

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



November 2020 Newsletter

Volume 11-2020

Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



Hello SIR Members I trust that you are being safe. Now November 3rd has passed by there is still an elephant in the room. COVID 19 is still present and eating out some of us may

be tempted does have some interesting points to consider. When it comes to virus transmission, is eating in covered outdoor setups less risky than inside?

As restaurants try to keep businesses afloat, many are putting up exterior structures for patrons. But dining tents and other temporary outdoor setups offer a false sense of security and pose just as many risks as indoor eating. Poor air circulation, proximity to other unmasked diners and time in a poorly ventilated enclosed outdoor space can heighten COVID risks. On the other hand, the transmission risk is higher inside a restaurant than in outdoor structures that are heated yet partially open, or in separate igloos for patrons.

The details

If you are considering dining outdoors, especially as Thanksgiving approaches, opt for restaurant setups that let air pass through rather than fully enclosed ones. "As [structures] become more fully enclosed, they become the same as an indoor environment or in some cases, worse, with a relatively closed volume of air." The lowest-risk outdoor dining setups simply have heating elements with tables spaced far apart from each other and aren't in the way of people passing by.

Look for outdoor setups with at least two exposed sides, which helps create a cross breeze to flush out any contaminated air. In structures that are only open on one side or have window openings, it is best to sit closest to the fresh air, he adds. In some instances, closed communal temperature-controlled structures pose the biggest risk for diners and might be worse than eating inside, where there are powerful HVAC systems, quality filters and better airflow.

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At this present time in midst of COVID 19, Branch 144 will hold the next General Meeting on November 19th on Zoom. Our speaker is Jake Kliatchko will be speaking about the medicinal benefits of CBD Oil. Join Zoom Meeting on November 19th. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87667930907> Meeting ID: 876 6793 0907

One tap mobile +16699009128,,87667930907# 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!

Here is information on the State SIR Leadership Summit: (double click)



**There will be NO
Luncheon at Seasons
on November 19.
(Zoom - Yes)**

SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 15, 2020

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

Roll Call.

A quorum was established with the following present:

Big Sir Anthony Butera, Little Sir Biff Galbraith, Secretary Fernando Gonzalez, Assist Secretary Jack O'Brien, Directors: Gaylan King and Sam Graham

Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Vince Sereno and Bill Stires

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for August was Presented by Fernando Gonzalez

(in absence of Treasurer Nilo Casiano)

Checkbook Balance as of October 1, 2020.....\$ 5,856.80

Receipts..... \$ 72.00

Disbursements.....\$ 0.00

Checkbook and cash as of October 15, 2020...\$ 6,128.80

Motion to approve by 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Biff Galbraith to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed

Big Sir Report: There was discussion whether to have a general meeting in November or December at Seasons. It was stated that Seasons could have 25 tables in the room with 4 seats at each table and there would be no buffet, but sit down service. There was concerned voice that we could even get 50 people to attend. It was decided to have November and December meeting via Zoom and plan for a general meeting at Seasons in January. There needs to be meeting with Seasons to discuss next year's plan.

A motion was made to accept these actions. 1st.Jack O'Brien, 2nd Gaylan King, motion passed.

Little Sir Report:

Biff reported that Rick Kindle will speak for about 10 minutes at the next meeting followed by Jacob Kliatchko on the benefits of CBD OIL. He is working on a speaker for the December meeting.

Membership Report:

Gaylan reported 126 active members, 4 disabled. 3 members resigned, David Marino, John Schamante and Don Gordon. Harold DeArmond requested to be put in the disabled list.

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires, No Report, latest status is in the newsletter

Bowling: Bob Lewis: Nothing to report, maybe in 3 weeks bowling may open up again

Golf: Jay Norris: Nothing to report

Dining: Vince Sereno: Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier; Nothing to report, Biff reported that Dan Beetle, previous member recently died.

Walking: Anthony Butera: Still meeting on Saturdays

Next Meeting will be November 19, 2020 at 9:30AM

Meeting adjourned: 10:00 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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**New trip to Louisville to Nashville September 16-24, 2021
Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World
Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, and Nashville**

Tour Features Included:

- 1. Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville**
- 2. 8 day Guided tour with Tour Manager**
- 3. Guided Tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby**
- 4. 9 nights first class accommodations**
- 5. 12 meals**
- 6. Gratuities on all included features to bus driver and tour guide**

Price: \$3,895 per person double occupancy

\$4,893 single occupancy

\$300 per person for bookings after Jan.15, 2021

Space is limited and sold on first come basis only

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**Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern
California**

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

Holland Tulip Festival in May 2022.

**Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammergau
and the Passion Play is postponed until
August 27 – September 7, 2022.**

DINING OUT CLUB NEWS



House to rent . . .

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children, needed to move because his rental agreement was terminated as the owner wanted to reoccupy the home.

But he was having a lot of difficulties finding a new house.

When he said he had 12 children, no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the place.

He couldn't say he had no children because he couldn't lie - we all know lawyers cannot and do not lie.

So, he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with 11 of their kids. He took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent.

He loved one of the homes and the price was right -- the agent asked: "How many children do you have?"

He answered: "Twelve."

The agent asked, "Where are the others?"

The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look, answered, "They're in the cemetery with their mother."

MORAL: It's not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words...and don't forget, most politicians are, unfortunately, lawyers.

The Haircut

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

(The Dad's reply!)

"Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age	
Carl	Abplanalp	11/14/46	74
Vinny	Altadonna	11/19/51	69
Gus	Bica	11/14/44	76
Gary	Chalk	11/21/39	81
Deane	Cook	11/04/38	82
Ed	Jackson	11/12/44	76
Max	Maxwell	11/22/41	79
Jack	O'Brien	11/08/38	82
Tony	Salonga	11/21/40	80
Jim	Sterling	11/09/39	81
Jim	Toepfer	11/01/37	83
Gene	Toschi	11/06/33	87
Gary	Williams	11/09/36	84

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Gaylan	King	Cathey	11/18/00	20
Norm	Lawrence	Janet	11/30/55	65
Tony	Scoble	Virginia	11/27/81	34
Bob	Yanko	Roseann	11/23/96	24

MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN NOVEMBER

First Name	Last Name	Anniversary Date	Years
Butera	Anthony	11/16/17	3
Chalk	Gary	11/17/16	4
Eubank	Hall	11/17/16	4
Graham	Sam	11/06/08	12
Sullivan	Don	11/07/96	24
Sanford	Don	11/01/91	29
Morey	Mike	11/18/93	27
McCoy	Mac	11/01/93	27
Masciorini	Walt	11/01/90	30



November 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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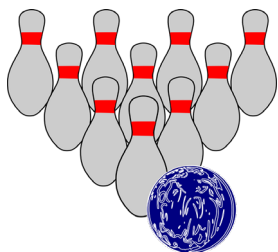
Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

All tournaments are cancelled for 2020

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com



NOVEMBER 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. HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE THANKSGIVING.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN
Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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

SENIOR MEN & LADIES GOLF CLUB

Starting Friday November 13, Henry Solario will be putting on tournaments at River Oaks Golf Course on Fridays.

The groups will be playing the bottom 9. The starting time is 10:00 AM (check in early).

Questions: call Henry at 578-5607

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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	Parks	Larry	09/25/20
Beckett	Charles	01/16/20	Hall	Wes	01/20/20	Peck	Russell	01/16/20
Bell	Red	01/16/20	Hardison	Roy	01/16/20	Pinkston	Ernie	01/16/20
Bernard	John	05/01/20	Hardison	Brad	01/16/20	Quintanal	Ron	01/16/20
Bica	Gus	01/16/20	Harris	Ron	05/15/20	Rogers	Keith	01/16/20
Bica	Daryl	02/20/20	Harrison	Bryan	01/16/20	Rovere	Don	02/20/20
Boyd	Mike	01/16/20	Hawes	Jack	01/16/20	Sai	John	01/16/20
Brooks	Patton	01/16/20	Hodge	Doug	01/16/20	Salvi	Lor	01/16/20
Brown	Cecil	03/04/20	Holder	Jeff	02/20/20	Santwier III	Edd	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

Speakers for November 19, 2020 are Rick Kindle who will talk about SIR for 2021. Also, Jake Kliatchko will be speaking about the medicinal benefits of CBD Oil.

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!

Glenn Davis' wife Jo Anne passed away. RIP Jo Anne.

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

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain