

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



November 2015 Newsletter

Volume 11-2015

Message from Big Sir Patton

Brooks

Wow! Only 2 Luncheon Dates left in Calendar Year 2015.

Tickets for the December 3, 2015 Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon will be Presold at our November 5, 2015 Luncheon.

Please, purchase Your Tickets in November so we can give a guaranteed accurate count to The Seasons.

A table for ticket sales will be in the lobby prior to and after the November 5th Luncheon.

Tickets sales are \$28.00 per couple or \$14.00 single.

Incoming Big Sir Bill Burchell and the 2016 Officers will be attending a training session with the local SIRS Branches in late October. The training will be put on by Jerry Strain: Region 8 Director (Incoming Sir Vice President for 2016) and Jerry Emery: Governor Area 22.

AGAIN, "THANK YOU" TO ALL OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, WORKERS AND MEMBERS OF SIRS BRANCH 144 FOR MAKING OUR LUNCHEONS AND ACTIVITIES A SUCCESS. ALSO, "THANK YOU" JERRY STRAIN AND JERRY EMERY FOR THE SUPPORT YOU PROVIDED.

RESPECTFULLY,

BIG SIR PATTON BROOKS

New Members



L-R: Tom Norquist (Bill Burchell), Charlie Brunn (Joe Maxwell- not pictured), Martin Moore (Jim Duran), (Tom Weiss) Louis Levin, Gerry Veloria (Patton Brooks) Not Pictured- Edd Santwier III (Len Davis)— Not Pictured. Key: (Sponsor)

Tom Norquist was a Contractor with Tenney A Norquist, Inc. He enjoys reading, fishing, & travel. His wife is Barbara.

Charlie Brunn was an Attorney. He enjoys reading & traveling. His wife is Mary.

Martin Moore was a Carpenter. He enjoys golf, gardening, & carpentry. His wife is Bonnie.

Louis Levin was a Real Estate Broker. He enjoys bike riding & British sports cars.

Gerry Veloria was in Telecommunications- Quality Assurance Engineer. He enjoys air cooled VW restoration & DIY household repairs. His wife is Debra.

Edd Santwier III is a Painter, Fence Builder, & Landscaper. He enjoys golf, swimming & fishing. His wife is Sharon.



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
October 1, 2015

1. Meeting Called to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR - 9:45 am

1. Officers Present: P.Brooks –B.Burchell - G.McManus - A.Swofford - T.Watson

Directors: B.Cardosa

Committee Chairmen Present: Membership: Newsletter: B.Lewis; Sunshine: T.Nagel; Accessories: ; Dining Out Club: Vincent Sereno;
Roster/Data:G.Williams; Book: Attendance: Travel: B.Stires – Golf: B.Holloway; Pickelball: Guest: G.Veloria, New Member
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES

2. Previous Minutes: M/Burchell S/Cardoza Approved

3. Treasurers Report: Presented by: Tom Watson

Checkbook Balance as of 08/31/2015	\$ 4,264.17
Petty Cash on Hand	\$ 200.00
Receipts	\$ 1,899.00
Disbursements	\$ 1,776.89
TOTAL Balance as of 08/31/2015	\$ 4,525.93

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/McManus S/Swofford -Approved

Vouchers to be paid: Reimbursements: Newsletter R. Lewis \$47.45 -Tickets J. Gasper \$7.25 Fourth Quarter Dues: \$226.25

Motion to pay Vouchers: M/Cardoza S/Swofford - Approved

4. Little SIR Report: presented by: B.Burchell

⑩ Oct 1 Topic: Lee Lundrigan "Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder"

⑩ Nov 5 Topic:Larry McFarland "Honor our Veterans" "Flight Presentation Film & Patriotic Music"

- Committee Reports:

- Dining Out Club : Thursday: Vince Sereno: October 22 @ UNO Chicago Grill

Dining Out Club : Tuesday: Henry Solario: October 27th @ Bella Italia in Riverbank

