

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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



March 2022 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Biff Galbraith



What a wonderful presentation by Mike Lella about his father's young life during WWII. His father Pino led a very interesting life, and we were intrigued with the almost forgotten Italian front. There is a movie now in the works. If any of you want to purchase the book "**Beneath a Scarlet Sky**", it is available at local bookstores, or from the internet. February's meeting was well attended with many spouses as guests.

My Big Sir award for February was Tony Salonga. He always arrives to Branch monthly meetings early to get our name badges out, stays to organize them, and stores the box away. He also manages the lists for birthdays and guests. Remember to sign up if your birthday is in March, and have your guests sign the visitor list as well.

I remind our members that it takes the work of many to make sure our monthly meetings are successful. My March Big SIR award winner will be Gaylan King. Gaylan has taken care of membership for many years and oversees our branch book collection, which must be set out and put away after each meeting. We encourage you to check out the book table and borrow one or more to read.

I am hopeful that our dining out groups will soon be able to restart. Please be patient as many restaurants are still wary of large groups. Our SIR travel also has nothing for now, but my optimism thinks we will quickly see an end to this pandemic, and both groups will be back in action.

We have two wonderful senior SIR 90 year awards this month. John Bree and Julius Manrique. We can hope that besides good genetics, our SIR organization has added to their long and wonderful lives. Have a fantastic March, stay safe, and I will see you on March 17th at Seasons located at 925 McHenry Ave at 10:45 AM. We will be pleased to have **Darin Jesberg, Modesto Deputy Fire Chief** speaking at our meeting. Please contact Gaylan King phone number **209-380-9896**, if you have not attended recently so we can have a count for table set up.

Big Sir Biff Galbraith Branch 144

New Members



Pictured L-R: (Sp) Jim Duran, (NM) Kevin Prescott; (NM) Tom Brawley, (Sp) Jay Norris; Transfer Ron Doring. **Welcome All!**
Bios at bottom of Page 6 (Members paid)

Speaker will be Darin Jesberg, Modesto Deputy Fire chief.

\$24 dues are due by March 31.
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 March 13.
(Luncheon is March 17).
Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order, by Big SIR Biff Galbraith at 9:25 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, Jim Toepfer and Anthony Butera.

Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Patton Brooks, Julius Manrique, Gary Williams, Sam Graham, John Sandillano, and Richard Provost.

Motion to approve minutes from January meeting. Motion made 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd Jim Toepfer: Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

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

Checkbook Balance as of January 1 st , 2022.....	\$6,331.19
Total Receipts.....	\$2,274.00
Disbursements.....	\$1,614.08
Checkbook and cash as of January 31 st , 2022.....	\$7,191.11

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report. 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd Gary Williams: Motion Passed.

Expenses: Biff (frames)-\$53.28, Bob Lewis (printing and postage)-\$16.73.

Form 29 was completed by Bob Lewis and Fernando Gonzalez and submitted to Area Governor.

Motion made to accept John Sandillano as Asst. Treasurer, 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Anthony Butera: Motion passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the Membership Report for February 17, 2022: 1 new member: James Persons.

2 new applicants: Kevin Prescott and Tom Brawley. 2 resignations: Doug Burroughs and Michael Moncure.

SHLM: Julius Manrique

State HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members:

Disabled Members.....	7
Active members.....	117
Pending Members.....	2
Deaths.....	0

Motion made to accept Membership Report: 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd Andre Dodd: Motion passed.

Motion made to accept new members: 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Jerry Strain: Motion passed.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires: Not present.

Dining: Vince Sereno: Nothing has changed, not meeting yet.

Bowling: Bob Lewis: going well.

Golf: Jerry Strain: All is going well.

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

Walking Group: Anthony Butera, nothing has changed.

Old Business: Discussed ladies day luncheon in May, Motion made to table this to discuss next year.

1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Bob Lewis: Motion passed.

New Business: None

Any Additional points or Action items:

Getting discounts (15%) at the Gallo Center can be accomplished by stating you are member of SIRS, but best if you can take a picture of your badge on your phone and use that as proof.

Discussed not requiring annual dues after a member turns 100 or 95, this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 9:59 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted by Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary.

DINING OUT CLUB HUMOR

Dining Out Club Humor/Puns

A New Virus

Don't shoot the messenger, but even though we're still battling COVID-19, the next thing is here already. Virologists have identified a new Nile virus - type C. It appears to target those who were born between 1930 & 1960.

Symptoms:

1. Sending the same email twice.
2. Sending a blank email.
3. Sending a message to the wrong person.
4. Sending it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Forgetting to attach the attachment.
6. Hitting SEND before you've finished.
7. Hitting DELETE instead of SEND.
8. Hitting SEND when you should hit DELETE.

That is why it is called the C-NILE virus.

On the other hand, if you cannot admit to doing any of the above, you have obviously caught the mutated strain, commonly referred to as the **D-NILE** virus.

Here comes Paddy:

The plumber said: "Why haven't you paid the bill for the work I did last Friday?"

Paddy replied: "Well it was not what you quoted."

The plumber said: "I didn't give you a quote."

Paddy replied: Yes, you did! When I asked "what day you could come"? You said you were free on Friday."

Scottish Thrift!

A Scottish woman went to the local newspaper to publish the obituary for her recently deceased husband. The editor informed her that there is a charge of 50 cents per word. She paused, reflected, and then said, "Well then, let it read, "Angus MacPherson died." Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor told her that there is a seven-word minimum for all obituaries. She thought it over, and in a few seconds said, "In that case, let it read....

"Angus MacPherson died. Golf clubs for sale."

Tattle tale!

My sister felt she was well prepared for her in-depth interview with several members of the police academy board who would determine her suitability as a candidate. The first situation they presented to her was: "On routine patrol you see a car traveling at excessive speed, with undue care and attention.

You pull it over and discover that the driver is your brother. What do you do?"

Without hesitation she replied, "Tell Mom!"

She was accepted.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>	
Erreca	Dan	03/23/55	67
Abujen	Bob	03/29/51	71
Hollander	Tom	03/16/50	72
Sheaffer	Chuck	03/17/49	73
Norris	Jay	03/18/46	76
Casiano	Nilo	03/04/42	80
Dodd	Andre	03/25/42	80
Shoup	Chuck	03/13/39	83
Weiss	Thomas	03/29/38	84
Scoble	Tony	03/28/34	88
Sherman	Fred	03/22/33	89
Bree	John	03/12/32	90
Venturini	Joe J.	03/10/30	92
Peck	Russell	03/31/28	94

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Charlie	Leffingwell	Jan	03/21/98	24
Bruce	Fetzer	Debbie	03/30/96	26
Kevin	Prescott	Anita	03/15/86	36
Kenneth	Oehrlein	Sochi	03/14/64	58
Walter	Masciorini	Ann	03/03/56	66

MARCH SIR INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Inducted</i>	<i>Years</i>
Gonzalez	Fernando	03/21/19	3
O'Brien	Jack	03/15/18	4
Hollander	Tom	03/15/18	4
Watson	Bob	03/07/13	9
Sai	John	03/05/09	13
King	Gaylan	03/05/09	13
Rovere	Don	03/07/07	15
Griffin Jr.	John	03/07/07	15
Davis	Leonard	03/07/07	15
Peck	Russell	03/02/06	16
Williams	Gary	03/04/04	18
Sherman	Fred	03/07/96	26
Harrison	Bryan	03/02/95	27
Manrique	Julius	03/18/89	33



March 2022 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 23 February 8

Series: Arnold Fidalgo 695 Arnold Fidalgo 734

Game: Arnold Fidalgo 249 Arnold Fidalgo 262

Week 24 February 15

Series: Steve Gibson 590 Steve Gibson 662

Game: Steve Gibson 229 Steve Gibson 253

Week 25 February 22

Series: David Brown 632 David Brown 659

Game: David Brown 250 David Brown 259

Week 26 March 1

Series: Joe Miceli 581 Claude Ham 676

Game: Claude Ham 245 Claude Ham 283

Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

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

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 209-523-7387

bobalew69@msn.com



Speaker Mike Lella(L) receives Certificate of Appreciation
From Big SIR Biff Galbraith

MARCH 2022 GOLF NEWS



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

MON. MAR. 7	MANTECA	COST: \$ 47.00
HOST: 164	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. MAR. 14	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$ 49.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. MAR. 21	TRACY C.C.	COST: \$ 52.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. MAR. 28	DRYDEN	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. APR. 4	DRY CREEK	COST: \$48.00
HOST: 164	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

THE WEATHER IS WARMING UP, SO NOW IS THE TIME TO GET OUT AND PLAY SOME GOLF. WE WILL BE GOING BACK TO DRY CREEK IN APRIL, AND TELELI (MT. SPRINGS) IN JUNE, THEN CASTLE OAK'S IN JULY. 3 COURSES WE HAVEN'T PLAYED IN A COUPLE OF YEARS. SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON MARCH 17TH.

JAY NORRIS Br#144 GOLF CHAIRMAN AND
ASST. HANDICAP CHAIRMAN

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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

2022 SIR Golf Spring Fling in Napa:

[Tournament information and Registration Form](#)

Golf Website: Sirgolf.org

Members who paid dues:

Adams	Chuck	Faulkner	Kent	Jones	Vernon	Rovere	Don
Bell	Red	Fetzer	Bruce	Kincanon	John	Salvie	Lor
Bica	Gus	Fildago	Arnold	King	Gaylan	Santillano	John
Bistodeau	Fred	Fix	Terry	Lawrence	Norm	Sereno	Vince
Brawley	Tom	Galbraith	Biff	Leffingwell	Charlie	Sherman	Fred
Bree	John	Gasper	John	Lewis	Ernie	Shoup	Chuck
Brooks	Pat	Gentry	Chuck	Lewis	Bob	Slocum	Michael
Brown	Ron	Gonzalez	Fernando	Liebelt	Merle	Solonga	Tony
Brown	Cecil	Graham	Sam	Manrique	Julius	Sterling	Jim
Butera	Anthony	Griffin	Jack	Martinez	Joe	Strain	Jerry
Cardoza	Bill	Haines	Conrad	Mascioini	Walt	Stroud	Gary
Chalk	Gary	Hall	Wes	Medrano	John	Sullivan	Don
Conkey	Hal	Hardison	Roy	Miceli	Joe	Toepfer	Jim
Cook	Deane	Hardison	Brad	Miller	Jerry	Townsend	Roger
Davis	Leonard	Harrison	Bryan	Mountain	Jeff	Venturini	Joe
DeArmond	Hal	Hawes	Jack	Norris	Jay	Vigus	Ron
Dodd	Andre	Hodge	Doug	Parks	Larry	Weiss	Thomas
Dutton	Pete	Hubbard	Gary	Pinkston	Ernie	Williams	Gary
Eubank	Hall	Huffstatler	Dan	Provost	Richard	Yarbrough	David
Fallentine	Wayne	Jackson	Ed				

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

Kevin Prescott was Retired Fire, Realtor (Remax Executive). He enjoys Biking, Bowling, Chorus, Cooking-Group, Cooking-Host, Dinner Dances, Dine In-Pot Luck, Dominoes-Regular, Explore & Eat, Fishing, Gardening and Horseshoes. His wife is Anita.

Tom Brawley was an Operations Supervisor for the City of Modesto. He enjoys Baseball Day, Bowling, Fishing, Golf, Horseshoes, Poker, and Racing Day. His wife is Donna.

Ron Doring is a Transfer from Paradise Branch 83. He is a past Big SIR. He enjoys Bowling, Football Day, Golf, Horseshoes, Pool-Billiards, wine Tasting, and Veterans. His wife is Donnelin.

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:.....John Santillano 209-544-1953

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



Tony Solonga(R) receives Big SIR Award from Biff Galbraith



Anthony Butera(R) receives Appreciation Award from Big SIR Biff Galbraith



Anthony Butura receives his Past Big SIR Pin from Area Governor Richard Provost

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