

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



October 2019 Newsletter

Volume 10-2019

Message from Big Sir Jerry Strain



Hello fellow SIR's. As we enter this Fall Season, I personally look forward to Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Goblins, pumpkin pie, Turkey and Ham.

We will be selling Ladies Day tickets for December Ladies Day this month and next. We are striving to make this a better occasion for our Ladies by bringing a better meal choice. I expect the price to be about \$25/person this year. So, bring your significant other and join us for a good time and a great meal in December.

As you know, we have had low attendance for the last several meetings which is costing you and I as members who must pay for meals we are contracted for but are not consumed.

In September we sent a survey asking all of you who have emails if you would be attending the luncheon. We only had a 55% response. Now that you all know it is coming, I hope to get better response. We will be sending you another Survey this month. Please respond to let us know that you will be attending the meeting.

Also, this month we plan to have an exit survey on the tables for you to fill out. Tell us what we can do to improve our luncheon meetings.

Big Sir Jerry Strain

New Member



Pictured L-R: (Sp) Keith Rogers; (NM) Larry Zabel;
Little SIR Anthony Butera

Larry enjoys Bowling, Woodworking, Theatre and Opera. His wife is Muggs.

***Ladies Day tickets go on sale at the
October and November luncheons***



**Remember, if you cannot
attend the luncheons, please
call ***Gaylan King*** at 380-9896 by
Sunday October 13. Thank you!**

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES September 19th, 2019

The meeting was called to order, by Jerry Strain, at 9:29 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Jerry Strain, Secretary Biff Galbraith, Treasurer Nilo Casiano, 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, Vince Sereno, Patton Brooks, Edd Santwier, Mike Mensinger, Pete Dutton.

Jerry Strain entertained a motion to approve the August 15th, 2019 BEC Minutes 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Andre Dodd, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

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

Checkbook balance August 2019.....	\$ 5,461.60
Total receipts.....	\$ 1,641.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 1,735.15
Total checkbook and cash August 2019.....	\$ 5,567.45

Motion by 1st Fernando Gonzalez, 2nd Gaylan King, to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed

Motion to pay for additional expenses (vouchers) Bob Lewis Newsletter \$ 21.16, Jerry Strain \$71.00 Annual meeting SIR.

1st Edd Santwier, 2nd Bill Burchell, Motion passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

One Inductee: Jerry Miller (Vote required)

Three applications: David L. Yarbrough, Larry Zabel, James E (Jim) Walker Jr, (vote Required)

Three Resignations: Louis J. Wilhelm, Louie Kazas, Robert Watson, (Vote Required)

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members: Vincent (Vinny) Altadonna, Charlie Brunn.

Total Members 144 active: 146

Motion by 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Andre Dodd, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Travel: Reminder to members to check newsletter for trip information and dates, new trip available **Holland Michigan.**

Bowling: Doing well

Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups are doing well. Adjusting without Marie Callendar's.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

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

Glen Davis broke hip.

Old Business: Bill Burchell spoke as follow up to promote membership, Better communications, and membership attending more meetings.

Give ideas for Christmas entertainment to Anthony Butera.

We are trying a new E-Mail response for attendance. Answer yes or no. Please call Gaylan King if no.

We will also have info on upcoming lady's day food and prices. Give Jerry input please, tickets will be sold starting next month.

New Business: We still have many members that are not responding to survey or phone call.

We are still looking for activity chair and recruitment chair also. We need to tighten up membership rolls, many non-attenders, our goal is 70% at each luncheon. We pay for 105 plus or minus 10 so we pay for 95 lunches, if only 90 show we pay for 5 extra lunches.

Meeting adjourned: 10:02 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be October 17th, 2019 at 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Secretary

Area 18 Travel

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

The Dining Out Club is completing another successful year. I have been the Chair since April 2009, & we have grown from 1 group to 4 separate groups. Come join us in January 2020. Phone Vince at: 524-9630 to join.

October Info & Nov. Locations

October 2nd--(1st Wed. Club)

HAPPY GARDEN/Escalon ---Arrive by 4:45 pm --
Hosted by Frank & Pat LeSage

October 8th--(2nd Tues. Club)

OSAKA SUSHI —Arrive by 4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Wes Hall at 524-3160 or Mike & Phyllis Morey at 527-5371 A.S.A.P.!

October 22nd--(4th Tues. Club)

TASTY THAI on Roselle—Arrive by 4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Vince & Kathy Sereno at 524-9630 No later than Tues. October 15th

October 24th--(4th Thurs. Club)

BEIJING Restaurant—Arrive by 4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts Bernie & Sharon at 262-8128 No later than Thursday, October 17th.

1st Wednesday Club

November 6th - Black Bear Dinner
No December Dinner

2nd Tuesday Club

November 12th - Olive Garden
No December Dinner

4th Tuesday Club &

4th Thursday Club

DO NOT HAVE DINNERS
In November or December

Humourous Quote:

Bessie Braddock to Winston Churchill:
“Winston, you are drunk, and what’s more you are disgustingly drunk.”

Winston replied: “Bessie, my dear, you are ugly, and what’s more, you are disgustingly ugly. But tomorrow I shall be sober and you will still be disgustingly ugly.”

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Adams	Chuck	10/29/42	77
Boyd	Mike	10/13/43	76
Davis	Leonard	10/03/36	83
Duran	Jim	10/12/37	82
Grieshaber	Howard	10/08/49	70
Leffingwell	Charlie	10/11/52	67
Masse	Vern	10/24/45	74
Miceli	Joe	10/24/40	79
Moran	Paul	10/21/47	72
Oehrlein	Ken	10/18/42	77
Pinkston	Ernie	10/18/46	73
Quintanal	Ron	10/30/45	74
Sanford	Don	10/05/23	96
Strain	Jerry	10/10/42	77
Stroud	Gary	10/18/39	80
Williams	Wayne	10/18/40	79

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Cecil	Brown	Carolyn	10/10/08	11
Chuck	Gentry	Patricia	10/30/82	37
Fernando	Gonzalez	Josie	10/10/99	20
Sam	Graham	Claire	10/29/61	58
John	Kincanon	Sharon	10/27/01	18
Merle	Liebert	Diane	10/22/59	60
Fred	Sherman	Norma	10/15/88	31
Ray	Tenorio	Rosanne	10/12/97	22
Thomas	Weiss	Nancy	10/23/71	48

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



October 2019 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 4 September 3

Series: Larry Sallee 652 Bick Woolley 693

Game: Dan Erreca 268 Dan Erreca 268

Week 5 September 10

Series: Dan Erreca 728 Steve Hughes 743

Game: Dan Erreca 267 Chuck Shoup 275

Week 6 September 17

Series: Dan Erreca 635 Terry McChesney 696

Game: David Brown 236 Terry McChesney 249

Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

October 15 Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood

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

October 31-November 1 McHenry Bowl, Modesto

Jim Pastorelli 406-8156- Vern Masse 538-4275

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse

209-538-4275

vnr03@sbcglobal.net

Officers and Directors 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

OCTOBER GOLF 2019



MONDAY OCT. 7	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 32.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY OCT. 14	DRY CREEK	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$34.00	8:30 AM
MONDAY OCT. 21	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY OCT. 28	ATWATER	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST:143	\$ 43.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY NOV. 4	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$32.00	9:00 AM

I WILL BEGIN COLLECTING NCGA DUES AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING. THE COST FOR RENEWAL IS \$ 48.00, FOR A NEW MEMBER \$ 58.00. BE AWARE OF THE START TIME FOR DRY CREEK 8:30 AM. ALSO THE GREEN FEES FOR ATWATER ARE \$44.00.
JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

sirgolfer144@gmail.com

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355



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:.....Open

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 and Gary Williams
Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896
Book Club:.... Joe Venturini 524-6577



Roy Hardison receives Senior SIR President's Award from Big Sir Jerry Strain. He also won the Birthday drawing.



Speaker Mike Winapple receives Certificate of Appreciation from Little Sir Anthony Butera

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!

Glen Davis broke his hip.

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