

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



January 2019 Newsletter

Volume 01-2019

Message from Big Sir Jerry Emery



First and foremost, I want to thank Sam Graham and all those who volunteer for positions within 144 for making it the best chapter in our region. Just over a year ago, I had 3 Grand Mal seizures and I wasn't sure I would be able to assume the duties of the Big Sir. As my meds kicked in and I was able to see and get to know the great team Sam had collected, it became clear that, with their continued assistance, I would be able to assume this office, again. Thanks, Sam, and our team of Board Members and Activity leaders, for your willingness to serve and your guidance.

Yes, I NEED your continued support and efforts to keep 144 #1! We will continue the "Each One, Reach One" program that encourages each of you to bring guests to meet, and eventually, join us. We will continue to genuinely greet each other at the beginning of each meeting, taking time to meet others at other tables, and to welcome those newest to 144. Through the efforts of Bob Lewis, for example, we will continue to provide the best newsletter that highlights the very best of 144; from Dining Out groups, to golf and bowling, to travel opportunities, and all of our other areas of interest and involvement.

For my part, I promise to continue to seek your input and to value your opinions. I also promise to continue to encourage you to make 144 grow in numbers and to do whatever you can to make our new members feel welcomed and valued. I will also continue to encourage you to volunteer whenever and in whatever capacity you feel you can enhance our organization. Remember, we do need internal input and leadership to continue in our mission of providing active outlets for the seniors in our community.

Big Sir, Jerry Emery

**Lunch will cost \$18 in 2019.
\$24 dues are due at the January luncheon,
and will need to be paid by March 31. If not
attending the January luncheon, please
send a check to: SIR Branch 144 at 3549
Fawndale Drive Modesto, CA 95356**

LADIES DAY



Enjoying the Ladies on their day.



**Remember, if you cannot
attend the luncheons, please call
Gaylan King at 380-9896 by
Sunday January 13. Thank you!**

**SEE PAGE 5 BELOW BOWLING HOW
TO DONATE TO THE SIR VICTIMS OF
THE PARADISE & MAGALIA FIRE**

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BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order, by Sam Graham, at 10:15 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Sam Graham, Assistant Secretary Biff Galbraith, Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casiano, Directors: Pat Brooks, Gaylan King, Bill Burchell, Keith Rogers, Anthony Butera, Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Bob Lewis, Jerry Emery, Julius Manrique.

Motion by Sam Graham to approve the November 15th, 2018 BEC Minutes 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Keith Rogers, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for November was Presented by Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casiano.

Checkbook balance 11/01/2018.....	\$ 4,026.30
Total receipts.....	\$ 1,739.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 1,864.07
Total checkbook and cash 11/01/2018.....	\$ 4,101.23

Motion by 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Keith Rogers to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed

Membership Report:

Gaylan King, presented the Membership Report.

One Inductee: Don Jordan

Two applications: Kee Chin and Raymond (Ray) Tendrio (vote Required)

There are seven Resignations: Manny Simas, Billy Duncan, Mike Watts, Dan Yockey, John Baker, Tom Hampson, Tony Aragon, Joe Wright, (vote Required)

There are two deaths Don Fairchilds and Bob Offermann

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State SHLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members: Vincent (Vinny) Altadonna, John Carvalcho, Howard Grieshaber.

Motion by 1st Biff Galbraith 2nd Tony Butera, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Bill Stires, will speak at December meeting about upcoming travel opportunities.

New Business:

Sam Provided flowers for tables and will speak about how they will go home with guests.

Arrangements will be made to educate our members on how they may donate to the Camp Fire Victims.

Meeting adjourned: 10:32 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 9:30AM January 17th, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Assistant 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 Occupancy

\$500.00 per person deposit to hold spot for trip.

Final payment due January 25th.

“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.

Day One:

Fly to Phoenix from Oakland

Game Oakland vs. Colorado

Day Two:

Tour of Arizona Capitol Museum and USS Arizona Anchor and Mast

No Host lunch and time for exploring and shopping Variety Show and Dinner at the Silver Star Theater

Day Three:

Leisure morning, game Arizona vs. Colorado

Dinner at Rustler’s Rooste

Day Four:

Visit the Odysea Aquarium

Game SF Giants vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

Dinner at Don and Charlies

Day 5: Fly 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

Happy New Year!

It's time to eat, drink, talk, laugh and be merry again for all 4 groups of the Dining Out Clubs. Welcome to our 2019 year when we will meet at our favorite restaurants for good food, great times, and socializing with old and new friends. What more could you ask for? To join one of our fun groups, Contact Vince at 524-9630.

January Info & Feb./Mar. Locations

January 2nd--(1st Wed. Club)

La Parilla on McHenry 4:45 pm

Hosted by Jerry & Renate Thomason

January 8th--(2nd Tues. Club)

Javi's Mexican—4:45 pm

Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts

Jay & Kathy Norris at 606-1475 or 596-0416 as soon as possible!

January 22nd--(4th Tues. Club)

Marcella's---4:45 pm

Confirm YES/NO Reservations with

Host Henry Solario at 578-5607

No later than January 15th.

January 24th--(4th Thurs. Club)

Chili's on Sisk ---4:45 pm

Confirm YES/NO Reservations with

Hosts Bernie Fairfield/Sharon Wolinski at 262-8128 by Thurs. January 17th.

1st Wednesday Club

Feb. 6 - Uno Chicago Grill

March 6 - Marcella's

2nd Tuesday Club

Feb. 12 - Beijing Restaurant

March 12 - Outback Steakhouse

4th Tuesday Club

Feb. 26 - Shangri-La

March 26 - George's Steakhouse

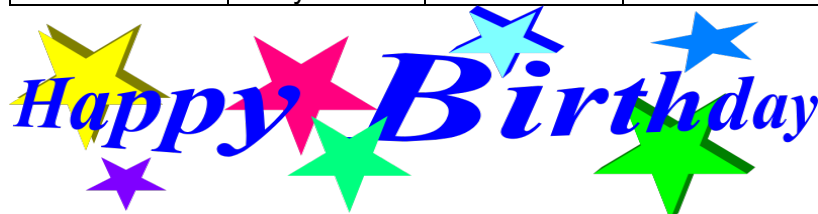
4th Thursday Club

Feb. 28 -- Marcella's

March 28 - Shangri-La

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Anderson	Scott	01/06/51	68
Bica	Daryl	01/08/48	71
Boike	Gordon	01/29/35	84
Burchell	Bill	01/10/34	85
Conkey	Hal	01/19/24	95
Huffstatler	Dan	01/18/48	71
Marino	David	01/24/40	79
McCoy	Mac	01/10/33	86
Morey	Mick	01/14/30	89
Mountain	Jeff	01/19/48	71
Nagel	Ted	01/08/30	89
Parks	Larry	01/08/34	85
Rovere	Don	01/17/38	81
Sai	John	01/22/43	76
Sereno	Vince	01/25/39	80
Stambaugh	Dennis	01/25/47	72
Thomason	Jerry	01/27/49	70



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Carl	Abplanalp	Gloria	01/26/45	74
Bill	Cardoza	Karen	01/18/75	44
Scott	Elliott	Alicia	01/31/04	15
Tom	Hollander	Shaarn	01/27/74	45
Frank	Leo Jr.	Lyola	01/06/48	71
Joe	Martinez	Erlinda	01/16/76	43
Doug	Montgomery	Josephine	01/14/69	50
Edd	Santwier III	Sharon	01/09/65	54





January 2019 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 16 November 27

Series: John Schamante 648 John Schamante 687

Game: John Schamante 236 Don Binney 251

Week 17 December 4

Series: Larry Sallee 640 Ed Davis 670

Game : Larry Sallee 243 Ed Davis 270

Week 18 December 11

Series: Don Reed 621 Don Reed 723

Game : Don Reed 244 Don Reed 278

Week 19 December 18

Series: John Sherrard 589 Dom Genova 680

Game: Joe Bradley 244 Joe Bradley 265

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

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>

You can also pay by check or cash. Make check payable to SIR. Give check or cash to Nilo Casiano.

JANUARY GOLF 2019



HOPE EVERYONE HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

MONDAY JAN. 7	CREEKSIDE	CARTS : \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 31.00	9:00 AM
MODAY 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

HERE IT IS 2019. A NEW YEAR FOR GOLF.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE CHANGES IN THE GREEN FEE'S ON SOME OF THE COURSES. CREEKSIDE IS NOW \$31.00, MICKE GROVE IS \$38.00, THE RESERVE IS \$53.00, DRYDEN IS \$30.00. IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR THE GAMES IN JAN. NOW IS THE TIME. I NEED CHECKS BY JAN. 2.

Jay Norris br#144 golf chairman

Sirgolfer144@gmil.com 209-606-1475
3328 Vine Cliff Way, Modesto, Ca 95355



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 Brunngrasse 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



**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 January 17, 2019

**The Speakers will be
Glen & Mary Mount from the
Commemorative Air Force(CAF)
which acquires, restores, &
preserves in flying condition a
complete collection of combat
aircraft flown by all military
services of the United States.**

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
2018 Sam Graham

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2019

Big Sir:.....Jerry Emery 838-1562
Little Sir:.....Anthony Butera 985-3473
Secretary:.....Biff Galbraith 575-2724
Assistant Secretary:.....Open
Treasurer:.....Nilo Casiano 324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:.....Open

DIRECTORS FOR 2019

Bill Burchell 529-6039 Andre Dodd 527-0482
Sam Graham 552-0960 Gaylan King 380-9896
Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930 Gary Williams 578-3471

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ...Ed Benson 925-943-7011
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc .. Jim Johnson 536-1595
DIRECTOR, REGION 2.....Rick Kindle 652-8608
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Pat Reed 289-3314

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:.....Edd Santwier 605-9638
Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077
Nominating Committee: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks & Bill Burchell
Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896
Book Club:.... Joe Venturini 524-6577



Sam Graham receives Special Recognition Award from Rick Kindle(R) by State President Derek Southern



Judy Kindle receives Appreciation Award for her Presentation by Anthony Butera



Ladies Day

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!
Ernie Lewis will be undergoing heart surgery.**

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain