SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

Dedicated to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement



July 2019 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Jerry Strain



Well as you may or may not know by now, Big Sir Jerry Emery has resigned as of June 1st. I was asked by the committee if I would volunteer to resume the duties as Big Sir starting in July. I willingly said yes.

I do not have much to add to this month's newsletter but to introduce

myself to those who may not know who I am.

I would like to give you some background about me and my family so that you know exactly who I am. I am a native Californian born in Modesto and raised in Riverbank. I attended grammar school in Riverbank and attended and graduated from Oakdale High School in 1960. My wife and I were married in December of 1960 and have now been married for 59 years. We have three children and 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren all living in California. In January of 1961 I joined the US Air force where I spend 8 years as a Missile Systems Guidance Tech. I went to work for Westinghouse Corp. in February of 1969 where I spent the next 33 years. While working for Westinghouse I went to school at night and worked during the day. I have earned two AS Degrees, one in Metallurgy and one in Electrical Engineering. In 1985 I received a BSCS Degree in Computer Science. I then spent the next 17 years working as a Senior Systems Engineer in the field of Oceanic Research with the Naval Department. I retired in 2002 and moved back to Modesto where my Mother and Father and most of our family still live.

I joined Branch 144 in June of 2003 and have served the following positions. Golf Committee Chairman, Area 22 Golf Chairman, and State Golf Committee.

I have been Asst. Secretary, Secretary, Little Sir, and Big Sir in 2011. I have served as Regional Director in 2014 and 2015, and Chairman of the Growth and Membership committee. I was then elected as Vice President of SIRinc in 2016 and served as President of SIRinc in 2017.

I will now serve again as your Big SIR for the remainder of 2019. I am looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on July 18th.

Big Sir Jerry Strain

Officers & Directors for 2020

BIG SIR	ANTHONY BUTERA
LITTLE SIR	BIFF GALBRAITH
SECRETARY	FERNANDO GONZALEZ
ASST SECRETARY	(OPEN)
	NILO CASIANO
ASST TREASURER	C. K. GOTTSCHALK

DIRECTORS: ANDRE DODD, JIM TOEPFER, GARY WILLIAMS, SAM GRAHAM, GAYLAN KING, and PETE DUTTON



Conrad Haines won the June Birthday Drawing

Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 380-9896 by Sunday July 14. Thank you!

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES JUNE 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order, by Gary Williams, at 9:30AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Gary Williams, Little Sir Anthony Butera, Secretary Biff Galbraith, Treasurer Nilo Casiano, Assistant Treasurer C.K. Gottschalk, Assistant Secretary Fernando Gonzalez. Directors: Andre Dodd, Jim Toepfer, Gaylan King, Bill Burchell, Sam Graham, Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Julius Manrique, Bill Stires, Pete Dutton, Vince Sereno, Patton Brooks, Henry Solario. Gary Williams entertained a motion to approve the May 16th, 2019 BEC Minutes 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Sam Graham, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for May was Presented by Treasurer Nilo Casiano

Motion by 1st Bill Burchell, 2nd Andre Dodd, to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to revision, Motion Passed Motion to pay for additional expenses (vouchers): Bob Lewis Newsletter \$22.22, 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Sam Graham, Motion passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

No Inductees No applications

One Resignations: Jerry Emery 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 One Death: Jack Brey

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

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires; reminder to members to check newsletter for trip information and dates, new trip available.

Bowling and Golf: Doing well

Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups are doing well.

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

Jack Brey has died.

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.**

New Business: Due to resignation of Big Sir Jerry Emery, motion to approve Jerry Strain as Big Sir for reminder of 2019 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Sam Graham, Motion Passed.

Motion to approve slate of officers for next year. Big Sir Anthony Butera, Little Sir Biff Galbraith, Secretary Fernando Gonzalez, Treasurer C.K. Gottschalk, Directors Andre Dodd, Jim Toepfer, Gary Williams, Sam Graham, Gaylan King, Pete Dutton. 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Jim Toepfer, Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned: 9:50 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting with be 9:30 AM July 18th, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Biff Galbraith

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

SIR Area 18, and Friends Presents*
Beach Blanket Babylon
Swiss Louis Italian & Seafood Restaurant Tour
November 17, 2019
Price: \$190.00 per person

The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be traveling to San Francisco for a day of fun! You don't want to miss out on this! After 45 years of many extraordinary performances, Beach Blanket Babylon will be closing their doors this year. The outrageous, gargantuan, tremendous hats and hairdos are a sight to see. Plus the comedy will leave you laughing. Before the show, the group will visit famous Pier 39 for a hosted savory early dinner / late lunch at the Swiss Louis Italian & Seafood. After the performance, we will leisurely travel back to the Central Valley.

Minimum of 30 passengers needed by October 3, 2019 or the trip will be cancelled

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR FEATURING MACKINAC ISLAND'S GRAND HOTEL

May 7- 14, 2020

Price: \$3,365 Double Occupancy \$4,415 Single

Airfare price is \$249 per person if sign up before July 31, 2019 Airfare goes up on August 1

<u>Tour Includes:</u> Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit

Airport transfers, 2 nights in Holland Michigan, visit Tulip Gardens and a working Windmill, attend the Festival along with the Music Parade.

2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel on Mackinac Island with horse-drawn carriage tour

A tour of the Ford factory and watch a F150 pickup truck being built

Plus optional tours and much, much more. \$40 in Mayflower Money all gratuities for Tour Guide and Bus Driver

Remember that the price will go up on August 1, 2019.

\$500 deposit per person by July 31,2019 to hold these great prices.

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

If you like to eat out, have fun, joke & laugh with old and new found friends, Call 524-9630 to join

July Info & August/Sept. Locations

July 3rd--(1st Wed. Club)

Divine Swine---Arrive at 4:45 pm -- Hosted by Gaylan & Cathey King

July 9th--(2nd Tues. Club)

George's Steakhouse—Arrive at 4:45
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Joe &
Diane Venturini
at 524-6577 A.S.A.P.!

July 23rd--(4th Tues. Club)

VELVET CREAMERY-- McHenry 4:45 pm Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 No later than July 16th

July 25th--(4th Thurs. Club)

Strings Italian Cafe—2601 Oakdale Rd 4:45 pm Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Doug & Margaret Hodge at 529-3603 - No later than July 18th.

1st Wednesday Club

<u>August 7th - George's Steakhouse</u> <u>September 4th - Bella Italia</u>

2nd Tuesday Club

<u>August 13th - La Parilla / McHenry Village</u> <u>September 10th - Mimi's Cafe</u>

4th Tuesday Club

<u>August 27th - ?????</u> <u>September 24th - Beijing</u>

4th Thursday Club

August 22nd - Velvet Grill & Creamery September 26th - Mimi's Cafe

Quotes to Think About:

You're not obligated to win. You're obligated to keep trying to do the very best you can every day.--- Marian Wright Edelman

What one does is what counts! Not what one had the intention of doing.---Pablo Picasso

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Bartels	Frank	07/23/47	72
Bell	Red	07/29/38	81
Campbell	Cal	07/23/48	71
Graham	Sam	07/10/36	83
Hawes	Jack	07/07/40	79
Hughes	Larry	07/30/42	77
Irwin	Rick	07/26/44	75
LeSage	Francis	07/16/51	68
Lewis	Bob	07/14/51	68
Lewis	Ernie	07/02/31	88
McNett	Tom	07/28/40	79



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Name Spouse Date Years

Pete	Dutton	Vivien	07/01/06	13
Dan	Erreca	Diane	07/18/98	21
Brad	Hardison	Daria	07/28/84	35
Ron	Harris	Karen	07/05/80	39
Julius	Manrique	Barbara	07/20/63	56
Joe	Miceli	Mary	07/01/67	52
Mike	Morey	Phyllis	07/12/53	66
Ernie	Pinkston	Connie	07/17/01	18
Ron	Quintanal	Glenna	07/05/02	17
Tony	Salonga	Seny	07/06/76	43
John	Schamante	Cheri	07/19/03	16
Wayne	Williams	Sharrol	07/08/66	53





July 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----

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

July 19-21 Knotty Pine Lanes, Pollock Pines Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

August 12-15 Gold Dust West, Carson City 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



JULY GOLF 2019



MONDAY JULY 1	ATWATER	CARTS INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$ 43.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY	DRYDEN	CARTS:
JULY 8		\$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$30.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY	MANTECA	CARTS:
JULY 15		INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY	CREEKSIDE IQ	CARTS:
JULY 22		\$ 15.00
HOST:103	\$ 31.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY	SWENSON	CARTS:
JULY 29		\$ 14.00
HOST: 143	\$27.00	8:00 AM

THE 4 MAN BEST HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN POSTED. THE TEAMS ADVANCING TO THE FINAL WILL BE NOTIFIED. THE FINAL WILL BE AT RANCHO SOLANO ON AUG. 12. ALSO, THE INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER WILL BE PLAYED JULY 22 AT CREEKSIDE. YOU CAN SIGN UP AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON JULY 20TH. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Jay Norris br#144 golf chairman

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

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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.

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



A's vs SF AT THE OAKLAND COLISEUM AUGUST 25, 2019

> MINDEN-RENO-APPLE HILL OCTOBER 9-10, 2019

BEACH BLANKET BABYLON (LAST YEAR) NOVEMBER 17, 2019

> HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR MAY 7-14, 2020

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

PRICES COMING SOON: HOLIDAY SHOW AND OVERNIGHT IN RENO--- DECEMBER 4-5, 2019

Program for July 18, 2019

Speaker will be John Scheuber of Veterinary Service Inc. He will speak about the Journey of Life.

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 Strain 551-8220

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

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

<u>RAMP</u>

Recruitment:....Open
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 632-8197 **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



New Officers & Directors for 2020. Pictured L-R: Directors: Pete Dutton, Jim Toepher, Andre Dodd. Big SIR: Anthony Butera. Little SIR: Biff Galbraith. Secretary: Fernando Gonzalez. Asst.Treasurer: C.K. Gottschalk. Director: Sam Graham. Treasurer: Nilo Casiano. Director: Gaylan King.

To save 15% on tickets to the Gallo Center use code: SIRS1920

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! Jack Brey passed away.

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

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain