

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

Dedicated to enriching the lives of members through
social activities while making friends for life



December 2021 Newsletter

Volume 12-2021

Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



Hello Fellow SIR Members. Now, with the end of the pandemic finally in sight, more people are beginning to reflect on the lives they want to lead on the other side. It would be unfortunate to miss out on this chance to reset, to redefine success and how we pursue it.

We'd all benefit from finding what is called Groundedness: the internal strength and self-confidence that sustains you through ups and downs. It is a deep reservoir of integrity and fortitude, of wholeness, out of which lasting performance, well-being and fulfillment can emerge. Being grounded doesn't mean saying goodbye to passion, striving and ambition. It means leaving behind your frantic, omnipresent presence and finding a way to express your authentic self in the here and now.

Speaking of which, our next meeting on December 16th will be my last day serving as Big Sir for Branch 144. It has been an honor to serve, and I appreciate everyone that came and helped behind the scenes or just came and ate lunch with other SIR Members. Everyone that came to the general meetings whether it was on Zoom or in Person your presence was very much appreciated and most welcomed.

Big Sir Anthony Butera Branch 144

New Member



Pictured L-R (SP) John Sandillano & (NM) Fred Bistodeau
He worked as a Clerk for UPS. Fred enjoys bowling.
His wife is Barbara.

**Entertainment will be Clovis King
(Elvis Impersonator) for Ladies Day**

**\$16 dues are past due. Make check
payable to "SIR Branch 144" and mail
it to: SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive,
Modesto, CA 95356. Thank You!**

**Ladies Day is December
16. Ticket sales ceased
on December 2. For those
attending, Thank You!!**

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2021

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

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Anthony Butera, Little Sir acting Secretary Biff Galbraith, Assistant Treasurer Nilo Casiano, Directors: Sam Graham, Bob Lewis, Gaylan King, Jerry Strain. Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Jim Toepfer, Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Stires. Vote to approve last Months minutes; 1st Jerry Strain 2nd Bob Lewis Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for October was presented by Treasurer Nilo Casiano.

Checkbook Balance as of October 31st, 2021.....\$ 6,266.12
Total Receipts.....\$ 1,944.00
Disbursements.....\$ 1,308.74
Checkbook and cash as of October 31st, 2021.....\$ 7,106.38

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd Gaylan King. Motion Passed.

Expenses: Anthony Butera \$4.85, Bob Lewis printing \$15.61, Gary Williams 17.91 Motion 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Bob Lewis. Motion Passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King, gave the Membership Report for October 21st, 2021

There are 2 Inductees: Anthony (Tony) Castillo and Randy S. Alford. (Vote required)

There is one applicant: Fred L. Bistodeau (Vote Required).

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State SHLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members: Conrad Haines, Vincent (Vinny) Altadonna, Harold DeArmond, Paul Moran and Bryan Harrison.

Disabled Members.....5

Active members.....124

Pending Members.....1

Members attending meeting.....68

Deaths.....None

Motion to approve the membership report; 1stJerry Strain, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed.

Dues approximately 80 paid at this time. Gary Williams has list.

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 have been rescheduled. 2 spots left for Austria, Switzerland, and Germany.**

Dining: Vince Sereno, all groups canceled until further notice.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Bowling: New Branch Chair Bob Lewis, Vern Masse is new Regional Chair.

Golf: Check with Jerry Strain. All is going well.

Programs: December will be Clovis King, (Elvis Impersonator), for Ladies Day.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier; Sunshine Chair contact at (209-605-9638 or email at esantwier@aol.com)

New Business:

December entertainment is Clovis King (Ladies Day).

SIR Walking Group meeting every Saturday from 8:00AM to 9:00AM, East La Loma Park, Dry Creek. Contact Anthony at anthony.btr@gmail.com if you are interested. All are welcome, including spouses.

Send Vaccine proof for spouse or significant other before December 3rd. Ladies Day. biffer@pacbell.net

Meeting adjourned: 10:08 AM

The time of the next BEC meeting (a short one) will be at 9:50 AM, December 16, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Little SIR, acting Secretary

Area 18 Travel

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play. August 27 – September 7, 2022

Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only) Airfare to be added in October 2021. Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation. So, sign up now to reserve your spot for this great trip.

ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT FOR OUR GROUP

**Highlights: 2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland. Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city. < 1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland. A trip to the “Top of Europe” with a Panorama 360 Degree. Experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy. < 2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland. Visit a Woodcarving Museum, walk through the romantic Brunngrasse, once awarded the title “Most Beautiful Street in Europe. < 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland. A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany. < 2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play. The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau. < 2 night stay in Munich, Germany. Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz. 17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more.
Contact Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 if interested in the trip.**

Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island’s Grand Hotel

May 12-19, 2022

**Price: \$4,045 Per Person Double Occupancy \$5,375 Single
Deposit \$650 per person--Final payment January 10, 2022**

This trip is sold out and now there is a wait list. Deposit will be charged when the trip opens back up. Price will increase on February 15, 2022

Trip Highlights:

***Transportation to and from airport *Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit *Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver *Spend 1 night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city *Attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan *Visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (Music Parade) *Spend 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Macinac Island *Tour Macinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage *Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour *\$40 in Mayflower Money *Much, much more**

DINING OUT CLUB HUMOR

--Retirement--What to Expect--

1. My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."
2. I thought the dryer made my clothes shrink. Turns out it was the refrigerator.
3. I thought growing old would take longer.
4. My bucket list: keep breathing.
5. Camping: where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person.
6. Just once, I want a username & password prompt to say: "close enough."
7. Being an adult is the dumbest thing I have ever done.
8. I'm a multi-tasker. I can listen, ignore, & forget all at the same time!
9. At my funeral, take the bouquet from my coffin & toss it into the crowd to see who is next!
10. Retirement to do list: Wake up. Nailed it!
11. Went to an antique show & people were bidding on me.
12. People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.
13. Retired - Under new management. See spouse for details.
14. When you can't find the sunshine ... be the sunshine.
15. I don't have grey hair. I have wisdom highlights.
16. Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.
17. I don't fall - I do random gravity checks.
18. My heart says, "chocolate & wine" but my jeans say, "please, please, please, eat a salad!"
19. Never laugh at your spouse's choices. You are one of them.
20. One minute you're young & fun. The next, you're turning down the car stereo to see better.
21. I'd grow my own food if only I could find bacon seeds.
22. Losing weight isn't working for me, so from now I'm concentrating on getting taller.
23. Some people are like clouds - once they disappear it's a beautiful day.
24. Some people you're glad to see coming, some you're glad to see leaving.
25. My body is a temple - ancient & crumbling.
26. Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.
27. I came. I saw. I forgot. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.
28. Senility. If you see this same list a year from now you will think they are all new!!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>
Butera	Anthony	12/05/55	66
Moncure	Michael	12/01/52	69
Yarbrough	David	12/03/46	75
Sullivan	Don	12/14/41	80
Brooks	Patton	12/24/39	82
Dutton	Pete	12/23/35	86
Davis	Glenn	12/18/34	87



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>		<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
Michael	Boyd	Rayne	12/30/99	22
Terence	Fix	Edna	12/14/91	30
Biff	Galbraith	Veeann	12/19/81	40
Vernon	Jones	Rochon	12/29/79	42
Scott	Anderson	Janice	12/30/74	47
Joe	Maxwell	Melissa	12/29/62	59
Jerry	Strain	Merlyne	12/30/60	61





December 2021 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 10 November 9

Series: Bob Abujen 695

Bob Abujen 695

Game: Bob Abujen 246

Bruce Fetzer 254

Week 11 November 16

Series: David Brown 592

John Santillano 667

Game: John Santillano 220

Lor Salvi 264

Week 12 November 23

Series: Jeff Chin 603

John Kincanon 701

Game: John Kincanon 217

John Kincanon 284

Week 13 November 30

Series: Joe Miceli 679

Joe Miceli 742

Game: Joe Miceli 245

Joe Miceli 266

Come out for our hometown tournament.

---- 2022 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS ----

January 18-19 Napa Bowl, Napa: Details to Follow

February: OPEN

March 22-23 Clayton Valley Bowl, Concord---Mike Kropf (925-689-1453---Gary Kaufman 925-360-9260

April 18-21 Gold Dust West, Carson City, NV---Tim Hall 775-241-9080---Dave Moore 510-825-2654

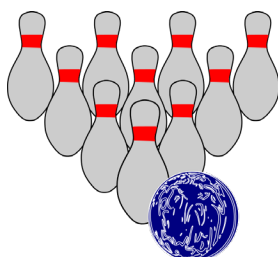
SIR Annual State Tournament--- May 10-11 Danville Bowl, Danville---John Monahan 925-837-1598

ALL TOURNAMENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 209-523-7387

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DECEMBER 2021 GOLF NEWS



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

MON. DEC. 6	MICKE GROVE	COST: \$45.00
HOST: 164	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. DEC. 13	DRYDEN	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. DEC. 20	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. JAN. 3	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GOOD THANKSGIVING. THE NEW YEAR IS ALMOST HERE AND WE NEED TO GET MORE GOLFERS OUT OF THE HOUSE. SOME COURSES ARE NOT GIVING SHOTGUN STARTS BECAUSE OF LACK OF PLAYERS. WE DON'T WANT TO GO TO TEE TIME STARTS. EVERYONE HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR. SEE YOU SOON.

JAY NORRIS Branch 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN
AND ASST. HANDICAP CHAIRMAN

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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209-606-1475



Members who have paid dues: (Anyone not on the list and paid, let me know.)

Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name	First Name
Abujen	Bob	Graham	Sam	O'Brien	Jack
Adams	Chuck	Griesaber	Howard	Oehrlein	Ken
Alford	Randy	Griffin	Jack	Parks	Larry
Bell	Red	Haines	Conrad	Peck	Russell
Bica	Gus	Hall	Wes	Pinkston	Ernie
Boyd	Mike	Hardison	Roy	Rogers	Keith
Brooks	Patton	Harrison	Bryan	Rovere	Don
Brown	Ron	Hawes	Jack	Solonga	Tony
Burchell	Bill	Hodge	Doug	Salvi	Lor
Butera	Anthony	Holder	Jeff	Sandillano	John
Cardoza	Bill	Jackson	Ed	Sanford	Don
Casiano	Nilo	Kincanon	John	Sereno	Vince
Chalk	Gary	King	Gaylan	Sheaffer	Chuck
Conkey	Hal	Lawrence	Norm	Sherman	Fred
Cook	Deane	Leffingwell	Charlie	Shoup	Chuck
Davis	Glenn	Lewis	Ernie	Slocum	Michael
Davis	Leonard	Lewis	Bob	Solario	Henry
DeArmond	Hal	Liebert	Merle	Sterling	Jim
Dodd	Andre	Manrique	Julius	Strain	Jerry
Dutton	Pete	Masciorini	Walt	Stroud	Gary
Eubank	Hall	Masse	Vern	Sullivan	Don
Fetzer	Bruce	Miceli	Joe	Toepfer	Jim
Fidalgo	Arnold	Miller	Jerry	Townsend	Roger
Fix	Terry	Morey	Mike	Venturini	Joe
Gailbraith	Biff	Mountain	Jeff	Vigus	Ron
Gasper	John	Nagel	Ted	Williams	Gary
Gentry	Chuck	Norris	Jay	Yarbrough	David
Gonzalez	Fernando	Castillo	Tony	Vigil	Vig
Hardison	Brad				

Calendar of Events

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL (MICHIGAN) MAY 12-19, 2022 <-> SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY AUGUST 27- SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

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
2020 Anthony Butera



Modesto Branch 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2021

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 2021

Andre Dodd 527-0482	Sam Graham 552-0960
Gaylan King 380-9896	Bob Lewis 523-7387
Jerry Strain 551-8220	Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS FOR 2021

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...Stu Williams 510-865-5000
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...Rick Kindle 652-8608
DIRECTOR, REGION 2.....Dale Decker 533-0455
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:.....Jerry Strain 551-8220
Assistant:.....Jay Norris 606-1475
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



Pictured L-R: Speaker Jon Hicks receives Certificate of Appreciation from Little Sir Biff Galbraith

Please visit our website at www.sirinc2.org/branch144

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [SIR Happenings for Nov 2021](#)

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 and Ted Nagel

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain