

SONS IN RETIREMENT

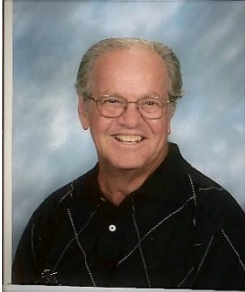
MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



December 2017 Newsletter

Message from Big Sir Gary Williams



Here it is December, the end of the year, and it has gone by way too fast. It is also the holiday season and I want to wish all a very happy and very joyous time. Our December meeting is Ladies Day, and it is always a great meeting, and a special meeting for me as Big Sir, for it is a lot more enjoyable to look out at the assembled crowd and see the faces of beautiful women instead of a bunch of old men. I would like to express my most heartfelt appreciation to the group for the privilege of serving as Big Sir this year. It has been a personal enjoyment and one that has been made easy by the support I have received by so many members who have spent their time and efforts to perform the many tasks necessary to have an outstanding branch. I look forward to the New Year with all its changes and challenges knowing all will run smoothly under the capable hand of the Big Sir Sam Graham.

Respectfully, Big SIR Gary Williams

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

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel
HLM: Jerry Strain & Gary Williams

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NEW MEMBERS



Pictured L-R Julius Manrique, Transfer Manny Simas, (NM)
Anthony Butera

Manny Simas was in the US Army. He enjoys Bowling and Traveling. His wife is Inez.

Anthony Butera was an Educator & Financial Advisor. He enjoys Shooting, Fishing, Hunting, Dancing, Musicals, and Gardening

***Ladies Day tickets need to be purchased by
December 8. Call Edd Santwier @ 605-9638 or
Leonard Davis @ 492-0254. Thank you!***

See important message on Page 6

Meals will cost \$17 starting in January

*\$24 dues are due at the January
luncheon*



Remember if you cannot attend
the luncheons please call ***Gaylan King***
at 380-9896 *(Please see top of page 8)*

SONS IN RETIREMENT
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order, by Big Sir Gary Williams, at 9:30 AM
2. A quorum was established with the following members present: Big Sir, Gary Williams; Little Sir, Sam Graham, Assistant Secretary, Nilos Casiano, Dan Huffstatler, Treasure Tom Watson, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Edd Santwier, and Bob Lewis.
Guests and Committee members present: Julius Manrique, Ted Nagel, Vince Sereno, and Bill Stires.
3. Motion by Pat Brooks, 2nd by Bob Lewis to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED
4. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Tom Watson

Check book balance 10/1/2017.....	\$4,103.42
Total receipts.....	\$1,703.00
Total disbursements.....	\$1,746.06
Total check book balance and Cash 10/31/2017.....	\$4,260.36

Motion by Tom Watson, 2nd by Galen King to accept the Treasurer's Report.
MOTION PASSED
5. A motion was made by Ron Vigus, 2nd by Ed Santwier to approve vouchers in the amount of \$35.88... (Bob Lewis) for newsletter, MOTION PASSED
6. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, which included 1 Inductees: Merle Liebelt. 2 applications: Anthony V. Butera and Manny Simas (vote required) 1 Death: Jerry Hawkins. 2 Request to be Inactive: Dick Lang and Tom Conway. 1 Request Transfer to 103: John Bree.
7. Motion by Gaylan King, 2nd by Edd Santwier to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
8. Brief reports were given from Nominating Committee, Full report at next BEC. Dining Club, all is well. Accessories all well. Bowling all well, and Travel will make announcements at luncheon. Edd Santwier mentioned the rest of this year's speakers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Big Sir Gary Williams began a discussion about the Sonora Training that many BEC members attended and some of the ways other branches use to encourage the goal of full membership attendance and to help curb absenteeism and its impact on our budget. General discussion was held about possible solutions.
2. A suggestion by Big Sir Gary Williams to allow \$150.00 to be used for accessories and entertainment cost at the ladies day event in December.
3. Big Sir made suggestion to spend more time explaining to new members the responsibility of new members to attend luncheons, pay dues and participate in Sir events .
4. A vote was taken and passed on the new luncheon fee to be charged in January 2018 of \$17.00 this includes taxes and will include 2 entrees and two salads.
5. The Vote to allow the signing of the new contract with Seasons passed for the above items listed in line 4...approved by 1st Edd Santwier 2nd Galan King.

The next BEC meeting will be Ladies Day: December 21, 2017 at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Huffstatler Assistant Secretary.

Area 18 Travel

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE
ABOARD
THE REGAL PRINCESS
INCLUDING A PRE-NIGHT STAY IN FT.
LAUDERDALE
January 6-14, 2018
CABINS STILL AVAILABLE
INCLUDES AIRFARE AND ALL
TRANSPORTATION**

Prices: Interior Stateroom \$2500 per person
double occupancy

Balcony \$2750 to \$2800 per person double
occupancy

Mini Suite \$3095 per person double
occupancy

Single prices available upon request

Join your friends and members aboard the
Regal Princess built in 2014 for an exciting and
fun cruise in the Eastern Caribbean. Enjoy a
night in Ft. Lauderdale at the Embassy Suites
before we board the ship for a 7 night cruise.

We will visit the following ports:

Princess Cays; enjoy a private beach party on
the Island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

St. Thomas (Charlotte Amalie) the US Virgin
Islands; enjoy the scenery and some duty free
shopping.

St. Maarten (Phillipsburg); the island has 2 side
a Dutch side and a French side dating back to
the early 17th century.

Plus 3 days of cruising and all the activities on
the Regal Princess.

Must have valid passport up to June 30, 2018

Future Trips:

Sounds and Taste of the South – Memphis,
Nashville and New Orleans – October 24-
November 2, 2018

Panama Canal Cruise – January 31-February
15, 2019

“Chocolate Makes Everything
Better!!!”

Rachel Dunn Chocolate Workshop
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Price: \$169.00 per person including
all transportation and tips.

Come join your friends as we test our
candy making skills at the Rachel
Dunn’s Chocolate Workshop in
Concord. We will be dipping and
decorating a generous and delicious
assortment of confections to take home
along with your own apron. Then we
will experience a very delicious and
generous lunch at the Claim Jumper
Restaurant in Concord. Menu attached
to reservation form.

Call for more information or
reservation forms: 544-2684

Spring Training – March 4- March 9,
2018

Palm Springs to Scottsdale back to
Palm Springs, 2 games, many extra
activities and lots of good shows and
many meals included.

Details to come soon.

Remember Friends, Relatives, and
Neighbors along with SIR members
may join us on all our trips.

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

By Vince Sereno -- 524-9630.

No Dinners in December!

To join a club in 2018, Contact
Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

To all evening Dining Out Club Members.

My special Thanks to all of you for making
the 3 evening Dining Out Clubs very
enjoyable and successful evenings. Working
together with you has been a pleasure.
Thank you very much!

A Thought to Ponder . . .
Some Things that money can't buy!

1. Manners 2. Morals 3. Respect
4. Character 5. Common Sense
6. Trust 7. Patience 8. Class
9. Integrity 10. Love

Jan.-Feb.-March 2018 **Dining Out Club Locations**

(See January Newsletter for Updated Info.)

2nd Tues. Club-- Jan--Shangri - La
Feb--La Parilla March--Olive Garden

4th Tues. Club-- Jan--Marcella's
Feb--Carino's--March--Devine Swine

4th Thurs. Club-- Jan--Marie Callenders
Feb--Marcella's
March--Shangri - La

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Baker(I)	John	12/22/48	69
Brooks	Pat	12/24/39	78
Brunn	Charlie	12/03/31	86
Butera	Anthony	12/05/55	62
Costa(I)	Joe	12/07/23	94
Davis	Glenn	12/18/34	83
Dutton	Peter	12/23/35	82
Fairchilds	Don	12/12/29	88
Gardali	Chuck	12/31/35	82
Gonzales	Sam	12/02/38	79
Machado	Joe	12/26/40	77
Moncure	Michael	12/01/52	65
Moore	Martin	12/17/51	66
Osborn	Billy	12/06/38	79
Richards	Gene	12/14/29	88
Sullivan	Don	12/14/41	76
Yockey(I)	Daniel	12/17/40	77

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name		Spouse	Date	Age
Anderson	Scott	Janice	12/30/74	43
Boyd	Mike	Rayne	12/30/99	18
Brown	Ron	Anita	12/26/59	58
Coffman	Phil	Beverly	12/28/56	61
Fix	Terry	Edna	12/14/91	26
Galbraith	Biff	Verann	12/19/81	36
Hamiel	Mike	Aloise	12/01/78	39
Kazas	Louie	Cleo	12/10/50	67
Marino	David	Donna	12/26/64	53
Maxwell	Joe	Melissa	12/29/62	55
Moran(I)	Paul	Marie	12/28/84	33
Morrow	Wally	Pat	12/26/45	72
Mountain	Jeff	Sandra	12/05/70	47
Strain	Jerry	Merlyne	12/30/60	57



November 2017 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 13 November 7

Series: David Brown 619 Tom Mickelsen 691

Game : Larry Sallee 225 Steve Holly 279

Joe Miceli 225

Week 14 November 14

Series: David Brown 656 Dom Genova 673

Game : David Brown 229 Clark Pearson 246

Larry Sallee 229

Week 15 November 21

Series: Steve Gibson 636 Steve Gibson 765

Game: Jerry Strain 244 Jerry Strain 276

Week 16 November 28

Series: Joe Miceli 632 Joe Miceli 683

John Sherrard 683

Game: John Sherrard 221 Vern Masse 245

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
jzperce@sbcglobal.net

DECEMBER GOLF 2017

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



DEC. 4,,9:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS : \$ 15.00
HOST: 143	\$ 29.00	
DEC. 11 9:00AM	DRYDEN	CARTS : \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 27.00	
DEC. 18 9:00 AM	MANTECA	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 30.00	
JAN. 8 9:00 AM	ATWATER	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$43.00	
JAN. 16, 9:00 AM	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$29.00	
JAN. 22 9:00 AM	MANTECA	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 31.00	

NOTE THE CHANGE IN COST'S FOR 2018

IT'S TIME TO RENEW OR JOIN THE NCGA

THE COST IS \$48.00 TO RENEW, \$58.00 FOR NEW MEMBERS

PAYABLE BY DEC. 31ST, AFTER WHICH TOU CAN ONLY PLAY AS A GUEST

HOPE EVERYONE HAS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WILL HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. IT'S 2018 AND TIME TO PLAY GOLF. THE 2018 SCHEDULE'S ARE OUT PICK ONE UP AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON DEC. 21.

JAY NORRIS BR. 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN 209-606-1475

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM

The committee met at the Old Mill and formulated the following to be submitted to the BEC

1. The details for the Branch to handle dues next year:

- A. Each member is required to pay a dues fee of \$24.00 annually
- B. The dues will be due January 1, 2018 and delinquent if not paid by March 31.
- C. There will be a table at the January luncheon to collect the payments
- D. Members not at the January luncheon should send a check to the Membership/Data Chairman at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto, CA 95356
- E. The newsletter will carry a notice of this requirement in the November, December, and January issues.
- F. Additionally a letter will be sent to all members the First week of January with a notice that dues are payable.
- G. The Membership/Data Chairman will maintain a spreadsheet tracking the payments and non payments of members.
- H. A letter will be sent to all members who have not paid by the end of February notifying them that if not paid March 31., 2018 their membership could be cancelled.
- I. New members will pay a prorated portion based on the number of months.

2. Proposed contract with Season's for 2018:

Proposal "A" \$16,00 cost includes meal, tax, tip and room use:

1 Protein (main dish), 1 Salad (garden). \$25.00 room charge for BEC meeting.

Proposal "B" \$17.00 cost includes meal, tax, tip and room use:

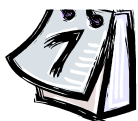
2 Proteins (main dish), plus 2 Salads (Caesar and Garden), no room cost for BEC.

All other provisions of the contract will remain unchanged for the proposal.

We have accepted Proposal "B". The cost of meals will be \$17 Starting in January

Joe Venturini would appreciate that our Members would bring Military books in for the Book Club

Calendar of Events



" A Holiday Celebration"

Reno Overnight Tour

December 7-8, 2017

**Eastern Caribbean Cruise January 6-14 2018
aboard the Regal Princess**

Future Trips:

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**Sounds and Taste of the South – Memphis, Nashville and New
Orleans – October 24-November 2, 2018**

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Program for
December 21, 2017

Singer Rachel Grider
will be performing some
oldies along with
Christmas songs

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
2016 Bill Burchell

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2017

Big Sir:.....Gary Williams 578-3471

Little Sir:.....Edd Santwier III 605-9638

Secretary:.....Jerry Emery 838-1562

Assistant Secretary:.. Dan Huffstatler 691-8028

Treasurer:.....Tom Watson 577-4390

Assistant Treasurer:...Gene Toschi 402-4242

DIRECTORS FOR 2017

Bill Burchell 529-6039

Patton Brooks 522-6417

Gaylan King 380-9896

Dan Huffstatler 691-8028

Ron Vigus 524-1569

Ernie Lewis 523-7387

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ... Jerry Strain 551-8220

STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ..Derek Southern 925-253-1646

DIRECTOR, REGION 8.....Jerry Morrow 586-2979

GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Travel: Area 18: ..Bill Stires 544-2684

Area 18 Golf Chairman:.. Joe Adams

Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475

Assistant:....Gary Hubbard 551-5253

Area 18 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:.....Edd Santwier III: 605-9638

Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387

Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471

Chaplain:...Tom Hampson 402-9908

Dining: Vince Sereno 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607,

Norman Lawrence 551-5081

House: Bill Burchell 529-6039

Attendance:.....Tony Salonga

Sunshine:..... Ted Nagel 869-6304

Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077

Nominating Committee: Sam Graham, Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks

Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896

Book Club:.... Joe Venturini 524-6577

Accessories:..Sam Graham 552-0960

***Jerry Hawkins Celebration of Life will be at 10:30 AM
January 13 at Spring Creek Country Club
(1580 Spring Creek Drive)***

**If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!
Chuck Shoup has a broken femur. Ernie Lewis' brother (my uncle) Ron Lewis passed.**