

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

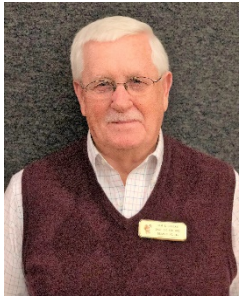
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and dignity of retirement*



March 2018 Newsletter

Volume 03-2018

Message from Big Sir Sam Graham



The message that requires the most urgency is "DUES for 2018". A letter will be mailed or emailed **March 1st** to all members that have yet to pay their DUES. This **March 15th** meeting, will be a good time to pay, otherwise you have till **March 31st** to pay the \$24.00 in order to

continue your membership with SIR. As of our last meeting in February, approximately 116 members have paid, leaving 59 members yet to pay. Thanks to Julius Manrique for providing our program for our February meeting, of David Gallagher, Docent for the Sacramento Railroad Museum, it was well received by all. Our Ladies Day tickets will be available at our March and April meeting...see Edd Santwier or Leonard Davis. For all you men that don't come with a lady, we will have a separate table set up so you may join other members, so we encourage you to buy a ticket and join us as we have a wonderful program. One thing I didn't bring up, and meant to, was to thank John Gasper and Ed Tabacco for performing our annual audit for the branch. It's volunteering such as this that makes our branch GREAT! Another item that needs to be brought up, is that Bob Lewis was complimented with a letter from our State President, Derek Southern to Branch #144, on how well organized and how he enjoyed the content of our newsletter.....Congratulations Bob!!.....Bob puts in a lot of time each month gathering all the data. Don't forget St. Patrick's!

Big SIR, Sam Graham

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

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

NEW MEMBERS



Pictured L-R: Jim Toepfer(NM)-Andre Dodd(Sp); Bruce Fetzer(NM)-John Kincanon(Sp); Tom McNett MD(NM)-Bill Burchell(Sp); Chuck Adams

Jim Toepfer was a Science Teacher and High School Counselor. He enjoys Singing. Hiking, creating stuff in his shop. His wife is Joan.

Bruce Fetzer was a Mail Carrier. He enjoys Golf, Bowling, and Fishing. His wife is Debbie.

Tom McNett was a Physician. He enjoys Antique Western Toys (cap guns, etc), Pheasant/Dove Hunting, Skiing, Enjoying his Son (who has Cerebral Palsy), and Teaching thru Great Valley Museum. His wife is Elizabeth.

LADIES DAY TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE MARCH & APRIL LUNCHEONS. SEE LEONARD DAVIS OR EDD SANTWIER.

SEE IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON PAGE 8 CONCERNING MAILING DUES

\$24 dues are due at March 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
February 15, 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, Secretary Dan Huffstatler, Treasure Tom Watson, Assistant Secretary Roy Hardison Assistant Treasure Nilo Casiano, Directors Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Bill Burchell, and Keith Rogers. Guests and Committee members present: Julius Manrique, Ted Nagel, Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Michael Mensinger, and Bob Lewis.
3. Motion by Sam Graham to approve the minutes of the January18, 2018 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED.
4. The Treasurer's Report for December was presented by Tom Watson

Check book balance 01/31/2018.....	\$4,981.83
Total receipts.....	\$3,825.00
Total disbursements.....	\$2,434.84
Total check book balance and Cash 01/31/2018.....	\$5,181.83

Motion by Keith Rogers, 2nd by Gaylan King to accept the Treasurer's Report.
MOTION PASSED
5. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, which included 2 Inductees: Jerry R. Thomason
6. And Cecil F.Brown. 3 applications: Bruce N. Fetzer, Thomas (Tom) McNett and James (Jim) D. Toepfer (vote required)
7. There one request to be active Paul Moran. 2 Deaths: Will Boepple and Joe Lucas. 2 Request to be Inactive: Bud Lewis and Manual (Manny) Simas. (Vote Required). 2 resignations John Bates and Clayton Johnson (Vote Required).
8. Motion by Tom Watson, 2nd by Gaylan King to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
9. 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

Member Chuck Adams officially sworn in as Little Sir and Dan Huffstatler as Secretary.

Big Sir Sam Graham began a discussion about membership fees collected... as of present totaling approximately 50% of total membership. BEC recommended letters be sent out to unpaid members on March 1st to allow them to pay by March 31st or become inactive or dropped from Sirs 144. Motion Voted...Motion Passed..1st Chuck Adams 2nd Gaylan King.

State President ask for a roster of membership for branch 144 and was agreed to by BEC.

New member Anthony Butera was confirmed as new appointed program director and will help schedule future speakers for Branch 144.

BEC expressed appreciation with a thank you to guest Mike Mensinger for his help in making up certificates for new members.

Meeting adjourned 10.28 AM

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

Respectfully submitted by Dan Huffstatler, Secretary.

Area 18 Travel



Come enjoy a Day at the Races with friends and fellow SIR members while enjoying a great buffet lunch in the Turf Club! We are off to Golden Gate Fields.

May 12, 2018 - Saturday

Price: \$118.00 Per Person

Minimum of 30 passengers needed by April 5, 2018 or the trip will be cancelled

Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing. Afterwards, board the coach for our return ride home to Modesto / Turlock.

Turf Club Dress Code: All guests are requested to dress in smart casual style. Stylish festival hats and stylish casual footwear including tennis shoes are welcomed. Sweat pants, T-Shirts, baseball hats, flip flops, shorts of any style and tank tops **are not allowed.** Golden Gate Fields reserves the right to deny access into the Turf Club if wearing inappropriate attire.

TASTES AND SOUNDS OF THE SOUTH
3 NIGHTS NASHVILLE, 2 NIGHTS MEMPHIS, 1 NIGHT NATCHEZ, 3 NIGHTS NEW ORLEANS
OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 2, 2018
PRICE: \$3,595 per person

Discounts:

Returning Trafalgar passenger \$100.00 per person

Veteran \$75.00

Make payments with check \$100.00 per person

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.

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



If interested in signing up call Bill at 544-2684 receive a reservation form with more details.

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

New for 2018

We have added a 1st Wednesday Evening Dining Out Club. The 4th meeting will be on Wednesday April 4th at Olive Garden Restaurant at 5 pm. We are accepting new members, in each of the 4 groups.

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

March Locations

March 7th -- (1st Wed. Club)

Velvet Grill & Creamery --Arrive by 5 pm. 2204 McHenry Ave. -- Confirm your Reservations with Hosts Gaylan & Cathey King at 380-9896

March 13th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

Olive Garden Arrive by 4:45--5 pm. 2200 Plaza Parkway Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Don & Penny Binney at 576-1059 by Tues. March 6.

March 27th -- (4th Tues. Club)

Gervasoni's Restaurant Arrive by 4:45--5 pm. 5801 McHenry Corner of McHenry & St. Francis.-- Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Gary Chalk & Barbara Baer at 521-0817 by Tues. March 20th.

March 22nd --(4th Thurs. Club)

Shrangri-La China Bistro Arrive by 4:45--5 pm -1300 McHenry Ave. (Just South of Pep Boys.) Confirm Regrets or new Reservations with Host C. K. Gottschalk at 846-0415 No later than Thurs. March 15th.

April Club Dates & Locations

April 4th—1st Wed—Olive Garden
 April 10th--2nd Tues—Mimi's Cafe
 April 24th--4th Tues— Shangri-La
 April 26th--4th Thurs—Velvet Creamery

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Bohling	John	03/30/44	74
Bree	John	03/12/32	86
Brown	Jack	03/06/40	78
Casiano	Nilo	03/04/42	76
Dodd	Andre	03/25/42	76
Hollander	Tom	03/16/50	68
Norris	Jay	03/18/46	72
Peck	Russ	03/31/28	90
Scoble	Tony	03/28/34	84
Sheaffer	Chuck	03/17/49	69
Sherman	Fred	03/22/33	85
Shoup	Chuck	03/13/39	79
Venturini	Joe	03/10/30	88
Weiss	Tom	03/29/38	80

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Brown	Jack	Jackie	03/02/58 60
Carvalcho(I)	John	Nancy	03/21/67 51
Duncan	Billy	Elizabeth	03/18/05 13
Fetzer	Bruce	Debbie	03/30/01 17
Gonzales	Sam	Nina	03/31/07 11
Masciorini	Walter	Ann	03/03/56 62
Oehrlein	Ken	Sochi	03/14/64 54
Rice	Rod	Allegría	03/18/60 58
Sargent	John	Shirley	03/22/03 15

CONGRATULATIONS



March 2018 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games
Scratch Games Handicap Games
Week 25 February 6, 2018

Series: Marion Roberts 619 Joe Bradley 672
Game: Joe Bradley 267 Joe Bradley 292

Week 26 February 13, 2018

Series : David Brown 629 Jerry Strain 692
Game : John Sherrard 264 John Sherrard 284

Week 27 February 20, 2018

Series: Larry Sallee 666 Larry Sallee 711
Game : Alan White 237 Murle Webb 262
 Larry Sallee 237 Jerry Strain 262

Week 24 February 27, 2018

Series : David Brown 662 Tom Mickelson 686
Game : David Brown 236 Don Binney 254

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

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

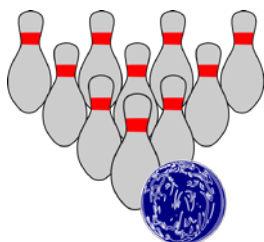
We would like to see some of you attend those events.

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

vn03@sbcglobal.net

Any bowlers interested in joining SIR league, we meet at McHenry Bowl in Modesto 1:00 PM on Tuesdays. We would appreciate all bowlers to come and check it out. It's fun, and we have a good time.

Thank you



MARCH GOLF 2018



MONDAY MAR. 5,	ATWATER	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 1143	\$ 43.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAR.12	CREEKSIDE M/P	CARTS : \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 29.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAR.19	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAR.26	SWENSON PARK	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 27.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY APR.2	DIABLO GRANDE	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY APR. 9	MANTECA (MP)	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$44.00	9:00 AM

NOTE THE CHANGE IN COST'S FOR 2018

THE PRIZE FUND IS NOW \$9.00

THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF CHANGES SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

MANTECA HAS CHANGED IT'S CART POLICY. CARTS ARE NO LONGER AN OPTION. THE NEW COST WILL BE \$44.00 INCLUDING CART THIS GOES INTO EFFECT ON MARCH 19.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 15, 2018

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

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM

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"MEN ENJOYING ACTIVE RETIREMENT"



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"116 Members have paid Annual Dues of \$24. Thank you for your payment! That is about 2/3 of total active members (174). Only one month/luncheon is left to pay to Gary Williams to be timely for the remaining 59 Members! ALSO...we missed meeting the minimum lunch count of 101 with only 96 attending the luncheon in February. The 5 "non-eaten" lunches paid to Seasons "eat into" Members Annual Dues along with the usual State Assessment that increased to \$6 per Active Member per year, Entertainment for Ladies' Day Luncheons, Ability to provide "free lunches" to reward Members who bring in new members & birthday lunches, etc. Each Member MUST attend 5 of the 10 "regular" (non-Ladies' Day) monthly lunches each calendar year. Come enjoy great fellowship and good food and maybe learn something new by attending each and every lunch!"

submitted by
Tom Watson, Treasurer
SIR Branch #144

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

Calendar of Events



**GOLDEN GATE FIELDS (HORSE RACING)
MAY 12, 2018 (SATURDAY)**

**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 March 15, 2018

Speaker will be Don Davis
He is the Superintendent of the
Waterford Unified School District.
He will speak on current issues in
education, including
underperformance of male
students.

Also transforming lowest
performing school in the county to
the highest performing school in 7
counties.

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

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
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**

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

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

Will Boepple and Joe Lucas passed.