

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144

THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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January 2023 Newsletter

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Message from the Editor



Big SIR Biff Galbraith passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of January 4. He was an excellent Big SIR for Branch 144. He was always positive and did his best to make things run smoothly for our Branch. If anyone needed help with anything, he would do the best he could. He will be missed. Prayers and condolences to his family. He was a Science Teacher at Ceres USD. He was currently subbing at Ceres USD. May he Rest in Peace.

Bob Lewis SIR Branch 144 Newsletter Editor



Big Sir Biff Galbraith Branch 144

BIG SIR AWARD



Anthony Butera(R) receives the BIG SIR AWARD from BIG SIR Biff Galbraith.

\$24 dues are due. If paying by check, make it payable to "SIR Branch 144" & mail it to "SIR" at 2509 Portofino Dr. Modesto, CA 95356 or bring check or cash to the luncheon. Thank You!

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Luncheon's cost is \$23 for 2023. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The BEC will see if there's a way to reduce price, if possible.

REMEMBER, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at **209-380-9896 by **Sunday January 15 (Luncheon is January 19)**. Thank you!**

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2022

December's short meeting was called to order by Big SIR Biff Galbraith at 9:58 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big SIR Biff Galbraith, Little SIR Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary Jim Toepfer.

DIRECTORS: Bob Lewis, Andre Dodd, Anthony Butera, Vince Sereno, Gaylan King, Jerry Strain.

GUESTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Julius Manrique, Gary Williams, Sam Graham, Jack O'Brien.

Minutes: No Report.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for November 2022 was not presented by Acting Treasurer Fernando Gonzalez.

POINT OF INTEREST – Dues for 2023 will be due starting in January 2023.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King: No Report.

SHLM: Julius Manrique

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Bowling: Bob Lewis: No Report.

Golf: Jay Norris: The golf schedule for 2023 was presented. A motion to approve the golf schedule was made by Bob Lewis. 2nd by Jerry Strain. Motion Passed.

Travel: Bill Stires: Absent. However, still two trips for next year, Ireland and Northern Ireland, and Autumn Colors trip to East Coast.

Dining: Vince Sereno: No Report.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier: (Sunshine Chair): No Report. However, three points of interest, 1. Gaylan King's wife, Cathey, is undergoing further medical treatment. 2. Richard Provost's wife, Elizabeth, has passed. 3. Don Sanford has passed.

Walking Group: Anthony Butera: No Report.

Old Business: No Report.

New Business: A very happy holiday season to all and most happy new year to you and yours.

Meeting adjourned By Big SIR Biff Galbraith at: 9:59 AM.

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, January 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Toepfer, Secretary.

Speaker for January Bio: Ed Franciosa, General Manager Modesto Irrigation District

The Modesto Irrigation District (MID) Board of Directors appointed Ed Franciosa as General Manager in March 2022. Ed leads the District's day-to-day operations and more than 400 employees. He previously served for eight years as MID's Assistant General Manager of Transmission and Distribution, overseeing the Electric Engineering, Line Construction, Trouble, Substation and Metering departments. He was also Interim General Manager in 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ed joined MID in 1997 as a Senior Electrical Engineer and has also served as an Interim Trouble Supervisor and Electrical Engineering Manager. Prior to his tenure at MID, he worked in various capacities at Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the California Energy Commission.

Ed received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from California State University, Sacramento and is a registered professional engineer in California.



SIR TRAVEL



BILL STIRES – TRAVEL CHAIRMAN 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com

Trip is sold out at this time. Wait list for new passengers!

Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland April 14-27, 2023

**Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single \$6,195
\$500.00 Deposit to hold your place.**

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip.

**Airfare and transportation to and from the airport is included
18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver**

Highlights: 12 nights in First Class Hotel Accommodations

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland, Visit Cliffs of Moher, local farms, an Abbey, Giant’s Causeway, Titanic Experience, Hillsborough Castle, Belfast’s O’Connell Street, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Trinity College, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle and the Kissing Stone, Garnish Island, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and **much, much more.**

Leisure time to explore most of the towns and villages.



Autumn Colors trip to East Coast

October 13 - 22, 2023

Price: \$5,130 double occupancy Single: \$6,127

Final Payment due June 15, 2023

Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free time on own.

Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.

Professional local tour guide for entire trip.

9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.

14 meals including a regional lobster feast.

This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.

Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.

Call Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive brochure.



DINING OUT CLUB

Dining Out Club + Humor

2nd Tues. Jan. 3rd: Cool Hand Luke's

Tues. FEB. 7th: Strings Italian Cafe

Note Date Changes—Call: 209-596-0416

4th Tues: Jan. 24th: La Parrilla McHenry Village

Tues. Feb. 28th: Outback Steakhouse

Phone Hall Eubank at: 209-649-4148

4th Thurs: JAN. 26TH: Bella Italia

Thurs. FEB. 23rd: Marcella's

Phone Vince at 209-524-9630

HUMOR:

If you are a Senior, you will understand this one.

If you deal with Seniors, this should help you understand them a little better,

And if you are not a Senior yet... God willing, someday you will be.

The 2.99 Special:

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'Seniors Special' was: Two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

Sounds good,' my wife said, 'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte, 'the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?', my wife asked incredulously.

'Yes!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said.

'How do you want your eggs?', the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS!!! We've been around the block more than once!

Always laugh when you can, -it's cheaper than medicine!!!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>	
Santillano	John	01/09/52	71
Anderson	Scott	01/06/51	72
Bica	Daryl	01/08/48	75
Huffstatler	Dan	01/18/48	75
Mountain	Jeff	01/19/48	75
Sai	John	01/22/43	80
Martinez	Mike	01/31/39	84
Sereno	Vince	01/25/39	84
Rovere	Don	01/17/38	85
Parks	Larry	01/08/34	89
Burchell	Bill	01/10/34	89
Morey	Mike	01/14/30	93
Conkey	Hal	01/19/24	99

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Scott	Elliott	Alicia	01/31/04	19
Fred	Bistodeau	Barbara	01/27/85	38
Joe	Martinez	Erlinda	01/16/76	47
Bill	Cardoza	Karen	01/18/75	48
Tom	Hollander	Shaarn	01/27/74	49
Edd	Santwier III	Sharon	01/09/65	58

JANUARY INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Inducted</i>	<i>Years</i>
Persons	Craig	01/20/22	1
Sterling	Jim	01/16/20	3
Walker	Jim	01/16/20	3
Brown	Cecil	01/18/18	5
Irwin	Rick	01/19/17	6
Gentry	Chuck	01/17/16	7
Quintanal	Ron	01/08/15	8
Weiss	Thomas	01/06/11	12
Miceli	Joe	01/04/07	16
Lewis	Ernie	01/17/02	21
Salvi	Lor	01/18/01	22
Davis	Glenn	01/05/95	28



January 2023 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 13 November 29

Series: Bob Abujen 691 Bob Abujen 691
 Game: Bob Abujen 244 Joe Miceli 256
 Joe Miceli 230

Week 14 December 6

Series: Joe Miceli 684 Joe Miceli 714
 Game: Joe Miceli 247 Lon Loudermilk 273

Week 15 December 13

Series: Bob Abujen 635 Jim Sterling 744
 Game: Bob Abujen 238 Jim Sterling 279

Week 16 December 20

Series: Bob Abujen 732 Bob Abujen 732
 Game: Bob Abujen 277 Bob Abujen 277

Come out for our hometown tournament.

----- 2023 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

January 17-18 Napa Bowl, Napa/65
 Dave Ellingson 707-637-3008

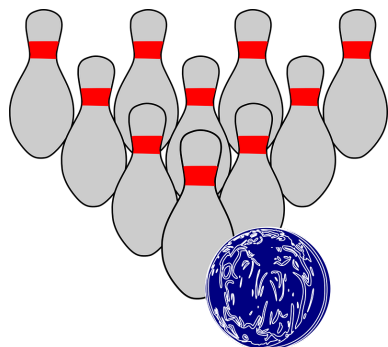
February 16-17 Country Club Lanes,
 Sacramento/69 Conner Chin 916-601-1854

March 21-22 Clayton Valley Bowl, Concord
 Mike Kropf 925-689-1453

April 17 & 20 Gold Dust West, Carson City,
 NV/160 Tim Hall 775-241-9080
 Dave Moore 510-825-2654

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 209-523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com



January 2023 Golf News



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

<https://sirinc2.org/area18golf/>

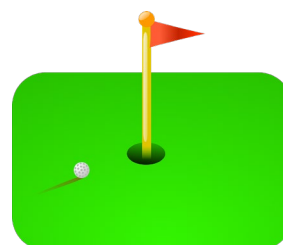
MON.JAN. 9	ELKHORN	COST: \$48.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
TUE. JAN. 17	ATWATER	COST: \$ 49.00
HOST: 143	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. JAN. 23	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. JAN. 30	SWENSON	COST: \$46.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: OPTIONAL
MON. FEB. 6	DRY CREEK	COST: \$52.00
HOST: 103	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE, LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT NEW YEAR. WE NEED TO HAVE MORE GOLFERS PLAYING IN THE WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS. WE ARE ONLY GETTING ABOUT 50 PLAYERS A WEEK. WE ARE AT RISK OF LOOSING SHOT GUN STARTS AND HAVING TO GO TO TEE TIMES. SO, LET'S START PLAYING.

JAY NORRIS Br#144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

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LADIES DAY



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
2022 Biff Galbraith



Modesto Branch 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2023

Big Sir:..... Biff Galbraith 209-575-2724
Little Sir:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Secretary:.....Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930
Assistant Secretary:.....Jack O'Brien 209-542-7177
Treasurer:.....Nilo Casiano 209-324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:.....John Santillano 209-544-1953

DIRECTORS FOR 2023

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 Vince Sereno 209-524-9630

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS FOR 2023

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc Dave Gonzales 916-587-3538
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...Dale Decker 209-533-0455
AREA 18 REPRESENTATIVE.....Jeff Chin 209-602-3912

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:.....Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
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
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:...Gaylan King 209-380-9896

LADIES DAY



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

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

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Edd Santwier (209-605-9638) or Julius Manrique (209-576-1077) know. Thanks!

Don Sanford passed away, Red Bell passed away, Biff Galbraith passed away, Richard Provost's wife Elizabeth passed away, and Gaylan King's wife Cathey is undergoing further medical treatment.

SHLM: Julius Manrique; HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham; STATE HLM: Jerry Strain