

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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social activities while making friends for life



February 2022 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Biff Galbraith



I would like to thank Daren Williams from the Almond Board for his wonderful presentation on almond industry trends and marketing campaigns. I thought it was quite interesting how each country has a different take on the significance of almonds.

This month we will have Mike Lella sharing a presentation about his father Pino Lella and Pino's role in WWII in Italy. Nino's life was documented in a book entitled, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*. There is also a movie in the early production stages.

I was proud to present Henry Solario and Walt Masciorini with their 90-year-old Senior SIR Presidential Award, with our State President SIR Rick Kindle in attendance. Bob Lewis was also recognized as my January outstanding award recipient for his work on our newsletter and chairing 144's bowling committee. Tony Salonga will be my February Big SIR award recipient. Tony arrives early and leaves late to collect the name badges. We as a branch cannot function without the behind the scenes work that our 144 members like Tony and Bob provide each meeting.

Golf and Bowling are both going strong, and I encourage members to check with the sign-up tables for each of these events in which you are interested. For now, travel is all booked up, but Bill Stires will have more to tell us as the pandemic lessens. We will be starting the "Doing my Part" program and encourage each of our members to bring a least one guest to a meeting. Well gentlemen, tell your spouse or significant other that you love them, it is February after all. Stay safe and healthy, see you on February 17th.

Big Sir Biff Galbraith Branch 144

PS. I can't wait to see what Punxsutawney Phil sees.

Speaker will be Mike Lella. He will talk about his father Pino, who was a driver for a German General, and joined the Italian Underground helping Jews over the Alps.

New Member



Pictured L-R: (Sp) Jim Sterling; (NM) Craig Persons; Big SIR Biff Galbraith

Craig works part time as a Medicare Insurance Agent. He enjoys Walking, Pickle Ball, Honey Do's, Bowling, Reading, Dining with Friends, Bridge, Travel (own 5th wheel), and Cruising. His wife is Martha. Welcome!

\$24 dues are due. Make check payable to "SIR Branch 144" and mail it to: "SIR" at 3549 Fawndale Drive, Modesto, CA 95356. Also, you can bring payment to the Luncheon. Thank You!

Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 209-380-9896 by Sunday February 13. (Luncheon is February 17). Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order, by Big SIR Biff Galbraith at 9:35 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Biff Galbraith, Little SIR and Secretary Fernando Gonzalez.

Directors: Gaylan King, Bob Lewis, Andre Dodd, Jerry Strain and Jim Toepfer.

Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Patton Brooks, Julius Manrique, Gary Williams, Sam Graham, and Rick Kindle.

Motion to approve minutes from November and December Minutes. Motion made 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Gaylan King. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for August was presented by Assist. Treasurer Fernando Gonzalez

Checkbook Balance as of December 31st, 2021.....\$8,304.01

Total Receipts.....\$ 241.00

Disbursements.....\$2,213.82

Checkbook and cash as of December 31st, 2021.....\$6,531.19

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report. 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Andre Dodd. Motion Passed.

Expenses: Biff (frames)-\$29.09, Gary Williams (badges)-\$10.00, Bob Lewis (printing)-\$31.22.

Bob Lewis volunteered to review the annual Form 29 with Fernando to send to the state SIR.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the Membership Report for January 20, 2022: one new applicant and three resignations.

Motion made to approve the Membership Report. 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd Jim Toepfer: Motion passed.

SHLM: Julius Manrique

State SHLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members:

Disabled Members.....5

Active members.....122

Pending Members.....1

Deaths: Two2

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires: All trips booked complete.

Dining: Vince Sereno: Nothing has changed.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Bowling: Bob Lewis, Motion to approve the new schedule. 1st. Andre Dodd, 2nd Bob Lewis: Motion passed.

Golf: Jerry Strain. All is well and new schedule. Motion made to approve report: 1st.Jerry Strain, 2nd Bob Lewis

Sunshine: Edd Santwier; Sunshine Chair. Nothing to report.

Walking Group: Anthony Butera, nothing has changed.

Old Business: Discussed ladies day luncheon, everyone approved of the entertainment, discussed having a May Ladies Day luncheon will discuss further at another meeting.

New Business: Discussed pricing the new lunch, at \$20 and covering the extra 50 cents from the general fund. Motion made, 1st. Jerry Strain, 2nd Bob Lewis, Motion passed.

Discussed adding items to the raffle and will be discussed at a later meeting.

State Big Sir presented ideas other clubs were considering such as including women or widows to the membership.

Meeting adjourned: 10:20 am

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, February 17,2022.

Respectfully submitted by Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary.

Area 18 Travel

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play.

August 27 – September 7, 2022. *Trip is sold out.*

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.

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 Brunnigasse, 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.

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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

Quotes from past Sports Figures: #15-25

15. Bill Veeck, Chicago White Sox owner: "I have discovered in 20 years of moving around the ballpark that the knowledge of the game is usually in inverse proportion to the price of the seats."
16. Paul Horning, Green Bay Packers running back on why his marriage ceremony was before noon: "Because if it didn't work out, I didn't want to blow the whole day."
17. Lou Holtz, Arkansas football coach: "I have a lifetime contract That means I can't be fired during the third quarter if we're ahead and moving the ball."
18. Knute Rockne, when asked why Notre Dame had lost a game: "I won't know until my barber tells me on Monday."
19. Jim Frey, K.C. Royals manager when asked what advice he gives George Brett on hitting: "I tell him "Attaway to hit, George."
20. Bill Walton, Portland Trail Blazers: "I learned a long time ago that 'minor surgery' is when they do the operation on someone else, not you."
21. George MacIntyre, Vanderbilt football coach surveying the team roster that included 26 freshmen and 25 sophomores: "Our biggest concern this season will be diaper rash."
22. Rick Venturi, Northwestern football coach: "The only difference between me and General Custer is that I have to watch the films on Sunday."
23. Bum Phillips, Oilers coach on why he always takes his wife on road trips. " She's too ugly to kiss good-by."
24. The great John McKay, who coached USC for a bunch of years and later became the initial head coach of those terrible expansion Tampa Bay Bucs teams, had a few zingers. He was once asked after a lopsided loss what he thought of his team's execution. He said: "I think it would be a very good idea." On another occasion after a serious whipping, he was asked what the turning point of the game had been. He replied: "The Star-Spangled Banner."
25. Former UCLA basketball coach, John Wooden, "Coaching is highly overrated. The team with the better players almost always wins."

Things that money can't buy:

1. Manners 2. Morals
3. Respect 4. Character
5. Common Sense 6. Trust
7. Patience 8. Class
9. Integrity 10. Love

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>
Elliott	Scott	02/01/54	68
Gentry	Chuck	02/14/54	68
Slocum	Michael	02/19/53	69
Carrington	Glenn	02/13/52	70
Rogers	Keith	02/22/49	73
Walker	Jim	09/23/48	74
Persons	Craig	02/23/45	77
Medrano	John	02/18/44	78
Faulkner	Kent	02/18/42	80
Townsend	Roger	02/13/39	83
Kincanon	John	02/06/39	83
Miller	Jerry	02/09/37	85
Vigil	Vig	02/29/36	86
Yanko	Bob	02/27/34	88
Solario	Henry	02/07/32	90
Hall	Wes	02/26/23	99

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
James	Duran	Anita	02/14/10	12
Arnold	Fidalgo	Terri	02/14/04	18
Harold	DeArmond	Jan	02/16/91	31
Laurie	Salvi	Helen	02/12/76	46
James	Walker	Joyce	02/27/70	52
James	Persons	Martha	02/28/68	54
Harold	Conkey	Lucile	02/11/66	56
Gary	Hubbard	Virginia	02/06/65	57
Douglas	Hodge	Margaret	02/02/62	60

FEBRUARY INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Inducted</i>	<i>Date</i>	
McNett	Tom		02/15/18	4
Toepfer	Jim		02/15/18	4
Fetzer	Bruce		02/15/18	4
Anderson	Scott		02/04/16	6
Galbraith	Biff		02/04/16	6
Boyd	Mike		02/04/16	6
Carrington	Glenn		02/04/16	6
Harris	Ron		02/06/14	8
Hubbard	Gary		02/07/13	9
Faulkner	Kent		02/07/13	9
Mountain	Jeff		02/01/07	15
Hawes	Jack		02/02/05	17
Townsend	Roger		09/02/04	18



February 2022 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 18 January 4

Series: David Brown 641 David Brown 671
Game: Bob Lewis 231 Bob Lewis 250

Week 19 January 11

Series: Joe Bradley 619 Joe Bradley 679
Game: Joe Bradley 248 Joe Bradley 268

Week 20 January 18

Series: Joe Miceli 622 Jerry Strain 679
Game: Joe Miceli 247 Joe Miceli 260

Week 21 January 25

Series: Joe Miceli 707 Joe Miceli 758
Game: Joe Miceli 257 Joe Miceli 274

Week 22 February 1

Series: Arnold Fidalgo 609 Arnold Fidalgo 651
Game: Arnold Fidalgo 279 Arnold Fidalgo 293

Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

February 17-18 Country Club Lanes, Sacramento
Tom Page 916-712-2393--- Conner Chin 916-601-1854

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

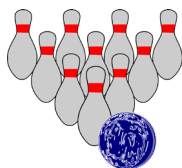
SIR Annual State Tournament--- May 10-11 Danville
Bowl, Danville---John Monahan 925-837-1598

**ALL TOURNAMENTS SUBJECT
TO CANCELLATION**

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 209-523-7387

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FEBRUARY 2022 GOLF NEWS



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

MON. FEB. 7	MICKE GROVE	COST: \$ 49.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. FEB. 14	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$ 49.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
TUE. FEB. 22	ATWATER	COST: \$ 47.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. FEB. 28	DRYDEN	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. MAR. 7	MANTECA	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 164	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT FOR RON RETORT WAS A GOOD TIME. THE RETORT FAMILY WENT ALL THE WAY. THEY GAVE WATER & SNACKS, ALSO PRIZES & GIFT CARDS. THE WEATHER WAS GREAT. WE STILL NEED TO HAVE MORE GOLFERS SIGNING UP TO PLAY. NOTE THAT ATWATER IS ON TUESDAY AND MANTECA IS NOW \$47.00 COME OUT AND PLAY, HAVE SOME FUN.

JAY NORRIS Branch 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN
AND ASST. HANDICAP CHAIRMAN

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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

Members who paid 2022 Dues:

Last Name	First name	Last Name	First name	Last Name	First name
Abujen	Bob	Gonzalez	Fernando	Provost	Richard
Bell	Red	Graham	Sam	Rovere	Don
Bistodeau	Fred	Hall	Wes	Salvie	Lor
Bree	John	Hardison	Roy	Sandillano	John
Brooks	Pat	Hardison	Brad	Sereno	Vince
Brown	Cecil	Hawes	Jack	Shoup	Chuck
Cardoza	Bill	Leffingwell	Charlie	Slocum	Michael
Conkey	Hal	Lewis	Ernie	Solonga	Tony
Chalk	Gary	Lewis	Bob	Sterling	Jim
Cook	Deane	Manrique	Julius	Strain	Jerry
Davis	Leonard	Mascioini	Walt	Stroud	Gary
Dodd	Andre	Miller	Jerry	Sullivan	Don
Eubank	Hall	Mountain	Jeff	Toepfer	Jim
Fildago	Arnold	Norris	Jay	Townsend	Roger
Galbraith	Biff	Parks	Larry	Vigus	Ron
Gasper	John	Pinkston	Ernie	Yarbrough	David
Gentry	Chuck				

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Jay Norris(R) with Guest
Tom Brawley(L)
(Note: both guests have applied for Membership)



Jim Duran(R) with guest
Kevin Prescott(L)



Speaker Daren Williams
receives Certificate of
Appreciation from Big SIR
Biff Galbraith

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
2021 Anthony Butera



Modesto Branch 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2022

Big Sir:..... Biff Galbraith 209-575-2724
Little Sir:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Secretary:.....Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Assistant Secretary:.....Open
Treasurer:.....Nilo Casiano 209-324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:.....Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440

DIRECTORS FOR 2022

Anthony Butera 209-985-3473 Andre Dodd 209-527-0482
Gaylan King 209-380-9896 Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Jerry Strain 209-551-8220 Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS FOR 2022

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc Rick Kindle 209-652-8608
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...David Gonzales 408-621-8835
DIRECTOR, REGION 2.....Dale Decker 209-533-0455
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Richard Provost 209-577-8219

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

RAMP

Recruitment:.....Open
Activities:.....Open
Member Relations:....Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Publicity/Relations:...Sam Graham 209-552-0960
Accessories:.....Sam Graham 209-552-0960
Travel: Area 18:.....Bill Stires 209-544-2684
Area 18 Golf Chairman:.....Jerry Strain 209-551-8220
Assistant:.....Jay Norris 209-606-1475
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 209-606-1475
Assistant:.....Gary Hubbard 209-551-5253
Area 18 Bowling Chairman:.....Vern Masse 209-538-4275
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Programs:..... Biff Galbraith 209-575-2724
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Chaplain:...Jack O'Brien 209-542-7177
Dining: Vince Sereno 209-524-9630, Henry Solario 209-578-5607
Attendance:.....Tony Salonga 209-505-0915
Sunshine:..Edd Santwier 209-605-9638
Assistant: Julius Manrique 209-576-1077
Nominating Committee Chairman: Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Members: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell, and Sam Graham
Membership:Gaylan King 209-380-9896
Book Club:.....Joe Venturini 209-524-6577



Rick Kindle(R) presents Senior Sir President's Award to Henry Solario(C) With Big SIR Biff Galbraith(L).



Walt Masciorini(C) receives Senior SIR President's Award with Rick Kindle(R) & Biff Galbraith(L).



Rick Kindle(R) installs Big SIR Biff Galbraith(L) & Little SIR Fernando Gonzalez(C).

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [2022 Happenings-February](#)

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; HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham; STATE HLM: Jerry Strain