SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

Dedicated to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement



June 2019 Newsletter

Message from the Branch Executive Committee

result of recent and on-going circumstances. the Branch Executive Committee submits the following information for the members of Branch 144 outlining problems we are experiencing. First, due to personal reasons Big Sir Jerry Emery has resigned from SIR, leaving the Branch with no Big Sir. Because of various reasons there is no available member to fill the post of Big Sir for the June luncheon. The Executive Committee is endeavoring to fill the position. This then leads to an on-going problem for our Branch. The Nominating Committee informs the BEC that there is a pervasive lack of willingness on the part of members to be willing to spend a few hours each month to volunteer to perform the administration duties of the branch. This leaves many necessary functions unfilled resulting in the situation The second item, possibly noted here. associated with the first item, is that the attendance of the May Ladies Day has experienced declining attendance. In 2017 there were 63 members attending, in 2018 we had 48 members attend, and this year, 37 members bought tickets, from a membership of over 150. The fact that only about 25% of the membership participate has resulted in the BEC voting to eliminate the May Ladies Day. This action is taken with great disappointment.

The Branch Executive Committee requests members make their opinions known for improvement.

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LADIES DAY



Enjoying conversation with the ladies



Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 380-9896 by Sunday June 16. Thank you!

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order, by Jerry Emery, at 10:15 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, Assistant Secretary Fernando Gonzalez. Directors: Andre Dodd, Jim Toepfer, Gaylan King. Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Julius Manrique.

Jerry Emery entertained a motion to approve the April 18th, 2019 BEC Minutes 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Anthony Butera, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for April was Presented by Assistant Treasurer C.K. Gottschalk

Motion by 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Biff Galbraith, to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed Motion to pay for additional expenses (vouchers) Bob Lewis Newsletter \$22.22, Jerry Emery \$50.00 Papa Pavlo's gift card. 1st Gaylan king, 2nd Andre Dodd, Motion passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

Three Inductees: Larry F Hughes, Patrick W Kissee, Jeffery (Jeff) Holder, (vote Required)

One application: James E (Jim) Walker Jr, (vote Required)

No Resignations:

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

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

Total Members 146 active

Induct Fernando Gonzalez to 144 as Assistant Secretary in front of members.

Motion by 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Anthony Butera, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires absent; sent reminder to members to check newsletter for trip information and dates.

Bowling and Golf: Doing well

Dining: Vince Sereno absent; sent message all groups are doing well.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier; Sunshine Chair contact at (605-9638)

Sam Graham up and around needs more time to regain strength.

Louie Altadonna only member of 144 from original 1981 Sirs. 99 years young and married 72 years.

Old Business: Giants/A's baseball game on 8/25, \$52 per person. Individuals will send a check and a self-addressed envelope to: Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm, Clovis 93612 by June 1st. 1pm game time, at A's Coliseum, Section 106. **Give ideas for Christmas entertainment to Anthony Butera.** We only need \$100.00 for today's entertainment, instead of the usual \$200.00

New Business: Meeting for Big Sir, Little Sir, and Nominating Chair-May 21st, 10 AM, at Denny's on Hwy 99. Re: Nominating committee's duties/membership. **We are dropping May Ladies' Day**. Motion to drop, 1st C.K. Gottschalk, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed. Why? We have 4 dining out groups doing well. The numbers for this day keep getting less and less. It inhibits our membership drive for 2 months right in the middle of the year; as no one brings a prospective member to Ladies' Day and everyone has to be reminded at the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 10:34 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting with be 9:30 AM June 20th, 2019

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

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.





If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com to receive a reservation form with more details.

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

"DINING OUT" CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

June Info & July/August Locations

June 5th--(1st Wed. Club)

El Rosal---Arrive at 4:45 pm -- Hosted by Jerry & Renate Thomason

June 11th--(2nd Tues. Club)

Cool Hand Luke's—Arrive by 4:45 pm Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Pete & Vivien Dutton at 605-1254 or 605-0460 A.S.A.P.!

June 25th--(4th Tues. Club)

JOHNNY'S Amer./Ital./Tavern ---4:45 pm Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hostess Marian Alves at 527-2487 No later than June 18th

June 27th--(4th Thurs. Club)

George's Steakhouse--4:45 pm Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 -No later than June 20th.

1st Wednesday Club

<u>July 3rd – Divine Swine</u> <u>August 7th – George's Steakhouse</u>

2nd Tuesday Club

<u>July 9th - George's Steakhouse</u> <u>August 13th - La Parilla / McHenry Village</u>

4th Tuesday Club

<u>July 23rd - Velvet Creamery</u> August 27th - ?????

4th Thursday Club

<u>July 25th - Strings</u> <u>August 22nd - Velvet Grill & Creamery</u>

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

A Quote to Think About:

Don't work for fools. It's not worth it. Getting paid less to work for people you like and believe in is much better for you (and your career) in the long run.

--- Adam Savage

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age	
Mike	Ewald	06/06/50	69	
Dennis	Cervantes	06/16/45	74	
John	Green	06/05/50	69	
Conrad	Haines	06/08/47	72	
Gary	Black	06/24/45	74	
Lor	Salvi	06/17/37	82	
Bryan	Harrison	06/14/31	88	
Lou	Altadonna	06/12/20	99	



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date Years

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Pat	Brooks	Patricia	06/01/63	56
Bill	Burchell	Edith	06/26/59	60
Doug	Burroughs	Pat	06/30/73	46
Len	Davis	June	06/08/57	62
Andre	Dodd	Doris	06/06/81	38
Eubie	Eubank	Judy	06/29/86	33
Bernie	Fairfield	Sharon	06/10/92	27
Frank	LeSage	Patricia	06/28/75	44
John	Medrano	Jojo	06/11/77	42
Michael	Moncure	Kathy	06/19/16	3
Ted	Nagel	Dona	06/20/70	49
Jack	O'Brian	Ardyth	06/30/62	57
John	Sai	Mary Jo	06/04/66	53
Dennis	Stambaugh	Jan	06/14/69	50
Ed	Tabacco	Karen	06/13/70	49
Tom	Watson	Cathleen	06/07/80	39





June 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-----

June 18 Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Dublin: Victor Okumura 510-557-2687; Jerry Sabo 510-790-3135

July 8-9 Nu Generation Lanes, Yuba City Ray Buttacavoli H-530-671-5599 C 530-329-2038

July 19-22 Knotty Pine Lanes, Pollock Pines Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

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



JUNE GOLF 2019



MONDAY	DIABLO	CARTS: INCLUDED
JUNE 3	GRANDE	O, II (1 G. II (CECEEE
HOST:143	\$ 44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
JUNE 10	{TS}	
HOST:144	\$31.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
JUNE17		
HOST:164	\$44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY	DRYDEN	CARTS: \$ 15.00
JUNE 24		
HOST:103	\$ 30.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY	ATWATER	CARTS: INCLUDED
JUL. 1		
HOST:143	\$43.00	8:00 AM

THF 4 MAN BEST BALL TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN MOVED TO CREEKSIDE ON JUNE THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP. LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO PLAY. JOE ADAMS WILL BF SETTING UP ALL OF THE TEAMS. WITH BETTER WEATHER COMING WE SHOULD SEE MORE PLAYERS OUT THERE! IF YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED BECAUSE OF THE RAIN. NOW IS THE TIME. IT WILL ALSO START GETTING WARMER AS THE MONTHS GO BY. HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE TEE BOX SOON.

Jay Norris br#144 golf chairman

<u>Sirgolfer144@gmail.com</u> 209-606-1475

3328 Vine Cliff Way, Modesto, Ca 95355

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.

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.

<u>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</u>

- 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



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 June 20, 2019

Speaker will be Kristina Aguirre from Mary Medicinals. She will talk about the latest advances in cannabis medicine and studies in how it helps people with Arthritis, Nerve Pain, Joint Pain, Parkinson Disease and more.

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: Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440

Treasurer:.....Nilo Casiano 324-5926. **Assistant Treasurer:**.....CK Gottschalk 883-3387

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

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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

<u>RAMP</u>

Recruitment:.....Jerry Emery 838-1562

Activities:.....Open

<u>Member Relations:</u>....Gary Williams 578-3471 <u>Publicity/Relations:</u>...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





Lou and Emilia Altadonna both 99 years young. Married 72 years.

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

Sam Graham is home recovering from bypass surgery, Vernon Jones is home recovering and Ernie Lewis is home recovering from shoulder replacement.

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

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain