additional books
 - Pickle Ball: C.Adams – Going really well 70+ members
6. 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.
7. New Business: 1) Discussed direct billing for Newsletter monthly cost. Also making sure that the mailing of the newsletter is done under the Non-profit price M/Davis S/Toschi Approved
2) Discussed getting new badges for Directors M/Graham S/Davis Approved
3) Accessories – John Bates has taken over for Tony Borrego
4) Slate of Officers for 2016 was presented: Big SIR; Bill Burchell – Little SIR; Gary McManus Secretary; Alan Swofford – Assist Secretary; Bob Ange – Treasurer; Tom Watson – Asst Treasurer position is OPEN – Directors: Lauri Salvi – Patton Brooks – Gaylan King – David Marino – Leonard Davis – Ernie Lewis -
8. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: July 2, 2015 @ Season's @ 9:30am
 - Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:32 amRespectfully Submitted: Gary McManus, 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

Special rate for California Residents or \$100-\$200 off the regular price. 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. **The special price ends May 25th, so you need to book this quickly and directly with Ilene at Alamo Travel.** Her information is below. Don't mail the form to us as we are on a SIR cruise to Alaska and won't be home until May 22nd. 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

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

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



"Dining Out" Clubs meet either the 4th Tuesday or 4th Thursday evening of each month, January thru October. You and your wife/lady friend/relative are welcome to become a member. For the Tuesday evening group, Contact Henry Solario, and for the Thursday evening group, Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

Tuesday "Dining Out" Club

**Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 28th at
5:00 pm --(Arrive before 5:00)**

at:

PAPAPOVLOV'S

1520 Standiford Ave. (Corner of Standiford &
Chancellor Ave.)

Reservations Required!

Phone Host & Hostess Richard
& Katherine Pyle
at **613-9483** by **Tuesday July
21st**

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

Thursday "Dining Out" Club

**Next meeting is Thursday, July 23rd at 5
pm -- (Arrive before 5 pm)**

at:

Shangri-La China Bistro

1300 McHenry Ave.-- (Just South of Pep Boy's
Auto)

Reservations Required!

Phone Host & Hostess Joe &
Virginia Costa
at **529-6334** by **Thursday, July
16th**

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Alves	John	07/06/19	96
Baggett	Otis	07/22/33	82
Bartels	Lonnie	07/23/47	68
Bell	Ellsworth	07/29/38	77
Butler	Jack	07/10/20	95
Campbell	Calvin	07/23/48	67
Frederick	James	07/15/29	86
Gould	Rocky	07/19/48	67
Graham	Sam	07/10/36	79
Hawes	Jack	07/07/40	75
Lang	Richard	07/01/31	84
Lewis	Robert	07/14/51	64
Lewis	Ernest	07/02/31	84
Lombardi	Louis	07/18/36	79
Morrow	Wallace	07/13/23	92
Oftring	Gerard	07/09/24	91
Pyle	Richard	07/05/30	85
Ruch, Jr.	Wallace H.	07/11/29	86

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Name		Spouse	Date
Anderson	Leland	Sandy	07/03/65
Cose	David	Anne	07/26/64
Grove	Fred	Carol	07/31/71
Harris	Ronald	Karen	07/05/80
Hischier	Peter	Shirley	07/29/61
Manrique	Julius C.	Barbara	07/20/63
Miceli	Joseph	Mary	07/01/67
Morey	Michael	Phyllis	07/12/53
Nowicki	Carl	Erlinda	07/24/99
Pinkston	Ernest	Connie	07/17/01
Quintanal	Ronald	Glenna	07/05/02
Renner	Terry	Kathleen	07/04/98
Salonga	Antonio	Seny	07/06/76
Williams	Wayne	Sharrol	07/08/66



June 2015 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 34, March 03, 2015

Series: Jerry Strain	640	Tony Lopez	731
Game : Neal Mathies	258	Neal Mathies	276

Week 35, March 10, 2015

Series : Jay Faughn 683		Jay Faughn	707
Game : Jay Faughn 267		Jay Faughn	275

The season is over, Congradulations 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

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



June 2015 Golf

Mon	June 8 th	Elkhorn	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 144
Mon	June 15 th	Manteca	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	June 22 nd	The Reserve	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 103
Mon	June 29 th	Creekside (ABCD)	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 143
Tue	July 7 th	Dryden	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144

Now that we have two rounds of the Match Play completed, those who go on to the final round scheduled for June 1st at Dryden need to remember to make arrangements with their new opponent should you be unable to play your match on the day of the tournament. The makeup must be before July 7th.

The tournament on June 29th is our ABCD 4-Man Scramble date. This is a tournament within a tournament. Teams are made up using golfer indexes. A-players have an index between 0 and 17.0, B-players have an index between 17.1 and 22.0, C-players have an index between 22.1 and 27.0, and D-players have an index between 27.1 and 36.4. The May first indexes are to be used for determining player ranking.

If you do not wish to be on a qualifying team and still plan to play you will be paired into random ABCD groups and play a 4-man scramble. Those who wish to go on to the State qualifier, an additional \$5 is required. Green fees plus the prize fund (\$29 for Creekside) are still required for all players. The \$5 fee per team member is for those teams who want to participate in the Qualifier. As in the past, payment by check is preferred.

Those who makeup a team need to get their team members name to me as soon as is feasible.

Please note the July 7th tournament at Dryden is on a Tuesday.

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

Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway, 209-832-1421
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Recognition of Our Hard Workers

Gene Toschi became a member on July 1, 2012 after retiring as a civil engineer. He puts the Newsletter together each month, but each member who places information into it, must respond in a timely manner so he can meet the deadlines required of him. The hard copy of the Newsletter is sent to about fifty percent of the members by U.S.

Postal service. The other members of the Branch receive their Newsletter by e-mail. This saves the Branch many dollars. We would hope more members would receive it this way. The e-mail Newsletter was developed by Jerry Hawkins as a way to be more efficient and save the Branch money. He did this for many years and then turned it over to Duane Retzlaff. Duane developed it a little more then turned it over to Gene who has really made some excellent changes. I think it is one of the best in the State. You will see Gene with his camera taking pictures and entering them into the next Newsletter. Continue smiling because Gene may have you in the next one.

Gene participates in the Dining Club, plays golf and is an excellent bridge player with the Monday morning Bridge group. He is "truly a fine worker" for our Branch. He will be leaving soon and we hope someone with his talent will step up to be our next Newsletter editor.

By Julius Maurique

Calendar of Events



Nov 8-15 Western Caribbean

Program for July 2nd 2015

Michelle Laverty

Director of Ag Science Center

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

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GOVERNOR AREA 22..... Jerry Emery 209 838-1562

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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

