

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

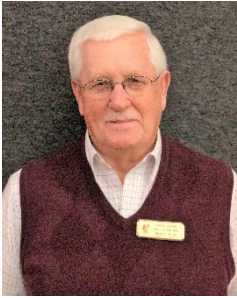
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



October 2018 Newsletter

Volume 10-2018

Message from Big Sir Sam Graham



Our September meeting was highlighted with our speaker, John Clauson who spoke about his Father's involvement in the Life of the Cold War. The Seasons prepared a wonderful lunch! With 94 Members present at our luncheon, we had to pay for one extra lunch. Our

Lunch minimum is 105 in attendance. We are allowed 10% over or under that figure, so that the Seasons can prepare the proper amount of food to feed our branch. In August, we ended up paying for 7 extra lunches. The reason for bringing this to your attention is, we still have 50 of our members that didn't attend, that's 1/3 of the branch. If you know someone that is not attending, would you ask them why? In the September meeting, I introduced Biff Galbraith as our Assistant Secretary for the remainder of the year. I also introduced Vernon Jones as our Branch Chaplain. I want to thank Roy Hardison, for stepping up to be our Assistant Secretary through September, and Don Sanford for handling our invocations through September. Volunteering is the foundation of SIR! Without it we don't exist! Think about it.....and find a place where you can lend a hand!

Several volunteers are worth mentioning.....Henry Solario brings in many new members, and helps set-up prior to the luncheon, Gaylan King, our membership chairman, is always in early to help set-up prior to our meeting, Joe Venturini, is in early to set up our library of books, Jay Norris, Golf....WOW what a job that is, Lor Salvi, sold raffle tickets the past 6 years.....Again.....ask yourself, how can I help my branch?! I know I have missed some important members of our branch, but will catch you next month. People is what it's all about!! I hope to see all of you at the October meeting.....lets have some fun!

Respectfully, Sam Graham, Big SIR

NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY BIFF GALBRAITH(L),AND NEW CHAPLAIN VERNON JONES(R)



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

**SONS IN RETIREMENT
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order, by Big Sir Sam Graham, at 9:37 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, Biff Galbraith, 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, Edd Santwier, Bill Galland, Jerry Emery and Mike Mensinger, Ted Nagel, Pete Dutton, Brad Hardison and Pastor Vernon Jones, Jim Toepfler and Andre Dodd..
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. Swearing in of new Assistant Secretary Biff Galbraith.
5. The Treasurer's Report for July was presented by Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casinano
6.

Check book balance 08/01/2018.....	\$4,813.76
Total receipts.....	\$1,416.00
Total disbursements.....	\$1,729.56
Total check book balance and Cash 08/31/2018.....	\$4,700.20

Motion by Dan Huffstatler 2nd by Roy Hardison to accept the Treasurer's Report.
MOTION PASSED
7. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report, included 1 inductee: Scott W. Elliott (vote required)
8. 1 application for membership: Danny (Dan) Erreca. (Vote Required).
9. 3 Resignations: Richard Riddell, Jim McCormick and Bud Lewis (Vote Required).
10. Motion by Gary Williams, 2nd by Gaylan King 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.
12. Bowling... All is well.
13. Vince Sereno states dining club is doing well.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion by Big Sir Sam Graham of possible changes to improve branch membership participation.. suggested at State Meeting by various branches of how to effectively improve the individual branches to increase membership as by possibly allowing younger members who are not yet retired become members. These many different discussions and suggestions are still under review by our branch and State Sir. When and if a final decision between State Sir and Member Branches are determined.. Members will be informed of any new changes.

Meeting adjourned 10:38AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be October 18th, 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 LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER FOR TRIP TO GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY

**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

October & November Locations

October 9th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

MARIE CALLENDER'S Arrive by 4:45 -- 5 pm.
3500 Coffee at Sylvan. Confirm Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Hosts Wes Hall-
at 524-3160 or Mike & Phyllis Morey at 527-5371
(As Soon As Possible)

October 23rd --(4th Tues. Club)

TASTY THAI Arrive by 4:45 -- 5 pm
3020 Floyd Ave. at Roselle. Confirm Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Hosts
Chuck & Karen Shoup at 869-1939
by Tues. October 16th.

October 25th --(4th Thurs. Club)

SHANGRI-LA China Bistro Arrive by 4:30 to
4:45 pm. 1300 McHenry Ave. (Next to Pep Boys)
Confirm Regrets or NEW Reservations
with Host Henry Solario at 578-5607
by Thursday October 18th

November 7th -- (1st Wed. Club)

JAVI'S Mexican Arrive by 4:30 to 4:45 pm.
1225 Standiford Ave. (Across Standiford from
Raley's & Jack in the Box) Confirm Regrets
or NEW Reservations with Host Henry Solario
at 578-5607 by Wednesday October 31st

November Dinner Dates & Locations

November 7th—1st Wed—Javi's Mexican
November 13th--2nd Tues—Shangri-La
4th Tuesday & 4th Thursday Clubs do not meet
In November or December due to the Holidays.

A Little Bit of Humor:

Reporter: "Is it true, that wild animals in the
jungle won't harm you if you carry a torch?"

Jungle Explorer: "That depends on how fast you
carry it!"

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Adams	Chuck	10/29/42	76
Boyd	Mike	10/13/43	75
Davis	Leonard	10/03/36	82
Duran	Jim	10/12/37	81
Grieshaber(I)	Howard	10/08/49	69
Hamiel	Mike	10/25/39	79
Kazas	Louie	10/22/29	89
Leo Jr.	Frank	10/04/28	90
Loeb	Stan	10/23/33	85
Masse	Vern	10/24/45	73
Miceli	Joe	10/24/40	78
Moran	Paul	10/21/47	71
Oehrlein	Ken	10/18/42	76
Pinkston	Ernie	10/18/46	72
Quintanal	Ron	10/30/45	73
Sanford	Don	10/05/23	95
Strain	Jerry	10/10/42	76
Stroud	Gary	10/18/39	79
Watts(I)	Mike	10/15/45	73
Wilhelm	Lew	10/19/40	78
Williams	Wayne	10/18/40	78

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Cecil	Brown	Carolyn	10/10/08	10
Dick	Elson(I)	Kay	10/16/56	62
Chuck	Gentry	Patricia	10/30/82	36
Sam	Graham	Claire	10/29/61	57
John	Kincanon	Sharon	10/27/01	17
Merle	Liebert	Diane	10/22/59	59
Fred	Sherman	Norma	10/15/88	30
John	Tatting	Lena	10/12/91	27
Thomas	Weiss	Nancy	10/23/71	47
Dan	Yockey(I)	Gerry	10/16/60	58





October 2018 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 4 September 4

Series: David Brown 615 Ron Quintanal 683

Game: Ron Quintanal 238 Ron Quintanal 265

Week 5 September 11

Series: Joe Bradley 615 Joe Bradley 684

Game : John Schamante 266 John Schamante 279

Week 6 September 18

Series: Joe Miceli 654 Ream Lochry 709

Game : Ron Quintanal 237 Tom Mickelson 284

Week 7 September 25

Series: John Sherrard 675 John Sherrard 711

Game: John Sherrard 241 Murle Webb 261

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

**October 16 Harvest Park Bowl--Brentwood
Fry (925)783-5614---Elmer (925)634-5690**

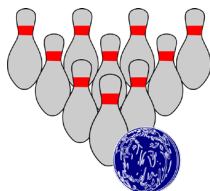
**November 1-2 McHenry Bowl--Modesto
Jim (209)-406-8156--Vern (209)538-4275**

**November 13-14 Clayton Valley Bowl--Concord
Kropf (925)689-1453 Schuster (925)687-4543**

**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 league has started, but still come down, we can get you in. Thank you!



OCTOBER GOLF 2018



MONDAY OCT. 1	SWENSON PARK	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 27.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY OCT. 8	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY OCT. 15	PHEASANT RUN	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$43.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY OCT. 22	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 143	\$29.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY OCT. 29	DRY CREEK	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$43.00	8:30 AM
MONDAY NOV. 5	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST:144	\$29.00	9:00 AM

THE END OF YEAR TOURNAMENT WAS ON SEPT. 24. EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. CONGRATS TO EVERYONE WHO WON PRIZES. WE HAD SOME GREAT GIFT CARDS, \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, \$100, AND ROUNDS OF GOLF, AND MORE.

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.

ON OCTOBER 1 THE TEE TIMES GO BACK TO 9:00 AM, EXCEPT OCTOBER 29 IS 8:30 AM.

Jay Norris Branch #144 Golf Chairman

sirgolfer144@gmail.com 209-606-1475

MORE GOLF NEXT PAGE



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

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 Chris
Murphy**

**He is the President & CEO of
Pacific Warehouse Group &
Publisher & Founder of
ModestoView Inc. He will
speak on the City of Modesto.**

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



Walt Masciorini won the September birthday drawing

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

Please visit our website at 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!

Richard Manrique (Julius' brother) passed—Bob Offerman's wife passed

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