

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



October 2020 Newsletter

Volume 10-2020

Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



Hello fellow SIR Members I bet little did we know that 2020 would make a mockery of any goals we had set for ourselves.

When a pandemic that none of us saw coming resulted in nationwide lockdowns in early March, many of us may have may have weathered the isolation watching "House," sourdough starters and homegrown scallion gardens. Some of us may have fought off boredom with Zoom hangouts, Netflix party "gatherings" and taking the grandchildren on multiple walks around the house.

But come summer, what had once seemed like a weeks long shutdown now felt like an inescapable reality shaping our every move. The risk of putting a goal on hold, however, is that you may never go back to it.

We can attribute a lot of this to the "what the heck" effect. The "what the heck" effect pops up when people feel they've failed at their goals or violated some rules they set to attain those objectives. Instead of pivoting, reassessing or trying again, they throw their hands up in the air and say, "What the heck" This leads to people backsliding into bad habits or spiraling into negativity.

It is imperative to strap up our bootstraps and keep moving and interacting with our family, fellow SIR Members and friends. Keeping in mind social distancing, and etc.

For October and certainly in November our BEC Meeting may be meeting at the Seasons.

Our speaker for October is Joyce Bond formerly from Legg Mason and she will be speaking about how the presidential results may affect our overall economy in both the US and China.

In November our speaker is Jake Kliatchko will be speaking about the medicinal benefits of CBD Oil. Many of you may recall his family played for us in December. In addition, we will also have a special presentation for Veterans organized by our Little Sir.

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Join Zoom Branch 144 General Meeting from 11am to 12pm October 15, 2020.

Join **Zoom** **Meeting:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86788073375> Meeting ID: 867 8807 3375 One tap mobile + +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose). In order to maximize our Zoom General Meeting 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 General Zoom Meetings.

Big SIR Anthony Butera Branch 144

\$24 dues are past due. If you have not paid them, you can mail a check for \$24 made out to SIR Branch 144 to: SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto, CA 95356. Thank You!

Officers and Directors will be the same for 2021 as 2020.



There will be NO Luncheon at Seasons on October 15. (Zoom - Yes)

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order, by Anthony Butera, at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was established with the following present:

Big Sir Anthony Butera, Secretary Fernando Gonzalez, Assist Secretary Jack O'Brien. Directors: Gaylan King, Sam Graham, Gary Williams, Jim Toepfer and Jerry Strain.

Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Vince Sereno, Bill Burchell, Andre Dodd

Minutes Review:

Minutes were corrected to indicate that a vote for extending officers for 2020 into 2021 was conducted in the August meeting, voted on and approved.

Motion to approve by 1st Jack O'Brien, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed

Treasurers Report:

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

Checkbook Balance as of August 1, 2020.....	\$ 5,934.86
Receipts.....	\$.00
Disbursements.....	\$ 78.06
Checkbook and cash as of July 1, 2020.....	\$ 6,056.80

Motion to approve by 1st Jerry Strain, 2nd Jack O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed

Membership Report

Gaylan reported that Don Binney had died this past month. Gary Williams had a list of members who had paid their dues and who have excessive unexcused absences in 2019. They are working on a letter to be sent out around November 1st informing them they will be dropped.

SHLM: Julius Manrique, Ted Nagel

State HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires: No Report

Bowling: Bob Lewis: Nothing to report

Golf: Jay Norris: Nothing to report

Dining: Vince Sereno: Nothing to report but will keep up providing humorous stories for the newsletter

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier: Nothing to report

Walking: Anthony Butera: Nothing to report

Old Business: Nothing to discuss.

New Business:

Discussed having a patio general meeting at Seasons for meeting in November. A follow up call will be made to Seasons to determine if this is possible. In the newsletter members will be asked if they would be willing to attend a patio meeting by responding a no if they would not be interested. We will plan on having the board meeting in October at Seasons in the patio. Sam will follow up.

Discussed having an outing in April or May in 2021 in Carson City. Jim will contact Bill Stires regarding any suggestions on how this could be planned.

A motion was made to start this inquiry process. 1st Jerry Strain, 2nd Jim Toepfer

Next Meeting will be October 15, 2020.

Meeting adjourned: 10:58 AM

Respectfully submitted by Fernando Gonzalez Secretary

DINING OUT CLUB NEWS



GRANDPA'S Face:

A little girl was sitting next to her grandfather as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off of the book and reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. She touched her own cheek after she touched his. After a little while of thinking she asked, "Grandpa, did God make you? He looked at her and said, "Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago." She paused for a few seconds and then asked, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" He replied, "Yes, indeed pumpkin, God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she whispered to him, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Dining-- Wordplay Humour

1. **ARBITRAITOR**-- A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's
2. **BERNADETTE**-- The act of torching a mortgage
3. **BURGLARIZE**-- What a crook sees through
4. **AVOIDABLE**-- What a bullfighter tries to do
5. **EYEDROPPER**--Clumsy ophthalmologist
6. **CONTROL**--A short, ugly inmate
7. **COUNTERFEITER**-- Workers who put together kitchen cabinets
8. **ECLIPSE**--What an English barber does for a living.
9. **LEFT BANK**--What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.
10. **HEROES**-- What a man in a boat does
11. **PARASITES**--What you see from the Eiffel Tower
12. **PARADOX**--Two physicians
13. **PHARMACIST**-- A helper on a farm
14. **POLARIZE**--What penguins see through
15. **PRIMATE**-- Remove your spouse from in front of TV
16. **RELIEF**--What trees do in the spring
17. **RUBBERNECK**--What you do to relax your wife
18. **SELFISH**--What the owner of a seafood store does
19. **SUDAFED**--Brought litigation against a government official
20. **PARADIGMS**-- Twenty Cents

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Adams	Chuck	10/29/42	78
Boyd	Mike	10/13/43	77
Davis	Leonard	10/03/36	84
Duran	Jim	10/12/37	83
Grieshaber	Howard	10/08/49	71
Leffingwell	Charlie	10/11/52	68
Masse	Vern	10/24/45	75
Miceli	Joe	10/24/40	80
Moran(D)	Paul	10/21/47	73
Oehrlein	Ken	10/18/42	78
Pinkston	Ernie	10/18/46	74
Quintanal	Ron	10/30/45	75
Sanford	Don	10/05/23	97
Strain	Jerry	10/10/42	78
Stroud	Gary	10/18/39	81
Williams	Wayne	10/18/40	80

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Cecil	Brown	Carolyn	10/10/08	12
Chuck	Gentry	Patricia	10/30/82	38
Fernando	Gonzalez	Josie	10/04/99	21
Sam	Graham	Claire	10/29/61	59
John	Kincanon	Sharon	10/27/01	19
Merle	Liebert	Diane	10/22/59	61
Fred	Sherman	Norma	10/15/88	32
Thomas	Weiss	Nancy	10/23/71	49

MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN OCTOBER

First Name	Last Name	Anniversary Date	Years
Henry	Solario	10/02/03	17
Paul	Moran(D)	10/02/10	10
Wayne	Fallentine	10/07/10	10
Edd	Santwier III	10/01/15	5
Max	Maxwell	10/03/12	8
John	Bohling	10/02/14	6
Doug	Burroughs	10/20/16	4
Merle	Liebert	10/19/17	3
Dan	Erreca	10/18/18	2
David	Yarbrough	10/17/19	1



October 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:

November 5-6

SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

McHenry Bowl, Modesto

Vern Masse 209-538-4275

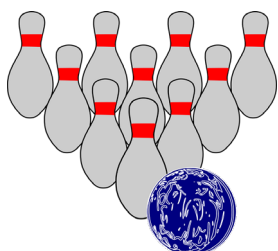
December 2-3 Danville Bowl, Danville

John Monahan 925-837-1598

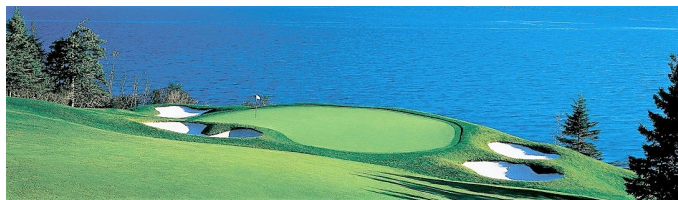
Tournaments subject to cancellation

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com



OCTOBER 2020 GOLF



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

NO GOLF	UNTIL	JANUARY

DON'T KNOW WHEN THIS VIRUS IS GOING TO END, WE JUST HAVE TO HANG IN THERE. COLLECTING NCGA DUES FOR 2021, \$48.00 TO RENEW. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SIR GOLF. IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO RENEW LET ME KNOW, SO I WON'T BE LOOKING FOR A CHECK FROM YOU, STAY SAFE AND HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

TOURNAMENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION. CHECK WITH ME.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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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	Griffin	John	08/18/20	Oehrlein	Ken	01/16/20
Bartels	Lonnie	01/16/20	Haines	Conrad	01/18/20	Peck	Russell	01/16/20
Beckett	Charles	01/16/20	Hall	Wes	01/20/20	Pinkston	Ernie	01/16/20
Bell	Red	01/16/20	Hardison	Roy	01/16/20	Quintanal	Ron	01/16/20
Bernard	John	05/01/20	Hardison	Brad	01/16/20	Rogers	Keith	01/16/20
Bica	Gus	01/16/20	Harris	Ron	05/15/20	Rovere	Don	02/20/20
Bica	Daryl	02/20/20	Harrison	Bryan	01/16/20	Sai	John	01/16/20
Boyd	Mike	01/16/20	Hawes	Jack	01/16/20	Salvi	Lor	01/16/20
Brooks	Patton	01/16/20	Hodge	Doug	01/16/20	Santwier III	Edd	01/16/20
Brown	Cecil	03/04/20	Holder	Jeff	02/20/20	Schamante	John	01/16/20
Burchell	Bill	01/16/20	Hollander	Tom	05/15/20	Scoble	Tony	01/16/20
Burroughs	Doug	01/16/20	Hubbard	Gary	02/20/20	Sereno	Vince	01/16/20
Butera	Anthony	01/16/20	Irwin	Rick	01/16/20	Sheaffer	Chuck	01/16/20
Campbell	Cal	01/16/20	Jackson	Ed	01/16/20	Sherman	Fred	02/20/20
Cardoza	Bill	01/16/20	Kincanon	John	01/16/20	Shoup	Chuck	01/16/20
Carrington	Glenn	01/16/20	King	Gaylan	01/16/20	Slocum	Michael	01/16/20
Casiano	Nilo	01/16/20	Kissee	Patrick	01/16/20	Solario	Henry	02/20/20
Cervantes	Dennis	01/16/20	Lawrence	Norm	02/20/20	Strain	Jerry	01/16/20
Chalk	Gary	01/16/20	Leffingwell	Charlie	01/16/20	Stroud	Gary	01/16/20
Cook	Deane	01/16/20	Lewis	Ernie	01/16/20	Sterling	Jim	02/20/20
Conkey	Hal	09/02/20	Lewis	Bob	01/16/20	Sullivan	Don	01/16/20
Davis	Glenn	02/20/20	Long	Herb	09/26/20	Tabacco	Ed	01/16/20
Davis	Leonard	01/26/20	Manrique	Julius	01/16/20	Thomason	Jerry	01/16/20
DeArmond	Hal	09/24/20	Martinez	Joe	01/16/20	Toepfer	Jim	01/16/20
Dodd	Andre	01/16/20	Masciorini	Walt	02/20/20	Toschi	Gene	01/16/20
Erreca	Dan	01/16/20	Masse	Vern	01/16/20	Townsend	Roger	01/16/20
Eubank	Hall	01/16/20	Maxwell	Max	01/16/20	Venturini	Joe	01/16/20
Fairfield	Bernie	02/20/20	McCoy	Mac	04/04/20	Vigil	Vig	06/01/20
Fallentine	Wayne	01/16/20	McNett	Tom	02/20/20	Vigus	Ron	01/16/20
Faulkner	Kent	03/04/20	Miceli	Joe	01/16/20	Walker	Jim	01/16/20
Fetzer	Bruce	01/16/20	Miller	Jerry	01/16/20	Watson	Tom	01/16/20
Fix	Terry	01/16/20	Moran	Paul	02/20/20	Weiss	Thomas	02/20/20
Galbraith	Biff	01/16/20	Morey	Mike	02/20/20	Williams	Gary	01/16/20
Gasper	John	01/16/20	Mountain	Jeff	01/16/20	Williams	Wayne	01/16/20
Gentry	Chuck	01/18/20	Nagel	Ted	01/16/20	Yanko	Bob	01/16/20
Gonzalez	Fernando	01/16/20	Norris	Jay	01/13/20	Yarbrough	David	01/16/20
Graham	Sam	01/16/20	O'Brien	Jack	09/10/20	Zabel	Larry	01/16/20

Calendar of Events



LAGUNA ARTS FESTIVAL PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JULY 25-28, 2021---LOUISVILLE, ASHVILLE AND NASHVILLE SEPTEMBER 16-24, 2021--- HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL MAY 2022---SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY AUGUST 27- SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

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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'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 505-0915

Sunshine:..Edd Santwier 605-9638 **Assistant:** Julius Manrique 576-1077

Nominating Committee Chairman: Gary Williams 578-3471

Members: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell, and Sam Graham

Membership: .. Gaylan King 380-9896

Book Club:.....Joe Venturini 524-6577

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

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!

Phill Coffman passed away, RIP Phill. Jerry Miller is home after a stay in the hospital.

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

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain