

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

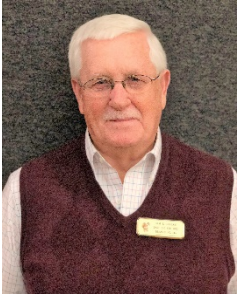
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence  
and dignity of retirement*



February 2018 Newsletter

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### *Message from Big Sir Sam Graham*



It was six years ago in 2012, when I first served as Big SIR for our branch. It was a rewarding experience then and, once again I'm happy to serve as Big SIR in 2018. This year has challenges.....trying to improve on building our membership and, work on a better program for members who don't attend our luncheons. One of the requirement for members is to attend at least five luncheons in a year.

One other item to keep in mind, is our annual dues of \$24 is payable by March 31st. As of our meeting in January, we had 89 members pay the \$24. However, we have 179 members, leaving 90 members that need to pay in order to continue their membership. This is a small amount to pay for a year of membership, and it is necessary for our branch to meet its financial needs.

Thanks to Anthony Butera for Bret Silvera of the Police Activities League, for a well received January program, that was enjoyed by all. Last, but not least, remember our ladies.....it's Valentines Day! It would be nice for a card, maybe even flowers or candy!

See you at our next meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Sam Graham, Big SIR

**Please visit our website at**  
[www.sirinc2.org/branch144](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch144)

**SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel**  
**HLM: Jerry Strain. Gary Williams, and Sam Graham**

## **NEW MEMBERS**



Pictured L-R: Julius Manrique;(Sp) Ed Jackson-(NM) Cecil Brown; (NM) Jerry Thomason-(Sp) Wayne Williams

Cecil was a Cement Contractor. He enjoys Fishing, Boating, Camping, Rock Hounding, Reading, and Jazz Music. His wife is Carolyn.

Jerry was an Engineer. He enjoys Scuba Diving, Gardening, And Reading. His wife is Renate.

**"Members are reminded to pay their \$24.00 Annual Dues at the February 15, 2018 luncheon if they did not pay their Dues in January or earlier. Thank you to the Members who have already paid!"(88 members have paid, 83 have not)**  
---Tom Watson, Treasurer

**SEE IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON PAGE 8 CONCERNING MAILING DUES**

**\$24 dues are due at February luncheon and will be collected next to golf table.**



**Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call Gaylan King at 380-9896**

**SONS IN RETIREMENT  
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES  
January 18, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order, by Big Sir Sam Graham, at 9:35 AM
2. A quorum was established with the following members present: Big Sir, Sam Graham; Little Sir, Chuck Adams, Assistant Secretary Roy Hardison, Assistant Treasurer Nilos Casiano , Secretary Dan Huffstatler, Treasurer Tom Watson, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Ernie Lewis, Edd Santwier, Bob Lewis and Keith Rogers .
3. Guests and Committee members present: Julius Manrique, Ted Nagel, Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Bill Burchell and John Gasper.
4. Motion by Sam Graham to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2017 BEC Minutes.  
MOTION PASSED.
5. Audit for the year 2017 was completed and confirmed by audit committee and no discrepancies found and all receipts matched expenses and were turned in as required. This Audit was approved by Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Roy Hardison 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaylan King.
6. The Treasurer's Report for December was presented by Tom Watson

Check book balance 12/1/2017.....	\$4,652.20
Total receipts.....	\$2,160.00
Total disbursements.....	\$2,541.16
Total check book balance and Cash12/01/2017.....	\$3,791.67

Motion by Julius Manrique, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edd Santwier to accept the Treasurer's Report.  
MOTION PASSED
7. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, which included 2 Inductees: Anthony V. Butera And Manual (Manny) Simas. 2 applications: Jerry R Thomason and Cecil F Brown (vote required)
8. There were four Resignations: Doug Woodson, Flip Bravard, Louis Levin and Ben Cole (vote required) 2 Deaths: Joe Costa and Wally Morrow. 2 Request to be Inactive: Mike Watts and Russ Clark (Vote Required). 1 Request Transfer to 28: Bob Evans (Vote Required).
9. Motion by Tom Watson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gaylan King to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
10. Brief reports from Dining Club, all is well. Accessories all well. Bowling all well, and Golf did not comment at this meeting \*Travel will make announcements at luncheon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Big Sir Sam Graham began a discussion about pickleball and low Sir participation in this event. He recommended it be removed from Sir activities roster so it can be removed from the branch liability insurance coverage because of low Sir participation. Members who still wish to participate in pickleball can be directed to the group who now holds these events.
2. New member/Transfer from Sir103. Anthony Butera volunteered to be program director and help schedule future speakers for Branch 144, this is still under consideration at next meeting.
3. A small discussion about the new annual dues collected from January to March and if they will have an impact on generating a more stable income for the branch. These will be monitored over the next three months to see the effects and participation.
4. Meeting adjourned 10.28 AM

The next BEC meeting will be on February 15th 2018 at 9:30AM.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Huffstatler Secretary.

# Area 18 Travel

## TASTES AND SOUNDS OF THE SOUTH

3 NIGHTS NASHVILLE, 2  
NIGHTS MEMPHIS, 3 NIGHTS  
NEW ORLEANS OCTOBER  
24 – NOVEMBER 2, 2018

PRICE: \$3,595 Discounts available

Day 1 Arrive Nashville for 3 nights

Day 2 Sightseeing, visit RCA's Studio  
8, Country Music Hall, and Johnny Cash  
Museum

Day 3 Leisure and Sightseeing. Visit  
Grand Ole Opry

Day 4 Nashville – Memphis 2 nights  
Beale Street Musician, visit National  
Civil Rights Museum and more.

Day 5 Graceland Excursion

Day 6 Memphis – Natchez Rock 'n'  
Roll museum, tour Natchez, dinner with  
a Four Seasons Chef

Day 7 Natchez – Oak Alley – New  
Orleans 3 nights

Frogmore Plantation and Gin, Oak Alley,  
New Orleans School of Cooking.

Day 8 New Orleans sightseeing

Day 9 New Orleans at Leisure

Day 10 Depart New Orleans and head  
home

All of this plus much, much more.

**Come hear a presentation about the  
trip with a Trafalgar Sales Manager.  
Wednesday, February 21 at 1:30.  
Raleys event center in Turlock on  
Geer Road.**

**Prices include all transportation, all  
gratuities, hand- picked Insider  
Experiences, plus other First Class  
Travel highlights.**

If interested in signing up call 544-2684  
or 988-5445 or email Bill to receive a  
reservation form with more details.

**Save the Dates for Future  
Trips: Information to come!**

Panama Canal Cruise –  
January 31-February 15, 2019

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

## “DINING OUT” CLUBS



### Dining Out Club News

To join one of our clubs, Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

### New for 2018

We have added a 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Evening Dining Out Club. The second meeting will be on Wednesday February 7th at Beijing Restaurant at 5 pm. Contact Vince if you wish to join!

### February Locations

#### **February 7th -- (1<sup>st</sup> Wed. Club)**

***Beijing Restaurant --Arrive by 5 pm  
3848 McHenry Ave. -- Confirm your  
Reservations with Vince at 524-9630***

#### **February 13th -- (2nd Tues. Club)**

***La Parrilla Mexican Arrive by 4:30--4:45 pm.  
1700 McHenry Village #6 -- Confirm YES/NO  
Reservations with Hosts Laurie & Helen  
Salvi at 576-7898 by Tues. February 6th.***

#### **February 27th -- (4th Tues. Club)**

***Carino's Italian Restaurant Arrive by 4:30--  
4:45 pm. Next to Sisk Road in Vintage  
Faire-- Confirm YES/NO Reservations with  
Hosts Pat & Patricia Brooks at 522-6417  
by Tues. February 20th.***

#### **February 22nd --(4th Thurs. Club)**

***Marcella's Mexican Restaurant Arrive by  
4:30--4:45 pm--Corner of Tully Rd. &  
Standiford. Confirm Regrets or new  
Reservations with Host Henry Solario at  
578-5607 No later than Thurs. February  
15th.***

### **March Club Dates & Locations**

***Mar. 7th--1<sup>st</sup> Wed--Velvet Creamery  
Mar. 13th--2nd Tues--Olive Garden  
Mar. 27th--4th Tues-- ? Gervasoni's ? ?  
Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>--4th Thurs--Shangri-La***

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Carrington	Glenn	02/13/52	66
Coffman	Phill	02/26/35	83
Cose	Dave	02/15/40	78
Duncan	Billy	02/01/53	65
Elson(I)	Richard	02/20/29	89
Faulkner	Kent	02/18/42	76
Gentry	Chuck	02/14/54	64
Hall	Wes	02/26/23	95
Kincanon	John	02/06/39	79
Medrano	John	02/18/44	74
Montgomery	Doug	02/04/45	73
Rice	Rod	02/19/38	80
Riddell	Richard	02/08/41	77
Rogers	Keith	02/22/49	69
Sargent	John	02/18/45	73
Solario	Henry	02/07/32	86
Tatting	John.	02/14/29	89
Townsend	Roger	02/13/39	79
Vigil	Vig	02/29/36	82
Yanko	Bob	02/27/34	84

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Binney	Donald	Penny	02/01/68	50
Black	Gary	Judi	02/19/81	37
Conkey	Hal	Lucile	02/11/66	52
Duran	Jim	Anita	02/14/10	8
Green	John	Michelle	02/01/07	11
Hodge	Doug	Margaret	02/02/62	56
Hubbard	Gary	Virginia	02/06/65	53
Offermann	Bob	Margaret	02/11/50	68
Salvi	Lor	Helen	02/12/76	42
Skeen	Tom	Carmen	02/12/83	35



## Feb. 2018 Bowling Report

**High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games**  
**Scratch Games                      Handicap Games**

**Week 21 January 09, 2018**

**Series: Jay Faughn 626                      Jay Faughn 685**  
**Game: John Schamante 232 Steve Holly 262**

**Week 22 January 16, 2018**

**Series : Terry McChesney 602 Terry McChesney 701**  
**Game : Terry McChesney 231 Terry McChesney 264**

**Week 22 January 23, 2018**

**Series: Alan White 701                      Alan White 764**  
**Game : Alan White 256                      Steve Holly 284**

**Week 24 January 30, 2018**

**Series : Marion Roberts 629 Don Sullivan 672**  
**Game : Marion Roberts 238 Marion Roberts 252**

**Come out for our home town tournament.**

**----- 2018 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----**

**Feb 13&14 Tue&Wed Granda Bowl**  
**Livermore (925) 455-8633**

**Feb. 20 Tuesday No Tap Pacific Bowl Stockton**  
**(209) 242-1579**

**Mar 21st Wed Diablo Lanes Concord (925) 935-5510**

**We would like to see some of you attend those events.**

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

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

## Pickleball is no longer a SIR activity.

## Pickleball is still going strong if anyone would like to play.

## See previous newsletters to see where they play.

## FEBRUARY GOLF 2018



<b>MONDAY FEB. 5</b>	PHEASANT RUN	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 143	<b>\$43.00</b>	9:00 AM
<b>MONDAY FEB. 12</b>	THE RESERVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	<b>\$ 51.00</b>	9:00 AM
<b>TUESDAY FEB. 20</b>	MANTECA	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 164	<b>\$31.00</b>	9:00 AM
<b>MONDAY JAN. 26</b>	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 103	<b>\$ 29.00</b>	9:00 AM
<b>MONDAY MAR. 5</b>	ATWATER	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 143	<b>\$ 43.00</b>	9:00 AM
<b>MONDAY MAR. 12</b>	CREEKSIDE (MP)	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	<b>\$29.00</b>	9:00 AM

**NOTE THE CHANGE IN COST'S FOR 2018**

## THE PRIZE FUND IS NOW \$9.00

. BARRY IS BACK ON THE JOB. HE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO WORK TWO DAYS A WEEK, THEREFORE THE ONLY PAIRINGS REQUEST HE WILL USE WILL BE THE SIGN- UP SHEETS FROM OUR MEETINGS. ANYONE WHO SIGNS UP AFTER THE MEETING WILL BE PLACED WHERE THERE IS ROOM. THE PAIRINGS WILL BE DONE ON FRIDAY.THERE WILL NOT BE ANY CHANGES AFTER THAT.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS FEB. 15,2018

HOPE EVERYONE HAS A NICE VALENTINES DAY.

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

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"MEN ENJOYING ACTIVE RETIREMENT"



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Officers and Directors sworn in on December 19, 2017 for 2018 are L-R: Gary Williams, Roy Hardison, Keith Rogers, Sam Graham, Edd Santwier, Nilo Casiano, Bill Burchell, and Patton Brooks

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

## Calendar of Events



TASTES AND SOUNDS OF THE  
SOUTH  
3 NIGHTS NASHVILLE, 2 NIGHTS  
MEMPHIS, 3 NIGHTS NEW  
ORLEANS OCTOBER 24 –  
NOVEMBER 2, 2018

Future Trips:

Panama Canal Cruise – January 31-February 15,  
2019

**Program for  
February 15, 2018**

**Speaker will be David L.  
Gallagher: He is a  
docent at the CA State  
Railroad Museum in  
Sacramento**

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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  
2015 Patton Brooks  
2016 Bill Burchell  
2017 Gary Williams

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## Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

### OFFICERS FOR 2018

**Big Sir:**.....Sam Graham 552-0960  
**Little Sir:**.....Chuck Adams 883-2965  
**Secretary:**.....Dan Huffstatler 691-8028  
**Assistant Secretary:**.....Roy Hardison 575-4667  
**Treasurer:**.....Tom Watson 577-4390  
**Assistant Treasurer:**.....Nilo Casiano 324-5926

### DIRECTORS FOR 2018

Bill Burchell 529-6039                  Patton Brooks 522-6417  
Gaylan King 380-9896                Keith Rogers 527-2639  
Edd Santwier 605-9638                Gary Williams 578-3471

### STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ... Derek Southern 925-253-1646  
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ..Ed Benson 925-943-7011  
DIRECTOR, REGION 2.....Jerry Morrow 586-2979  
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Rick Kindle 652-8608

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### RAMP

**Recruitment:**.....Jerry Emery 838-1562

**Activities:**.....Open

**Member Relations:**....Gary Williams 578-3471

**Publicity/Relations:**...Sam Graham 552-0960

**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

**Programs:** Anthony Butera 985-3473

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

**Attendance:**.....Tony Salonga

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

**Assistant:** Julius Manrique 576-1077

**Nominating Committee:** Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks & Bill Burchell

**Membership:**.. Gaylan King 380-9896

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

**MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON NEED TO SEND A CHECK FOR  
\$24 PAYABLE TO *SIR BRANCH 144*. SEND THE CHECK TO:  
SIR BRANCH 144  
3549 FAWNDALE DRIVE  
MODESTO, CA 95356**

**If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Ted Nagel (869-6304) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!  
Wally Morrow passed. Viola, wife of Marion Zoodsma passed**