

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



September 2015 Newsletter

Volume 09-2015

### *Message from Big Sir Patton*

#### *Brooks*



A HEARTY "THANK YOU" TO ALL SIR'S BRANCH 144 MEMBERS AND INVITED GUEST'S FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR MONTHLY MEETING'S AND LUNCHEON'S, AND FOR PARTICIPATING IN BRANCH 144 SPONSORED ACTIVITIES.

OUR AUGUST 6, 2015 LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER, DICK HAGERTY, COLUMNIST FOR THE MODESTO BEE, BUSINESSMAN, AUTHOR, LOCAL SPORTS AND STOCK CAR RACE ENTHUSIAST WAS WELL RECEIVED AND ENTERTAINING. (NICE JOB, BILL BURCHELL---PROGRAM CHAIRMAN)

WE HAD NINE GUEST'S ATTEND THE AUGUST 6TH LUNCHEON.

3 GENTLEMEN READ THE SIR'S BRANCH 144 ARTICLE PLACED BY SAM GRAHAM IN THE TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH MODESTO BEE.

THESE MEN HAD WORKED WITH DICK HAGERTY IN THE PAST, ALL ARE RETIRED AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS.

AUGUST GUEST'S:----- SPONSOR  
BOB HAGOPIAN-----BILL HOLLOWAY---FRIEND OF DICK HAGERTY---  
JOHN LUST-----BILL HOLLOWAY---FRIEND OF DICK HAGERTY--  
GORDON BERG-----SAM GRAHAM-----FRIEND OF DICK HAGERTY---  
KEN HAUB-----GARY MCMANUS--  
MIKE HERRERO-----JERRY HAWKINS

GERRY VELORIA-----PATTON BROOKS  
LOUIS EVIN-----TOM WEISS  
CHARLES BRUNN-----JOE MAXWELL  
SANDY SUTTON-----ROBERT ANGE

THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR INVITING GUEST'S AND THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR MAKING THEM FEEL WELCOME!!!

THE SIR'S STATE MEETING WAS HELD IN WALNUT CREEK ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015.  
STATE OFFICERS WERE VOTED ON FOR 2016.  
JERRY STRAIN, PAST BIG SIR BRANCH 144, CURRENT SIR'S DIRECTOR FOR REGION 8, WILL BE THE STATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2016 .  
CONGRATULATIONS, JERRY. FROM MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BRANCH 144.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

RESPECTFULLY,

BIG SIR PATTON BROOKS

## New Member

**New Member Orbia Camacho was an exporter for Campa Mercantile Inc. Peggy is his wife. His sponsor is Steve Nelson.**

**Welcome to SIR Branch 144 Obie!**



**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**  
**August 6, 2015**

1. Meeting Called to Order: P.Brooks, BIG SIR - 9:40 am

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

Directors: L. Davis – S.Graham – G.King –

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: –

Guest:J.Strain, State Vice President

Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES

3. Previous Minutes: M/Gasper S/Swofford - Approved

4. Treasurers Report: Presented by: J.Gasper

Checkbook Balance as of 06/30/2015 \$4,429.96

Petty Cash on Hand \$ 200.00

Receipts \$ 1,679.00

Disbursements \$1,947.22

TOTAL Balance as of 07/31/2015 \$4,161.74

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

Vouchers to be paid: Reimbursement Newsletter R. Lewis \$43.65

Motion to pay Vouchers: :M/Davis S/Burchell - Approved

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

Ⓢ Aug 6 Topic: Dick Hagerty "Behind the Scenes of Racing"

Ⓢ Sept 3 Topic: Gaylan Carroll "Modesto Police Chief"

• Committee Reports:

• Dining Out Club : Thursday: Vince Sereno: August 28<sup>th</sup> @ Johnny Carino's Italian

Dining Out Club : Tuesday: Henry Solario: August 25<sup>th</sup> @ Velvet Grill & Creamery

• Membership: Gaylan King:

Active members 181

Last Months Attendance: 114

Deaths - Erv Rand

Last Months Absent: 68

Inactive members 16

Last Months Excused: 15

Pending Members 2

Last Months Members Inducted 1

Unused Badges 51

Honorary Life Members 4

Members requesting Inactive Status: 0

• Sunshine: J.Manrique Al Bowen in Hospital

• Newsletter: Bob Lewis; Transition is going well

• Book Club: F.Pierson – Everything good

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: Presentation by J. Strain, State Vice President – Regional training for new officers is going to take place on October 20 @ 8:00 am - Manteca Golf Course . Open Discussion: Rule 55.1 "Emeritus Status" and Rule 131 Concerning Membership Chairmen

8. Next Branch #144 Executive Meeting will be: Sept 3, 2015 @ Season's @ 9:30am

• Meeting Adjourned: Time 10:11 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.

**BEACH BLANKET BABYLON** September 27, 2015  
Come join the fun as we travel to San Francisco for a day of laughs at the Famous Club Fugazi and the performance as the actors perform with hilarious large hats, costumes and many spoofs about current events and famous people. We will stop at Pier 39 for lunch on your own and browsing before going to the show. Price is \$124 per person.

**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

**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.

Watch for brochures and news for upcoming trips:  
Singing Christmas Tree – December 12  
Holiday Show Reno – December 17-18

**Contact Bill Stires for detailed information 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	
<b>Big Sir:</b>	<b>Bill Burchell</b>
<b>Little Sir:</b>	<b>Gary McManus</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Allan Swafford</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	<b>Robert Ange</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Tom Watson</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	
<b>Directors:</b>	
	<b>Lauri Salvi</b>
	<b>Patton Brooks</b>
	<b>Gayland King</b>
	<b>David Marino</b>
	<b>Leonard Davis</b>
	<b>Ernie Lewis</b>

**To all SIR members: The Gallo Center has a promo code for the 15/16 season. The code is sir1516. The code is good until 6/16. The code can be used online, by phone, or walk-in. Feel free to share with anyone and everyone!**

## "DINING OUT" CLUBS



### "Dining Out" Clubs News:

The "Dining Out" clubs have become a very social, family type occasion, much like our monthly SIR luncheons. Henry Solario has added a new dimension by his interesting presentations. In July, Henry presented a glimpse of the city of Modesto and the surrounding farming area in 1870. He explained how Modesto was named, riverboat travel, how the railroads came to the area, and where remnants of our former "Chinatown" still exist. (Also, where Henry's childhood family home is located). In June, Henry mentioned that in the 1940's, some of our families still used ice to cool our perishable foods in an ice box. ( that is-- "isaboxa" for all my fellow Italians) Henry & I knew where we could get it free!-- And we did!

#### *To join the Dining Out Clubs:*

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

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

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#### **Tuesday "Dining Out" Club**

*Tuesday, September 22nd at 5 pm --(Arrive before 5 pm)*  
at:

#### **UNO PIZZERIA & GRILL**

3250 Dale Road (Next to Sizzler's)

Phone Host & Hostess Marion & Viola  
Zoodsma

at **522-8053** by **Tuesday September 15th**

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

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#### **Thursday "Dining Out" Club**

*Thursday, September 24th at 5 pm -- (Arrive before 5 pm)*  
at:

#### **MIMI'S Cafe**

3401 Dale Road-- (Across Dale from Velvet Creamery)

Phone Host & Hostess Joe & Mary Miceli  
at **527-5818** by **Thursday, September 17th**

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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age
Binney	Donald	09/07/44 71
Brown	Ron	09/15/34 81
Contreras	Don	09/18/24 91
Eisenhower(I)	Melvin	09/06/42 73
Emery	Jery	09/01/47 68
Hardison	Roy	09/05/29 86
Harris	Ronald	09/03/58 57
Harris	Donald	09/15/28 87
Manabat	Pert	09/06/29 86
Masciorini	Walter	09/13/31 84
Mello	Jim	09/27/43 72
Offermann	Robert	09/13/21 94
Raspo	Robert	09/01/39 76
Wirth	Robert	09/26/33 82

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date
Fernandes(i)	Alvin	Dory 09/16/56
Griffin Jr.	John	Jean Marie 09/16/00
Kline	Kenneth	Julianne 09/06/58
Mensingher	Michael	Dawn 09/01/53
Nelson	Steve	Virginia 09/25/41
Pacheco	Ben	Rena 09/25/55
Peck	Russell	Charlotte 09/03/49
Toschi	Gene	Betty 09/15/57
Vigil	Herman	Shirley 09/10/89



## Sept. 2015 Bowling Report

**The new season is starting. We need more bowlers of all skill levels,**

**The season started August 18th and runs into April 2016.**

**We bowl on Tuesdays starting at 1PM**

**If you would like to join us contact Vern**

**Masse or Jim Pastorelli**

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

[vnr03@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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**

## September 2015 Golf



Mon	Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pheasant Run</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$41	Carts Included	Host: 144
Mon	Sep 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Manteca</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164
Mon	Sep 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Manteca (End of Year)</b>	8:00 AM Shotgun
	\$19	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: All
Mon	Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dryden</b>	<u>9:00</u> AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 164

The End of Year Tournament will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Manteca. The schedule indicates that the End of Year tournament is to be held at Dryden. Because of the cart issue and Temper Golf unwillingness to work with SIR Golf the Golf Committee has decided to change venue and hold the End of Year at Manteca instead.

To qualify for a free lunch members must have played a minimum of 15 rounds between October 2014 and prior to the upcoming End of Year tournament (Sept 28<sup>th</sup>). I will have a list showing how many rounds each member has played posted on the bulletin board at the September meeting. Green fees still apply. Players are still responsible for getting and paying for their own carts.

Should any member not have enough rounds played to qualify for the free lunch they may still play the End of Year. However these members will have to pay green fees and prize money. Lunch is optional at an additional cost.

Please note that starting in October all tournaments will start at 9:00 am not the usual 8:00 am.

As everyone knows courtesy on the golf course is expected. I have witness numerous times groups who have finished early driving past players who have not completed their round and are either in the process of either teeing off or hitting their second shot. This activity is distracting to those who are still playing and dangerous for those who choose to ignore the fact that there is the potential of being hit by a golf ball. So, please stop until those still playing have hit their ball and are walking toward the green before proceeding.

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](mailto:sirgolf144@gmail.com)

GOLF CHAIRMAN Bill Holloway became a member of Branch 144 on October 12, 2008. He is a member of the large, active and strong golf group of Branch 144. This position is very essential for if we don't have a chairman our Branch could not participate with the other Branches. He arrives early at each meeting, sets up the enrollment and registration table and commences the signing and collection of fees for the various events. This is no small task since all fees must be paid by check so there is accurate accounting of the fees paid for each event. He also attends the executive meeting reporting the various activities and at times makes announcements at the general meeting. His assistant is Andre Dodd who takes over when Bill is away from the registration table. Andre became a member of Branch 144 on May 5, 2005. He loves golf , R.V.Travel, and he likes to barbecue. He is a very generous person. Several years ago he purchased dozens of Sir Hats and gave them away to all his friends. I was lucky and got the last one. Bill Holloway and Andre Dodd are "truly fine workers" for Branch 144. When you pass the registration table, thank them for the service they are providing for our Branch.

*By Julius Mawrique*

## **Calendar of Events**



Nov 8-15 ..... Western Caribbean

## **Program for Sept 2015**

# **Galen Carroll**

**“Modesto Police Chief”**

***He will be presenting an Overview on  
the Current State of Modesto Police  
Department***

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

To help by donation, please visit [www.cvhonorflight.org](http://www.cvhonorflight.org). You can donate via PayPal or Credit Card, or if you would like to sponsor a local WW II or Korean War veteran, please contact **Rico** at **(559) 226-5600 ext. 110**. To pay by mail, send a check payable to **Fresno Regional Foundation**, with **Central Valley Honor Flight** on the memo line. You can mail donations to: **c/o Fresno Regional Foundation, 5250 N. Palm Ave. # 424, Fresno, CA 93704**.

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

**I would like to personally thank all the Veterans for their service to this great Country of ours!**

**Bob Lewis, editor.**