

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



January 2020 Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Volume 01-2020

Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



Well, the year 2019 is now in the past, and now we are off to a New Year! Actually, according to the Chinese Calendar this is the year of the Rat. In Chinese culture, rats were seen as a sign of wealth and surplus.

And, as one Rooster to many Roosters, I would like to thank all the past and current officers, chairpersons and volunteers that have volunteered to work as a team in our Chapter. And yes, I would like to thank all those that helped me as the Little Sir for the last 18 months. It has been an interesting ride - needless to say. Our chapter is what is because what we all do, to make it, what it is. There are many moving parts working on the scene and behind the scenes. And I thank you all for doing what you have done, do, to create fellowship among all members.

Our last meeting there was a Peace Candle near the podium. Each year, a child from Upper Austria kindles a flame, from the "Eternal Flame" from the Nativity Grotto in Bethlehem. The flame is then flown to Austria from where it is distributed across Europe. The Peace Light arrived at JFK International Airport, New York on December 6, 2019. The "Eternal Flame" was then transferred from New York, messenger by messenger, lighting their lamps from New York to Colorado, from Colorado to Pasadena on December 15th. Then from Pasadena to Bakersfield to Ceres and then to Modesto. Needless to say, the flames traveled far to reach our December Meeting. Therefore, I would like to convey the meaning of the flame to all that for the coming year let it be of faith, hope, healing, peace and prosperity.

Big SIR Anthony Butera

Ladies Day



Enjoying the Ladies



**Remember, if you
cannot attend the luncheons,
please call *Gaylan King* at
380-9896 Sunday January 12
Thank you!**

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES December 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order, by Jerry Strain, at **10:07 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, Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Bill Stires, Vince Sereno, Edd Santwier.

Jerry Strain entertained a motion to approve the November 21st, 2019 BEC Minutes 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Sam Graham, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

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

Checkbook balance November 2019.....	\$ 5,756.71
Total receipts.....	\$ 3,804.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 1,721.35
Total checkbook and cash November 2019.....	\$ 8,039.36

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

CHECK TO PAY FOR ENTERTAINMENT Jay Kaiatchiko Family Band \$200.00, 1ST Sam Graham, 2nd Edd Santwier, Motion Passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State SHLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

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

Total Members: 140 active

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

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires; Reminder to members to check newsletter for trip information and dates. **{Check some trips and payments are time sensitive}. New Trip Laguna Arts Festival; Pageant of the Masters in Southern California.**

Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups start again in January.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Programs: January meeting with Katie Cronin and Jeremy Marquez.

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

Old Business: No old business at December meeting.

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

New Business: Chapter Audit: Nilo, Fernando, and Jack to be finished by January 10th.

Form 65 membership to State SIR by January 15th.

Meeting adjourned: 10:17 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 9:30AM January 16, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Secretary

Area 18 Travel

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. Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.

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THIS TRIP IS CURRENTLY SOLD OUT. WE ARE TAKING WAITLIST NAMES.

August 29- September 9, 2020

Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. Stay in Oberammergau, Germany for the Passion Play (only performed once every 10 years, performed since 1634)

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: \$5,875.00 Double Occupancy

Price includes all transportation, hotels, gratuities for tour manager, and more.

\$500.00 deposit per person holds spot. Final payment not due until February 1

11 days that includes airfare, transfers, hotels, some meals, along with tour guide and bus driver

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HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR

FEATURING MACKINAC ISLAND'S GRAND HOTEL

May 7- 14, 2020

Price: \$3,920 Double Occupancy \$4,970 Single

This trip is nearly full so don't relay if you are planning on going.

Tour Includes: Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit, and all 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.

\$500 deposit per person to hold your place on the trip.

Final payment due on January 15, 2020.

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Laguna Arts Festival

Pageant of the Masters in Southern California

July 26-29, 2020

Price for Double \$1,895 - Single \$2,290

Tour Includes: Airport Transfers, roundtrip airfare to Los Angeles

3 night stay at the Best Western Plus in Long Beach; Tour of Ronald Reagan Library; Gondola Cruise,

Dinner at Naples Rib Company; Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express

Avalon Scenic Tour of Catalina Island; Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano; Admission in the Sawdust

Festival; Dinner at Tivoli Terrace; Reserved Main Tier Center Tier seats at the Pageant of Masters

Guided tour of Los Angeles; Admission into Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit; 5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2

dinners; Gratuities for bus drive and step on guides; Early reservation is urged to insure Main Tier Center Seats

at Pageant; Must have 20 passengers by March 1, 2020 to make trip a go; \$500 per person deposit to hold place

for trip.

Final payment Due May 18, 2020.

“DINING OUT” CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

Evening Dining Clubs- *Since 2001*

We have 80+ members spread over 4 separate evening dining Groups. Come join us for good food, good times talking & laughing with old & new friends. Call Vince at 524-9630 for Info.

Dining Club operating procedures:

- >Membership open to **SIR members, couples, singles, widows & family.**
- >Members choose the restaurant locations.
- >Members choose their meal & drinks from the restaurant Menu.
- >Members pay for their own meal & drinks.

January thru March

Dining Out Club Locations

1st Wednesday Club

Jan. 8 - Javi's (Mexican)

Feb. 4 - ? Marie Callender's ?

Mar. 4 - Waiting Confirmation

2nd Tuesday Club

Jan. 14 - Shangri-La

Feb. 11 - Outback Steakhouse

Mar. 10 - Marcella's

4th Tuesday Club

Jan. 28 -- Marcella's

Feb. 25 - Shangri-La

Mar. 24 - Velvet Creamery

4th Thursday Club

Jan. 23 - Fuzio's

Feb. 27 - George's Steakhouse

Mar .26 - Shangri- La

Humor . . .

I was popular once, but my therapist took all my imaginary friends away!

*Remember when teachers used to say:
"You won't have a calculator everywhere you go."*

Well, we showed them.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Anderson	Scott	01/06/51	69
Bica	Daryl	01/08/48	72
Boike	Gordon	01/29/35	85
Burchell	Bill	01/10/34	86
Conkey	Hal	01/19/24	96
Huffstatler	Dan	01/18/48	72
Marino	David	01/24/40	80
McCoy	Mac	01/10/33	87
Morey	Mike	01/14/30	90
Mountain	Jeff	01/19/48	72
Nagel	Ted	01/08/30	90
Parks	Larry	01/08/34	86
Rovere	Don	01/17/38	82
Sai	John	01/22/43	77
Sereno	Vince	01/25/39	81
Stambaugh	Dennis	01/25/47	73
Thomason	Jerry	01/27/49	71



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Name		Spouse	Date	Years
Carl	Abplanalp	Gloria	01/26/45	75
Bill	Cardoza	Karen	01/18/75	45
Scott	Elliott	Alicia	01/31/04	16
Tom	Hollander	Shaarn	01/27/74	46
Joe	Martinez	Erlinda	01/16/76	44
Edd	Santwier	Sharon	01/09/65	55





January 2020 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 16 November 26

Series: Dan Erreca 683 Bick Woolley 726

Game: Dan Erreca 279 Dan Erreca 279

Week 17 December 3

Series: Dan Erreca 673 Bob Lewis 694

Game: Dan Erreca 279 Dan Erreca 279

Week 18 December 10

Series: Jim Wirowek 590 Don Binney 694

Game: Don Binney 233 Don Binney 277

Week 19 December 17

Series: Steve Hughes 238 Steve Hughes 270

Game: Dan Erreca Bob Lewis 714

Come out for our hometown tournament.

----- 2020 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

January 21-22 Napa Bowl, Napa

Keith Knox 707-257-7537

February 12 Granada Bowl, Livermore

Dick Braden 925-455-8633

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse

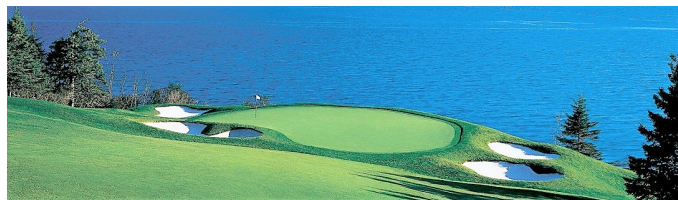
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vn03@sbcglobal.net



Ted Nagle(L) receives Senior SIR President's Award from Little SIR Anthony Butera (R) with Big SIR Jerry Strain

JANUARY 2020 GOLF



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/

MONDAY JAN. 6	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 103	\$ 33.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY JAN. 13	ATWATER	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$44.00	9:00 AM
TUESDAY JAN. 21	MICKE GROVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 144	\$38.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY JAN. 27	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 164	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY FEB. 3	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$ 15.00
HOST: 103	\$33.00	9:00 AM

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. IT'S A NEW YEAR AND THERE ARE SOME CHANGES IN GREEN FEE'S AT SOME OF THE COURSES, YOU NEED TO LOOK AT THE 2020 SCHEDULE BEFORE YOU WRITE YOUR CHECKS. LET'S PLAY GOLF!

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

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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
2019 Jerry Emery
2019 Jerry Strain



Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2020

Big Sir:..... Anthony Butera 985-3473
Little Sir:..... Biff Galbraith 575-2724
Secretary:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Assistant Secretary:..... Jack O'Brian 221-3691
Treasurer:..... Nilo Casiano 324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:..... Open

DIRECTORS FOR 2020

Andre Dodd 527-0482 Sam Graham 552-0960
Gaylan King 380-9896 Jerry Strain 551-8220
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.....Richard Provost 222-1910

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:..... Biff Galbraith 575-2724
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 524-6



Glenn Davis won the Birthday drawing



Ladies Day

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