

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



December 2016 Newsletter

Volume 12- 2016

Message from Big Sir Bill Burchell

- We again welcome the ladies for our Ladies Day Luncheon on December 15th. We will have the opportunity to share a fine meal and enjoy the musical talents of the Common Bond Quartet. This group, directed by Roy Anderson, has provided outstanding programs within the Central Valley and they will share their talent and enthusiasm with us.



- **Highlighting our Activities –** Experiencing the unlimited world of **travel** is an outstanding **travel** activity for our members. Coordinating, planning, transportation, baggage, hotels, meals, etc., etc. is a constant challenge to provide an enjoyable outing. Bill Stires (and with the back-up of his wife, Mary) plans on-going activities for SIR Area 22 and it is handled with impressive professionalism. It is a challenge to coordinate all the details but to experience the end result they make it seem effortless. Keep up with the monthly offerings as presented at our luncheons and in the Newsletter. It is a truly wonderful experience to **“relax without the fuss and leave the driving to us”**. Bill Stires is to be highly commended for his continued effort to provide outstanding travel opportunities – Yes SIR!!!

- It has been an active year for SIR Branch 144. In spite of some challenges and issues that have come up we have “Stayed the Course” of our purpose to be a **Gentlemen’s Club providing Activities, Fellowship, Camaraderie, and promoting the Independence and Dignity of Retirement** (and the purpose of it all is to have fun!). The efforts of many volunteer workers and participants continues to make this happen and I sincerely appreciate all who have given unselfish support this past year. **THANK YOU** for supporting my year as Big Sir – It has been a good year – Yes SIR!!!

Bill Burchell – Big SIR

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

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Frank Pierson
HLM: Ted Nagel & Jerry Strain

New Members



Pictured L-R: Bill Burchell, Sponsor Henry Solario, New Members Gary Chalk, Hall Eubank & Frank Le Sage

Gary was a Owner Contractor at Modesto Refrigeration He enjoys Golf, Football, Baseball, & Horse Racing. His wife is Barbara.- Hall (Eubie) Eubank was a Salesman. He enjoys Travel, Shooting, Walking, & Fishing. His wife is Judy.- Frank Le Sage was an appraiser. He enjoys Shooting, Dining out, Reading & Bowling. His wife is Patricia

Please purchase tickets for the December 15th Ladies Day Luncheon by December 7th to Leonard Davis (524-1526). Refunds can be made by December 7th if needed.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets will be \$13 per person.



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

SONS IN RETIREMENT
BRANCH 144 BEC MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2016



Meeting called to order at 9:19 AM

1. BEC members present: Bill Burchell, Julius Manrique, Amos Santwier, Gerry Veloria, Tom Watson, Gene Toschi, Pat Brooks, Leonard Davis, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Dave Marino, Lor Salvi

2. Committee Chairman present: Sam Graham, Gary Williams, Bob Lewis, Frank Pierson, Vince Sereno, Ted Nagel

3. Visitors present: State Vice President, Jerry Strain, Area Travel Chairman, Bill Stires

4. Secretary Amos Santwier confirms that a quorum is present.

5. The minutes the October 20 BEC meeting was approved. M/Manrique S/ King

6. Treasure's Report: Check book balance as of 10/1/2016.....\$ 5300.48
Total receipts..... \$ 1264.00
Total disbursements..... \$ 1464.59
Check book balance as of 10/31/2016.....\$ 5299.89
Vouchers to pay: Newsletter (Bob Lewis).....\$45.11
Badges (Gary Williams)..... \$24.00
Frames (Bill Burchell).....\$42.94
Treasurers report and voucher pay approved: M/Manrique S/ Brooks

7. Little Sir Report: November speaker John Sai with inputs from Gordon Boike, all saluting veterans. December entertainment will be Common Bond Quartet.

8. Membership report: One new member in October.....Doug Burroughs
One member reinstated.....Jerry Emery
vote to accept approved: M/King S/Brooks

Membership as of November 2016: Active members.....187
Inactive members..... 15
Pending members..... 4
Unused badges..... 44

9. Committee Reports: All committee Chairmen report that all is well

10. Other Business:

A. Ladies Day planning: Regular banquet style at regular price. Branch will supply Red Rose to each lady. Big Sir will coordinate with Elk's to provide enhanced menu items.

B. The Elk's lodge has proposed a fee of \$16.50 plus tax for next year. The consensus of the BEC is that the increase is excessive. It was decided that alternative venues should be evaluated and a counter proposal be made to the Elk's. There will be an emergency BEC meeting in early December to decide on actions to take.

C. A letter from a Big Sir in San Jose about attendance and growth was noted and filed under "no action required"

11. Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM. The next meeting will be December 15 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted; AMOS SANTWIER

Area 22 Travel

By Bill Stires

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

Tulip and Windmill Cruise, April 2-10, 2017. Enjoy a 7-night cruise aboard the AmaCerto through the Netherlands and Belgium. This is an **all inclusive** trip that includes: non-stop airfare to and from SF to Amsterdam, all transfers, meals with beer and wine, choice of shore excursions at each port, along with many other extras. We will visit the following cities: Amsterdam, Hoorn, Arnhem, Hjmegen, Antwerp, Ghent, Rotterdam, Kinderdijk, Schoonhoven, Keukenhof and back to Amsterdam. This trip will fill up fast as there are only 74 cabins and 150 passengers. **Prices: \$4925.00 to \$6200.00 depending on cabin selected.**

Golden Gate Fields. January 28, 2016

A very popular trip where you have the comfort of an exclusive Turf Club and enjoy a fantastic buffet before you bet on the ponies in the afternoon. **Minimum 20 passengers needed for trip and maximum of 44.**

Price: \$118.00 per person

Spring Training March 5-10, 2017

Our annual Adult Spring Break trip is a very popular one and always fun filled.

We travel to Palm Springs for and overnight stay at Palm Mountain resort and dinner at the tram station at the top of the mountain. Then on to Scottsdale for 3 days and nights. We will see Giants play the Dodgers and an A's game. A dinner show and the poplar Rustlers Roost are some highlights. Day attractions are included along with many other extras.

BROCHURES AND PRICES TO BE AVAILABLE SOON. Save the dates for this trip.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed information and reservation forms for all SIR travel. 209-544-2684 or go online at sirinc2.org/branch144 and print out any of the reservation forms.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Big Sir:	Bill Burchell
Little Sir:	Julius Manrique
Secretary:	Amos Santwier III
Assistant Secretary:	Gerry Veloria 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

Please visit The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



WHAT IS THE Dining Out Club?

The Dining Out Club is for SIR members, single men or married couples, lady friends or SIR widows. We meet once a month to enjoy eating out in various local restaurants. You too will enjoy the company of old friends and make new friends. You will have an enjoyable evening with friendly conversation and laughter and a brief entertaining presentation. Your dinner food choice is made from the restaurant's regular menu, as well as your choice of beverage and dessert. Your check for the meal will be for your own order.

As you can see, our only requirement is that you like to eat, talk and laugh with others and enjoy having a good time.

We would be happy to welcome you as a new member/members, so if you wish to join one of the three groups for 2017, Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

Proposed Locations for Jan./Feb. 2017

2nd TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

January 10th, at Marie Callender's
February 7th, at Marcella's

4th TUES. DINING OUT CLUB

January 24th, at Marcella's
February 28th, at Shangri-La China Bistro

4th THURS. DINING OUT CLUB

January 26th, at Beijing Restaurant
February 23rd, at Mimi's Cafe

Vince, Henry and Norman want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a very Happy 2017 New Year.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Avila	Sam	12/05/35	81
Baker(I)	John	12/22/48	68
Brooks	Pat	12/24/39	77
Brunn	Charles	12/03/31	85
Costa	Joe	12/07/23	93
Davis	Glenn	12/18/34	82
Fairchilds	Don	12/12/29	87
Gardali	Chuck	12/31/35	81
Gonzales	Sam	12/02/38	78
Machado	Joe	12/26/40	76
Moore	Martin	12/17/51	65
Osborn	Joe	12/06/38	78
Richards	Gene	12/14/29	87
Silveira	Bill	12/25/26	90
Sullivan	Don	12/14/41	75
Yockey(I)	Dan	12/17/40	76

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Anderson	Scott	Janice	12/30/74	42
Boyd	Mike	Rayne	12/30/99	17
Brown	Ron	Anita	12/26/59	57
Coffman	Phil	Beverly	12/28/56	60
Galbraith	Biff	Verann	12/19/81	35
Hamiel	Mike	Aloise	12/01/78	38
Kazas	Louie	Cleo	12/10/50	66
Marino	David	Donna	12/26/64	52
Maxwell	Joe	Melissa	12/29/62	54
Moran(I)	Paul	Marie	12/28/84	32
Morrow	Wally	Pat	12/26/45	71
Mountain	Jeff	Sandra	12/05/70	46
Strain	Jerry	Merlyne	12/30/60	56

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



2011 West Virginia University Marching



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Nov. 2016 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 12 November 01 2016

Series: Gary Pattee 722 Gary Pattee 722
Game : Gary Pattee 257 Gary Pattee 257

Week 12 November 08 2016

Series: Larry Sallee 668 Alan White 689
Game : David Brown 254 David Brown 254

Week 14 November 14 2016

Series : Don Reed 718 Don Reed 796
Game : Don Reed 256 Don Reed 282

Week 15 November 22 2016

Series : Gary Pattee 694 Max Padus 717
Game : Gary Pattee 286 Gary Pattee 286

OUR TOURNAMENT IS NOV 3&4 COME BOWL

Come out for our home town tournament.

----- 2017 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

Jan 10 Tuesday Pacific Bowl
Stockton (209) 956-6763
Jan 24&25 Tue&Wed Napa Bowl Napa (707) 257-7537

Feb. 21 Tuesday No Tap Pacific Bowl
Stockton (209) 956-6763
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

Riverbank - Zerillo Park
8 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday (Winter hours 9am)
Contact John Gasper 209 863-9565 or email johngasper47@yahoo.com

Turlock
Crane Park Tuesday evening 5:30 pm
Columbia Park Thursday 9am
Contact: Art Pargament 209 620-8249 or email arthurpargament@icloud.com

Modesto: Coming Soon
Beyer Park
Contact: Jay Pierce 209 602-0901 email jzpierce@sbcglobal.net

December & January Golf



DEC. 5, 9:00AM	DRYDEN \$27.00	CARTS \$15.00
DEC. 12, 9:00 AM	MANTECA \$30.00	CARTS \$15.00
DEC. 19 9:00 AM	CREEKSIDE \$29.00	CARTS \$15.00
JAN. 9 9:00 AM	MANTECA \$30.00	CARTS \$15.00
JAN. 17 9:00 AM	CREEKSIDE \$29.00	CARTS \$15.00

CREEKSIDE JAN. 17 IS ON TUESDAY

JUST A REMINDER THAT MANTECA NOW COSTS \$30.00 & CART FEE'S OF \$15

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT THANKSGIVING, AND DIDN'T EAT TOO MUCH.

BARRY IS BACK DOING THE PAIRINGS AND RESULTS, EVERY THING IS NOW UP TO DATE.

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, MAYBE SANTA WILL BRING SOME NEW GOLF GEAR.

STILL COLLECTING NCGA DUES FOR 2017, \$45.00 FOR RENEWAL, \$55.00 FOR NEW MEMBERS.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE LADIES DAY LUNCHEON, HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE DEC. 15, 2016

Pairings/Results on our website at

[www. Sirinc2.org/area22](http://www.Sirinc2.org/area22)

Confused about how to use SIR — SIR, Inc — SIR's — Sir — Sirs — Sir's — or Sirs' ...many of us are and here are some tips. SIR stands for Sons In Retirement ...if you want to use the corporate title, use SIR, Inc. or Sons In Retirement, Inc. Common Mistakes:

- **SIR is never plural — there is only one Sons In Retirement — so, never write or say SIRS when referring to Sons In Retirement**
- **SIR is always capitalized**
- **There are no periods between the letters**
- **The possessive of SIR is SIR's Some examples:**
- **John is a member of SIR — Not SIRS**
- **SIR's annual meeting is held in August — possessive**
- **Sir Refers to an individual member of SIR Some examples:**
- **Sir John Jones is a member of SIR — Singular**
- **Many Sirs attended the SIR luncheon — Plural**
- **A Sir's son attended a SIR luncheon — Singular Possessive**
- **Some Sirs' wives attend SIR picnics — Plural Possessive**



Henry Solario receives Certificate of Appreciation



Color Guard for Veteran's Day

Calendar of Events



January 28, 2017 Golden Gate Fields

Spring Training March 5-10, 2017

Scottsdale, AZ

April 2-10, 2017 Tulip & Windmill Cruise

Netherlands & Belgium

Program for December 15, 2016

The Entertainment for
Ladies Day:
Common Bond Quartet:

Roy Anderson, Howard Barber,
George Cooper, Greg Kramp

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

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Assistant Secretary:..Gerry Veloria 248-5692
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Assistant Treasurer:..Gene Toschi 402-4242

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Ernie Lewis 523-7387 Patton Brooks 522-6417
Gaylan King 380-9896 Lor Salvi 576-7898
Leonard Davis 524-1526 David Marino 838-2038

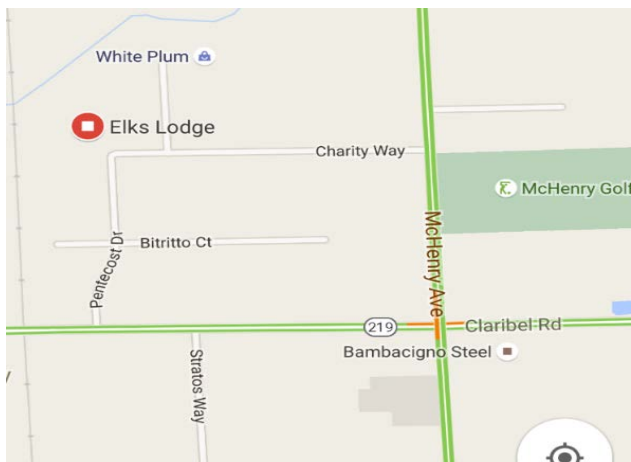
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STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, IncJerry Strain 551-8220
DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Ron Flagel 338-8109
GOVERNOR AREA 22.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

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Travel: Area 22: ..Bill Stires 544-2684
Area 22 Golf Chairman:.. Joe Adams
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475
Assistant:Open
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:.....Open
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471
Chaplain:...Tom Hampson 402-9908
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
Nominating Committee: Sam Graham, Julius Manrique, Gary Williams,
Ted Nagel
Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896
Book Club: Frank Pierson 522-1158, Joe Venturini 524-6577
Accessories:..Sam Graham 552-0960



"Thank you to over 50% of members who have contributed an annual donation of \$24.00 or more in 2016! Over the past three years the "bucket" donations of \$2 per luncheon have been about 45% of total donations (or about 82% of annual donations). Through May of this year "bucket" donations are only one half of the usual. Please consider either doubling your "bucket" donations for the remainder of the year or if you have not contributed an annual donation to make the usual \$24.00 annual donation.

Tom Watson, Treasurer SIR Branch 144"

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks! Gary Nerland has a broken wrist, Wally Morrow's wife is ill, Fred Cassidy has pneumonia.

Please see Jerry Strain's article on the website