

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

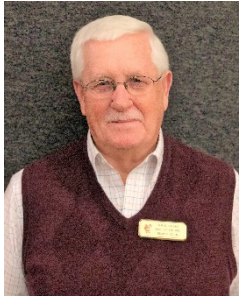
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



September 2018 Newsletter

Volume 09-2018

Message from Big Sir Sam Graham



I believe that this column written by the current Big SIR should accomplish a couple of things (probably more). It's important that we keep our members informed as to where we stand financially, what's expected of a member when he joins our branch, (we are here to have fun) and recognizing members that have served as officers or have taken the responsibility to keep our branch running smoothly! Often times these positions are taken for granted, or seem to be because, we continue to keep the ball rolling each and every month. I recognize two members.

The first is Bob Lewis, who is the editor, reporter, printer and innovator of, I believe, is the best newsletter in the SIR organization! Bob will keep you on your toes to get your article in on time. Bob received a note from our State President Derek Southern, complimenting him on the quality of the newsletter. If you don't bother reading our monthly newsletter, you would be hard pressed to know what goes on in Branch #144. Please let us know if you are not receiving the newsletter either by email or hard copy mailed to you. If at all possible, go to email, it saves us money for the mailing and printing. Again Bob.....THANK YOU for a job well done!

Second would be Julius Manrique. Julius joined our branch in March of 1989. He has held all the officer positions in our branch, was Area Governor, has handled our orientation of new members for a number of years, has helped with Sunshine, keeping all of us informed of illness or death of members in our branch and nominating committee for a number of years. He is a Senior HLM. Julius has been a member for "29 years". No matter what meeting I either called or attended.....Julius will attend. He is a good mentor to me as well as a number of other members, THANK YOU JULIUS!

Hope to see you at our September 20th meeting.....please call Gaylan King if you are unable to make the luncheon.

Respectfully,
Big SIR, Sam Graham

NEW MEMBER



Pictured L-R (Sponsor) Don Sullivan--(New Member) Scott Elliott—Little Sir Anthony Butera
Scott's wife is Alicia. Welcome to SIR Branch 144.

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR
Happenings: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

To save 15% on tickets to the
Gallo Center use code: *SIRS1819*



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

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BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 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, Edd Santwier and Keith Rogers. Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Julius Manrique, Bob Lewis, Don Binney, Edd Santwier, Jerry Strain, Jerry Emery and Mike Mensinger.
3. Motion by Sam Graham to approve the minutes of the July 19th, 2018 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED. 1st Gary Williams, 2nd Roy Hardison...
4. The Treasurer's Report for July was presented by Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casinano
5.

Check book balance 07/01/2018.....	\$5,211.62
Total receipts.....	\$1,832.00
Total disbursements.....	\$2,229.86
Total check book balance and Cash 07/31/2018.....	\$5,013.76

Motion by Edd Santwier 2nd by Gaylan King to accept the Treasurer's Report.
MOTION PASSED
6. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report. It included 4 inductees: Harold R DeArmond, Brad Hardison, Larry Parks and Vernon E Jones (vote required)
7. 1 application for membership: Scott W. Elliott. (Vote Required).
8. 1 Death: John Sargent.
9. Motion by Gaylan King, 2nd by Keith Rogers to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
10. Brief reports from Dining Club, all is well. Bill Stires of travel will speak at meeting on new trips coming up.
11. Bowling started August 14th. More members are invited to still sign-up.. see Vern Masse or Bob Lewis about details.
12. Vince Sereno states dining club is doing well.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about electing officers for next January and ways to invite members to sign up to become an officer in Sir.

Meeting adjourned 10:22AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 9:30 AM September 20th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Huffstatler Secretary.

Area 18 Travel

Land tour of Denali and Cruise of Alaska

Come hear a presentation at Raley's on Geer Road in Turlock on September 18, 2018 at 10:30 am for more details from Alamo Travel & Crystal Cruises

4 day land tour of Denali and 8 day Cruise of Alaska Anchorage to Vancouver

Ports of call; Seward, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan, Cruising the Inside Passage and Tracy Arms, and Vancouver.

All inclusive (all transportation, hotels, all beverages, free wifi, pre-paid gratuities, enrichment classes and more) Shore excursions are not included.

Cruise on the Crystal Symphony (848 passengers)

August 23, 2019 – September 3, 2019

Prices: \$5350 to \$6525 per person – depending on type of cabin.

\$300.00 per person discount at time of presentation, \$125.00 discount if paid by check, save 2.5% of cruise fare if paid by February 15, 2019. Final payment due: May 15, 2019



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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

September & October Locations

September 11th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

OUTBACK Steakhouse Arrive by 4:45 -- 5 pm.
2045 W. Briggsmore at Sisk. Confirm Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Hosts
Jay & Kathy Norris--(606-1475)
(As Soon As Possible)

September 25th --(4th Tues. Club)

OUTBACK Steakhouse Arrive by 4:45 -- 5 pm
2045 W. Briggsmore at Sisk. Confirm Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Hosts
Vince & Kathy Sereno at (524-9630)
by Tues. September 18th.

September 27th --(4th Thurs. Club)

RED LOBSTER Arrive by 4:45 -- 5 pm
Corner of Rumble & Sisk Roads. Confirm
Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Hosts
Edd & Sharon Santweir at (605-9638)
by Thurs. September 20th.

October 3rd -- (1st Wed. Club)

SHANGRI-LA Arrive by 4:45 to 5 pm.
1300 McHenry Ave. (Next to Pep Boys Auto)
Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations
with Hosts Frank & Pat LeSage at (380-7787)
by Wed. September 26th

October Dinner Dates & Locations

October 3rd—1st Wed—Shangri- La China Bistro
October 9th--2nd Tues—Marie Callender's
October 23rd--4th Tues—Tasty Thai/on Roselle
October 25th--4th Thurs—Shangri-La China Bistro

A Little Bit of Humor.

Student: "I don't think that I deserve a zero on
this test!" **Teacher:** "Neither do I, but it's the
lowest mark that I can give you."

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



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
DeArmond	Hal	09/30/43	75
Brown	Cecil	09/10/44	74
Emery	Jerry	09/01/47	77
Harris	Ron	09/03/58	60
Offermann	Bob	09/13/21	97
Masciorini	Walt	09/13/31	87
Hardison	Roy	09/05/29	89
Brown	Ron	09/15/34	84
Binney	Donald	09/07/44	74



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Dennis	Cervantes	Nancy	09/08/90	28
Jack	Griffin Jr.	Jean Marie	09/16/00	18
Mike	Mensing	Dawn	09/01/53	65
Cliff	Partridge	Terri	09/04/76	42
Russell	Peck	Charlotte	09/03/49	69
Chuck	Sheaffer	Cherie	09/09/72	46
Manny	Simas(I)	Inez	09/13/86	32
Vig	Vigil	Shirley	09/10/89	29
Mike	Watts(I)	Sheila	09/06/96	22



Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. Stay in Oberammergau, Germany for the Passion Play (only performed once every 10 years, performed since 1634) Dates: August 29 – September 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.

Price: Approximately \$5700 per person. Air Fare to be determined in Oct. 2019.

Price includes all transportation, hotels, gratuities for tour manager, and more. \$500.00 deposit per person holds spot. \$100.00 discount if sign up by August 31, 2018. Final payment not due until March 1, 2020

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 Brunnigasse 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.



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

Calendar of Events



MINDEN/RENO/SPARKS/HIGH HILL RANCH
DINNER & SHOW OCTOBER 11-12 2018

PANAMA CANAL JANUARY 30- FEBRUARY 15, 2019

LAND TOUR OF DENALI & CRUISE OF ALASKA
AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR
THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU,
GERMANY. AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

Program for September 20, 2018

The Speaker will be
John Clauson who will
speak about his Father:
[Missileman: The Secret
Life of Cold War Engineer
Wallace Clauson]

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



Bruce Fetzer won the August Birthday drawing

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

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel
STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham