

# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## MODESTO BRANCH 144

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



December 2020 Newsletter

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Volume 12-2020

### *Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera*



Hello fellow SIR Members, 2020 is soon to be over. Perhaps some of you would just wish the COVID 19 would just disappear. In the meantime, it might be best to stay at home or if one should

go out in the world consider wearing a mask. But there are at least four reasons why staying home makes sense.

Technology has helped make life tolerable in the pandemic. And whenever it becomes normal again to leave the house for work, school and shopping, we won't be going back to the way it was. What were conveniences before the pandemic now seem necessities that we're unlikely to give up even after there's widespread immunity to the coronavirus. And there are a number of reasons this new stay-at-home economy will likely be an important part of the new normal.

First, companies have made huge investments in the infrastructure needed to deliver goods and services to our homes quickly and efficiently, which means those products are now easier to use and often less expensive. Second, families have also invested in the services and gadgets to keep their members safe and sated while sheltering in place. Third, our habits have changed: Many people have gotten over the "hump" of adopting new technologies earlier than they otherwise might have. And finally, hundreds of thousands of Americans who lost traditional jobs in retail and service—on showroom floors and inside restaurants—have found new ones working in online order fulfillment and delivery. Even those who retained their jobs are seeing their roles shift to address these new conduits for economic activity.

It's no wonder Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said, "We're not going back to the same economy—we're recovering, but to a different economy."

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Our December 17<sup>th</sup> Zoom Meeting will be from 11am to 12 pm. Our topic will be all the information on COVID as we may not still be clear for a while and we may have guest speakers to boot. Stay tuned as more may follow.

Tune in by Zooming in our Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82192141167>

Meeting ID: 821 9214 1167 One tap mobile +16699009128,,82192141167# 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](mailto: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 Season  
on December 17.  
(Zoom - Yes)**

# SONS IN RETIREMENT BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 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, Andre Dodd, Jim Toepfer, Gary Williams, and Jerry Strain

Guests and Committee members present: Bob Lewis, Vince Sereno and Jay Norris

**Treasurers Report:**

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

(in absence of Treasurer Nilo Casiano)

Checkbook Balance as of November 1, 2020.. \$ 5,928.80

Receipts.....\$ 72.00

Disbursements.....\$ 252.00

Checkbook and cash as of November 1, 2020..\$5,948.80

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

**Minutes from October:** Minutes reviewed no corrections

Motion to approve by 1<sup>st</sup> Biff Galbraith 2<sup>nd</sup> Andre Dodd, Motion Passed

**Big Sir Report:** There was discussion whether to reduce dues by half or suspend dues until we meet again.

A motion was made to hold off on a decision and to review it each month at the Director's Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup>.Jim Toepfer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Strain, motion passed.

There was a discussion to make Bob Lewis a Director starting in 2021

A motion was made 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Butera, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Toepfer, motion passed.

Gary Williams recommended that we not produce a member book to save on cost but that he can send out a PDF to members containing the member list and if he is told who cannot access a PDF he will mail them a hard copy.

**Little Sir Report:**

Biff reported that he was having difficulty lining up speakers because they wanted in person sessions and not via Zoom. He is trying to have either a Jewish survivor of World War II in Germany present his story or the retired crew chief of Air Force One.

**Membership Report**

Gaylan reported 123 active members, 4 disabled. 3 members have not responded to a letter regarding passed dues and need to respond by November 1, Jack O'Brien will attempt to call them before the next meeting so we can vote on their suspension.

**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

**Golf:** Jay Norris: Members are meeting at Creekside and River Oaks, but neither can be associated with SIRS.

**Dining:** Vince Sereno: Nothing to report.

**Newsletter:** Doing fine.

**Sunshine:** Edd Santwier; Nothing to report

**Walking:** Anthony Butera: Still meeting on Saturdays

**Next Meeting will be December 17, 2020.**

**Meeting adjourned: 10:15 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](mailto: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



### Humor

1. In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

2. Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Krispy Creme Donuts. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said, "Yes!" and Woman said, "and as long as you're at it, add some sprinkles." And they gained 10 pounds. And Satan smiled.

3. And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them. And Woman went from size 6 to size 14.

4. So God said, "Try my fresh green salad." And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing, buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

5. God then said, "I have sent you heart healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them. And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof.

6. God then created a light, fluffy white cake, named it "Angel Food Cake" and said, "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food."

7. God then brought forth running shoes so that his children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light and gained pounds.

8. Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds.

9. God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then said, "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And super-size them!" And Satan said, "It is good." And Man went into cardiac arrest.

10. God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery. Then Satan created the Health Care System. Amen.

*May everyone have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year 2021*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Age
Brooks Patton	12/24/39	81
Butera Anthony	12/05/55	65
Davis Glenn	12/18/34	86
Dutton Pete	12/23/35	85
Moncure Michael	12/01/52	68
Sullivan Don	12/14/41	79
Yarbrough David	12/03/46	74



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years
Scott Anderson	Janice	12/30/74	46
Mike Boyd	Rayne	12/30/99	21
Terry Fix	Edna	12/14/91	29
Biff Galbraith	Veeann	12/19/81	39
Vernon Jones	Rochon	12/29/79	41
Max Maxwell	Melissa	12/29/62	58
Jerry Strain	Merlyne	12/30/60	60





## December 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 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. Team 4(Gene Cox, Bick Woolley, Wes Rash & Steve Bruce) won the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. Team 12(Chuck Nichols, Tony Ferro, Tom Mickelson & Larry Zabel) won the 3<sup>rd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>. Team 9 (Fred Sherman, Michael McClellan, Don Binney & Jerry Strain) won the Wild Card.

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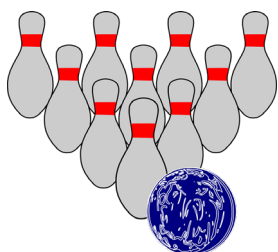
Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

# All tournaments are cancelled for 2020

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 523-7387 [bobalew69@msn.com](mailto:bobalew69@msn.com)



## DECEMBER 2020 GOLF



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

[https://sirinc2.org/public\\_html/area18golf/](https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/)

<b>NO GOLF</b>	<b>UNTIL</b>	<b>?????????</b>

NOT TOO MUCH TO SAY, COVID IS STILL HERE, NO GATHERINGS WITH FRIENDS OR GOLF. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHEN WE MIGHT PLAY GOLF AGAIN, HAVE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A MEETING. GUESSING MID YEAR. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS. HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU SOON. DON'T FORGET YOUR NCGA DUES. \$48.00 TO RENEW.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN  
[Sirgolfer144@gmail.com](mailto: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

**NOT SIR SANCTIONED**

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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
Bree	John	11/05/20	Hodge	Doug	01/16/20	Salvi	Lor	01/16/20
Brooks	Patton	01/16/20	Holder	Jeff	02/20/20	Santwier III	Edd	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
Conkey	Hal	09/02/20	Long	Herb	09/26/20	Tabacco	Ed	01/16/20
Davis	Glenn	02/20/20	Manrique	Julius	01/16/20	Thomason	Jerry	01/16/20
Davis	Leonard	01/26/20	Martinez	Joe	01/16/20	Toepfer	Jim	01/16/20
DeArmond	Hal	09/24/20	Masciorini	Walt	02/20/20	Toschi	Gene	01/16/20
Dodd	Andre	01/16/20	Masse	Vern	01/16/20	Townsend	Roger	01/16/20
Erreca	Dan	01/16/20	Maxwell	Max	01/16/20	Venturini	Joe	01/16/20
Eubank	Hall	01/16/20	McCoy	Mac	04/04/20	Vigil	Vig	06/01/20
Fairfield	Bernie	02/20/20	McNett	Tom	02/20/20	Vigus	Ron	01/16/20
Fallentine	Wayne	01/16/20	Miceli	Joe	01/16/20	Walker	Jim	01/16/20
Faulkner	Kent	03/04/20	Miller	Jerry	01/16/20	Watson	Tom	01/16/20
Fetzer	Bruce	01/16/20	Moran	Paul	02/20/20	Weiss	Thomas	02/20/20
Fix	Terry	01/16/20	Morey	Mike	02/20/20	Williams	Gary	01/16/20
Galbraith	Biff	01/16/20	Mountain	Jeff	01/16/20	Williams	Wayne	01/16/20
Gasper	John	01/16/20	Nagel	Ted	01/16/20	Yanko	Bob	01/16/20
Gentry	Chuck	01/18/20	Norris	Jay	01/13/20	Yarbrough	David	01/16/20
Gonzalez	Fernando	01/16/20	O'Brien	Jack	09/10/20	Zabel	Larry	01/16/20
Graham	Sam	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

**December 17, 2020 there will be a presentation on COVID, and we might have mayoral candidates Sue Zwahlen and Doug Ridenour (if not both, then neither will speak).**  
**STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES**

## 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](mailto:esantwier@aol.com)

***DUES WILL BE WAIVED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FOR 2021***

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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**