

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

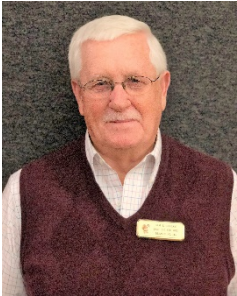
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence  
and dignity of retirement*



November 2018 Newsletter

Volume 11-2018

### *Message from Big Sir Sam Graham*



Our October meeting was well attended with at least 100 members at the luncheon, and Chris Murphy presented a nice program, updating the happenings in Modesto. We would like to welcome Danny Erreca as a new member to SIR

branch 144, thanks to John Schamante, his sponsor. We also awarded the Senior President's Award to 90 year old Frank Leo, and the Super Senior President's Award to 95 year old Donald Sanford, CONGRATULATIONS! We still have Halloween to celebrate in the month of October, and then on to November where Thanksgiving kicks off the Holiday season. November is the final month to purchase your Ladies Day tickets for December 20th. Ed Santwier and Leonard Davis will be selling them for \$17 per person at the door as you enter the building. Also remember that we have a table set up for all the single men in our branch.....we urge you to come and enjoy the day. For the November meeting, as usual, we will be celebrating our Veterans with our speaker Ron Harris, and if you like, wear your hat of the branch of the military you represent. November is also the month we swear in our Officers and Directors for the year 2019. We would take nominations from the floor for the offices of Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. This would be a perfect opportunity for someone to volunteer for a position that doesn't require a lot of time. I hope to see all of you at the November 15th Luncheon!

Respectfully, Sam Graham, Big SIR

*New Officers and Directors for 2019 are on page 5 below bowling.*

## **NEW MEMBER**



Pictured L-R: Julius Manrique; (NM) Dan Erreca; (Sp) John Schamante

Dan was a Hydro-Electric Power Plant Operator. He enjoys Baseball Day, Bowling, Fishing, Football Day, Golf, Horseshoes, Pool-Billiards, and Travel. His wife is Diane.

**LADIES DAY TICKETS WILL BE SOLD  
AT NOVEMBER'S LUNCHEON. SEE  
LEONARD DAVIS OR EDD SANTWIER.  
THANK YOU.**



**Remember, if you  
cannot attend the luncheons,  
please call *Gaylan King* at  
380-9896 by Sunday  
November 11. Thank you!**

**SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 18, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order, by Big Sir Sam Graham, at 9:38 AM
2. A quorum was established with the following members present: Big Sir Sam Graham, Secretary, Dan Huffstatler, Assistant Secretary Roy Hardison, Biff Galbraith, Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casiano Directors: Gary Williams, Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Bill Burchell and Keith Rogers, Jim Toepfer and Andre Dodd.. Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Julius Manrique, Bob Lewis, Don Binney, Edd Santwier, Jerry Emery and Mike Mensinger, Pete Dutton, Brad Hardison.
3. Motion by Sam Graham to approve the minutes of the September 20th, 2018 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED.1st Gary Williams,2nd Roy Hardison...
4. The Treasurer's Report for September was presented by Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casinano
5. 

Check book balance 09/01/2018.....	\$4,500.20
Total receipts.....	\$1,563.00
Total disbursements.....	\$1,776.85
Total check book balance and Cash 08/31/2018.....	\$4,486.35
- Motion by Keith Rodgers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Burchell to accept the Treasurer's Report.  
MOTION PASSED
6. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, 3 applications for membership: Kee Chin, Don E. Jordan (Vote Required). And \*Danny (Dan) Erreca.\*(Voted in Last month.).
7. 2 Resignations: Tom Skeen and Stanley (Stan) Loeb. (Vote Required)
8. Motion by Gary Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gaylan King to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
9. Brief report from Julius Manrique that Edd Santwier will replace him in charge of the Sunshine committee next year.
10. Bill Stires of Travel will speak at meeting on new trips coming up.
11. Bowling... All is well.
12. Vince Sereno states dining club is doing well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion by Big Sir Sam Graham about meal and luncheon charges for next year and he is trying to keep the same prices as this year in effect for the next contract with Seasons Catering. Big Sir also suggested allowing younger members not yet retired or early retirees to join Sir. This matter is still under discussion in future meetings and membership will be notified if any Changes are accepted or approved by State executive committee.

Meeting adjourned 10:16 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be November 15th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Huffstatler Secretary.

# Area 18 Travel

**Cruise on the Crystal Symphony (848 passengers)**

**August 23, 2019 – September 3, 2019**

**\$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**

**Land tour of Denali and Cruise of Alaska.**

**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.**

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

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



**SEE SEPTEMBER'S NEWSLETTER FOR TRIP TO GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY IN 2020. ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**SIR Area 18 and Friends Trip**

**\*A Holiday Celebration!\* \*Reno Overnight Tour\*  
December 5-6, 2018 \*Minden \* Reno**

**Price: \$271 per person Double Occupancy \$296 Single Occupancy**

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

**Deluxe Storer Coachways Motorcoach Transportation  
Coffee & doughnuts will be provided morning of departure**

**Accommodations in Reno at the Eldorado Hotel and Casino**

**Private Group Cocktail Party + Dinner Buffet  
Eldorado Showroom presents The "Unbelievables"  
Christmas Extravaganza**

**Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffet Coupon  
Free time for gambling at the Nugget Casino  
\$10.00 total in Casino Bonus Packages (subject to change)**

**Driver Gratuity Minimum 24 passengers by November 3, 2018**

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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

#### November Locations

By Vince Sereno -- 524-9630.

*To all my evening Dining Out Club Members: I want to thank all of you for making each of the 4 evening Dining Out Clubs very enjoyable and successful evenings. Thank You to Henry Solario for being the Evening Dining Out Clubs Co-Chairman. Thank You to all of you who chose to select a restaurant and to be the Dinner Host that evening. Thank You to all members for making advance dinner reservations or regrets for the next month's dinner. We needed each member yes or no attendance count as each restaurant needs to know how many guests to expect.*

*Working together with you has been a pleasure. Thank you very much.*

#### **Humor**

Beale was getting a shave & manicure. He noticed that the pretty blond doing his nails filled out her uniform perfectly. "Listen, when you finish tonight," suggested Beale, how about you & me going to dinner, then to the theater, have a couple of drinks, then go to my place & live it up."

"I can't," said the manicurist. "I'm married." "Why don't you just tell your husband you're gonna stay overnight with a girlfriend. "Why don't you? He's shaving you!"

#### November Locations

**Nov. 7th -- (1st Wed. Club)**

**Met at Javi's Mexican**

**Nov . 13th -- (2nd Tues. Club)**

**SHANGRI-LA -- Arrive 4:30—4:45 pm 1300**

**McHenry Ave. -- Confirm any Regrets or new**

**Reservations with Hosts Tom & Carmen Skeen**

**at**

**968-1306, by Tues Nov. 6th**

**1st Wednesday & 2nd Tuesday Clubs**

**Do not meet in December**

**While**

**4th Tuesday & 4th Thursday Clubs do not meet in**

**November or December**

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Abplanalp	Carl	11/14/46	72
Altadonna(I)	Vinny	11/19/51	67
Bica	Gus	11/14/44	74
Chalk	Gary	11/21/39	79
Cook	Deane	11/04/38	80
Jackson	Ed	11/12/44	74
Maxwell	Max	11/22/41	77
O'Brian	Jack	11/08/38	80
Salonga	Tony	11/21/40	78
Skeen	Tom	11/26/40	78
Toepfer	Jim	11/01/37	81
Toschi	Gene	11/06/33	85
Williams	Gary	11/09/36	82
Zoodsma	Marion	11/25/25	93



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
King	Gaylan	Cathey	11/18/00	18
Lawrence	Norm	Janet	11/30/55	63
Machado	Joe	Patricia	11/05/61	57
Scoble	Tony	Virginia	11/27/81	37
Wright(I)	Joe	Mignon	11/19/49	69
Yanko	Bob	Roseann	11/23/96	22





## November 2018 Bowling Report

### High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

#### Scratch Games

#### Handicap Games

#### Week 8 October 2

Series: Ron Quintanal 595 Tony Ferro 679

Game: Joe Bradley 244 Joe Bradley 257

#### Week 9 October 9

Series: David Brown 590 Dom Genova 655

Game : Ron Quintanal 234 Ron Quintanal 251

#### Week 10 October 16

Series: Ron Halliday 615 Ron Halliday 723

Game : Ron Halliday 243 John Kincanon 281

#### Week 11 October 23

Series: Marion Roberts 670 Marion Roberts 754

Game: Chuck Nichols 237 Chuck Nichols 270

### Come out for our home town tournament.

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

November 1-2 McHenry Bowl—Modesto

Jim (209)-406-8156--Vern (209)538-4275

November 13-14 Clayton Valley Bowl—Concord

Kropf (925)689-1453 Schuster (925)687-4543

December 2 Cloverleaf Bowl—Fremont

Pesek (510)793-5089

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

[vnr03@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vnr03@sbcglobal.net)

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### Officers for 2019:

Big SIR .....Jerry Emery

Little SIR.....Anthony Butera

Secretary.....Biff Galbraith

Asst Secretary.....open

Treasurer.....Nilo Casiano

Asst Treasurer.....open

### Directors for 2019:

Bill Burchell

Sam Graham

Jim Toepfer

Andre Dodd

Gaylan King

Gary Williams

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## NOVEMBER GOLF 2018



MONDAY NOV. 5	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 29.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY NOV. 12	MICKE GROVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$34.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY NOV. 19	DIABLO GRANDE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY NOV. 26	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY DEC. 3	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 143	\$29.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY DEC. 10	ELKHORN	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST:144	\$44.00	9:00 AM

AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019, THE GREEN FEES FOR CREEKSIDE AND DRYDEN WILL BE \$2.00 MORE. CREEKSIDE \$31.00, DRYDEN \$29.00. CARTS STILL \$15.00. PUNCH CARDS STILL WORK.

I WILL BE COLLECTING NCGA DUES THRU DEC 20. ALL MEMBERS SHOULD BE PAID BY THEN. \$48.00 TO RENEW. \$58.00 FOR NEW MEMBERS

Jay Norris Branch #144 Golf Chairman

[sirgolfer144@gmail.com](mailto:sirgolfer144@gmail.com) 209-606-1475



## The 2018 SIR State Championship and Open Individual Play (The US Open of SIR Golf, Seven Flights)

### State Championship

1. 70 Divisional Qualifiers will play on November 14th for the SIR State Championship in seven flights!
2. Green Fees and Cart will be paid by the State Golf Committee.
3. In addition to the winners of each flight getting their beautiful jackets, we will have a voluntary \$20 Buy In for prize money for the 70 Division qualifiers. A \$1,400 prize fund if we have a 100% Buy-In.

### Open Play

1. When & Where: Nov 13th & 14th at Seaside CA, Bayonet Course.
2. Two days of open play tournaments, 140 positions on November 13th, and 70 positions on November 14th. Thousands of dollars of prize money. You can play both days if you get your application in soon enough!
3. Approximately 24 positions will be reserved on Day 1 for women to play in their own special tournament. We want to encourage your spouses and significant others to play in our destination events.
4. Applications for men and women are posted on our website.

Why not get a group together and enjoy the Seaside, Carmel, Monterey, Pebble Beach area at the most magnificent time of the year.

For questions about the tournament you may contact JERRY at one of the following options:  
Phone: (209)551-8220; or Email: [sirjerry42@gmail.com](mailto:sirjerry42@gmail.com)

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

### Calendar of Events

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: RENO OVERNIGHT  
TOUR DECEMBER 5-6, 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 October 18, 2018**

**The Speaker will be our  
own Ron Harris  
He will be putting on a  
Special Ceremony/  
Recognition for  
Veterans**

## 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:**.....Biff Galbraith 575-2724  
**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:**...Vernon Jones 683-8033  
**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



Don Sanford receives Super Senior SIR President's Award

Frank Leo receives Senior SIR President's Award

Joe Miceli won the October Birthday drawing

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

**Please visit our website at [www.sirinc2.org/branch144](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch144)**

**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!**

**Don Fairchilds passed—Jerry Strain has back problems—Ernie Lewis is having a heart procedure.**

**SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel**

**HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham**

**STATE HLM: Jerry Strain**