SONS IN RETIREMENT MODESTO BRANCH 144

Dedicated to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement



July 2020 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



As different states and counties, (but our county just took a step back) begin to emerge from lockdown and the economy gets going again, you might be wondering what's next

— with everything. The coronavirus crisis has had a huge impact on everybody's lives. As well as rapidly having to adapt to a new way of life. Branch 144 is continuing in a different light through the remainder of the year. We have made a few adjustments and additions. We started a walking group that meets every Saturday from 8:30am to 9:30am at East La Loma Park. We meet at the picnic tables and start promptly at 8:30am. This allows members to get outdoors and meet other SIR members and their wives. Jim Toepfer is the pace keeper. You can keep in cadence with Jim or just walk your own pace. In any event all the world issues are debated and discussed while walking.

We have all our BEC Meetings and General Meetings on Zoom and will continue to do so with the guidance from our State SIR officials. Last month at our General Meeting on Zoom we had Chris Murphy from Modesto View new talking about the Car Museum https://graffitiusamuseum.com/ that is in the works located at 9th and Caldwell. The museum will offer educational opportunities for visitors and locals of all ages, with an ongoing rotation of exhibits and an exciting schedule of events. Certainly, a future outing for SIR members and their families.

Branch 144 will be presenting a Super Senior Certificate (Age 100) to Lou Altadonna, a founding member of Branch 144 on July 7th at 5:30pm at the Modesto City Council Meeting. Mayor Brandvold and Jim DeMartini will be presenting this, and other certificates. The presentation is by Zoom only. We may have a presentation of our own. More details to follow.

In our July 16th Meeting General Meeting at 11am we will have Sean Burke from Franklin Templeton present Uncharted Waters, Navigating the Stock Market in a Coronavirus World.

Our August Meeting, we will have Sheriff Dirkse presenting on a panel with fellow SIR Members discussing in a round table just what does Black Lives Matter really mean?

Bíg SIR Anthony Butera Branch 144

Edd Santwier will pick up groceries for anyone who needs them. He will not charge for pick-up and delivery. His phone # is: 605-9638. His email is: <u>esantwier@aol.com</u>



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SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18TH, 2020

The (Zoom) meeting was called to order, by Big SIR Anthony Butera at 9:35 AM.

A quorum was not established with the following members present:

Big Sir Anthony Butera, Little Sir acting Secretary Biff Galbraith, Asst. Secretary Jack O'Brien. Directors: Sam Graham, Jerry Strain. Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Vince Sereno, Vern Masse, Bill Stires, Ernie Pinkston.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for May was e-mailed by Treasurer Fernando Gonzalez.

Checkbook Balance May, 2020	\$6,253.25
Total Receipts	
No quorum, will vote on next time.	

Membership Report:

Gaylan King e-mailed the Membership Report SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel State HLM: Jerry Strain HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham Disabled Members: Conrad Haines, Vincent (Vinny) Altadonna, Charlie Brunn, Paul Moran. Total Members: 133 active No Quorum, will vote on next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Travel: Reminder to members to check newsletter for trip information and dates. (Check with Bill Stires, as trips and payments are time sensitive). Most Trips will be rescheduled. Laguna in 2021, and Holland in 2021. Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups canceled until further notice.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Bowling: New Branch Chair Bob Lewis, Vern Masse will be new Regional Chair. State Tournament postponed until November. Yosemite bowl open on June 19th.

Golf: Some courses are opening up, but still no SIR golf. (One person per cart makes it impossible to have enough carts. **Programs:** July **Zoom meeting** will be Sean Burke (Navigating Stock Market in a Coronavirus World) **Sunshine:** Edd Santwier: Sunshine Chair contact at: (605-9638)

Old Business:

SIR 2020 Goals: Increase net membership, Improve Volunteerism, Encourage each member to bring a guest to an activity not just to a lunch meeting. SIR has a new Web site WeareSIR.com. Encourage every member to have at least one Guest per year.

Contact Anthony to be invited to any Zoom meeting on third Thursday.

Officers this year will roll over to next year, we are not sure when we will be back at Seasons.

New Business:

Presentation Certificate for Louis Altadonna for 100th Birthday, SIR President's Super Senior Award, Tuesday July 7th. Modesto City Council chambers. Time 5:30PM, we will be first on the Agenda. This is by **Zoom** only.

June speaker Chris Murphy spoke about Modesto Graffiti Museum. Check <u>https://graffitiusamuseum.com</u> for info and <u>https://modestoview.com</u> for news and timeline for car museum.

Walking Group every Saturday 8:30AM to 9:30AM, East La Loma Park, Dry Creek. Contact Anthony at <u>Anthony.btr@gmail.com</u> if you are interested. All are welcome, including spouses and guests.

Meeting adjourned: 10:05 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting with is at 9:30 AM, July 16th, 2020. (Zoom Meeting)

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Little SIR, acting Secretary

Area 18 Travel

If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445 or email <u>bstires46@gmail.com</u> to receive a reservation form. Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.

Rescheduled for July 25-28, 2021 with more information to come.

Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammeragau and the Passion Play is postponed until August 27 – September 7, 2022. More details to come in future.

Due to cancelled trips and postponements we are looking at some future trips:

Great Smoky Mountains in Fall of 2021.

Holland Tulip Festival in May 2022.

Our annual trips to Reno for Apple Hill in October and Holiday trip to Reno in December are still being planned.

14 Night Adriatic and Aegean Medley Cruise Aboard

The Newest Princess Ship, the Enchanted Princess Including One Pre-Cruise Night in Rome and One Post-Cruise Night in Barcelona Price: Balcony Stateroom \$5,298 per person Double Mini-Suite Stateroom \$5,850 per person Double New Princess Premier Package:

• <u>Free Drinks, Wi-Fi, and Gratuities per person</u> <u>Princess Premier Options are Subject to Change Without Notice.</u> <u>These prepaid options are a significant savings from what you</u> <u>will pay onboard at the conclusion of your cruise.</u> <u>April 22 – May 9, 2021</u>

Ports of Call

ITALY: Rome, Naples, GREECE: Athens, Heraklion, Mykonos, Santorini, TURKEY: Kusadasi, Istanbul, MONTENEGRO: Kotor, SICILY: Messina, SPAIN: Barcelona

Tour Features:

- Transfers from Modesto/Turlock roundtrip to Airport.
- 15 day cruise aboard the Enchanted Princess.
- One night hotel stay in Rome and one night stay in Barcelona Including all transfers from airport to cruise ship in Rome and hotel to airport in Barcelona.
- All taxes including port taxes

<u>Airfare is not included. Rates available in June Approximate \$800.00</u> Ship is filling up fast don't delay and get in your deposit to hold your spot.

DINING OUT CLUB NEWS



Humor -- Just for you! . . .

Humor -- Part #3----How grandchildren perceive their grandparents!

12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and whenever we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

Current Humor in our World

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask and ask for money.

The dumbest thing I've ever bought was a 2020 planner.

Breaking News: Wearing a mask inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to stop COVID-19, but to stop eating.

The spread of Covid-19 is based on two things: 1. How dense the population is. 2. How dense the population is.

Not to brag, but I haven't been late to anything in over 3 months.

Finally, A COVID-19 Story.... I was in a long line at 7:45 am today at the grocery store that opened at 8:00 for seniors only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returned and tried to cut in again, but an old man punched him in the gut, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away. As he approached the line for the 3rd time he said, "If you don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there.

JULY BIRTHDAYS				
Nar	ne	Date	Age	
Bartels	Lonnie	07/23/47	73	
Bell	Red	07/29/38	82	
Campbell	Cal	07/23/48	72	
Graham	Sam	07/10/36	84	
Hawes	Jack	07/07/40	80	
Irwin	Rick	07/26/44	76	
Lewis	Bob	07/14/51	69	
Lewis	Ernie	07/02/31	89	
McNett	Tom	07/28/40	80	
Zabel	Larry	07/04/47	73	



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Name

Spouse Date Years

Pete	Dutton	Vivien	07/01/06	14
Dan	Erreca	Diane	07/18/98	22
Brad	Hardison	Daria	07/28/84	36
Ron	Harris	Karen	07/05/80	40
Julius	Manrique	Barbara	07/20/63	57
Joe	Miceli	Mary	07/01/67	53
Mike	Morey	Phyllis	07/12/53	67
Ernie	Pinkston	Connie	07/17/01	19
Ron	Quintanal	Glenna	07/05/02	18
Tony	Salonga	Seny	07/06/76	44
John	Schamante	Cheri	07/19/03	17
Wayne	Williams	Sharrol	07/08/66	54





July 2020 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 30 June 16

Series: David Brown 653 John Schamante 678 Game: John Schamante 277 John Schamante 291 Week 31 June 23

Series: Dan Erreca 679Dan Erreca 679Game: David Brown 235Clark Pearson 24

Playoffs:

Team 4 def. Team 9---Team 12 def. Team 1 Championship: Team 12 (Chuck Nichols & Tom Mickelson) def. Team 4 (Gene Cox, Bick Wooley & Steve Bruce)

Team 1(Clark Pearson, Dave Conley, Jerry Hott & Steve Gibson) won the 1st/3rd. Team 4(Gene Cox, Bick Woolley, Wes Rash & Steve Bruce) won the 2^{nd/3rd}. Team 12(Chuck Nichols, Tony Ferro, Tom Mickelson & Larry Zabel) won the 3rd/3rd. Team 9 (Fred Sherman, Michael McClellan, Don Binney & Jerry Strain) won the Wild Card.

Come out for our hometown tournament. ----- 2020 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----ALL TOURNAMENTS CANCELED UP TO HERE: July 27-28 Nu Generation, Yuba City

Ray Buttacavoli (H) 530-671-5599 (C) 530-329-2038 August 10-12 National Bowling Stadium Reno: Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727 August 26-27 Prosperity Lanes, Grass Valley Charlie Babiarz 530-470-8964 September 11-12 Carson Lanes, Carson City Tim Hall (H) 775-245-1027 (C) 530-409-3494 September 22 Harvest Park Bowl Brentwood: John Fry 925-783-5614

Tournaments subject to cancellation

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: Bob Lewis 523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com

JULY 2020 GOLF



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf: https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/

NO GOLF	UNTIL	OCTOBER

NOT MUCH TO SAY, HOPE EVERYONE IS STAYING SAFE AND HEALTHY. MOST GOLF COURSES ARE OPEN, SO GET TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS AND PLAY. HAVE A GOOD 4TH OF JULY.

TOURNAMENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION. CHECK WITH ME.

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In critical time, please self-check every morning in an environment with clean air. Serious excellent advice by Japanese doctors treating COVID-19 cases: Everyone should ensure your mouth & throat are moist, never dry. Take a few sips of water every 15 minutes at least. Why? Even if the virus gets into your mouth, drinking water or other liquids will wash them down through your throat and into the stomach. Once there, your stomach acid will kill all the virus. If you don't drink enough water more regularly, the virus can enter your windpipe and into the lungs. That's very dangerous.

Please send and share this with family and friends. Take care everyone and may the world recover from this Coronavirus soon.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - CORONAVIRUS

1. If you have a runny nose and sputum, you have a common cold

- 2. Coronavirus pneumonia is a dry cough with no runny nose.
- 3. This new virus is not heat-resistant and will be killed by a temperature of just 77 to 81 degrees. It hates the Sun.
- 4. If someone sneezes with it, it takes about 10 feet before it drops to the ground and is no longer airborne.

5. If it drops on a metal surface it will live for at least 12 hours - so if you come into contact with any metal surface - wash your hands as soon as you can with a bacterial soap.

- 6. On fabric it can survive for 6-12 hours. normal laundry detergent will kill it.
- 7. Drinking warm water is effective for all viruses. Try not to drink liquids with ice.

8. Wash your hands frequently as the virus can only live on your hands for 5-10 minutes, but - a lot can happen during that time - you can rub your eyes, pick your nose unwittingly and so on.

9. You should also gargle as a prevention. A simple solution of salt in warm water will suffice.

10. Can't emphasis enough - drink plenty of water!

THE SYMPTOMS

- 1. It will first infect the throat, so you'll have a sore throat lasting 3/4 days
- 2. The virus then blends into a nasal fluid that enters the trachea and then the lungs, causing pneumonia. This takes about 5/6 days further.
- 3. With the pneumonia comes high fever and difficulty in breathing.

4. The nasal congestion is not like the normal kind You feel like you're drowning. It's imperative you then seek immediate attention.



ADRIATIC & AEGEAN MEDLEY CRUISE APRIL 22- MAY 9, 2021

LAGUNA ARTS FESTIVAL PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS IN SOUTHERN JULY 25-28, 2021

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS FALL 2021

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL MAY 2022

SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 7,2022



He will be talking about Navigating the Stock Market in a Coronavirus World

Past Big Sirs

1988 Lynn Wood **1989 Elbow Jones** 1990 Dick Benevento 1991 Warren Lawson 1992 AI 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 Emerv 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

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Assistant Treasurer:	Open

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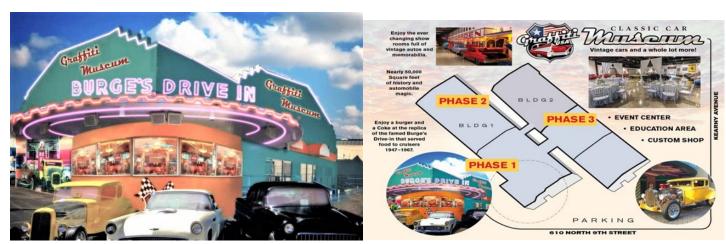
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<u>RAMP</u>

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:.....Vern Masse 538-4275 Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: Bob Lewis 523-7387 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: Chairman: Gary Williams Members: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell, and Sam Graham Membership: .. Gaylan King 380-9896 Book Club:.... Joe Venturini 524-6577



New Graffiti Museum in Modesto to be finished before Graffiti Summer 2022 (https://graffitiusamuseum.com/)

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

Please visit our website at <u>www.sirinc2.org/branch144</u> The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: <u>http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/</u>

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Edd Santwier (605-9638) or

Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!

Biff Galbraith's Mother is in hospice. Prayers for the family.

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