

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

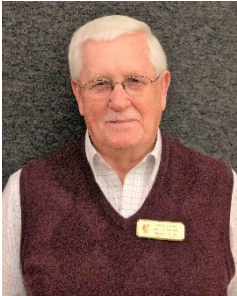
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



April 2018 Newsletter

Volume 04-2018

Message from Big Sir Sam Graham



I hope you agree with me that The Seasons put on a very good Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch at our March meeting. We're still working with The Seasons to get an accurate count for members attending our luncheons. This is important, as we don't want to pay for lunches for those that don't

show. I hope that if you know someone not attending our luncheons, because they have no transportation, that you would let us know so we could arrange a ride. I believe most of us found our program with Don Davis of the Waterford Unified School District, enjoyable and informative. For our April program, we will have Dr. Victor Chen MD, MPH of Medical Ambassadors International.

I for one, find that to really enjoy SIR, volunteering to help the branch takes very little of your time. Some examples: come in around 9 am to help set up books and accessories, offer to help at the badge table, help set up a new activity or serve on a committee and also we have openings for officers in our branch for 2019. I would like to thank Don Binney for volunteering to be our Assistant Treasurer starting June of this year.....this really helps! We do have a number of members that are glad to help.....we just need more! Two things to remember. If you haven't paid your dues, it's not too late...we would like to see you stay an active member. Next, don't forget to buy your Ladies Day tickets at the April meeting. Enjoy the meeting!

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: Little SIR Chuck Adams; (NM) Jack O'Brian-(Sp) Jerry Emery; (NM) Tom Hollander-(Sp) Bob Yanko

Jack O'Brian was a Financial Advisor. He enjoys Golf, Travel, Church, and Bowling. His wife is Ardyth.

Tom Hollander was a Purchasing Agent at E&J Gallo Winery. He enjoys Golf and Gardening. His wife is Shaarn

LADIES DAY TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE APRIL LUNCHEON. SEE LEONARD DAVIS OR EDD SANTWIER. CALL LEONARD (916-531-5644) OR EDD (605-9638) BY MAY 3RD IF NECESSARY. THANK YOU!



Remember if you cannot attend the luncheons please call [Gaylan King](tel:380-9896) at 380-9896

**SONS IN RETIREMENT
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order, by Big Sir Sam Graham, at 9:32 AM
2. A quorum was established with the following members present: Big Sir, Sam Graham; Secretary Dan Huffstatler, Treasure Tom Watson, Assistant Secretary Roy Hardison, Directors Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Bill Burchell, and Keith Rogers.
Guests and Committee members present: Ted Nagel, Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Bob Lewis
3. Motion by Sam Graham to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2018 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED.
4. The Treasurer's Report for December was presented by Tom Watson

Check book balance 02/01/2018.....	\$4,981.83
Total receipts.....	\$2,264.00
Total disbursements.....	\$1,804.69
Total check book balance and Cash 02/28/2018.....	\$5,641.14

Motion by Gaylan King 2nd by Pat Brooks to accept the Treasurer's Report.
MOTION PASSED
5. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, which included 3 Inductees: Bruce N. Fetzer, Thomas (Tom) McNett MD and James (Jim) D.Toepfer. 2 applications: Tom C. Hollander and Jack J. O'Brien (vote required)
6. 1 Request to be Inactive: Ron Brown (Vote Required). 4 resignations Clayton Johnson, Robert Raspo, Russell Clark and Donald Harris (Vote Required).
7. Motion by Roy Hardison, 2nd by Gaylan King to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
8. 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

Discussions About new officers for 2019

Volunteers Welcome to become officers for 2019. Please ask big Sir if interested in becoming an officer for 2019.

Big Sir Sam Graham began a discussion about talks with seasons on number of minimum meals to be guaranteed that Sirs will have to pay for.

Ladies Day entertainment discussed with Big Sir having a group selected.

Discussion about having some sort of memorandum for deceased members

Meeting adjourned 10.15 AM

The next BEC meeting will be on April 19th 2018 at 9:30AM.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Huffstatler Secretary.

Area 18 Travel



May 12, 2018 - Saturday
Price: \$118.00 Per Person
Minimum of 30 passengers needed by
April 5, 2018 or the trip will be
cancelled.

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.

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

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

Discounts:

Returning Trafalgar passenger \$100.00
per person

Veteran \$75.00

Make payments with check \$100.00
per person

**SIR Area 18 & Friends Presents
A Fun Day at the
Oakland Zoo!!!**

June 19, 2018 - Tuesday

PRICE: \$95.00 Per Person

**Minimum of 30 passengers needed by
May 16, 2018 or the trip will be cancelled.**

**The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be
traveling to Oakland Zoo, also known as
the Knowland Zoo. Located on over 100-
acres. It is home for 700 animals and most
of the animals are kept in relatively
“natural” habitats. You will be able
explore on your own. The Gondola is
included in the admission, plus you will
have tickets for the “Down Under”
experience on the Outback Express
Adventure Train. Afterwards, board the
coach for our return ride home to
Modesto / Turlock.**



Future trips:

Oberammergau, Germany for the Passion
Play (only performed once every 10 years)

August 29-Sept. 9, 2020

**If interested in any trips call Bill at 544-
2684 to receive a reservation form with
more details.**

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"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

To join one of our 4 Evening Dining Out Clubs, which allows you to socialize with friends, make new friends, talk, laugh, enjoy foods from different restaurants, & have a great time, **Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630.**

April Locations

April 4th -- (1st Wed. Club)

Olive Garden --Arrive by 5 pm.

2200 Plaza Parkway Confirm your Regrets or NEW Reservations with Hosts Bernie Fairfield & Sharon Wolinski at 262-8128

April 10th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

Mimi's Café Arrive by 4:45-5 pm. 3401

Dale Road. Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations with Hosts Joe & Mary Miceli (527-5818) by Tues. April 3rd.

April 24th -- (4th Tues. Club)

Shangri-La China Bistro Arrive by 4:45 -5 pm. 1300 McHenry Ave. (Just South of Pep Boys.) Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations with Host Biff Galbraith (575-2724) by Tues. April 17th.

April 26th --(4th Thurs. Club)

George's Steakhouse Arrive by 4:45—5 pm -1001 Kansas Ave. (SW Corner of Kansas/Emerald) Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations with Hosts Bill & Mary Stires (544-2684) by Thurs. April 19th.

May Club Dates & Locations

May 2nd—1st Wed—Papapavlov's

May 8th--2nd Tues—George's Steakhouse

May 22nd--4th Tues—Crawfish Noodle & Grill

May 24th--4th Thurs—Velvet Creamery

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Brey	Jack	04/16/27	91
Fairfield	Bernie	04/09/48	70
Gasper	John	04/16/47	71
Hubbard	Gary	04/14/46	72
King	Gaylan	04/25/46	72
Manrique	Julius	04/08/32	86
Nerland	Gary	04/03/37	81
Wright	Joe	04/04/28	90



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Altadonna	Louis	Emilia	04/11/47	71
Brey	Elmer	Norma	04/02/11	7
Contreras	Don	Dee	04/12/59	59
Davis	Glenn	Jo Anne	04/09/60	58
Eastwood	Jim	Chris	04/17/71	47
Faulkner	Kent	Truda	04/01/78	40
McNett	Thomas	Elizabeth	04/05/81	37
Osborn	Billy	Judy	04/27/69	49
Thomason	Jerry	Renate	04/20/74	71
Williams	Gary	Susan	04/10/96	22





April 2018 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games
Scratch Games Handicap Games
Week 29 February 27, 2018

Series: David Brown 641 Marvin VanMiddeldorp 671
Game: Marvin V. 235 Marvin V. 272

Week 30 March 6, 2018

Series : Larry Sallee 626 Steve Holly 708
Game : Joe Miceli 233 Steve Holly 276

Week 31 March 13, 2018

Series: Joe Miceli 625 Fred Sherman 705
Jerry Strain 705
Game : Jay Faughn 236 Jerry Strain 262

Week 32 March 20, 2018

Series : Jerry Strain 664 Jerry Strain 742
Game : Joe Miceli 259 Tony Lopez 278

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

April 28-29 Gold Country Lanes—Sutter Creek
(209) 560-3038

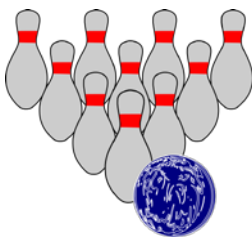
May 15-16 Fireside Lanes—Citrus Heights
(916) 635-6148

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

vnr03@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. New season starts August 14

Thank you



APRIL GOLF 2018



MONDAY APR. 2	DIABLO GRANDE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY APR. 9	MANTECA M/P	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$ 44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY APR. 16	MICKE GROVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$34.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY APR. 23	DRYDEN	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 28.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY APR. 30	CREEKSIDE M/P	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 143	\$ 29.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAY 7	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$44.00	8:00 AM

NOTE THE CHANGE IN COST'S FOR 2018

THE PRIZE FUND IS NOW \$9.00

**THE TEE TIME CHANGES
MAY 7 TO 8:00AM**

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

THE BEST BALL TURNAMENT WILL BE JUNE 11 AT MANTECA

IF YOU WANT TO SET UP A TEAM JUST LET ME KNOW. REMEMBER ONE PLAYER FROM EACH A,B,C,D, HANDICAP

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

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

SIRGOLFER144@GMAIL.COM

Panama Canal Cruise on the Coral Princess

January 30 to February 15, 2019

Princess Cruises has a "Come Back New" sale offering free Pre-Paid Gratuities (up to \$217.00 per person) and reduced deposit of \$200.00 if bookings are made by May 2, 2018.

Prices: Interior C \$3525 per person
Ocean OC \$3975 per person
Balcony BB \$4550 per person
Mini-Suite MD \$4550 per person

Cabin Categories are limited and booked on first come first basis.

Prices include all transportation, transfers, hotel, Port Taxes and more.

Make all payment with Checks and receive \$100 discount per person

Other discounts available

Ports of call: Day 1 Pre-Cruise Night in Fort Lauderdale

Day 2-3-4 Board the Coral Princess and 2 days at sea

Day 5 Cartagena, Colombia

Day 6 Cruise the Panal Canal

Day 7 Fuerte Amador

Day 8 At Sea

Day 9 Puntarenas, Costa Rica

Day 10 San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua

Day 11-13 At Sea

Day 14 Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

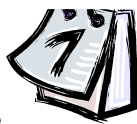
Day 15-16 At Sea

Day 17 Arrive in San Francisco for the trip home

Fly to Fort Lauderdale and sail back to San Fancisco.

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)**

**A FUN DAY AT THE OAKLAND ZOO JUNE 19, 2018
(TUESDAY)**

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

PANAMA CANAL JANUARY 30- FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Future Dates: Oberammergau, Germany for the
Passion Play (only performed once every 10 years)
August 29-Sept. 9, 2020

Program for April 19, 2018

Speaker will be Dr. Victor Chen
of Medical Ambassadors
International who will speak on
the organization. They build
relationships with the world's
most vulnerable people &
together work to heal
communities both physically &
spiritually.

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



Westley Hall(L) receives Super Senior
SIR President's Award from Big SIR
Sam Graham

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!
Joe Venturini had an operation and is recovering.