

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



September 2019 Newsletter

Volume 09-2019

Message from Big Sir Jerry Strain



By now, Labor Day is over and so marks the unofficial end of Summer. I hope that you and yours enjoyed the Summer and the Holiday.

This month has been busy for SIR. In August, we elected our 2020 officers. Little Sir Anthony Butera and I attended the SIR Annual Meeting held at the Thunder Valley Casino in Lincoln.

61st SIR Annual Meeting Theme

Where we've been, where we're going, how to get there...

Our Mission

To improve the lives of our members through fun activities, events and luncheons while making Friends for Life.

Our Vision

To become the preeminent active men's organization in Northern and Central California by improving longevity through providing opportunities for **physical, mental and social engagement**.

The meeting followed the Theme and was presented by Dr. Ritchie (she is from UCSF who we have partnered with) who talked about the Partnership with SIR and how to improve our longevity through Physical, Mental, and Social engagement. The election of the State Officers followed the above, then followed by lunch. Other activities were talked about i.e. RV clubs the SIR Foundation, Bocce and Golf.

For those of you who do not know, the SIR Logo was changed at the January meeting of the State SIR. The old Logo is now the Optional Emblem with a change from Sons in Retirement to, Social Activities for Men. Below are examples:



LOGO



Emblem

Big SIR Jerry Strain

New Member



Pictured L-R: (Sp) Jim Toepfer, (NM) Jerry Miller
Little SIR Anthony Butera

Jerry was a Purchasing Agent for Gallo Winery. He likes Barbershop Quartet, Book Club, Book Swap, Breakfast Club, Chorus, Crab Feed, Dinner Dances, Dine Out Group, Explore & Eat, Game Night, Wine Finders, Model Railroad, Pinochle, Travel, Wine Tasting, Veterans & WWII memorabilia (especially WWII Warbirds). His wife is Kathy.



**Remember, if you cannot
attend the luncheons, please call
Gaylan King at 380-9896 by
Sunday September 15. Thank you!**

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 15th, 2019

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

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Jerry Strain, 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, Gary Williams, Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Julius Manrique, Bill Stires, Vince Sereno, Patton Brooks.

Jerry Strain entertained a motion to approve the July 18th, 2019 BEC Minutes 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Sam Graham, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

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

Checkbook balance July 2019.....	\$ 5757.61
Total receipts.....	\$ 1,697.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 1,993.01
Total checkbook and cash July 2019.....	\$ 5,661.60

Motion by 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Bill Burchell, to accept the Treasurer's Report and Vouchers Robert Lewis Newsletter \$20.10, and Sam Graham misc. expenses like frames etc. \$35.65. Motion Passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

Two Inductees: Charlie F Leffingwell and Jerry Miller. (Vote required)

One application: James E. (Jim) Walker Jr.

Two Resignations: Mickael W Ewald and John Green. (Vote Required)

Transfer to Disabled Status: Charlie Brunn. (Vote Required)

Reactivate to Active Status: Howard Greshaber. (Vote Required)

Death: Gary Nerland.

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State SHLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members: Vincent (Vinny) Altadonna.

Total Members: 145 active.

Vote for Resignations 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Gaylan King. Motion Passed

Motion by 1st Bill Burchell, 2nd Andre Dodd, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

Bill Burchell spoke about absentees and no-shows. We need to fine tune members luncheon attendance.

We are considering an E-Mail based system with member answering Yes or No Thursday or Friday before week of meeting. Possible charge for meal to member that does not contact before week of meeting.

Committee Report:

Accessories: Sam Graham orders and procures goods like pins, plaque etc.

Travel: Bill Stires; Reminder to members to check newsletter for trip information and dates, new trip available **Holland Michigan**. (Holland Michigan air fare is extended for reduced fare, check newsletter). New Reno trip check newsletter.

Bowling: Up and running need more participants, have eleven teams would like to make 12 teams.

Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups are doing well. Marie Calendars has closed, group to reschedule that venue.

Golf: Going well.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

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

Old Business: Review Nominations, General election August meeting. We still need an assistant Treasurer. Vote of entire membership in attendance. Slate of offices passed unanimous. Vote September meeting.

Give ideas for Christmas entertainment to Anthony Butera.

New Business: Area Governor vote taken by area Big SIRS. Jerry will vote to support Pat Reed at annual meeting August 20th at Thunder Valley Casino. Anthony Butera will attend meeting only.

We are still looking for activity chair and recruitment chair also. We also need assistant treasurer, CK will only be able to start year. Looking to make December Ladies Day better (improved food, Steak for example, and Wine at tables. Probably would be slight increase in Lunch fee with improvements, only for Ladies Day in December. We were notified that SIR Branch 86 in Stockton closed. (lack of leadership interest)

Meeting adjourned: 10.01 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 9:30 AM, September 19th, 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 Deadline is fast approaching of
September 4, 2019 and the trip is filling up fast.
Don't be left out if you want to go!

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 and lunch at Nugget
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

SIR Area 18, and Friends Presents:
A Holiday Celebration! Reno Overnight
Tour December 11-12, 2019

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Deluxe Storer Coachways Motorcoach Transportation
Coffee & donuts will be provided morning of departure
Accommodations at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino, Reno
Private Group Cocktail Party + Dinner Buffet
Santa's Christmas Extravaganza at the Eldorado Show
Room
Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffet Coupon
Free time for gambling at The Nugget Casino
\$10.00 total in Casino Bonus Packages (subject to
change)
Driver Gratuity
COST PER PERSON: \$ 292.00 Per Person, Double
Occupancy: \$ 322.00 Per Person, Single Occupancy
Full payment due upon booking Minimum of 24
passengers needed by November 8, 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

GREAT NEWS; the Airfare price of \$249
per person has been extended to September 15,
2019! Sign up early as this trip will fill up fast
and the tour group will be full.

Tour Includes: 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, and
\$40 in Mayflower Money.

All gratuities for Tour Guide and Bus Driver.

**Remember that the price will go up on
September 15, 2019.**

\$500 deposit per person by September 15, 2019
to hold these great prices. Final payment due on
January 15, 2020.

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, Phone Vince at: 524-9630 to join in the fun.

Sept. Info & Oct./Nov. Locations

September 4th--(1st Wed. Club)

BELLA ITALIA --Arrive by 4:45 pm
-- Hosted by Henry Solario

September 10th--(2nd Tues. Club)

MIMI'S CAFÉ—Arrive by 4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Joe & Mary Miceli at 527-5818 A.S.A.P.!

September 24th--(4th Tues. Club)

BEIJING RESTAURANT—Arrive by 4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Glen Carrington/ Lynn Redmond at 556-2875 No later than Tues. Sept. 17th

September 26th--(4th Thurs. Club)

MIMI'S CAFE—Arrive by 4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Edd & Sharon Santwier at 605-9638 No later than Thursday, September 19th.

1st Wednesday Club

October 2nd - Happy Garden in Escalon
November 6th - Black Bear Dinner

2nd Tuesday Club

October 8th - Osaka Sushi
November 12th - Olive Garden

4th Tuesday Club

October 22nd - Tasty Thai
November -NO DINNER MEETING

4th Thursday Club

October 24th - Beijing Restaurant
November - NO DINNER MEETING

Quotes to Think About:

Abraham Lincoln after being called “TWO-FACED”:
“If I had two faces, do you think I'd be wearing this one?”

“I've never killed a man, but I've read many an obituary with a great deal of satisfaction.”---
Mark Twain

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age
Donald Binney	09/07/44	75
Cecil Brown	09/10/44	75
Ron Brown	09/15/34	85
Hal DeArmond	09/30/43	76
Fernando Gonzalez	09/25/46	73
Roy Hardison	09/05/29	90
Ron Harris	09/03/58	61
Jeff Holder	09/02/50	69
Don Jordan	09/10/45	74
Walt Masciorini	09/13/31	88
Jim Walker	09/23/48	71



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Dennis Cervantes	Nancy	09/08/90	29
Jack Griffin Jr.	Jean Marie	09/16/00	19
Patrick Kisse	Pam	09/26/97	22
Mike Mensinger	Dawn	09/01/53	66
Russell Peck	Charlotte	09/03/49	70
Chuck Sheaffer	Cherie	09/09/72	47
Vig Vigil	Shirley	09/10/89	30
David Yarbrough	Melba	09/10/77	42





September 2019 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 1 August 13

Series: David Brown 708 David Brown 720

Game: David Brown 267 John Sherrard 273

Week 2 August 20

Series: Marion Roberts 631 Fred Sherman 693

**Game : Marion Roberts 234 Marion Roberts 247
Dan Erreca 234**

Week 3 August 27

Series: David Brown 646 John Sherrard 699

**Game : David Brown 259 Joe Bradley 274
Larry Sallee 259**

Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

September 13-14 Carson Lanes, Carson City

Tim Hall H-775-246-1027 C-530-409-3494

**October 1-2 Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights
Art Tourtillot 916-635-6148**

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

vnr03@sbcglobal.net

Officers and Directors Nominees for 2020

BIG SIR.....ANTHONY BUTERA

LITTLE SIR.....BIFF GALBRAITH

SECRETARY.....FERNANDO GONZALEZ

ASST SECRETARY.....JACK O'BRIAN

TREASURER,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,NILO CASIANO

ASST TREASURER.....(OPEN)

**DIRECTORS: ANDRE DODD, JIM TOEPFER,
GARY WILLIAMS, SAM GRAHAM, GAYLAN KING, and
JERRY STRAIN**

SEPTEMBER GOLF 2019



TUESDAY SEPT 3	ELKHORN	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$ 44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY SEPT 9	MICKE GROVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$38.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY SEPT 16	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 103	\$32.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY SEPT 23	DIABLO GRANDE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST:143	\$44.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY SEPT 30	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: ALL	\$35.00	8:00 AM
MONDAY OCT. 7	CREEKSIDE	9:00 AM
HOST: 144	\$32.00	CARTS: \$15.00

STARTING OCT. 7 AT CREEKSIDE TEE TIME CHANGES TO 9:00AM, EXCEPT DRY CREEK ON OCT. 14 TEE TIME IS 8:30. ALSO, WE PLAY ATWATER 2 MORE TIMES THIS YEAR COST IS \$ 44.00. THE GREEN FEES FOR CREEK SIDE ARE NOW \$ 32.00. THE END OF YEAR TOURNAMENT WILL BE SEPT 30 AT MANTECA, FREE LUNCH IF YOU PLAYED 10 GAMES OR MORE. SIGN UP AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON SEPT 19TH. SEE YOU THERE.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN
Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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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.

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 Brunnigasse 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



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

BEACH BLANKET BABYLON (LAST YEAR)
NOVEMBER 17, 2019

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IN RENO OVERNIGHT
TOUR
DECEMBER 11-12, 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

**Program for
September 19, 2019**

**Speaker will be
Mike Winapple who
will speak about
Medicare 101**

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:.....C.K. 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

RAMP

Recruitment:.....Open
Activities:.....Open
Member Relations:....Gary Williams 578-3471
Publicity/Relations:...Sam Graham 552-0960
Accessories:.....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



Doug Hodge won the Birthday drawing



Officers & Directors for 2020: Top left Director Jerry Strain; L-R Directors Sam Graham, Jim Toepfer, Andre Dodd; Big SIR Anthony Butera; Little SIR Biff Galbraith; Secretary Fernando Gonzalez; Directors Gaylan King and Gary Williams

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!

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

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain