

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



February 2019 Newsletter

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### *Message from Big Sir Jerry Emery*



Thanks to all of the 144 members for your very kind wishes as I began this term as your Big Sir and to all those that complemented me on the first meeting—even with the slight mix-up in the order of operations.

As I said, I would be asking for your input on some topics. For those of you who attended the December Ladies' Day luncheon, I need a favor. As we want to provide a meeting that the ladies enjoy, please ask them if they'd rather have another speaker, next December, or a musical group like we have done previously. We know everyone enjoyed the speaker we had, as she was very knowledgeable and dedicated, but we are trying to determine what our ladies would rather have. I will ask for a show of hands at the February meeting. In advance, thank you! I also want to thank our Little Sir, Anthony Butera for his efforts on finding great speakers/programs for our luncheons. January's presentation was another great one!

Anthony Butera and I will be attending a state meeting in early February, convening with other Little Sirs, Big Sirs, and state officers. We will be getting further information on suggested changes, get more ideas about improving membership/attendance, and letting the state know about our concerns. We will make a short presentation next meeting about the highlights from that meeting.

Valentine's Day will occur before our next meeting, so I want to remind you to get your cards, flowers, etc. Also, thanks to those that paid their yearly dues at the last meeting. The rest of you have until the March meeting to get this done, remain in good standing, and participate in our many activities. Our Area Governor, Pat Reed, will be here in February to present Hal Conkey with his official "Super Senior" Certificate, for reaching his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. I look forward to seeing you on February 21<sup>st</sup>!

Big Sir, Jerry Emery

**Lunch will cost \$18 in 2019.**

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

## **NEW MEMBER**



Pictured L-R John Kincanon (SP)-Ray Tenorio (NM) Ray was Postmaster for the United States Postal Service. He enjoys Bowling, Golf, Gardening, and Fishing. His wife is Rosanne. Welcome to SIR Branch 144 Ray!



**Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 380-9896 by Sunday February 17. Thank you!**

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

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES

### JANUARY 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order, by Jerry Emery, at 9:31 AM.

**A quorum was established with the following members present:**

Big Sir Jerry Emery, Little Sir Anthony Butera, Secretary Biff Galbraith, Treasurer Nilo Casiano, Directors: Sam Graham, Gaylan King, Andre Dodd, Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Bob Lewis, Jerry Strain, Julius Manrique, Tom Watson, Patton Brooks, Mike Mensinger, Vernon Jones.

Motion by Jerry Emery to approve the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 BEC Minutes 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andre Dodd, Motion Passed.

**Treasurers Report:**

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

Checkbook balance 12-1, 2018.....	\$ 3,786.98
Total receipts.....	\$ 2,155.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 2,269.25
Total checkbook and cash 12-1, 2018.....	\$ 3,986.98

Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Butera, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gaylan King, to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed

Motion to pay for additional expenses (like Roster of membership booklets) 1<sup>st</sup> Gaylan King, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Graham, Motion passed.

**Membership Report:**

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

One Inductee: Don Jordan (vote Required)

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

There are Thirteen Resignations: Manny Simas, Billy Duncan, Mike Watts, Dan Yockey, John Baker, Tom Hampson, Tony Aragon, Joe Wright, Joe Machado, Marion Zoodsma, Carl "John" Tatting, Jack Brown, (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.

Total Members: 147 active

Motion by 1<sup>st</sup> Andre Dodd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Biff Galbraith, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

**Committee Reports:**

**Travel:** Bill Stires, will speak at January meeting about upcoming travel opportunities.

**Bowling and Golf:** Doing well.

**Dinning:** Vince Sereno, Dining going well, each club has a host and each month's dinners have a host as well.

**Sunshine:** Edd Santweir, is now Sunshine Chair contact (605-9638)

Motion for committee chairs that need paper and printer ink to submit receipt to chapter. 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Butera, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andre Dodd, Motion passed

**Old Business:** Need assistant Secretary, have new Assistant Treasurer (CK Gottschalk)

Please pick up Roosters from your table and place at food service table at end of meeting. (each table)

**New Business:** Golfers check out USGA site for new 2019 rules, members you will see new lunch cost on webpage. State SIR has a new Manual coming out, Jerry Emery and Anthony Butera will attend state meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned:** 10:04 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 9:30AM February 21st, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Biff Galbraith

# 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)**

## SIR Area 18 & Friends Presents Kentucky Derby Race Day!

A Golden Gate Fields Turf Club Experience!!!

May 4, 2019 \* Saturday

The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be traveling to beautiful Golden Gate Fields Race Track for the day. Today is an extra special racing day, along with live racing, there will be a live stream of the Kentucky Derby. The times of the Kentucky Derby live stream will be advised. It is usually after the last race. Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing. Afterwards, board the coach for our return ride home to Central Valley. **HAPPY TRAVELS!**

Come & Join the fun with SIR Area 18 & Friends as they enjoy the live stream of “Kentucky Derby Race Day” along with live racing, from a spectacular view from the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club.

**COST PER PERSON: \$142.00 Per Person Minimum of 46 passengers needed by April 1, 2019 or the trip will be cancelled. Maximum of 50 passengers, sign up early to guarantee your seat!!**

STATE SIR Golden Gate Fields Day Friday, March 29, 2019. Cost \$41.00. This trip is sponsored by State SIR Board of Directors and No Transportation is included.

Make checks to: Pacific Racing Association  
Send Checks to: Golden Gate Fields  
1100 Eastshore Highway  
Berkeley, CA 94710

Questions: Sheri Espique (510)559-7549

**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

#### We Welcome New Members!

If you like to eat, drink, talk, laugh and be merry, you are invited to join us. There are 4 separate groups of the evening Dining Out Clubs. We meet at our favorite restaurants for good food, great times, and socializing with old and new friends. What more could you ask for? We have openings in the 1st Wednesday and the 4th Tuesday Clubs. To join one of our fun groups, Contact Vince at 524-9630, or Henry at 578-5607

#### February Info & Mar./Feb. Locations

##### **February 6th--(1st Wed. Club)**

**Las Casuelas at Dale & Pelandale**  
**Arrive at 4:45 pm Hosted by Bernie**  
**Fairfield & Sharon Wolinski**

##### **February 12th--(2nd Tues. Club)**

**Beijing Restaurant—4:45 pm**  
**Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts**  
**Don & Penny Binney at 576-1059 as soon**  
**as possible!**

##### **February 26th--(4th Tues. Club)**

**Shangri-La China Bistro---4:45 pm**  
**Confirm YES/NO Reservations with**  
**Host Biff Galbraith at 575-2724**  
**No later than February 19th.**

##### **February 28th--(4th Thurs. Club)**

**Marcella's---4:45 pm**  
**Confirm YES/NO Reservations with**  
**Host Henry Solario at 578-5607**  
**No later than February 21st.**

##### **1st Wednesday Club**

March 6 - Marcella's  
 April 3 - Canal Street Grill

##### **2nd Tuesday Club**

March 12 - Outback Steakhouse  
 April 9 - Marcella's

##### **4th Tuesday Club**

March 26 - George's Steakhouse  
 April 23 - Bella Italia

##### **4th Thursday Club**

March 28 - Shangri-La  
 April 25 -Carino's Italian

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Carrington	Glenn	02/13/52	67
Coffman	Phill	02/26/35	84
Elliott	Scott	02/01/54	65
Faulkner	Kent	02/18/42	77
Gentry	Chuck	02/14/54	65
Gotelli	Bob	02/01/39	80
Hall	Wes	02/26/23	96
Kincanon	John	02/06/39	80
Medrano	John	02/18/44	75
Montgomery	Doug	02/04/45	74
Rogers	Keith	02/22/49	70
Slocum	Michael	02/19/53	66
Solario	Henry	02/07/32	87
Townsend	Roger	02/13/39	80
Vigil	Vig	02/29/36	83
Yanko	Bob	02/27/34	85



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Donald	Binney	Penny	02/01/68 51
Gary	Black	Judi	02/19/81 38
Hal	Conkey	Lucile	02/11/66 53
Hal	DeArmond	Jan	02/16/91 28
Jim	Duran	Anita	02/14/10 9
John	Green	Michelle	02/01/07 12
Doug	Hodge	Margaret	02/02/62 57
Gary	Hubbard	Virginia	02/06/65 54
Lor	Salvi	Helen	02/12/76 43







## February 2019 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 20 January 8

Series: David Brown 630 Ron Halliday 725  
Game: David Brown 234 Terry McChesney 262

Week 21 January 15

Series: David Brown 667 Don Sullivan 691  
Game : David Brown 232 Jack Faria 255

Week 22 January 22

Series: Steve Hughes 596 Steve Hughes 695  
Game : John Sherrard 251 Steve Hughes 268

Week 23 January 29

Series: David Brown 648 Vern Masse 697  
Game: David Brown 256 Vern Masse 282

**Come out for our home town tournament.**

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

February 12-13 Granada Bowl, Livermore  
Dick Braden 925-455-8633

March 19-20 Diablo Lanes, Concord  
Dan Weller 925-935-5510

April 8-11 Gold Dust West, Carson City  
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

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

[vn03@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vn03@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.

## FEBRUARY GOLF 2019



MONDAY FEB. 4	CREEKSIDE	CARTS : \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 31.00	9:00 AM
MODAY FEB. 11	PHEASANT RUN	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$43.00	9:00 AM
TUESDAY FEB. 19	ELK HORN	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY FEB. 25	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$ 44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAR. 4	SWENSON	CARTS: \$14.00
HOST: 103	\$27.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAR. 11	CREEKSIDE M/P	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 31.00	9:00 AM

**MARCH 11 WILL BE OUR FIRST  
MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT. YOU  
WILL NEED TO SIGN UP AT THE  
FEBRUARY MEETING ON FEB. 21. AN  
EXTRA \$5.00 IS REQUIRED TO SIGN UP.  
THE WILL BR A SEPARATE SHEET FOR  
THIS. NO SIGN UPS WILL BE ALLOWED  
AFTER MARCH 7. BE SURE AND BRING  
A CHECK FOR \$5.00 IF YOU WANT TO  
PLAY.**

Jay Norris br#144 golf chairman  
[Sirgolfer144@gmail.com](mailto:Sirgolfer144@gmail.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)

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS RACE TRACK  
SATURDAY MAY 4, 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 February 21, 2019

## The speaker will be Jason Conway from Gospel Mission

## 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:**.....CK Gottschalk 846-0415

### 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





Hal Conkey won the Birthday Drawing. 95 years young



Glen & Mary Mount receive Letter of Appreciation for program by Anthony Butera

**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 Edd Santwier (605-9638) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!

Ernie Lewis had open-heart surgery

**SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel**

**HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham**

**STATE HLM: Jerry Strain**