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MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



March 2016 Newsletter

Volume 03- 2016

Message from Big Sir Bill

Burchell

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It was
see 9 new
joining our
144 at the
Luncheon
encourage
members to
our group by
monthly



impressive to
members
SIR Branch
February
Meeting! We
them and all
be active with
attending our
meetings and

participating in the many activities we have to offer. Check the Newsletter in detail each month, so well prepared by Bob Lewis, to see what fits your interests.

Little Sir Gary McManus is securing outstanding programs which enhance our enjoyment of the luncheons. Our February speaker, Ron Agostini, provided a heartfelt review of his involvement as the Modesto Bee Sports Writer and shared his personal insight as to many of his experiences.

We give a hearty "Thank You" and "Well Done" accolades for the new Roster, thanks to the diligent efforts of Gary Williams, Julius Manrique, Sam Graham, Vince Sereno and Gaylan King. They put tremendous effort into putting it together and it will be referred to extensively during the coming year. It lists our membership and much more – Make Good Use of It!!!

Bill Burchell, Big Sir

Please visit our website at:

www.sirinc2.org/branch144

NEW MEMBERS



New Members alphabetically are: Scott Anderson, Mike Boyd (sponsor-John Bree), Billy Duncan, Bob Evans, Biff Galbraith, Gary Nerland, John Schamante, Lew Wilhelm (sponsor- Gordon Boike). All others have Henry Solario.as sponsor. Bio's are on page 6

Ladies Day is coming up on May 19th. Your purchase this month will be very much appreciated.

Please purchase this month,
Thank You.

"Please remember that with a new calendar year SIR Branch #144 needs your \$24.00 annual donation to pay State assessments, newsletter costs, speaker lunches, etc.! Thank you!"



Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call Gary Williams at 578-3471

SIR, Inc. Branch #144
645 Charity Way, Modesto, CA
Executive Committee Minutes
February 18, 2016

1. Meeting Called to Order: B.Burchell, BIG SIR - 9:15 am

2. Officers Present: - G.McManus - A.Swofford - C.Braun -T.Watson -G.Toschi -B. Burchell

Directors: D.Marino – G.King – L. Davis - E.Lewis - L. Salvi

Committee Chairmen Present: G.King -Membership : V. Sereno -Dining Out Club: F.Pierson- Books: B. Stries - Travel:

C.Campbell & M.Maxwell- Pickelball: R.Lewis – Newsletter: G. Williams -Data: B. Holloway-Golf: Sunshine – J. Manrique Guest: J. Strain, State Vice President

Secretary Confirm Quorum: YES

3. Previous Minutes: M/McManus S/Lewis - Approved

4. Treasurers Report: Presented by: T. Watson

Checkbook Balance as of 01/01/2016	\$ 4208.50
Petty Cash on Hand	\$ 200.00
Receipts	\$ 3508.00
Disbursements	\$ 1910.00
TOTAL Balance as of 01/31/2016	\$ 6006.50

Motion to accept Treasurers Report: M/L. Davis S/E. Lewis -Approved

Vouchers to be paid: Reimbursements: B. Lewis – newsletter \$87.31: J. Strain - \$54.00 website: G. Williams – Roster \$326.52

Motion to pay Vouchers: : M/ McManus S/ Toschi Approved

5. Little SIR Report: presented by: G.McManus

⑩ Feb. 18th Topic: Ron Agostini – Modesto Bee sports writer

⑩ March 17th: Peter Morelli-NFL referee

- Committee Reports:
- Dining Out Club : 2nd Tuesday: (March 1st) Outback Steakhouse
- 4th Tuesday: Henry Solario (Feb. 23rd) Velvet Grill & Creamery
- 4th Thursday : Vince Sereno (Feb25th) Mimi's Cafe

• Membership report given by : G. King

• Active members 176 Last Months Attendance: 136
Deaths - 0 Last Months Absent: 40
Inactive members 19 Last Months Excused: 11
Pending Members 10 Last Months Members Inducted 2
Unused Badges 45 Honorary Life Members 3
Members requesting Inactive Status: 0 Members requesting resignation: 0

- Sunshine: J.Manrique Tom Weiss; Surgery Emil Gray; Eye surgery
- Book Club: F.Pierson - going well-enough table space provided
- Membership: G.Williams – Roster complete; hand out at end of meeting
- Pickleball: C.Campbell – speak to members during meeting. Update dates and times

6. Old Business: B. Lewis is going to work with J.Strain on developing new webpage for Branch 144.

Now completed : www.sirinc2.org/branch144

⑩ Yearly audit complete and accepted as correct; auditors C. Shoop, D. Tucker & J. Hawkins

7. New Business: J. Strain-comments from state concerning membership; Discuss state RV club (L. Davis volunteers to be on committee; Need one directors badge (D. Marino); Ladies Day ticket sales in March and April (A. Swofford will coordinate).

8. Next Branch #144 Meeting: March 16th 2016 Elk's Lodge @ 9:15am

Meeting adjourned 9:56am

Respectfully submitted Alan Swofford, 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.

Annual Spring Training trip to Arizona
(Adult Spring Break)
March 6 – 11, 2016

Our best Spring Training trip yet!
Travel to Las Vegas for our first night stay and on to Scottsdale for 3 nights at the Residence Inn. While in Scottsdale we will see 2 baseball games (Giants and A's). Along with the games we will tours of the University of Phoenix Stadium (former Super Bowl venue) and the Pueblo Indian Museum. A great dinner at the Rustler's Roost and a dinner theatre show. We will depart Scottsdale and on to Palm Springs and a stay at the Hilton in downtown Palm Springs before heading home. Trip will sell out fast so sign up early
Price: \$1499 Per Person Double, \$1800 Single

We have a trip planned to October, 2016 to New York City for 2 days and board a Princess Cruise Ship and sail up the coast of New England and end up in Quebec City, Quebec. More details to come. Sign up by February 29 and receive double on board credits and discounts on the trip. Come to an informational meeting on February 16, 2016, time 10:30 at the Sun and Shadows clubhouse at 2030 Sunset Drive in Turlock for more details. Prices and details to come soon.

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. Fly to Savannah and board a private bus with our own tour guide. Learn about the South's hospitality with private dinners. Visit Middleton Place, Hilton Head and on to Charleston. All airfares, gratuities, hotel tips, charges and local taxes included. 11 meals included and overnight in 4 and 5 star hotels.

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 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Big Sir:	Bill Burchell
Little Sir:	Gary McManus
Secretary:	Alan Swofford
Assistant Secretary:	Charlie Brunn
Treasurer:	Tom Watson
Assistant Treasurer:	Gene Toschi
Directors:	
	Lauri Salvi
	Patton Brooks
	Gaylan King
	David Marino
	Leonard Davis
	Ernie Lewis



Officers and Directors for 2016

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

Please visit our website at www.sirinc2.org/branch144

congratulations!

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

March Update-----

Each of our Dining Out Clubs are operating smoothly. I want to thank all of our members for all their assistance and cooperation. As Chairman, I am adapting to having the 3rd club on a separate week, a new monthly SIR luncheon date and coordinating with the Newsletter Editor as to when to submit this information. Restaurants need to be booked 2 months in advance and with three clubs, I have to keep my calendar in order so that no mistakes occur. So far, I have been to the correct restaurant on the correct date.

To join a Dining Out Club,
Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

2nd TUES DINING OUT CLUB

Tues. April 12th, at 5 pm at Marcella's.

Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Jay & Kathy Norris at 552-2392 by Tues. April 5th.

Tues. May 17th, at 5 pm at Bella Italia in Riverbank NOTE change of Date for May!

4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

Tues. March 22nd at 5 pm at Shangri-La China

Bistro. Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Gene & Betty Toschi at 402-4242 by Tues. March 15th.

Tues. April 26th at 5 pm at Pasta Pronto on Coffee Road, hosted by Gene & Sue Richards

4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

Thurs. March 24th at 5 pm at Marcella's.

Reservation or Regrets to Host & Hostess Julius & Barbara Manrique at 576-1077 by Thursday March 17th.

Thurs. April 28th at 5 pm at Bella Italia in Riverbank, hosted by Joe & Virginia Costa

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

NAME DATE AGE

Bohling	John	03/30/44	72
Bree	John	03/12/32	84
Brown	Jack	03/06/40	76
Dodd	Andre	03/25/42	74
Johnson	Clayton	03/20/41	75
Kline	Ken	03/12/38	78
McManus	Bob	03/01/51	65
Norris	Jay	03/18/46	70
Peck	Russell	03/31/28	88
Schrader	Monte	03/05/30	86
Scoble	Tony	03/28/34	82
Sheaffer	Chuck	03/17/49	67
Sherman	Fred	03/22/33	83
Shoup	Chuck	03/13/39	77
Underwood(I)	Gerald	03/21/25	91
Venturini	Joe	03/10/30	86
Weiss	Tom	03/29/38	78
Zimmerman(I)	Richard	03/07/38	78

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

NAME SPOUSE DATE YEARS

Berg	Gordon	Nancy	03/18/98	18
Brown	Jack H.	Jackie	03/02/58	58
Carvalcho(I)	John	Nancy	03/21/67	49
Duncan	Billy	Elizabeth	03/18/05	11
Eisenhower(I)	Melvin	Brenda	03/27/82	34
Gonzales	Samuel	Nina	03/31/07	9
Masciorini	Walter	Ann	03/03/56	60
Oehrlein	Kenneth	Sochi	03/14/64	52
Rice	Rodney	Allegria	03/18/60	56
Sargent	John	Shirley	03/22/03	13
Tucker(I)	David	Linda	03/28/03	13



March 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games
Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 26 February 9 2016

Series: Jay Faughn	723	Jay Faughn	744
Game : Jay Faughn	268	Jay Faughn	275

Week 27 February 9 2016

Series : Dwight Sullivan	653	Dwight Sullivan	701
Jay Faughn	653		
Game : Dwight Sullivan	258	Dwight Sullivan	274

Week 28 February 9 2016

Series: David Brown	648	Jack Glenn	270
Game : David Brown	246	Tony Lopez	696

Week 29 February 9 2016

Series: David Brown	624	Russ Whitcomb	686
Game : Jay Faughn	266	Jay Faughn	269

Come out for our home town tournament.

----- 2016 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

Mar 21&23 Mon&Wed Diablo Lanes Concord 925-798-5440

Apr 1i thru 14 Mon thru thru Gold Dust West Carson City Nev.

(530) 558-9727

May 1,2&3 Sun, Mom&Tues Clover Leaf Bowl Fremont

(50) 790-3135

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 Co-Chairmen:

Cal Campbell 380-0523

Joe Maxwell 524-2826

SIR 143 Plays at Columbia Park

600 Columbia St. Turlock

Thursday 9:00am

April 2016 Golf



Mon	Mar 21 st	Pheasant Run	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$41	Carts Included	Host: 143
Mon	Mar 28 th	Lockeford Springs	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$38	Carts Included	Host: 164
Mon	Apr 4 th	Creekside (MP)	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$29	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 103
Mon	Apr 11 th	Dryden	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$27	Carts Optional @ \$15	Host: 144
Mon	Apr 18 th	Atwater (Rancho Del Rey)	9:00 AM Shotgun
	\$40	Carts Included	Host: 143

When writing out your checks please be sure to include the course name and the date of the tournament in the memo part of the check. This added information is beneficial for both the Treasure and I. It eliminates confusion as to which tournament the check is for and facilitates returning checks to players for tournaments that were not played.

The tournament on April 11th was scheduled to be at Atwater and the April 18 tournament at Dryden. These tournaments have been switched. April 11th is now Dryden and April 18th is now Atwater.

The fiscal year ends after our annual End of Year tournament for this year is September 26th. At this time Andre Dodd (Assistant Golf Chairman) and I (Golf Chairman) have decided to end our tenure and wish to have someone else in the Branch 144 golf community to take over as the chairman and assistant chairman. Someone will need to step up by the end of July in order to learn how to perform the various functions and computer systems. I would prefer someone to step up even sooner.

Pairings/Results, visit our Website at

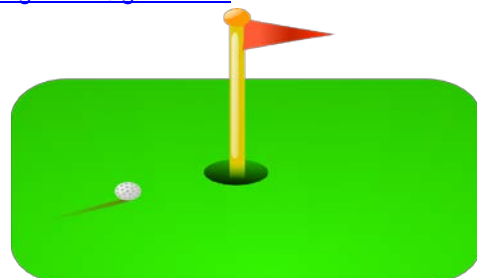
<http://sirarea22.manogolf.com>.

Golf Chairman: Bill Holloway

Phone #209-832-1421

34532 Bernard Drive, Tracy, CA 95377

E-mail: sirgolf144@gmail.com



Scott Anderson was a Civil Engineer for Stanislaus County Works. He enjoys golfing, fishing, hiking, camping, bicycling (outdoors). His wife is Janice. Mike Boyd was a Dentist. He enjoys Fly Fishing, Skiing, and Travel. His partner is Rayne Dessayer. Glen Carrington was a Financial Analyst/Finance Director in the private sector and the Cities of Modesto and Atwater. He enjoys Tennis, Golf, Chess, write Mystery Books, Stock Market. Billy Duncan was a Truck Driver for Ready Mix and Mission Valley Ready Mix. He enjoys Golf, Camping, Harley Davidson Motorcycles, And his 22 grandchildren. His wife is Elizabeth. Bob Evans was a Structure Construction Inspector for Inspection Services Inc. He enjoys Fishing. Biff Galbraith was a Science Teacher at CeresUSD. He enjoys Golf. His wife is Vee Ann. Gary Nerland was a President/Engineer/Owner of Ward-Schmid Co/California Boiler. He enjoys Golf and Fishing. His wife is Sandra. John Schamante was a Painter/Foreman at Turman Commercial Painters. He enjoys Bowling and Golf. His wife is Cheri. Lew Wilhelm was a Manager Quality Systems Hershey Foods Corp. He enjoys Antiques and Travel.



Calendar of Events



**Annual Spring Training Trip to Arizona
March 6-11 in Scottsdale**

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



Program for March 17, 2016

The speaker will be Peter
Morelli- NFL Referee



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
2015 Patton Brooks

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2016

Big Sir:..... Bill Burchell 529-6039
Little Sir: Gary McManus 479-3134
Secretary: Alan Swofford 480-6539
Assistant Secretary: Charlie Brunn 524-3614
Treasurer:..... Tom Watson 577-4390
Assistant Treasurer: Gene Toschi 402-4242

DIRECTORS FOR 2016

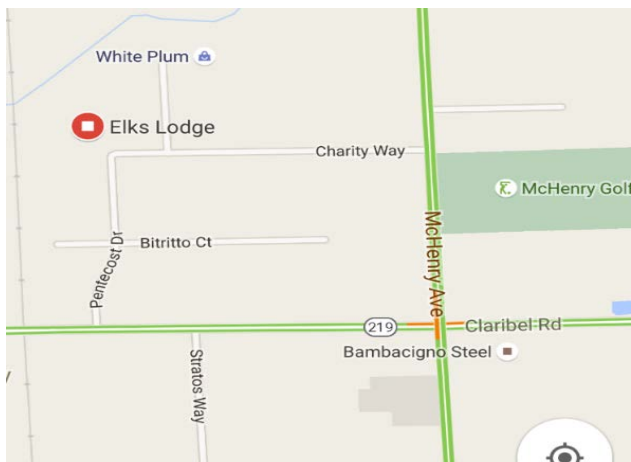
Ernie Lewis 523-7387 Patton Brooks 522-6417
Gaylan King 568-7061..... Lor Salvi 576-7898
Leonard Davis 524-1526 David Marino 838-2038

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STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIRS, Inc Jerry Strain 551-8220
DIRECTOR, REGION 8..... Ron Fligel 338-8109
GOVERNOR AREA 22... James K. Mann 632-9385

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. 406-8156
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: Vern Masse 538-4275
Branch 144 Pickleball Co- Chairmen: Cal Campbell 380-0523
Joe Maxwell 524-2826
Programs: . Gary McManus 479-3134
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471
Assistants: Julius Manrique, 576-1077, Ted Nagel 869-6304
Dining: Vince Sereno, 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607
House: Herman Vigil 557-9795
Attendance: Tony Salonga, 541-1944; Pert Manabat, 551-1080
Sunshine: Ted Nagel 869-6304
Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077
Chaplain: Norman VanWalterop 529-8169
Membership: .. Gaylan King 552-8930
Activities Director:
Book Club: Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577
Accessories: John Bates 383-5259



**Thank you 84 members who gave annual donations of \$24 or more as of February 2016! This represents nearly half (about 47%) of our 174 active members. Keep up the good work, Branch 144! You can still give a \$24 annual donation by bringing it to the March 17th luncheon OR mailing check made out to "SIR Branch #144" to: Tom Watson Treasurer 1457 Ramsgate Drive Modesto CA 95355. Thank you!
Tom Watson**

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know.

Thank You!

On a sad note, Karen Solario passed away on February 26th

Please see Jerry Strain's article on the website