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MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



October 2015 Newsletter

Volume 10-2015

Message from Big Sir Patton

Brooks

CONGRATULATIONS!!! TO ALL MEMBERS OF SIRS BRANCH 144 FOR A SUCCESSFUL 9 MONTHS IN ATTENDANCE, ALONG WITH NEW MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS.

"THE SEASONS" HAS PROVIDED EXCELLENT MEALS ON TIME, WITH FRIENDLY PERSONNEL.

"THANK YOU" LITTLE SIR- BILL BURCHELL FOR THE INFORMATIVE SPEAKERS, ENTERTAINMENT IN MAY, AND FOR MEMBERS, NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHO HAVE MADE 2015 A SUCCESS.

"WITH RESPECT" I APPRECIATE THE DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

"THANK YOU" ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS AND ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING SIRS BRANCH 144 AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE.

"CONGRATULATIONS" TO THE NEW INCOMING OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED AND APPROVED FOR 2016.

WITH HARVEST SEASON IN FULL SWING, A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR THE NEED TO PRE-PURCHASE LUNCHEON TICKETS FOR OUR DECEMBER 3, 2015, LADIES DAY LUNCHEON IN ADVANCE.

A TABLE WILL BE SET UP IN THE FOYER AT THE OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND NOVEMBER 5, 2015 LUNCHEON'S TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

BILL BUCHELL AND ALAN SWOFFORD WILL BE IN CHARGE OF TICKET SALES.

TICKET PRICES: \$14.00 PER PERSON, \$28.00 PER COUPLE.

TABLES FOR SINGLES WILL BE RESERVED BASED ON TICKETS SOLD.

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE, PURCHASE TICKET EARLY AS WE NEED TO GUARANTEE THE MEAL COUNT WITH "THE SEASONS".

RESPECTFULLY,

BIG SIR PATTON BROOKS

New Members



New Members L to R, Gordy Berg, sponsor Sam Graham, Moe Valdez, sponsor Jack Haws. Gordy was a Civil, Electrical Engineer/ Contractor. He owns Nepenthe B&B Costa Rica. He enjoys hiking, traveling, & building. His wife is Nancy.

Moe Valdez was a RSP Route Sales Rep. He enjoys fishing, dining out, and going to ball games.

If you can, please buy your Ladies Day tickets at the October meeting, so we can get it arranged quicker. THANK YOU!



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
September 3, 2015

1. Meeting Called to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR - 9:45 am
1. Officers Present: P.Brooks –B.Burchell - G.McManus - A.Swofford - J.Gasper – T.Watson
Directors: L. Davis – S.Graham – G.King – C.Adams – B.Cardozo
Committee Chairmen Present: Membership:G.King; Newsletter: B.Lewis; Sunshine:J.Manrique & T.Nagel;
Accessories: J.Bates; Dining Out Club: Vincent Sereno; Roster/Data:G.Williams; Book:F.Pierson –
Attendance: No Travel: B.Stries – Golf: B.Hollway; Pickelball: C.Adams Guest:J.Strain, State Vice President
Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES
2. Previous Minutes: M/Davis S/Swofford - Approved
3. Treasurers Report: Presented by: J.Gasper
Checkbook Balance as of 07/31/2015 \$4,161.74
Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00
Receipts \$ 1,881.00
Disbursements \$1,778.57
TOTAL Balance as of 08/31/2015 \$4,264.17
Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/Graham S/McManus -Approved
Vouchers to be paid: Reimbursements: Newsletter R. Lewis \$47.45 -Tickets L. Salvi \$12.90
Motion to pay Vouchers: M/Cardoza S/McManus - Approved
4. Little SIR Report: presented by: B.Burchell
 - ⑩ Sept 3 Topic: Gaylan Carroll “Modesto Police Chief”
 - ⑩ Oct 1 Topic: Lee Lundrigan “Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder”
 - Committee Reports:
 - Dining Out Club : Thursday: Vince Sereno: Sept 24th @ Mimi's Cafe
Dining Out Club : Tuesday: Henry Solario: Sept 22nd @ Uno Pizzeria & Grill
 - Membership: Gaylan King:
Active members 184 Last Months Attendance: 114
Deaths - 0 Last Months Absent: 63
Inactive members 16 Last Months Excused: 23
Pending Members 3 Last Months Members Inducted 1
Unused Badges 46 Honorary Life Members 4
Members requesting Inactive Status: 1
 - Sunshine: J.Manrique Don Rovere's mother passed away
 - Newsletter: Bob Lewis; Transition is going well
 - Book Club: F.Pierson – Everything good
 - Golf: B.Hollway – Year end Golf Tournament is HAWAIIAN Shirt Day for #144
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. 2) Regional training for new officers is going to take place on October 20 @ 8:00 am - Manteca Golf Course .
6. New Business: Discussion by J. Strain, State Vice President – Denair Festival – having a SIRS booth
7. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: Oct 1, 2015 @ Season's @ 9:45am
 - Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:10 am

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.

APPLE HILL AND RENO October 8-9, 2015

Our annual trip to view the Fall colors, be entertained with a fantastic show "Saltoriya" in Reno and a visit to Apple Hill on the way home is always a popular trip for our travelers. Enjoy new and old friends on the bus ride while playing some Bingo and then to view the colors over to Minden. Do a little gambling and receive \$\$ free play coupon at Carson Valley Inn, lunch on your own, in Minden before traveling onto Reno for an overnight stay. Enjoy a great buffet dinner before the show and a breakfast buffet before leaving Reno on our way to John Ascuaga's Nugget for a visit and gambling and food coupons. We will visit Hill Ranch in Apple Hill for apple pie or apple fritter and some shopping from local vendors before heading home. Price is \$252 per person double occupancy \$275 for single Deadline: September 23

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

October 24, 2015

Put on your stylish horse racing hats and smart casual style clothes and enjoy a day at the races while placing your bets on your favorite horse or jockey. Have a great lunch in the Turf Club before the races. T-shirts, baseball hats, flip flops, shorts or any style and tank tops are not allowed.

Price \$118 per person.

Deadline: October 16

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

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: Allan Swafford

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, Allan Swafford, Gary McManus, Bill Burchell

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



"Dining Out" Club News From Vince Sereno:
The October meeting will be the last meeting of our "Dining Out" clubs for the 2015 calendar year. We will not meet during November or December. When we begin the 2016 year in January, we will need to reorganize our Thursday evening club and form a third "Dining Out" Club. We have grown too large in membership, and as a result, a number of restaurants are limiting the size of the group that they will accept and are limiting the menu choices from which they will allow the group to choose. I will be working with the members of the Thursday evening club to develop a workable solution.

I want to Thank Henry Solario for his interesting and informative short presentations on the History and Development of Modesto and Stanislaus County. These have been and added interest to our Meetings.

To join the Dining Out Clubs:

Tuesday Group--Contact Henry at **578-5607**

Thursday Group--Contact Vince at **524-9630**

Tuesday "Dining Out" Club

Tuesday, October 27th at 4:30 pm --(NOTE earlier time)

At BELLA ITALIA in Riverbank
Northwest Corner of Oakdale & Patterson
Roads in Riverbank
(Located in the Northwest corner shopping center,
Just West of McDonald's, and directly across
Patterson Road from Perko's and O'Brien's
Market.)

Phone Host & Hostess Chuck & Karen Shoup
at **869-1939** by **Tuesday October 20th**

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

Thursday "Dining Out" Club

Thursday, October 22nd at 4:30 pm -- (NOTE earlier time)

Restaurant Reservations not Confirmed
(You will be notified by e-mail or telephone
after reservations are confirmed)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Adams	Chuck	10/29/42	73
Bellino	Nick	10/15/40	75
Cole	Ben	10/02/37	78
Davis	Len	10/03/36	79
Duran	Jim	10/12/37	78
Fernandes(i)	Alvin	10/04/25	90
Gaudio	Jeff	10/09/42	73
Grove	Fred	10/17/46	69
Hamiel	Mike	10/25/39	76
Hansen	Fred	10/20/28	87
Kazas	Louie	10/22/29	86
Leo Jr.(l)	Frank	10/04/28	87
Loeb	Stan	10/23/33	82
Masse	Vern	10/24/45	70
Miceli	Joe	10/24/40	75
Moran(l)	Paul	10/21/47	68
Oehrlein	Ken	10/18/42	73
Pinkston	Ernie	10/18/46	69
Quintanal	Ron	10/30/45	70
Redding	Bill	10/26/40	75
Sanford	Don	10/05/23	92
Spiva	Carl	10/06/26	89
Strain	Jerry	10/10/42	73
Stroud	Gary	10/18/39	76
Van Walterop	Norm	10/06/28	87
Williams	Wayne	10/18/40	75

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	
Alves	John	Marian	10/29/00
Donaldson	Ken	Kathlyn	10/24/98
Dwyer	Dan	Peggy	10/18/52
Elson(l)	Richard	Kay	10/16/56
Gaudio	Jeff	Karen	10/17/06
Graham	Sam	Claire	10/29/61
Hart(l)	Hugh	Joan	10/11/69
Holloway	Bill	Lucille	10/15/92
Kincanon	John	Sharon	10/27/01
Raspo	Robert	Patricia	10/21/61
Sherman	Fred	Norma	10/15/88
Tatting	Carl	Lena	10/12/91
Weiss	Tom	Nancy	10/23/71
Yockey	Dan	Gerry	10/16/60



October 2015 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 2 August 25, 2015

Series: Gary Pattee	792	Gary Pattee	792
Game: Gary Pattee	300	Gary Pattee	300

Week 3, September 1, 2015

Series: Gary Pattee	703	Gary Pattee	703
Game: Gary Pattee	245	Ray Pulido	277

Week 4, September 8,, 2015

Series: Jerry Strain	656	David Rhodes	718
Manny Simas	656		
Game: Gary Pattee	266	David Rhodes	283

Week 5 September 15,, 2015

Series: David Brown	609	Russ Whitcomb	669
Game: David Brown	237	Dominic Genova	251

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

Oct, 6&7 Tues & Wed Fireside Lanes Citrus Heights (916) 366-6699

Oct. 13 thru 15 Tues thru Thu Harvest Park Brentwood (925) 634-5690

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

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



October 2015 Golf

Mon	Oct 5 th	Dryden	<u>9:00</u> AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	Oct 12 th	Castle Oaks (Ione)	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$48	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	Oct 19 th	Creekside	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Oct 26 th	Dry Creek	8:30 AM Shotgun
	\$39	Carts Included	Host: 164
Mon	Nov 2 nd	Dryden	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103

Please be sure to note that Dry Creek starts at 8:30 and not at the usual time of 9:00 and that Dryden on November 2nd is prior to our monthly meeting on November 5th. So be sure to bring and extra check if you plan to play that day.

It is the time of year for NCGA dues to be renewed. We have not heard from the NCGA yet and at this time it is assumed that there will not be a change from last year. I expect the early signup fee will be either \$45 or \$46. I hope to hear before our next meeting so that I may start collecting the dues. It would help if everyone brought an extra blank check just incase I do hear what the dues are going to be and start collecting in October.

The schedule shows that October 26th and 27th will be the Individual Championship with the location to be announced. The first round will be the same day as the tournament at Dry Creek.

I see on the website that the 2015 schedule has been posted. If interested at this time take a look. Take it with a grain of salt. I see some of the costs are not correct. I'm sure that a corrected schedule will be published in the near future.

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



Recognition of Our Hard Workers

Julius(L), Ted(R)



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE The Sunshine Committee main responsibility is to keep the Branch membership informed of members who have passed away, moved and who are ill. This depends upon the information given to them by the membership. A get well card or a sympathy card is sent to the member or his family as soon as they are informed.

Ted Nagel, Co-Chair of the committee became a member of Branch 144 on April 4, 2004. He has served as Secretary, Little Sir, Big Sir, Director, on the Nomination and Orientation committees and is one of four Life Members of the Branch. Ted loves to fish (he goes to Alaska each year with his son and brings back quite a catch), hike, travel, plays the trumpet in two bands and the Ukelele. He participates in the monthly dinner club and bowls with Branch members. Ted is responsible for making the cards and sending them to the various Sirs.

Julius Manrique, Co-Chair of the committee became a member on March 18, 1997. He has served as Secretary, Little Sir, Big Sir, Area 22 Governor, Director, Nominating committee and he developed the Orientation process for the Branch and has served as Chairman for many years. Julius is one of four Life Member of the Branch. When he receives the information regarding the various Sirs he reports that to the executive council, data chair and membership chair. That information is shared with the Branch Chaplain to make that announcement during the regular meeting. He participates in the dinning club and travel activities. He loves music, sings, plays the Ukelele, gardens, play bridge and reads several books each month

Ted and Julius are "truly fine workers" for Branch 144

By Julius Manrique

Calendar of Events



Nov 8-15Western Caribbean

Program for October 1st 2015

Lee Lundrigan

***Stanislaus County Clerk/ Recorder
Speaking on: Birth, Death, and the
Vote.***

Who you gonna call.....

Clerk/ Recorder

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

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.