

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

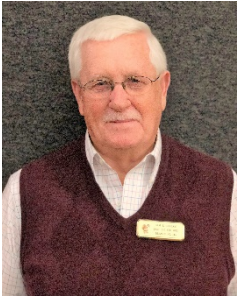
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



August 2018 Newsletter

Volume 08-2018

Message from Big Sir Sam Graham



August is a hot month, but July with its + 100 degree weather has more than prepared us to handle whatever comes our way. August is also the month we vote to select our Branch Officers for 2019, and those nominated will be presented at our August meeting. We are still looking to fill

these positions: Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and a few Directors positions. These Officers and Directors are vital to running a smooth Branch 144 into the coming year!

It was encouraging to see six members attend our short informative volunteer meeting after the luncheon. We feel they are somewhat more informed of how our branch Executive Committee operates, and also some show an interest by considering one of the positions that need to be filled. Along with this, we need to let our members know that they are invited and encouraged to attend any Branch Executive meeting. The meeting is held at 9:30 each morning prior to our luncheon meeting in and adjacent room off the lobby. Hope to see you there!

We have some very well run activities in our Branch and, one comes to mind. Our Dining Out Club, is administered by Vince Sereno and some dedicated Hosts. With four Dine Out groups of 20+ attendees each, they have set the example of what it takes to attract so many members to one activity (and most of all, it includes the ladies). Well done Vince!!

REMEMBER, CONTINUE TO BRING IN VISITORS! A result of visitors brought in..... 4 new members in July.....Let's keep it going!!

Hope to see you at our August 16 meeting!

Respectfully, Big SIR, Sam Graham

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

NEW MEMBERS



Pictured L-R(Sp)Bernie Fairfield-(NM)Vernon Jones;(NM) Larry Parks-(Sp)Sam Graham;(NM)Harold DeArmond-(Sp)CK Gottschalk;(NM)Brad Hardison-(Sp)Roy Hardison

Vernon Jones was a Counselor. He is also an Ordained Pastor. He enjoys Consignment Stores, Ministering Police Clergy, Outreach & Community Service. His wife is Rochon.

Larry Parks was a Traffic Officer for the CHP. He enjoys Golf and Bocce Ball. His wife is Clara.

Harold DeArmond was Assistant Superintendent Stanislaus County Office of Education. He enjoys Ukelele, Reading, Writing, Travel in West & Southwest USA. His wife is Jan.

Brad Hardison was a Restaurant Manager. He enjoys Golf & Travel. His wife is Daria.



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

(Please read New Member Orientation letter on page 6)

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BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES

July 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 Anthony Butera, Secretary Dan Huffstatler, Assistant Secretary Roy Hardison, Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casiano; Directors: Gary Williams, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Bill Burchell and Keith Rogers. Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Julius Manrique, Bob Lewis, Don Binney, Ted Nagel and Brad Hardison and Area governor Rick Kindle.
3. Motion by Sam Graham to approve the minutes of the June 21st, 2018 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED. 1st Bill Burchell, 2nd Keith Rogers..
4. The Treasurer's Report for July was presented by Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casinano
5.

Check book balance 06/01/2018.....	\$5,119.47
Total receipts.....	\$1,735.00
Total disbursements.....	\$1,642.85
Total check book balance and Cash 06/30/2018.....	\$5,411.62

Motion by Keith Rogers 2nd by Roy Hardison to accept the Treasurer's Report.
MOTION PASSED
6. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, included 2 inductees: Bob Gotelli and Michael W Slocum (vote required)
7. 4 applications for membership: Harold R. DeArmond, Brad Hardison, Larry Parks and Vernon E. Jones. (Vote Required).
8. There were 14 resignations due to not paying club dues or lack of participation.
9. 1 Death: Russell Clark.
10. Motion by Gaylan King, 2nd by Bill Burchell to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
11. Brief reports from Dining Club, all is well. Bill Stires of travel will speak at meeting on new trips coming up.
10. Bowling will start it's winter league soon: August 14th. See Vern Masse about details or read the newsletter.
11. Vince Sereno states dining club is doing well.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion from Big Sir about ladies day and the need for two ladies days events as we do now. This is still under discussion and a suggestion was made by Little Sir to allow members to bring a female guest at regular monthly meetings. This is under consideration by Big Sir and membership.

Discussion about having quality speakers attend and compensation for coming out of town to cover some of the cost up to \$100.00.

Discussion of election of new officers and a meeting was held concerning this matter after the luncheon.

Meeting adjourned 10.06AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be August 16th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Huffstatler Secretary.

Area 18 Travel

Future trip:

Come hear a presentation at Raley's on Geer Road in Turlock on August 15, 2018 at 3:00 pm for more details from Alamo Travel & Globus

Tours

Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. Stay in Oberammergau, Germany for the Passion Play **(only performed once every 10 years, performed since 1634)**

August 29-Sept. 9, 2020

The play is a staging of Jesus' passion, covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem and leading to his execution by crucifixion.

Day 1: Fly to Zurich, Switzerland for a 2 night stay. Leisure sightseeing of city.

Day 2: Leisure sightseeing of city and welcome dinner.

Day 3: Travel to the towns of Affoltern (cheese factory) and Interlaken through the Jungfrau mountains

Day 4: Experience the high Alps and the Ice Palace and travel on the Mountain Train.

Day 5: Travel to Brienz, to Brunngasse and onto Lucerne, Switzerland for a 2 night stay.

Day 6: A day in Lucerne with walking tour and other sightseeing.

Day 7: Drive on to Innsbruck, Austria and pass through the Tyrolean mountains, enjoy a walk through old town Innsbruck before traveling to Oberammergau, Germany for a 2 night stay.

Day 8: The afternoon and evening are dedicated to the world famous Passion Play.

Day 9: Travel to Munich, Germany for a 2 night stay. See the Olympic Stadium and much more before having some leisure sightseeing time

Day 10 Breakfast and another day of sightseeing.

Day 11: Head for the airport and on our way home.

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SIR Area 18 & Friends Presents Day at the Races!

A Golden Gate Fields Turf Club Experience!!!

August 25, 2018 * Saturday

COST PER PERSON: \$118.00 Per Person

Maximum of 44 passengers, sign up early to guarantee your seat!!

Seats still available for the trip. Sign up by August 6.

SIR Area 18 and Friends Trip

***Minden * Reno * Sparks * High Hill Ranch* Dinner & Show * October 11-12, 2018**

Price: \$274 per person Double Occupancy

\$300 per person Single Occupancy

24 Passengers needed by September 7.

Still have room.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Deluxe Storer Coachways Motorcoach Transportation
Free time for gambling at the Carson Valley Inn Casino
Accommodations in Reno at the Eldorado Hotel and Casino

Dinner + Cirque Paris Show at the Eldorado Showroom
Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffet Coupon

Free time for gambling at The Nugget Casino

High Hill Ranch Apple Pie or Apple Fritter with free time for browsing

\$17.00 total in Casino Bonus Packages (subject to change without notice)

Driver Gratuity plus coffee & donuts upon departure of tour

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Panama Canal Cruise on the Coral Princess

January 30 to February 15, 2019

Prices: Interior C \$3525 per person

Ocean OC \$3975 per person

Balcony BB \$4550 per person

Mini-Suite MD \$4975 per person

Cabins still available don't delay, sign up soon!

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

Deposit \$700.00 per person to hold cabins.

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

If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-

544-2684 or cell phone 209-988-5445 to receive a

reservation form with more details.

Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the

SIR trips.

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

Short Humorous Story.

The manager of a circus human cannon ball told his client: "You can't quit! Where will I find another man of your caliber?"

August & September Locations

August 14th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

*Javi's Mexican Arrive by 4:45 -- 5 pm.
1225 Standiford. Confirm Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Hosts
Jerry & Merlyn Strain--(551-8220)
(As Soon As Possible)*

August 23rd --(4th Thurs. Club)

*Olive Garden Arrive by 4:45 -- 5 pm
2200 Plaza Parkway. Confirm Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Hosts
Bernie & Sharon at (262-8128)
by Thurs. August 16th.*

August 28th --(4th Tues. Club)

*La Parilla Mexican Arrive by 4:45 -- 5 pm
1700 McHenry Ave. Confirm Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Hosts
Hall & Judy Eubank at (524-3980)
by Tues. August 21st.*

September 5th -- (1st Wed. Club)

*Bella Italia Arrive by 4:45 to 5 pm.
Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations
with Hosts Vince or Henry at (524-9630)
by Wed. August 29th*

September Dinner Dates & Locations

September 5th—1st Wed—Bella Italia
September 11th--2nd Tues—Outback Stkhse
September 25th--4th Tues—Outback Stkhse.
September 27th--4th Thurs—Red Lobster

*Contact Vince Sereno at 524-9630,
if you would like to join one of our
clubs.*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Charles	Beckett	08/22/28	90
John	Bernard	08/13/37	81
Wayne	Fallentine	08/25/46	72
Bruce	Fetzer	08/19/56	62
Biff	Galbraith	08/01/58	60
Jack	Griffin Jr.	08/13/39	79
Doug	Hodge	08/18/36	82
Norm	Lawrence	08/06/36	82
Bud	Lewis(I)	08/21/24	94
Merle	Liebert	08/05/40	78
Joe	Martinez	08/19/41	77
Mike	Mensingher	08/05/32	86
Ed	Tabacco	08/31/46	72
Bob	Watson	08/16/45	73

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Name		Spouse	Date	Years
Chuck	Adams	Linda	08/10/63	55
Charles	Beckett	Barbara	08/15/54	64
Red	Bell	Sharon	08/18/62	56
John	Bohling	Patty	08/04/84	34
John	Bree	Deborah	08/10/57	61
Charlie	Brunn	Miry	08/25/56	62
Cal	Campbell	Marina	08/02/75	43
Deane	Cook	Sigrid	08/28/99	19
Jerry	Emery	Becky	08/25/68	50
Howard	Grieshaber(I)	Theresa	08/08/76	42
Conrad	Haines	LaDean	08/25/67	51
Rick	Irwin	Bonnie	08/10/68	50
Herb	Long	Alleen	08/03/55	63
Jim	McCormick(I)	Jane	08/27/60	58
Mac	McCoy	Bev	08/22/64	54
Gary	Nerland	Sandra	08/14/60	58
Keith	Rogers	Elaine	08/04/73	45
Vince	Sereno	Kathy	08/26/61	57
Chuck	Shoup	Karen	08/18/62	56
Roger	Townsend	Ruth	08/23/69	49
Joe J.	Venturini	Diane	08/23/53	65
Bob	Watson	Flora	08/08/71	47



August 2018 Bowling Report

Week 35 April 10, 2018

Congratulations to Odd Squad- Ernie Lewis(144), Tony Scoble(144), Steve Holly(103) & Bob Lewis(144) won the League 2017-2018 season.

Runner up was Wes's Rascles- Gene Cox, Larry Maxfield, Wes Rash & Alan White (all 103)

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

August 13-15 Reno Bowling Stadium---Reno (530)558-9727

August 28-29 Prosperity Lanes---Grass Valley (530-205-7877

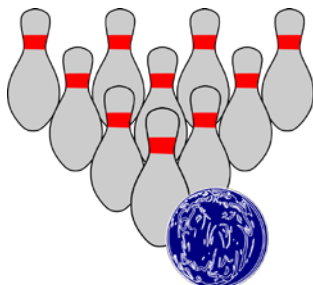
September 14-15 Carson Lanes---Carson City (H) (775-246-1027)---(C) (530)-409-3494

October 2-3 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. The meeting is August 7 at 12:00 P.M. New season starts August 14 at 1:00 PM. Thank you



AUGUST GOLF 2018



MONDAY AUG. 6	CREEKSIDE	CARTS : \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 29.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY AUG. 13	DRYDEN	CARTS :\$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 28.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY AUG. 20	MICKE GROVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$34.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY AUG.	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY JULY 30	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$ 44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY SEPT.	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$29.00	8:00 AM

THE BEST BALL TOURNAMENT WILL BE AUGUST 13 AT RANCHO SALONA IN FAIRFIELD. GOOD LUCK TO THOSE WHO QUALIFIED.

THE INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER STARTED ON JULY 23, NO RESULTS YET.

DON'T FORGET THE NEW RULES ABOUT SIGNING UP FOR GOLF, YOU HAVE TO PAY BEFORE YOU CAN SIGN UP. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING HAVE SOME ONE BRING YOUR CHECKS OR MAIL THEM TO YOUR GOLF CHAIRMAN

ON A SAD NOTE JOHN SARGENT PASSED AWAY JULY 23, HE WAS A TRUE FRIEND AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

JAY NORRIS BRANCH #144 GOLF CHAIRMAN
sirgolfer144@gmail.com

3328 Vine Cliff Way, Modesto, Ca 95355

209-606-1475

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"MEN ENJOYING ACTIVE RETIREMENT"



The "SIR 144 New Member Orientation" gives us an opportunity to get acquainted with the new member.

Member Packet: SIR BRANCH 144 Directory, Badge with member #, Rooster Pin, SIR Card w/luncheon dates, SIR business card.

Annual Dues \$ 24.00 payable Dec.- Jan.-, New Members Dues pro-rated \$2.00 per month. Lunch \$17.00

All New Members will have a Red dot on their badge for 3 months. (Beginning July,2018)

Always nice to have the Sponsor attend the orientation and introduce New Member to Branch Members

We have no paid positions in SIR. Volunteers needed to help fill positions.

To get acquainted with the functions and activities of SIR BRANCH 144

All Members are Welcome and Invited to attend the Branch

Executive Committee meeting at 9:30 A.M. Each Luncheon Date.

Thanks For Your Help!!

Patton Brooks & Bill Burchell

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

Calendar of Events



GOLDEN GATE TURF CLUB (HORSE RACING)

SATURDAY AUGUST 25, 2018

**MINDEN/RENO/SPARKS/HIGH HILL RANCH
DINNER & SHOW OCTOBER 11-12 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 August
16, 2018

The Speaker will be
Pamela Sweeton
who will speak on
Women in Agriculture

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

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



Gary Williams receives letter of appreciation from Area Governor Rick Kindler via 2017 President Jerry Strain



Ernie Lewis won the July Birthday drawing

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings:
<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!

John Sargent passed away. Ted Nagel is having medical problems