

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

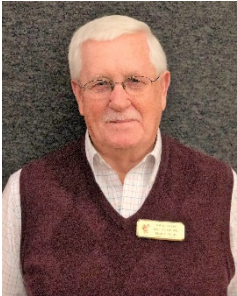
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



May 2018 Newsletter

Volume 05-2018

Message from Big Sir Sam Graham



The month of May has many occasions to celebrate.....Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, to name a few. So that is one reason why we have a special day for our Ladies! What a pleasant change to our regular meeting (no offense

gentlemen), to glance out over our audience to see very attractive ladies in our presence. Our entertainment will be "All Strings Considered". The group includes Vern Masse, a member of our branch. The group is made up of nine musicians, and will sing many familiar tunes. They will join us for lunch. Once again, congratulations to Russ Peck, receiving the State Senior Award (reaching the age of 90) and Wes Hall the State Super Senior Award (reaching the age of 95). Both men are very active in Branch #144.

Thanks again to Chuck Adams for filling in for Little Sir the past 4 months. We welcome into the Little Sir position, Anthony Butera.....thanks Anthony. Volunteers are a vital part of belonging to SIR, we cannot continue without your involvement.....so please step-up, and offer to help anyway you can.

Another reminder, if you are unable to make lunch, you need to call Gaylan King @ 380-9896....this will help us get an accurate count of those attending.

Respectfully,

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

AWARD



Russ Peck receives Senior SIR President's Award from Big SIR Sam Graham. Congratulations Russ.

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

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



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

**SONS IN RETIREMENT
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 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, 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 Gary Williams: Guests and Committee members present: Ted Nagel, Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Julius Manrique, Bob Lewis and Jerry Emery.
3. Motion by Sam Graham to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED.
4. The Treasurer's Report for December was presented by Tom Watson

Check book balance 03/01/2018.....	\$5,441.14
Total receipts.....	\$2,160.00
Total disbursements.....	\$1,966.52
Total check book balance and Cash 03/31/2018.....	\$5,834.62

Motion by Chuck Adams 2nd by Galan King to accept the Treasurer's Report.
MOTION PASSED
5. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, which included 2 Inductees: Tom C. Hollander and Jack J. O'Brien. 2 applications: Harold R. DeArmond and Bob Gotelli (vote required)
6. 4 Request to be Inactive: Fred Cassidy, Tony Aragon, Dale Farley and Joe Wright (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.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations from new committee on how to improve luncheon attendance and ways suggested for those not able to attend next luncheon. To call or notify Sirs in advance ..so as not to pay Seasons for meals not attended. Matter is still under discussion for future BEC meetings.

Recommended dropping members that have not met minimum meetings and have not paid dues. A letter will be sent to these members stating they will be dropped if minimums are not being met and dues are not made current.

Meeting adjourned 10.20 AM

Because of Ladies Day The time of the next BEC meeting will be determined on May 17th 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Huffstatler Secretary.

Area 18 Travel

WAIT LIST

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**



Future trips:

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

August 29-Sept. 9, 2020

SIR Area 18 & Friends Present

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.



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

Thank you to all Dining Out Club members. Your help in making advance reservations or regrets allows me to provide our restaurant location with an accurate count. And . . . We don't have wait for no shows. **Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630, if you would like to join us for a fun evening.**

May -- June Locations

May 8th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

George's Steakhouse Arrive by 4:45—5 pm
-1001 Kansas Ave. (Corner of Kansas/Emerald) Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations with Hosts Joe & Diane Venturini (524-6577) A.S.A.P.

May 22nd -- (4th Tues. Club)

Crawfish Noodle & Grill Arrive by 4:45 -5 pm. 2312 McHenry Ave. (Just North of McDonald's.) Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations with Host Linda Johnson (552-8844) by Tues. May 15th.

May 24th --(4th Thurs. Club)

Velvet Creamery Arrive by 4:45—5 pm
2204 McHenry (Next to McDonald's) Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations with Hosts Julius & Barbara Manrique at (576-1077) by Thurs. May 17th

June 6th -- (1st Wed. Club)

Modesto Sukiyaki --Arrive by 5 pm.
3507 Tully Road NW Corner of Tully & Standiford (Frontier Town) Confirm your Regrets or NEW Reservations with Hosts Vince & Kathy Sereno 524-9630 by Wed. May 30th

June Dinner Dates & Locations

June 6th—1st Wed—Modesto Sukiyaki
June 12th--2nd Tues—Marcella's
June 26th--4th Tues— Velvet Creamery
June 28th--4th Thurs— Mimi's Cafe

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Aragon	Tony	05/01/29	89
Brown(I)	Ron	05/19/42	76
Burroughs	Doug	05/03/52	66
Cardoza	Bill	05/14/49	69
Eubank	Eubie	05/26/49	69
Fix	Terry	05/10/36	82
Gottschalk	C. K.	05/27/37	81
Hardison	Brad	05/16/53	65
Long	Herb	05/29/34	84
Santwier III	Amos	05/23/44	74
Schamante	John	05/28/47	71
Watson	Tom	05/19/57	61



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Baker(I)	John	Debbie	05/05/90 28
Bartels	Lonnie	Elaine	05/17/69 49
Casiano	Nilo	Rachel	05/20/67 51
Gasper	John	Teddie	05/31/69 49
Gotelli	Robert	Dee	05/03/81 37
Jackson	Ed	Lynda	05/17/91 27
Lombardi	Lou	Judith	05/24/80 38
Masse	Vern	Ruth	05/13/84 34
Norris	Jay	Kathy	05/05/01 17
Sullivan	Don	Robin	05/05/84 34





April 2018 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games
Scratch Games Handicap Games
Week 33 March 27, 2018

Series: Larry Sallee 626 Pinky Martin 717
Game: John Schamante 252 Pinky Martin 280

Week 34 April 3, 2018

Series : David Brown 604 Tony Ferro 687
Game : Manny Simas 241 Jerry Strain 261

Week 35 April 10, 2018

Congratulations to Odd Squad- Ernie Lewis, Tony Scoble, Steve Holly & Bob Lewis won the League 2017-2018 season.

Runner up was Wes's Rascles- Gene Cox, Larry Maxfield, Wes Rash & Alan White.

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

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

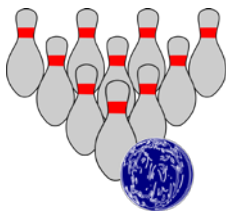
June 6-7 Paddock Lanes---Pacheco (707) 745-3475

June 19-20 Tall Pines Entertainment Center
Paradise (530) 413-9373

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. New season starts August 14, meet at 12 PM. Thank you



MAY GOLF 2018



MONDAY MAY 7	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$ 44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY MAY 14	DRYDEN	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 164	\$ 28.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY MAY 21	CREEKSIDE M/P	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$29.00	8:00 AM
TUESDAY MAY 29	ELKHORN	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY JUNE 4	DRYDEN	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 28.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY JUNE 11	MANTECA (TS)	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$44.00	8:00 AM

NOTE THE CHANGE IN COSTS FOR 2018

THE PRIZE FUND IS NOW \$9.00

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

THE BEST BALL TOURNAMENT 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

WE STILL NEED SOMEONE TO HELP DO THE GOLF
AUDIT

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP EVEN IF
THEY ARE IN ANOTHER BRANCH LET ME KNOW.
THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE!!

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 \$4975 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

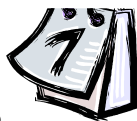
Other discounts available

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 Panama 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 Francisco.

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

Calendar of Events



**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 (THERE IS A WAIT LIST FOR THIS TRIP)**

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 May 17, 2018
Ladies Day
The Entertainment will be
"All Strings Considered"
Thanks to Vern Masse



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:.....Anthony Butera 985-3473
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



Rooster from Kauai, HI

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