

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

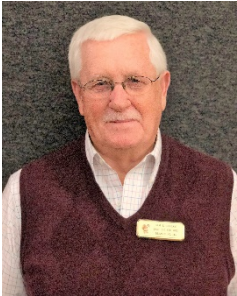
*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



December 2018 Newsletter

Volume 12-2018

Message from Big Sir Sam Graham



Our November meeting had one of the best Veterans Day Programs, I believe, in the past few years. Ron Harris, did an outstanding presentation, that drew a lot of compliments after the program concluded.

For December Ladies Day we have Judy Kindle, CEO of Sierra Vista Family and Child Services as our speaker. This is a change from our normal program, generally music, but we have had a number of our ladies and our members asking "why we don't have a speaker for a change". We believe this will be a program that you will enjoy! We expect over a 100 in attendance, and won't it be nice to spend it with the ladies. Just a side note.....we encourage our members to bring your wife, daughter or significant other to any of our regular meetings to enjoy the meal and program.

Having the opportunity to serve as Big SIR the second time around, has been a rewarding experience. The team we have, Officers, Directors and all of the many volunteers, make planning and executing our meetings an enjoyable time, that we all enjoy! Thanks for all your support!

In passing the baton to your new Big SIR, Jerry Emery, and Little SIR Anthony Butera, all should run smoothly as, both have experience in these positions, and will need all our support.

One last item, I would like to stress. The Camp Fire has been a severe blow to many people. This includes two SIR branches in that area, many who have lost their homes. **DONATE IF YOU CAN!** An article in our Newsletter can give you an option. Thanks.

Respectfully,
Big SIR, Sam Graham



Lunch will cost \$18 in 2019.

\$24 dues will be collected at the January meeting, and will need to be paid by the end of March.

NEW MEMBER



Pictured L-R: (Sp) Gary Hubbard-(NM) DJ Jordan-
Big SIR Sam Graham

DJ was a Banker. He enjoys Golf and
Coin Collecting. His wife is Mary.

**CALL EDD SANTWIER (605-9638)
OR LEONARD DAVIS (916-531-5644)
BY DECEMBER 16TH FOR LADIES
DAY TICKETS. THANK YOU!**

Please help SIRS from Paradise & Magalia.

Here's how:

Donate via our new GoFundMe account
SIR has set up a Sir GoFundMe (GFM) online
account to accept donations from individual Sirs
by credit or debit card at:

<http://bit.ly/Donate2ParadiseSirs>

If you have any questions about GFM there is a
Donor Help Page at

<https://support.gofundme.com/hc/en-us/categories/360000158447>

SONS IN RETIREMENT
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order, by Big Sir Sam Graham, at 9:30 AM
2. A quorum was established with the following members present: Big Sir Sam Graham, Secretary Dan Huffstatler , Assistant Secretary Biff Galbraith, Treasurer Tom Watson, 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, Edd Santwier, Jerry Emery, Pete Dutton and Ted Nagel, Jim Toepfler and Andre Dodd.
3. Motion by Sam Graham to approve the minutes of the October 18th, 2018 BEC Minutes. MOTION PASSED. Pat Brooks, 2nd Keith Rodgers...
4. The Treasurer's Report for November was presented by Treasurer Tom Watson
5.

Check book balance 10/01/2018.....	\$4,286.35
Total receipts.....	\$1,700.60
Total disbursements.....	\$2,020.05
Total check book balance and Cash 10/31/2018.....	\$4,226.30

Motion by 1st Dan Huffstatler 2nd by Gaylan King to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Motion Passed
6. Gaylan King presented the Membership Report. There is one Inductee Danny (Dan) Erreca.*(Voted in Last month.).
7. **2 Applications:** Kee Chin and Don E. Jordon.
8. **There are seven resignations:** Dale Farley, Tom Conway, Frank Barclay, Dick Lang, Fred K Cassidy, Bill Holloway and Dick Elson.
9. Motion by Gary Williams, 2nd by Keith Rodgers to approve the report. MOTION PASSED
10. Bill Stires of travel will speak at meeting on new trips coming up.
11. Bowling... All is well.
12. Golf...Jay North will speak at luncheon on golf.
13. Vince Sereno states dining club is doing well and growing.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion by Big Sir: Sam Graham discussed looking at inactive members to see if they want to activated again.

Also, Sam discussed possible ways to improve Ladies Day and see if speakers instead of musicians. would better serve the event. There will be a speaker at the December Ladies Day event.

Gary Williams spoke about changes the state meeting suggested for each branch.. but as of this meeting none were implied or voted for and are still under consideration.

Meeting adjourned 10.10 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 10:15 AM December 20th, 2018 (Ladies Day).

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 PAGE 6 FOR TRIP TO SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND GERMANY IN 2020. (PASSION PLAY)

New trip: Baseball Spring Training aka. “Adult Spring Break”

**March 11 to March 15, 2019 (We are flying this year)
Price: \$1,648 per person Double Occupancy \$2,148 single**

**“Homerun” Inclusions: Roundtrip Air transportation 4 nights at Homewood Suites, breakfast daily, and “Welcome Home” light meal
3 baseball games (A’s vs. Rockies, Diamondbacks vs. Rockies, Giants vs. Diamondbacks)
\$20.00 Game Bucks per person per game for food and merchandise**

**All bus transportation and gratuities
Dinners at Rustlers Rooste and Don and Charlies
Dinner Show at Silver Star Theater
Visit the Odysea Aquarium, Old Capitol Museum Tour, and Anchor and Mast Park
Minimum of 20 passengers, trip is guaranteed to go.
\$500.00 deposit to hold spot for trip. Final payment due January 25th.**

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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

No Dinners in December!

To join a club in 2019, Contact
Vince Sereno at 524-9630.

2018 was a very successful year for all of the 4 evening Dining Out Clubs. Thank you to all members for helping to make our dinners a happy enjoyable social event. We look forward to another fun time in the 2019 New Year. --- Vince

Humor . . .

Grubbs played golf every weekend with the same friend. One Saturday he was sitting around the house reading. “Sweetheart,” said his wife, aren’t you playing golf today with George?” Grubbs -- “Absolutely not! Would you play golf with a man who lies, cheats and moves his ball?” Wife -- “No!” Grubbs -- “Neither will George!”

Jan. -Feb. -March 2019

Dining Out Club Locations

(See January Newsletter for Updated Info.)

For those meeting in Early January, You will receive email reminders in late December!

1st Wednesday Club

Jan. 2 - La Parilla

Feb. 6 - Uno Chicago Grill

March 6 - Marcella's

2nd Tuesday Club

Jan. 8 - Javi's Mexican

Feb. 12 - Beijing Restaurant

March 12 - Outback Steakhouse

4th Tuesday Club

Jan. 22 - Marcella's

Feb. 26 - Shangri-La

March 26 - George's Steakhouse

4th Thursday Club

Jan. 24 - Chili's on Sisk

Feb. 28 - Marcella's

March 28 - Shangri-La

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
John	Baker(D)	12/22/48	70
Patton	Brooks	12/24/39	79
Charlie	Brunn	12/03/31	87
Anthony	Butera	12/05/55	63
Glenn	Davis	12/18/34	84
Pete	Dutton	12/23/35	83
Joe	Machado	12/26/40	78
Michael	Moncure	12/01/52	66
Gene	Richards	12/14/29	89
Don	Sullivan	12/14/41	77
Dan	Yockey(D)	12/17/40	78



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Scott	Anderson Janice	12/30/74	44
Mike	Boyd Rayne	12/30/99	19
Ron	Brown Anita	12/26/59	59
Phill	Coffman Beverly	12/28/56	62
Terry	Fix Edna	12/14/91	27
Biff	Galbraith Verann	12/19/81	37
Mike	Hamiel Aloise	12/01/78	40
Vernon	Jones Rochon	12/29/79	39
DJ	Jordan Mary	12/10/66	52
Louie	Kazas Cleo	12/10/50	68
David	Marino Donna	12/26/64	54
Max	Maxwell Melissa	12/29/62	56
Jerry	Strain Merlyne	12/30/60	58





December 2018 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 12 October 30

Series: Larry Sallee 676 Larry Sallee 685
Game: Larry Sallee 245 Lon Loudermilk 254

Week 13 November 6

Series: Joe Miceli 586 Jack Brey 666
Game : Jay Faughn 214 Lor Salvi 251

Week 14 November 13

Series: David Brown 633 Jim Pastorelli 673
Game : David Brown 225 Don Binney 251

Week 14 November 20

Series: David Brown 663 Jay Faughn 702
Game: David Brown 236 Ron Halliday 258
Ream Lochry 258

Come out for our home town tournament.

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

January 8 Pacific Ave. Bowl, Stockton--Gil Quinonez
209-242-1579--Bryan Davenport 209-915-5417
January 22-23 Napa Bowl, Napa-- Keith Knox
707-257-7537

February 12-13 Granada Bowl, Livermore
Dick Braden 925-455-8633
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse
209-538-4275

vnr03@sbcglobal.net

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Officers for 2019:

Big SIRJerry Emery
Little SIR.....Anthony Butera
Secretary.....Biff Galbraith
Asst Secretary.....open
Treasurer.....Nilo Casiano
Asst Treasurer.....open

Directors for 2019:

Bill Burchell Andre Dodd
Sam Graham Gaylan King
Jim Toepfer Gary Williams

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DECEMBER GOLF 2018



JANUARY GOLF 2019

MONDAY JAN. 7	CREEKSIDE	CARTS : \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 31.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY JAN. 14	ATWATER	CARTS:INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$43.00	9:00 AM
TUESDAY JAN. 22	MICKE GROVE	CARTS:INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$38.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY JAN. 28	MANTECA	CARTS:INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$ 44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY FEB. 4	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$31.00	9:00 AM

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. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE DEC. MEETING YOU SHOULD MAIL YOUR CHECKS TO ME.

Jay Norris br#144 golf chairman
Sirgolfer144@gmil.com 209-606-1475
3328 Vine Cliff Way, Modesto, Ca 95355

THERE ARE SOME NEW RULES THAT GO INTO EFFECT IN JANUARY 2019:

YOU CAN PUTT WITH THE FLAG IN.
YOU CAN DROP FROM YOUR WAIST HEIGHT.

IF YOU GO O.B. OFF THE TEE YOU CAN DROP WHERE THE BALL WENT OUT. 2 STROKES!!!

THERE WILL BE MORE TO COME.



New Officers and Directors for 2019 pictured L-R: Directors Sam Graham & Andre Dodd; Little SIR Anthony Butera; Big SIR Jerry Emery; Treasurer Nilo Casiano; Secretary Biff Galbraith; Directors Jim Toepfer, Gaylan King, and Gary Williams. Sworn in by Jerry Strain. Not pictured: Director Bill Burchell.

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



PANAMA CANAL JANUARY 30- FEBRUARY 15, 2019

BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING MARCH 11-15 2019
FOR BOTH A's AND GIANTS (A's vs Rockies, Dbacks vs Rockies, and Giants vs Dbacks)

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 December 20, 2018
The Speaker will be CEO Judy
Kindle of Sierra Vista Child &
Family Services who will speak
about the services provided by
SVCFS & the need for them.**



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



Charles Beckett receives Senior SIR
President's Award from Sam Graham



Gene Toshi won the November
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!

Bob Offerman passed. Ernie Lewis will be undergoing heart surgery.

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain