

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



November 2019 Newsletter

Volume 11-2019

Message from Big Sir Jerry Strain



Hello fellow SIR's. For the October meeting we had a very dynamic speaker, Mr. Mani Grewal from the Modesto City Council. He was very knowledgeable about the Economic Development of our city. He stayed around to answer a number of questions after the meeting.

I have looked at the Exit Survey that was left on the tables this month. The Satisfaction level about our overall luncheon was 65% Satisfactory. Most of you were concerned about escalating prices for lunch, and programs that are more interesting. There were a lot of comments about having better speakers, and I think we have already started to accomplish that. We have some very interesting speakers lined up for the coming year already thanks to suggestions from some of our members. As for the escalating cost of lunch, we have no control over that. Everything is going up for all consumer items.

There was a suggestion that there be a table for new members and their sponsor for a few meetings. I think that is a good idea. and it will give the new member a chance to get comfortable and meet people. The biggest question I got was "what is the BEC". The BEC is our Branch Executive Committee. That is the Big Sir, the Little Sir, the Treasurer, assistant Treasurer, Secretary and the assistant Secretary along with the 6 Directors.

December is Ladies Day, and we will have tickets on sale at this month's meeting. Please consider attending this luncheon. This is a normal luncheon except we allow members to bring their significant other to join us. We will have tables set up for singles who don't have or elect not to bring a Lady Friend. We still have the same monthly obligation for lunches, and we must fulfill that number. This month the cost will be \$23 and we cannot afford to pay for 10 or so lunches that are not consumed. This will be a sit down served luncheon with your choice of Steak, Chicken or Salmon. Wine will be available for \$8/ bottle. There will also be entertainment for the group.

Please join us for our once/year Ladies Day luncheon.

Big Sir Jerry Strain

Editor's note: Big SIR Jerry Strain will be sending out a survey from Survey Monkey around November 14th. Please respond to this. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Member



Pictured L-R: (Sp) Tom McNett; (NM) David Yarbrough. David enjoys Genealogy, Golf, Travel, and Warrior's Basketball. His wife is Melba. Welcome David!

Ladies Day tickets are on sale at the November luncheon.



Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 380-9896 by **Sunday November 17 . Thank you!**

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES October 17th, 2019

The meeting was called to order, by Jerry Strain, at **9:26 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 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, Vernon Jones, Pete Dutton, Jack O'Brian. Jerry Strain entertained a motion to approve the September 19th, 2019 BEC Minutes 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Andre Dodd, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

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

Checkbook balance September 2019.....	\$ 5,367.45
Total receipts.....	\$ 1,592.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 1,719.35
Total checkbook and cash September 2019.....	\$ 5,440.10

Motion by 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Jim Toepfer, to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

One Inductee: Larry Zabel {Vote Required}

Three applications: David L. Yarbrough, James E. {Jim} Walker, Gerald Miller. (Vote Required)

Transfer to SIR Branch 143: Larry F. Hughes {Vote Required}.

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State SHLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

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

Total Branch 144 active members:142

Motion by 1st Fernando Gonzalez, 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, finished a good trip to Reno and Apple Hill. Still room for Christmas trip. **{Check some trips and payments are time sensitive}**

Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups are doing well. Winding down for year, next month will be last until next year.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Programs: Speaker in November Nunes WWII topic. Group for December Jay Kliatchko family band.

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

Fred Cassidy has Passed

Old Business:

We continue to look for better response to those attending our luncheon meetings. New survey seems to be working well. 59 members yes to attend, 17 members no to attend, 40 non-responsive.

Check your E-Mail and please respond as to your attendance.

New Business:

Ladies Day tickets on sale now. 3 meal choices, Steak, Chicken, Salmon. \$23.00 per person. Biff Galbraith will be taking check or cash at November meeting. Or send check to 1532 Jackellen Ln. Modesto, Ca. 95356. You can Phone me at 209 575-2724

Jerry Strain will have upcoming info about watching UOP girls Basketball with other SIR branches at future date.

Meeting adjourned: 10:03 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 9:30 AM November 21st, 2019

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
November 30, 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,
November 30,2019.**

\$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

By Vince Sereno -- 524-9630.

I want to thank all Dining Out Club Members for making each of the 4 evening Dining Out Clubs very enjoyable and successful evenings. A special Thank You to Henry Solario for being the Co-Chairman.

Thank You to each of the Host & Restaurant Coordinators for coordinating Hosts and Dinner Locations for the 2019 year. These were our 2019 Coordinators: 1st Wednesday Club—Jerry & Renate Thomson; 2nd Tuesday Club--Jay & Kathy Norris; 4th Tuesday Club---Henry Solario; 4th Thursday Club--- Bernie Fairfield & Sharon Wolinski.

Thank you all club members who volunteered to select a restaurant and be the Dinner Host. Thank You to all members for making advance dinner reservations or regrets for the next month's dinner as each restaurant needs to know how many guests to expect.

Working together with you has been a pleasure.

Thank you very much.

November Locations

Nov. 6th -- (1st Wed. Club)

Met at Black Bear Diner

Nov. 12th -- (2nd Tues. Club)

OLIVE GARDEN -- Arrive by 4:45 pm

2200 Plaza Parkway. -- Confirm any Regrets or new Reservations with

Hosts Tom & Carmen Skeen at 968-1306, by

Tues Nov. 5th

1st Wednesday & 2nd Tuesday Clubs

Do not meet in December

While

4th Tuesday & 4th Thursday Clubs do not meet in November or December

Humor

I hate it when I see an Old Person and then realize that we went to school together.

FOUR STAGES of LIFE

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

Beale was getting a shave & manicure. He noticed that the pretty blond doing his nails filled out her uniform perfectly.

“Listen, when you finish tonight.” suggested Beale, how about you & me going to dinner, then to the theater, have a couple of drinks, then go to my place & live it up.”

“I can't,” said the manicurist. “I'm married.”

“Why don't you just tell your husband you're gonna stay overnight with a girlfriend.”Why don't you? He's shaving you!”

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Abplanalp	Carl	11/14/46	73
Bica	Gus	11/14/44	75
Chalk	Gary	11/21/39	80
Cook	Deane	11/04/38	81
Jackson	Ed	11/12/44	75
Maxwell	Max	11/22/41	78
O'Brian	Jack	11/08/38	81
Salonga	Tony	11/21/40	79
Toepfer	Jim	11/01/37	82
Toschi	Gene	11/06/33	86
Williams	Gary	11/09/36	83



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Gaylan	King	Cathey	11/18/00	19
Norm	Lawrence	Janet	11/30/55	64
Tony	Scoble	Virginia	11/27/81	38
Bob	Yanko	Roseann	11/23/96	23





November 2019 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 7 September 24

Series: David Bown 601 Steve Gibson 680
 Game: Dan Erreca 248 Steve Gibson 272

Week 8 October 1

Series: Dan Erreca 720 Dan Erreca 720
 Game: Dan Erreca 262 Marvin VanMiddendorp 280

Week 9 October 8

Series: Marion Roberts 592 Ernie Lewis 711
 Game: Bob Lewis 257 Bob Lewis 288

Week 10 October 15

Series: David Brown 651 Lor Salvi 691
 Game: Ron Halliday 252 Ron Halliday 286

Week 11 October 22

Series: Dan Erreca 699 Ernie Lewis 721
 Game: Jerry Strain 247 Steve Holly 286
 Dan Erreca 247

Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

November 12 Clayton Valley Bowl, Concord- Mike Kroph 925-689-1453—Doug Schuster 925-687-4543

December 4-5 Danville Bowl, Danville
 John Monahan 925-837-1598

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

NOVEMBER GOLF 2019



MONDAY NOV. 4	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 32.00	9:00 AM
TUESDAY NOV. 12	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY NOV. 18	MICKE GROVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$38.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY NOV. 25	SWENSON	CARTS: \$ 14.00
HOST:143	\$ 27.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY DEC. 2	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. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL DUES PAID BY THE END OF DECEMBER. THE 2020 GOLF SCHEDULE SHOULD BE OUT BY OUR NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 21, SEE YOU THERE.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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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 848-3436 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



Ernie Pinkston won the Birthday drawing



Jerry Miller (R) receives Membership Certificate with (Sp) Jim Toepfer

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

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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 femur (revised). Bev McCoy (Mac) is in the hospital. Fred Cassidy passed.

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

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain