

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



August 2020 Newsletter

Volume 08-2020

Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



It's unlikely many will look back on the past few months and think of it fondly as their prime time for productivity and social activities has changed. We are certainly in UnChartered Waters as we discussed in our last month's General Meeting. And now new research does suggest the pace of life, and work, has slowed since coronavirus entered the scene.

In a June 2020 survey by Evernote, 48% of Americans report living life more slowly since social distancing began and 27% are scheduling fewer activities in their calendars than they used to. From an efficiency standpoint, this is actually not a bad thing. Having a couple of achievable daily goals is far better than facing an insurmountable to-do list and producing nothing of note.

But now most of us have carved out some sort of routine amid the chaos, many will be finding that rediscovering their old rhythm is no easy task when the new normal is not the old normal. As a result, those people encountering a post-lockdown slowdown are having to find creative ways to reboot their productivity and social network. This also applies to Branch 144, as we need to consider how to continue interacting with our fellow SIR buddies. Whereby we can partake at the weekly walks at La Loma Park, getting involved in our virtual book club or perhaps just meeting at the golf course or local parks. Branch 144 continues to have all their BEC and General Meetings on Zoom.

For those that do not have the computer equipment, you can still connect to the Zoom Meeting by telephone. On August 20, 2020 at 11am at our General Meeting Stanislaus County Sheriff Jeff Dirkse will be speaking about Black Lives Matter from his perspective in relationship to our county and state. He will talk for 30 minutes followed by a 30 minute podcast with two or three SIR Members and Guest John Scheuber that will discuss the BLM from their different perspectives. Due the time frame this podcast will be moderated and controlled by your Big Sir.

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Like always I encourage everyone not only to join our upcoming General Meeting but invite other friends that may be interested in the topic as well.

Our September Meeting, Kristi Ah You from the Modesto City Council will be sharing the latest movements for Modesto and if time prevails will also talk about Veteran Issues in Modesto and various outdoor activities that are available.

In order to maximize our Zoom General Meetings and if you have questions that you would like to ask the speakers do email them to me at Anthony.btr@gmail.com at least one week before our Zoom General Meetings.

Join Zoom Branch 144 General Meeting from 11am to 12pm August 20, 2020 Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83490425247>

ID: 834 9042 5247

One tap mobile + Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Big 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: esantwier@aol.com



There will be NO Luncheon at Seasons in August. (Zoom - Yes)

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order, by Anthony Butera, at 9:32 AM.

A quorum was established with the following present:

Big Sir Anthony Butera, Little Sir Biff Galbraith, Secretary Fernando Gonzalez, Asst. Secretary Jack O'Brien. Directors: Gaylan King, Andre Dodd, Jim Toepfer, Sam Graham, Gary Williams. Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Vince Sereno and Bill Burchell.

Anthony Butera entertained a motion to approve the June Treasury Report, 1st. Gary Williams 2nd Biff Galbraith, Motion passed. A motion to approve June Membership report, 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Andre Dodd, Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for June was Presented by Fernando Gonzalez (in absence of Treasurer Nilo Casiano)

Checkbook Balance as of April 1, 2020.....	\$ 6,325.00
Receipts.....	.00
Disbursements.....	.00
Checkbook and cash as of June 1, 2020.....	\$ 6,525.00

Motion by 1st Gary Williams, 2nd Jack O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed.

Membership Report

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report: 9 members have not payed dues or attended meetings, there will be continued follow up with them and vote in November on these members.

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel State HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Deceased members: Louis Altadonna, Charlie Brunn.

Motion 1st Gary Williams, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion passed

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires, No report.

Bowling: Nothing planned, on hold.

Golf: Courses are closed to groups.

Dining: Vince Sereno, nothing planned, on hold.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier; Sunshine Chair contact at (605-9638), nothing to report.

Old Business:

Voted on Treasurer and Membership report from last meeting.

New Business:

Entertained a motion to invite Branch 103 in golf outings.

1st Gary Williams, 2nd Andre Dodd, Motion passed.

Anthony will follow up with city regarding certificate that was to be presented to Lou Altadonna and deliver it to his family.

Several sympathy cards will be set out to several sick members and to Lou Altadonna's family.

Anthony will reach out to see if members are interested in a virtual book club.

The speaker will be Stanislaus County Sheriff Jeff Dirkse. Discussed presentation for next month on BlackLivesMatter, it will an information presentation without discussion. Discussion can then continue individually between members.

Next Meeting will be August 20 at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned: 10:08 AM

Respectfully submitted by Fernando Gonzalez 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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**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
April 22 – May 9, 2021**

Price: Balcony Stateroom \$6,398 per person Double
Mini-Suite Stateroom \$6,950 per person Double
\$1,050 per person deposit to reserve your booking
Final payment due January 15, 2021
New Princess Premier Package:

- **Free Drinks, Wi-Fi, and Gratuities per person**

Princess Premier Options are Subject to Change Without Notice.
These prepaid options are a significant savings from what you
will pay onboard at the conclusion of your cruise. A valued passport through
November 2021 required for the trip.

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.
- Air Fare round trip SFO to Rome and Barcelona to SFO
- 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
Ship is filling up fast don't delay and get in your
deposit to hold your spot.

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Cancelled Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California
July 26-29, 2020

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

Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammergau 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 September 2021. Reservation form to come soon.

Holland Tulip Festival in May 2022.

Our annual trips to Reno for Apple Hill in October and Holiday trip to Reno in December are on hold at this time.

DINING OUT CLUB NEWS



Humor - A Bulletin Board NOTICE!

To make things easier for all of us, please notice this important notice about notices. You may have noticed the increased amount of notices for you to notice. We notice that some of our notices have been noticed. On the other hand, some of our notices have not been noticed. This is very, very, noticeable! It is noticed that the responses to notices have been noticeably unnoticeable. This notice is to remind you to notice and respond to the notices, because we do not want the notices to go unnoticed!

Humor - for your consideration !

The handkerchief & tissue makers are the only ones who want you to stick your nose into their business.

A chip on the shoulder usually indicates a block of wood nearby.

Remember: When you point your finger accusingly at someone else, you have three fingers pointing at yourself.

The most dangerous part of an automobile is the nut that holds the steering wheel.

When you have trouble, remember the tea kettle, it may be up to its neck in hot water, but it continues to sing.

We love to see some people laugh because so much of them is having a good time.

The greatest underdeveloped territory in the world is under your hat.

Some minds are like concrete - all mixed up and permanently set.

Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of its tail.

Be sure the brain is engaged before putting the tongue in gear.

It's good to have the things money can buy, but also be sure you have the things money cannot buy.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Beckett	Charles	08/22/28	92
Bernard	John	08/13/37	83
Fallentine	Wayne	08/25/46	74
Fetzer	Bruce	08/19/56	64
Galbraith	Biff	08/01/58	62
Griffin Jr.	John	08/13/39	81
Hodge	Doug	08/18/36	84
Lawrence	Norm	08/06/36	84
Liebert	Merle	08/05/40	80
Martinez	Joe	08/19/41	79
Mensingher	Mike	08/05/32	88
Tabacco	Ed	08/31/46	74
Watson	Bob	08/16/45	75

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Chuck	Adams	Linda	08/10/63	57
Charles	Beckett	Barbara	08/15/54	66
Red	Bell	Sharon	08/18/62	58
John	Bohling	Patty	08/04/84	36
John	Bree	Deborah	08/10/57	63
Cal	Campbell	Marina	08/02/75	45
Deane	Cook	Sigrid	08/28/99	21
Howard	Grieshaber	Theresa	08/08/76	44
Conrad	Haines	LaDean	08/25/67	53
Rick	Irwin	Bonnie	08/10/68	52
Herb	Long	Alleen	08/03/55	65
Jerry	Miller	Kathy	08/10/57	63
Keith	Rogers	Elaine	08/04/73	47
Vince	Sereno	Kathy	08/26/61	59
Chuck	Shoup	Karen	08/18/62	58
Roger	Townsend	Ruth	08/23/69	51
Joe	Venturini	Diane	08/23/53	67
Bob	Watson	Flora	08/08/71	49

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



August 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 679 Dan Erreca 679

Game: David Brown 235 Clark 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)

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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 2nd/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.

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Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

ALL TOURNAMENTS CANCELED UP TO HERE:

September 11-12 Carson Lanes, Carson City
Nevada Tim Hall (H) 775-245-1027
(C) 530-409-3494

September 22 Harvest Park Bowl
Brentwood: John Fry 925-783-5614

October 20-21 Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights
Art Tourtillot 916-635-6148
Ron Johnson 916-206-1483

November 5-6

SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

McHenry Bowl, Modesto
Vern Masse 209-538-4275

December 2-3 Danville Bowl, Danville
John Monahan 925-837-1598

Tournaments subject to cancellation

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com

AUGUST 2020 GOLF



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

NO GOLF	UNTIL	OCTOBER

DON'T KNOW WHEN THIS VIRUS IS GOING TO END, WE JUST HAVE TO HANG IN THERE. THE GOLF COURSES ARE OPEN THAT'S ONE WAY TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND GET SOME FRESH AIR. HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE SOON, STAY SAFE.

TOURNAMENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION. CHECK WITH ME.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355 209-606-1475

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SIR Branch 144 members who have paid dues:

Last Name	First Name	Date	Last Name	First Name	Date	Last Name	First Name	Date
Adams	Chuck	01/16/20	Haines	Conrad	01/18/20	Peck	Russell	01/16/20
Bartels	Lonnie	01/16/20	Hall	Wes	01/20/20	Pinkston	Ernie	01/16/20
Beckett	Charles	01/16/20	Hardison	Roy	01/16/20	Quintanal	Ron	01/16/20
Bell	Red	01/16/20	Hardison	Brad	01/16/20	Rogers	Keith	01/16/20
Bernard	John	05/01/20	Harris	Ron	05/15/20	Rovere	Don	02/20/20
Bica	Gus	01/16/20	Harrison	Bryan	01/16/20	Sai	John	01/16/20
Bica	Daryl	02/20/20	Hawes	Jack	01/16/20	Salvi	Lor	01/16/20
Boyd	Mike	01/16/20	Hodge	Doug	01/16/20	Santwier III	Edd	01/16/20
Brooks	Patton	01/16/20	Holder	Jeff	02/20/20	Schamante	John	01/16/20
Brown	Cecil	03/04/20	Hollander	Tom	05/15/20	Scoble	Tony	01/16/20
Burchell	Bill	01/16/20	Hubbard	Gary	02/20/20	Sereno	Vince	01/16/20
Burroughs	Doug	01/16/20	Irwin	Rick	01/16/20	Sheaffer	Chuck	01/16/20
Butera	Anthony	01/16/20	Jackson	Ed	01/16/20	Sherman	Fred	02/20/20
Campbell	Cal	01/16/20	Kincanon	John	01/16/20	Shoup	Chuck	01/16/20
Cardoza	Bill	01/16/20	King	Gaylan	01/16/20	Slocum	Michael	01/16/20
Carrington	Glenn	01/16/20	Kissee	Patrick	01/16/20	Solario	Henry	02/20/20
Casiano	Nilo	01/16/20	Lawrence	Norm	02/20/20	Strain	Jerry	01/16/20
Cervantes	Dennis	01/16/20	Leffingwell	Charlie	01/16/20	Stroud	Gary	01/16/20
Chalk	Gary	01/16/20	Lewis	Ernie	01/16/20	Sterling	Jim	02/20/20
Cook	Deane	01/16/20	Lewis	Bob	01/16/20	Sullivan	Don	01/16/20
Davis	Glenn	02/20/20	Manrique	Julius	01/16/20	Tabacco	Ed	01/16/20
Davis	Leonard	01/26/20	Martinez	Joe	01/16/20	Thomason	Jerry	01/16/20
Dodd	Andre	01/16/20	Masciorini	Walt	02/20/20	Toepfer	Jim	01/16/20
Erreca	Dan	01/16/20	Masse	Vern	01/16/20	Toschi	Gene	01/16/20
Eubank	Hall	01/16/20	Maxwell	Max	01/16/20	Townsend	Roger	01/16/20
Fairfield	Bernie	02/20/20	McCoy	Mac	04/04/20	Venturini	Joe	01/16/20
Fallentine	Wayne	01/16/20	McNett	Tom	02/20/20	Vigil	Vig	06/01/20
Faulkner	Kent	03/04/20	Miceli	Joe	01/16/20	Vigus	Ron	01/16/20
Fetzer	Bruce	01/16/20	Miller	Jerry	01/16/20	Walker	Jim	01/16/20
Fix	Terry	01/16/20	Moran	Paul	02/20/20	Watson	Tom	01/16/20
Galbraith	Biff	01/16/20	Morey	Mike	02/20/20	Weiss	Thomas	02/20/20
Gasper	John	01/16/20	Mountain	Jeff	01/16/20	Williams	Gary	01/16/20
Gentry	Chuck	01/18/20	Nagel	Ted	01/16/20	Williams	Wayne	01/16/20
Gonzalez	Fernando	01/16/20	Norris	Jay	01/13/20	Yanko	Bob	01/16/20
Graham	Sam	01/16/20	Oehrlein	Ken	01/16/20	Yarbrough	David	01/16/20
						Zabel	Larry	01/16/20

Calendar of Events



ADRIATIC & AEGEAN MEDLEY CRUISE APRIL 22- MAY 9, 2021--- LAGUNA ARTS FESTIVAL PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JULY 25-28, 2021---GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS SEPT 2021 HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL MAY 2022---SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY AUGUST 27- SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Speaker for August 20, 2020 is Stanislaus County Sheriff Jeff Dirkse. Discussed presentation for next month on BlackLivesMatter, it will an information presentation without discussion. Discussion can then continue individually between members.

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'Brien 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:..... 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

What's With the Rooster

"Of all the creatures on earth, none express more independence and dignity with sureness and aplomb than the rooster. The majesty of his presence is felt in every barnyard, and when he crows, he can be heard for miles, not in a fainthearted crow, but with a noise that calls attention to his being."

Our founders chose the rooster as the official logo to represent the freedom he displays around the barnyard. We have paid our dues to the business world and now is the time for us to strut and crow a little. We share the dignity of retirement with one another as members of SIR.

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!

Lou Altadonna, Charlie Brunn, Biff Galbraith's mother & Henry Solario's brother Rudy passed away. Mac McCoy is not doing well.

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