###  SONS IN RETIREMENT

### MODESTO BRANCH 144

#### Dedicated to the promotion of independence

####  and dignity of retirement



May 2019 Newsletter Volume 05-2019

**Message from Big Sir Jerry Emery**

 I want to start this newsletter with thanks to a few people who have stepped forward to assist our branch. Thanks to new member, Fernando Gonzalez, for volunteering to fill the open position of Assistant Secretary! Thanks to Tom Watson for bringing his concerns about the reward to members who bring in 5 new members. Upon further consideration and information, the Board decided to support this new program. Our branch is only made stronger by discussing issues from a variety of angles. Thanks also, to Jack O’Brien for filling in for our minister, Vernon Jones, and leading our prayer the last two months.

 I want to remind all members that our May meeting is Ladies’ Day. If you haven’t already signed up, you may do so by contacting Edd Santwier. We will have entertainment, instead of a speaker, in case this will encourage your significant other to attend. Members coming as singles are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Our BEC meeting will be an abbreviated meeting, starting at 10:15.

 Vernon Jones is in rehab and should be home in a week or so if all goes well. Hopefully, we will see him soon. Sam Graham is in recovery from his quadruple by-pass surgery. We are wishing them both a quick and complete recovery.

 There is information in this newsletter about travel opportunities. Thanks to Bill Stires for presenting information about our region’s travel. Additionally, we have a statewide SIRs’ day at an August 25th game between the A’s and Giants at the Oakland Coliseum. There is more information on the last page in this newsletter.

 Finally, congratulations go out to C. K. Gottschalk and Joe Miceli, for being half of the team that won our Bowling League Championships!

 Sincerely, Big Sir Jerry Emery

 ***NEW*** *MEMBERS*



Pictured L-R:(SP) Chuck Adams- (NM) Larry Hughes;(SP) Don Sullivan-(NM) Patrick Kissee;(SP) Ted Nagel-(NM) Jeff Holder

 Larry Hughes was the Modesto Fire Chief. He enjoys Baseball Day, Computers & Tech, Digital Photo, Dine Out Group, Travel, Woodworking, & Veterans. His wife is Patti.

 Patrick Kissee was President of Sysco Foods. He enjoys Golf. His wife is Pam.

 Jeff Holder was (still working some) Pastor at United Methodist Church. He enjoys Chorus, Computers Training, & Hiking.

***FOR LADIES DAY TICKETS,***

***CALL EDD SANTWIER AT 605-9638 NO LATER THAN MAY 2.***

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**SONS IN RETIREMENT**

**BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to order, by Jerry Emery, at 9:30 AM.

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

Big Sir Jerry Emery, Little Sir Anthony Butera, Secretary Biff Galbraith, Assistant Treasurer C.K. Gottschalk. Directors: Andre Dodd, Gary Williams, Jim Toepfer, Bill Burchell. Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Bob Lewis, Julius Manrique, Tom Watson, Patton Brooks, Mike Mensinger, Patrick Kissee, New Assistant Secretary Fernando Gonzalez.

 Jerry Emery entertained a motion to approve the March 21st, 2019 BEC Minutes 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Andre Dodd, Motion Passed.

**Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurer’s Report for March 21st was Presented by Assistant Treasurer C.K. Gottschalk

 Checkbook balance 3-21, 2019……………….. $ 5,413.70

 Total receipts………………………………………….. $ 2,319.00

 Total disbursements……………………………….. $ 1,809.68

 Total checkbook and cash 3-21, 2019……… $ 6,123.02

Motion by 1st Bill Burchell 2nd Gary Williams, to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Motion Passed

Motion to pay for additional expenses (vouchers) Bob Lewis Newsletter $22.22, 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Bill Burchell, Motion passed.

**Membership Report:**

Gary Williams presented the Membership Report.

One Inductee: Fernando Gonzalez, (vote Required)

Four applications: James E (Jim) Walker Jr, Larry F Hughes, Patrick W. Kissee, Jeffery (Jeff) Holder. (vote Required)

There is one Resignation: John Carvalcho, (vote Required)

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State SHLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

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

Total Members 141 active

Motion by 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Jim Toepfer, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

**Committee Reports:**

**Travel**: Bill Stires, will talk at meeting about new trip and other future trips and activities.

**Bowling and Golf:**  Doing well. **Two Bowling champs: C.K. Gottschalk, Joe Miceli.**

**Dining**: Vince Sereno, all is going well, He will speak at meeting. Looking into Modesto nuts game and dinner in June.

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

Sam Graham heart surgery recovering, and Vernon Jones is in rehab.

**Old Business:** Have new member interested in assistant secretary Fernando Gonzalez. Ladies day is next month hope you have purchased ticket(s) already. Tom Watson, concerned money looks good now, but several large expenses still to come out with State Dues, and $40.00 gift card for five members, after discussion was less apprehensive. Christmas music still looking into; plus, don’t forget SIR Giants baseball game Oakland 8/25. Newsletter has details and contact info.

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

**New Business:**  Reward ($40.00 gift card Papa Pavlo’s) for member that brings in 5 or more new members in one calendar year. Nominating committee meeting May 15th, Gary Williams and others to attend, location TBA.

**Meeting adjourned:**  9:52 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting with be 10.15 AM May 16th, 2019 (Ladies day short BEC)

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Secretary

**Area 18 Travel**

**Minden – Reno – Apple Hill**

**Overnight stay at Eldorado**

**October 9-10, 2019**

**Prices: $286.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy Single $319.00**

**\* TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

**\* Deluxe Storer Coachways Motorcoach Transportation**

**\* Free time gambling at the Carson Valley Inn Casino**

**\* Accommodations in Reno at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino**

**\* Dinner & The Illusionists Experience Show at the Eldorado Showroom**

**\* Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffet coupon**

**\* Free time for gambling at a Casino**

**\* High Hill Ranch Apple Fritter with free time for browsing**

**\* $17.00 total in Casino Bonus Packages (subject to change without notice)**

**\* Driver Gratuity plus coffee & donuts upon departure of the**

**Mark your calendars for future trips:**

**Holiday Show and overnight in Reno December 4-5, 2019**

**Beach Blanket Babylon November 17, 2019 5:00 PM show**

**Prices to come soon**

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**10 Night Mexico Cruise**

Roundtrip San Francisco

January 12-22, 2020

Ports of Call: San Francisco, Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo,

Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas, San Francisco

**Book by April 30, 2019 and receive on board credit of $150 per person**

**for Inside/Outside cabins and $250 per person for balcony and mini-suites**

**Other discoounts availabledepending on level of Captain Circle and veterans**

Prices per person: Inside – IB $1,895 Double, $3,095 Single Outside – OC $2,280 Double, $3,875 Single

Balcony – BD $2,475 Double, $4,475 Single Mini-Suite – MD $3,050 Double Aft Dolphin deck $4,975 Single Mini-Suite – MB $3,150 Double Mid-forward mid-aft Dolphin

Final payment due October 15, 2019

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

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

**$125.00 discount if paid by check. Final payment due: May 15, 2019**

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

**4 day land tour of Denali and 8 days 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.**

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**If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445 or email** [bstires46@gmail.com](https://d.docs.live.net/f151fba1d5dc9f25/bstires46%40gmail.com) **to receive a reservation form with more details.**

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR TRIP TO SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND GERMANY IN 2020.**

**(PASSION PLAY)**

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| Eubank | Eubie | 05/26/49 | 70 |
| Fix | Terry | 05/10/36 | 83 |
| Gottschalk | C. K. | 05/27/37 | 82 |
| Hardison | Brad | 05/16/53 | 66 |
| Jones | Vernon | 05/13/58 | 61 |
| Kissee | Patrick | 05/16/64 | 55 |
| Long | Herb | 05/29/34 | 85 |
| Santwier lll | Edd | 05/23/44 | 75 |
| Schamante | John | 05/28/47 | 72 |
| Vigus | Ron | 05/19/42 | 77 |
| Watson | Tom | 05/19/57 | 62 |

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**“DINING OUT” CLUBS**

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Dining Out Club News

***May*** ***Info & June/July Locations***

**May 1st--(1st Wed. Club)**

***Olive Garden---Arrive at 4:45 pm***

***-- Hosted by Frank & Pat LeSage***

**May 14th--(2nd Tues. Club)**

***Tahoe Joe’s—Arrive by 4:45 pm***

***Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Laurie & Helen Salvi***

***at 576-7898 As soon as possible!***

**May 28th--(4th Tues. Club)**

***Tesoro Mexican /Tully Rd. ---4:45 pm***

***Confirm YES/NO Reservations with***

***Hosts Hall & Judy Eubank***

***at 524-3980 No later than May 21st***

**May 23rd--(4th Thurs. Club)**

***Cool Hand Luke’s/Riverbank--4:45 pm***

***Confirm YES/NO Reservations with***

***Host C.K. Gottschalk at 883-3387 - No later than May 16th.***

**1st Wednesday Club**

**June 5th – El Rosal/Coffee Road**

**July 3rd – Divine Swine**

**2nd Tuesday Club**

**June ?? –River’s Edge/Knight’s Ferry**

**July 9th – Marie Callender’s**

**4th Tuesday Club**

**June 25th – Johnny’s Italian American**

**July 23rd – Velvet Creamery**

**4th Thursday Club**

**June 27th –George’s Steakhouse**

**July 25th – Strings**

***Contact Vince at 524-9630 if you would***

***like to join one of our Dining clubs***

***Quotes to Think About:***

“ I can’t do it” never accomplished

anything: “I will try” has performed

wonders. --- George P. Burnham

If you want to be the best, baby, you’ve got to work harder than anyone else. --- Sammy Davis, Jr.

 **BIRTHDAYS**

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May 2019 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

 Week 31 March 26

Series: David Brown 594 Dom Genova 679

Game: Dom Genova 223 Dom Genova 266

 Week 32 April 2

Series: Dan Erreca 626 Lor Salvi 689

Game : Jay Faughn 227 Jay Faughn

Champions for the 2018-2019 season is Mixed 4- Don Reed, CK Gottschalk(144), John Togliatti,& Joe Miceli(144).

Runner-up is Jack’s Rebels- Jack Brey(144), Tom Mickelsen, & Tony Ferro.

Come out for our home town tournament.

  -------- 2019   UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS------

May 15 Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood

John Fry 925-783-5614; Paul Elmer 925-634-5690

June 5-6 Paddock Lanes, Pacheco Del Locke 707-745-3475

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 meeting is August 6 at 12:00 P.M. New season starts August 13 at 1:00 PM. Thank you



MAY GOLF 2019



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| MONDAY MAY 6 | MICKE GROVE | CARTS ; INCLUDED |
| HOST: 143 | $ 38.00 | 8:00 AM |
| MONDAY MAY 13 | DRYDEN | CARTS: $ 15.00 |
| HOST: 144 | $30.00  | 8:00 AM |
| MONDAY MAY 20 | MANTECA | CARTS: INCLUDED |
| HOST: 164 | $44.00 | 8:00 AM |
| TUESDAY MAY 28 | CREEKSIDE | CARTS: $ 15.00 |
| HOST: 103 | $ 31.00 | 8:00 AM |
| MONDAY JUNE 3 | DIABLO GRANDE | CARTS: INCLUDED |
| HOST: 143 | $44.00 | 8:00 AM |
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 THE 4 MAN BEST BALL TOURNAMENT IS JUNE 17, AT MANTECA. TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT TEAMS. LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE ONE. A, B, C, D PLAYER FOR EACH TEAM. DON’T FORGET TO CHECK THE STATE WEBSITE FOR OTHER GOLF EVENTS.

Jay Norris br#144 golf chairman

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com 209-606-1475

 3328 Vine Cliff Way, Modesto, Ca 95355

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*Social Section for non-sanctioned events*

SIR family and friends enjoy breakfast at the Modesto Airport. Here is the information if anyone would like to attend.

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE BREAKFAST: WHERE:  700 Tioga Drive (private side of airport and has a sign by the street). WHEN: Second Saturday of each month. TIME: 7:30AM TO 11:00AM. COST: $7 each person. There is a new seating area reserved for Sons In Retirement members, families and friends. Directions: Going West on Mitchell Rd: Turn right at Tenaya Dr, then left at S. Conejo Ave, then left at Tioga Dr. It’s on the left.

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**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 Brunngasse 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![C:\Users\Test\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\NG9HOPSJ\MC900290073[1].wmf]()

**LAND TOUR OF DENALI & CRUISE OF ALASKA**

**AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

**A’s vs SF AT THE OAKLAND COLISEUM**

**AUGUST 25, 2019**

**MINDEN-RENO-APPLE HILL**

**OCTOBER 9-10, 2019**

**10 DAY MEXICAN CRUISE**

**ROUNDTRIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO**

**JANUARY 12-22, 2020**

**SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY. AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

**Program for MAY 16, 2019**

**The Entertainment will be KEMO, a local musician from Turlock. He has a wide repertoire of music, but specializes in OLDIES.**

**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.

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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

**It’s that time of the year!** **A’s vs SF.**  **Please have a SIR Branch representative collect checks ($52 pp), and send them to: Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis 93612. Deadline: 1 June**

**SIR DAY AT THE BALLPARK “Battle of the Bay” Sunday, 8/25/2019, Oakland Coliseum 1PM; $52;**

**section 106, shaded area. Once your checks come in, by the deadline, I will order the 80 seats for our**

**SIR members and guests. When the tickets come to me, then I will mail them to you using your self-**

**addressed stamped return envelope. So please talk it up at your Branches, and “take me out to the**

**ball game”.** Lee Moy State SIR Sports (559) 709-9851 LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

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

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**The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at:** [**http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/**](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!**

**Sam Graham is home recovering from bypass surgery and Vernon Jones is in rehab.**

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

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain