

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



March 2015 Newsletter

Volume 03-2015

Message from Big Sir

Patton Brooks

WOW!! Year 2015 Has begun with Plenty of Action for SIRS Branch 144.

Thursday March 5, 2015 will be our 3rd Luncheon this Year.

Entertainment Chairman Little Sir Bill Burchell has been busy Securing Guest Speakers for Our Luncheons.

March 5, 2015: Guest Speaker Brad (State Park System) will speak about "Fortress Alcatraz" Plus provide info. on Ca. State Parks.

Chuck Gardali, SIRS 144 member made arrangements for the program with Bill Burchell and will introduce our Guest Speaker.

Thank You, John Bernard and Jerry Hawkins for Auditing our financial records for Year 2014. Our Treasurer, John Gaspar and

Assistant Treasurer Tom Watson are to be Commended for keeping excellent financial records!!!!

May Ladies Day Luncheon Tickets will be available at the March and April meetings. Tickets are \$14.00 each or \$28.00 per couple.

This will help us give The Season's a true count. We encourage and will have reserved tables for Single Members.

See You Thursday, March 5, 2015

Pat Brooks

New Members



(R to L), Joe Miceli, sponsor; Bob Ange wife Melynda. Occupation was Mortgage /Insurance agent. Interested in Golf. Lonnie Bartels, wife Elaine. Quality Control Mgr. Joe Lucas, sponsor; Tony Aragon, US Forest Service Plant Manager/Purchasing Agent. Plays in Ukulele band, restoring Model A Ford 1929/1931.

Dale Farley and Dan Yockey receive Certificates of Membership



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

1. Call to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR
 2. Officers Present: P.Brooks – B.Burchell – G.McManus – J.Gasper – T.Watson
Directors: C.Adams – B.Cardoza – S.Graham – G.King – T. Toschi – L.Davis
Committee Chairmen Present:Accessories:T.Borrego;Activities:C.Adams;Book Club:F.Pierson;DinningClub:V.Sereno;Golf:B.Holloway;Membership:G.King; Newsletter:G.Toschi;Sunshine:J.Manrique &T.Nagel;Travel:B.Stires. GUEST: J.Strain & J.Emery
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES
 3. Previous Minutes: M/Cardoza S/Davis Approved with corrections
 4. Treasurers Report: Presented by: J.Gasper
Checkbook Balance as of 12/31/2014 \$3,616.50
Perry Cash on Hand \$ 200.00
Receipts \$2,808.00
Disbursements \$1,985.51
TOTAL Balance as of 01/31/2015 \$4,638.99
Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Watson S/Toschi / Approved
Newsletter expense: \$55.76 & 2015 SIR Roster Printing: \$269.07
Approval of Disbursements:M/Graham S/Adams / Approved
 5. Little SIR Report: presented by: B.Burchell
*Feburary Topic: Mark Anglin, Dean at Modesto Junior College
*Next meetings topic: Brad Schall speaking about Alcatraz
 - Committee Reports:
 - Book Club: Frank Pierson:Largest collection of books EVER. Needs help after mtg.
 - Dining Club:Thursday: Vince Sereno: Next Mtg: 2/26/15 @ Mimi's Cafe
 - Dining Club-Tuesday: Henry Solario: Next Mtg: 2/24/15 @Marcella's Mexican Restaurant
 - Membership: Gaylan King:

Active members 178	Last Months Attendance: 139
Deaths 0	Last Months Absent: 35
Inactive members 18	Last Months Excused
Pending Members3	Last Months Members Inducted 4
Unused Badges 51	Honorary Life Members 4

Members requesting Inactive Status: 0
Members requesting to be dropped: 0
 - Sunshine: Julius Manrique: Wes Hall's wife passed away
 - Travel: Area 22 Chairman: Bill Stires: Spring Training Trip has 4 Seats Left – Alaska Trip bookings are doing very well. September, 2015 to Washington, DC area is being planned
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 6. Old Business: Continued Discussion around SIR Banners
**New SIR Banners were approved to be purchased. M/Davis S/Gasper Approved
 7. New Business: J. Strain presented a new SIR Brochure
 8. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: March 5, 2015 @ Season's @ 9:30am
 - Meeting Adjourned: Time 10;08 am
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- Respectfully 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



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 **5:00** pm--(Back to regular start time) --

Tuesday, March 24th at

OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE,

(Located at the Northwest corner of Sisk Road & Briggsmore, just north of the Chevron Station)

Telephone Tuesday Host & Hostess MARION & VIOLA ZOODSMA, at 522-8053 by Tuesday, March 17th
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, MARCH 26th at

GEORGE'S STEAKHOUSE-----1001 KANSAS AVE.

(Located at the Southwest corner of Kansas and Emerald Avenues.)

Telephone Thursday Host & Hostess Ted & Dona Nagel at 869-6304 by Thursday, March 19th with your intentions for: YES, I will be there, NO, I can't be there.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Peck	Russell	03/31/28	87
Bohling	John	03/30/44	71
Norris	Franklin Jay	03/18/46	69
Scoble	Nathaniel	03/28/34	81
Zimmerman(I)	Richard	03/07/38	77
Brown	Jack H.	03/06/40	75
Johnson	Clayton	03/20/41	74
Bree	John	03/12/32	83
Weiss	Thomas	03/29/35	80
Sheaffer	Charles	03/17/49	66
Schrader	Frederick	03/05/30	85
Mercer(I)	Carl	03/09/43	72
Venturini	Joe J.	03/10/30	85
Underwood	Gerald	03/21/25	90
Sherman	Fred	03/22/33	82
Shoup	Charles	03/13/39	76
Kline	Kenneth	03/12/38	77
Dodd	Andre	03/25/42	73

MARCH ANIVERSARIES

Name		Spouse	Date
Brown	Jack H.	Jackie	03/02/58
Carvalho(I)	John	Nancy	03/21/67
Eisenhower(I)	Melvin	Brenda	03/27/82
Gonzales(I)	Samuel	Nina	03/31/07
Masciorini	Walter	Ann	03/03/56
Oehrlein	Kenneth	Sochi	03/14/64
Rice	Rodney	Allegria	03/18/60
Sargent	John	Shirley	03/22/03
Tucker	David	Linda	03/28/03

March 2015 Bowling



High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games
Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 21 ,Jan 06 2015

Series: Gary Pattee	672	Fred Hansen	705
Game : Jerry Melvin	264	Jerry Melvin	290

Week 22, Jan 13 2015

Series: Pinky Martin	643	Jack Brey	698
Game : David Brown	267	Jack Brey	277

Week 23,Jan 20,

2015

Series: Jay Faughn	667	Jay Faughn	694
Game : Jay Faughn	258	JP Canabou	279

Week 24 Jan 27, 2015

Series: Gary Pattee	678		
Daniel Stevens	696		
Game : Frank Alcares	237	Frank Leo Jr.	279
Don Reed	237		

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

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Mar 16&18 Mon&Wed Diablo Lanes Concord (925)
798-5440

Apr 13 thru 16 Mon-Thru Gold Dust West CarsonCity
(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

March 2015 Golf



Mon	Mar 2 nd	Creekside	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Mar 9 th	Stevenson	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$43	Carts Included	Host: 103
Mon	Mar 16 th	Pheasant Run	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$41	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	Mar 23 rd	Lockeford Springs	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$38	Carts Included	Host: 164
Mon	Apr 6 th	Creekside (MP)	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 143

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. Stroke play rules apply for these matches. 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.

April 6th is the first Monday after our April Monthly Meeting (April 2nd). In order to help the members who set up our tournaments; I request that all who plan to participate in Match Play signup during our March Meeting. As usual if anyone cannot make the monthly meeting; mail you checks to me and I'll sign you up.

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.

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

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

Recognition of Our Hard Workers

Flag Pledge and Music Activities

Wally Ruch, Russ Peck and Chuck Sheaffer are three dedicated Sirs.

Before the start of each meeting we hear the piano playing of Chuck Shaeffer that usually lasts a half hour or



more. At times we can also enjoy Russ Peck playing the banjo. Then we have Wally Ruch lead us into the Pledge to the flag and then Russ Peck leads us in a patriotic song. Sometime this schedule varies, but they are usually there to make our meetings enjoyable and meaningful.

Chuck Sheaffer became a member on April 1, 2010 and he enjoys golf, flying and music.

Russ Peck became a member on March 2, 2006 and he enjoys R.V. traveling, singing, playing the banjo, "uke" and skiing.

Wally Ruch became a member on February 10, 2003 and enjoys his fifth wheeler, choral music and bridge.

These three Sirs are "truly fine Workers" for Branch 144. Should you have a moment, show your appreciation for their efforts by saying thank you. *By Julius Manrique*

Calendar of Events



May 12-22 Alaska Inside Passage
March Spring Training
Sept Washington DC

Program for March 5, 2015

Brad Schall, Park Ranger
Mr Schall will present historic observations about Alcatraz Island and local history

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