No Dining Out Club in November or December

** And there is going to be a NEW Wednesday Dining Out starting in January **

- Membership report given by Gary Williams

- Active members 184 Last Months Attendance: 126

Deaths -0	Last Months Absent: 57
Inactive members 17	Last Months Excused: 12
Pending Members 7	Last Months Members Inducted 2
Unused Badges 42	Honorary Life Members 4
Members requesting Inactive Status: 2	Members requesting resignation: 2

Motions: M/Burchell S/Swofford

- Sunshine: no report

- Newsletter: no report

- Book Club: no report

- Golf: no report

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. These three have met and are doing away with the Activity Director. 2) Regional training for new officers is going to take place on October 20 @ 8:00 am - Manteca Golf Course .

6. New Business: none

7. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: Nov 5, 2015 @ Season's @ 9:45am

- Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:09

Respectfully Submitted: Gary McManus, Secretary

Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

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

WESTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE November 8-15, 2015
Sail away on a fantastic cruise to Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Costa Maya, and Cozumel after arriving in Houston on your way to the Western Caribbean. Enjoy a tour of the NASA Space center in Houston after the cruise before heading home.

All prices are inclusive except for on-board tips and excursions.

Prices range from \$2050 (Inside Cabin) to \$2650 (Mini Suite) per person. Single prices are higher upon request. Ship is filling up fast so delay.

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE presents "Christmas in the City" at Capital Christian Center in Sacramento, December 12, 2015

Come join the fun and get in the Christmas spirit with a fantastic performance by the 110 member chorus along with a well down production. Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory after the matinee show. This trip sells out fast so don't delay and get your reservation in soon. Price \$134.00 per person.

Deadline: December 5

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SHOW in RENO
"Ebenezer, The Musical Christmas Carol". December 17-18, 2015

Travel to Reno for an overnight stay at the El Dorado hotel and enjoy a Private Cocktail Party before enjoying the best dinner buffet in Reno. On to the show which has been in Europe and other parts of the United States. Based on Charles Dickens classic it will be both entertaining and heartwarming. Breakfast buffet and casino credit included. Price \$273 double and \$288 single. Deadline: November 25

New Trip

Tales of the Old South

May 4-11, 2016

A great trip to view and hear about the Civil War through Savannah and up to Charleston. Come to an informational meeting at the Sun and Shadow Clubhouse at 2030 Sunset Drive in Turlock on November 3 at 10:30 and receive a \$100.00 discount per person plus other discounts.

Price: \$2995 per person

Contact Bill Stires for detailed information and reservation forms for all SIR travel. 209-544-2684 or go online at sir/area22.com and print out any of the reservation forms.

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:	Alan Swofford
Assistant Secretary:	Robert Ange
Treasurer:	Tom Watson
Assistant Treasurer:	
Directors:	
	Lauri Salvi
	Patton Brooks
	Gayland King
	David Marino
	Leonard Davis
	Ernie Lewis



Officers and Directors for 2016

L to R: Patton Brooks, Ernie Lewis, Gayland King, Leonard Davis, David Marino, Lor Salvi, Tom Watson, Alan Swofford, Gary McManus, Bill Burchell

" DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out" Club News

2016 CHANGES----

The 4th Thursday Dining Club was formed by BIG SIR Bob Curley in 2001 as we can best determine. He formed the club because he loved to dine out and socialize with his friends, which like our monthly SIR Luncheon, is the basis for our "Dining Out" Clubs. Over the years, the 4th Thursday "Dining Out" Club grew larger and larger and in June 2013, the 4th Tuesday "Dining Out" Club was formed as a second group. As the 4th Thursday Club continued to grow larger, we again began to encounter problems with our size. We had fewer restaurants who could accept our group and allow us to select from their menu. Banquet style menus were being required. As a result, in January 2016, a 3rd Wednesday "Dining Out" Club is being established. Secondly, Membership in each group will be kept to approximately 30 members or less. The current 4th Tuesday and 4th Thursday Clubs will continue to meet as usual January thru October, as will the new 3rd Wednesday group. Initial membership in the new 3rd Wednesday will be members from the current 4th Thursday group who have volunteered to form the new club.

The "Dining Out" Clubs invite individual SIR members, or SIR members and their wives/lady friends to join one of our clubs. Contact Vince Sereno at the luncheon or 524-9630 for information.

2016 Meeting Dates:

3rd Wednesday Club--Jan 20/Feb 17/Mar 16/Apr 20

May 18/ Jun 15/ Jul 20/ Aug 17/ Sep 21/ Oct 19

4th Tuesday Club---Jan 26/Feb 23/Mar 22/Apr 26

May 24/ Jun 28/ Jul 26/ Aug 23/ Sep 27/ Oct 25

4th Thursday Club---Jan 28/Feb 25/Mar 24/Apr 28

May 26/ Jun 23/ Jul 28/ Aug 25/ Sep 22/ Oct 27

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Abplanalp	Carl	11/14/46	69
Altadonna	Vincent	11/19/51	64
Bica	Gus	11/14/44	71
Camacho	Orbia	09/28/37	78
Clark	Russ	11/09/29	86
Cook	Deane	11/04/38	77
Maxwell	Joe	11/22/41	74
McCormick(I)	James	11/09/35	80
Pacheco	Ben	11/30/30	85
Petersen(i)	David	11/24/47	68
Salonga	Tony	11/21/40	75
Toschi	Gene	11/06/33	82
Williams	Gary	11/09/36	79
Zoodsma	Marion	11/25/25	90

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	
Ange	Bob	Melynda	11/27/79
Baggett	Otis	Nola	11/06/54
Bowen	Al	Jan	11/26/58
Johnson	Clayton	Pauline	11/24/62
King	Gaylan	Cathey	11/18/00
Lawrence	Norm	Janet	11/30/55
Machado	Joe	Patricia	11/05/61
Oftring	Jerry	Ruth	11/22/52
Pollard	Dan	Gail	11/21/59
Riddell	Richard	Cora	11/29/99
Scoble	Tony	Virginia	11/27/81
Wright	Joe	Mignon	11/19/07
Yanko	Bob	Roseann	11/23/96



November 2015 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 6, September 22 2015

Series: Dwight Sullivan 631 Russ Whitcomb 666
Game : Dwight Sullivan 244 Roger Lochry 263

Week 7, September 29, 2015

Series : Gary Pattee 704 Gary Pattee 704
Game : Gary Pattee 256 John Kincanon 258

Week 8, October 6, 2015

Series: David Brown 669 David Rhodes 718
Game : David Brown 249 David Rhodes 283

Week 9 October 13, 2015

Series: David Brown 634 SRon Flagel 688
Game : Gary Pattee 236 Bob Lewis 256

Week 10 October 20, 2015

Series: David Brown 638 CK Gottschalk 706
Game : Gene Cox 248 Gene Cox 283

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

Nov. 5&6 Thu & Fri McHenry Bowl Modesto (209) 492-3777

Nov. 17&18 Tues & Wed Clayton Bowl Concord (925) 689-1453

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

November 2015 Golf



Mon	Nov 2 nd	Dryden	9:00 AM Shotgun
		Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103
Mon	Nov 9 th	Micke Grove	9:00 AM Shotgun
		Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	Nov 16 th	Creekside	9:00 AM Shotgun
		Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Nov 23 rd	Manteca	9:00 AM Shotgun
		Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	Nov 30 th	Merced CC	9:00 AM Shotgun
		Carts Included	Host: 143

It is the time to renew your NCGA dues. Renewal fees are the same as last year. For current SIR Golf members the cost is \$45. I am asking all Branch 144 members to renew by our January 7th monthly meeting. After this date current members who have not renewed will be placed on the Inactive List and will have until our February 4th meeting to renew without the \$10 penalty for renewing late. For those who are joining SIR Golf as new members the fee is \$45.

Please give your renewal check to either Andre Dodd or myself. I have the problem of keeping track of who has paid and who has not when members pay at a tournament when I am not hosting.

Lately I have been accepting checks that have been made out with the incorrect amount. Usually more than the amount required. I have stated that the extra amount would be placed in the End of year account so that the Treasure did not have to write an extra check to return the overage. Unfortunately this did not work and has placed an undue hardship on our Treasure causing him extra work on the other end of the spectrum.

As a result, starting with the November meeting any check that is over the required amount will be returned for a new check with correct amount. Checks with too little can be made up by either writing a new check or by making up the difference with cash.

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

Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway
Phone #209-832-1421
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E-mail: sirgolf144@gmail.com



How SIR Started

Realizing the social nature of man and the desire for the company of others, particularly those retired from gainful employment, the late Damian L. Reynolds conceived the idea of SONS IN RETIREMENT in the Spring of 1958.

Three friends, all retired, met with Mr. Reynolds on occasion for a friendly luncheon. He suggested to these three, Messrs: Claus Hink, Lorenz. H. Hansen and Wallace Plummer, that they join him in his idea. A kick-off luncheon was held in San Mateo, California on July 23, 1958.

Wallace Plummer
Claus J. Hink
Damian J. Reynolds
Lorenz H Hansen

A second meeting was held on August 20, 1958, and the eighteen present adopted the name of SONS IN RETIREMENT. Because most retired men wish nothing to do with things pertaining to inactivity, the chosen name seemed to enunciate and give dignity to retirement.

Basic guidelines of SONS IN RETIREMENT were set forth in Rules and Procedures drawn up at the time of incorporation in 1959. These have been revised from time to time.

1. It was to be a luncheon club composed of men retired from gainful employment.
2. There were to be no dues, initiation fees or assessments other than normal voluntary contributions at each luncheon to cover expenses. NOTE: August 2013 Rule change allows Branches to charge Dues if they wish.
3. The organization would espouse no political party, religion or sect of any kind.
4. Eligible men would be invited to join after attending at least one luncheon meeting and being introduced by the member who would sponsor him.
5. The club would meet monthly for lunch, at the member's expense, and a program would become part of each luncheon.

Calendar of Events



Nov 8-15Western Caribbean
Dec 12— Christmas in the City at the
Capitol Christian Center in Sacramento

Dec 17-18 Ebenezer the Musical
Christmas Carol at the El Dorado Hotel in
Reno

May 4-11, 2016 Tales of the Old South. To
learn about the Civil War

Program for NOVEMBER 5, 2015

HONOR OUR VETERANS

Patriotic Music by the Singing Group, "Keynotes"

Program: Honor Flight of Central Valley, recognizing American Veterans for their sacrifices and achievements by sending them to Washington, D.C. to visit their Memorial at no cost.

Featuring a short documentary film of an actual Honor Flight.

This is an outstanding emotional tribute to American Veterans.

Presented by Larry McFarland and Ren Hallett

(volunteer coordinators of the Castle AFB flights)

Veterans: If you have served in the Armed Forces you are urged to wear your Military Cap or Hat to give tribute to your service.

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: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
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

To all World War II and Korean War Veterans:

The former Castle Air Force Base will be the departure point for 75 local WW II and Korean War Veterans to see their Memorial in Washing D.C.. The 2nd flight out of Castle will depart on October 19 and return October 21.

Thanks to generous donors and sponsors each PM of the 75 veterans will experience the trip of a lifetime, **Free of Charge!** Central Valley Honor Flight raises \$1500 per veteran to cover transportation, lodging, and meals for the 3 day trip. A guardian will accompany the veteran on the flight.

This really is a trip of a lifetime! Any WW II or Korean War Veteran interested should look into this!

If you would like to take the trip, contact Larry McFarland at (209)777-3691.