

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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



February 2023 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez



I appreciate the trust the BEC of our branch has shown in voting me as your next Big Sir. My goals are to continue to make our branch an organization that is a pleasure and interesting group to belong to. I will try to conduct our luncheons in a way that makes everyone feel welcome and not drone on about unnecessary information. I will strive to give us lots of time to interact with each other. I will strive to work with other members of the board to bring us interesting speakers. I welcome any suggestions on how make our luncheons more enjoyable.

I will try and do everything I can to support all our activity groups and encourage more members to participate.

We are being challenged this year to grow our membership in order to keep our branch viable so please whenever you interact with anyone that could become a member, please invite them to join us for one of our lunch meetings.

Finally, only two more comments, I will get around to meet each individual member and I will ensure that I call the tables for lunch in much more random sequence.

Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez Branch 144

Bio for Speaker Gabriela Guerrini

I'm the GM at The State Theatre. I've been here 6 years.

I was an MJC professor, teaching ESL for 5 years before The State.

Most of my work life, though, has been spent as a bartender & waitress.

I was the director of volunteers for the Modesto Marathon for 9 years and race director for 2 years. I was the volunteer director for the Peace Officer Memorial Run for 5 years.

I have 2 kids, my son, Matthew, 26, is a police officer in San Jose. My daughter, Madeline, 28, works with a farm and is a baker.

\$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!

Luncheon's cost is \$23 for 2023. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

REMEMBER, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 209-380-9896 by Sunday February 12 (Luncheon is February 16). Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order, by Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez, Little SIR/Treasurer John Santillano, Secretary Jim Toepfer, Assistant Treasurer Jerry Miller, Assistant Secretary Jack O'Brien.

DIRECTORS: Gaylan King, Anthony Butera, Vince Sereno.

GUESTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Julius Manrique, Gary Williams, Sam Graham, Bill Stires, Richard Provost, Gene Toshi.

Motion to approve minutes from January 12, 2023 meeting: No motion was requested.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for December 15, 2022, was presented by: Acting Treasurer Fernando Gonzalez:

Checkbook Balance as of December 1, 2022.....	\$5,412.13
Total Receipts.....	\$2,300.00
Disbursements.....	\$2,910.52
Checkbook and cash as of December 31,2022.....	\$5,001.61

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report: No motion was requested. Slight error in the treasurer's report will be handled at the February BEC meeting. A motion was made to accept the voucher request for Bob Lewis, in the amount: \$17.18 and for the Biff Galbraith family in the amount of \$62.72. 1st Vince Sereno, 2nd Gaylan King. Motion passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the Membership Report as of January 19, 2023: 113 Active members, 6 Disabled members, 0 Pending Member, 131 Unused Badges, Total Badges 250. Motion to accept the membership report: 1st John Santillano, 2nd Vince Sereno Motion passed.

SHLM: Julius Manrique

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Bowling: Bob Lewis: Absent. Gary Williams mentioned that there are two listings for the bowling roster. One for roster update by PDF and one for those participants who do not have access to PDF.

Golf: Jerry Strain: Absent.

Travel: Bill Stires: Scenic Ireland Trip is sold out. However, there is a waiting list available. The Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast, October 13 – 22, 2023 is still available.

Dining: Vince Sereno: Dining is up and running.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier: Not present. Anthony Butera mentioned that Pete Dutton will be having a medical procedure done soon.

Walking Group: Anthony Butera: "The Walking Panther Group" will be starting again on 2-18-23. More information to follow.

Old Business: Fernando Gonzalez mentioned that we have speakers lined up through March of this year.

New Business: A brief discussion was entertained for SIR branch 144 to purchase flowers for Biff Galbraith's celebration of life. Motion was made to acquire a flower arrangement in the amount of \$200.00. 1st John Santillano 2nd Jack O'Brien. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned by big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at: 9:55 AM.

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, February 16, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Toepfer, Secretary.



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.

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## **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](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com) to receive brochure.



## DINING OUT CLUB

### Dining Out Club + Humor

**2nd Tues. FEB. 7th: Strings Italian Café**

**Mar. 14th: Javi's Mexican Rest.**

**Phone Kathy Norris: 209-596-0416**

**4th Tues: FEB. 28th: Outback Rest.**

**Tues. March 28th: Marcella's**

**Phone Hall Eubank at: 209-649-4148**

**4th Thurs: FEB. 23rd: Marcella's**

**Thurs. March 23rd: Red Lobster**

**Phone Vince at 209-524-9630**

### HUMOR:

#### **65-Year-old man and Doctor Visit**

*There is nothing worse than a Doctor's Receptionist who insists you tell her what is wrong with you in a room full of other patients.*

*I know most of us have experienced this, and I love the way this guy handled it.*

*A 65-year-old man walked into a crowded waiting room and approached the desk.*

*The Receptionist said, 'Yes sir, what are you seeing the Doctor for today?'*

*'There's something wrong with my penis', he replied.*

*The receptionist became irritated and said, 'You shouldn't come into a crowded waiting room and say things like that.'*

*'Why not, you asked me what was wrong and I told you,' he said.*

*The Receptionist replied, 'Now you've caused some embarrassment in this room full of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and discussed the problem further with the Doctor in private.'*

*The man replied, 'You shouldn't ask people questions in a roomful of strangers, if the answer could embarrass anyone. The man walked out, waited several minutes, and then re-entered.*

*The Receptionist smiled smugly and asked, 'Yes??'*

*'There's something wrong with my ear,' he stated.*

*The Receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice... 'And what is wrong with your ear, Sir?'*

*'I can't pee out of it,' he replied.*

*The waiting room erupted in laughter...*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Age</i> |     |
|-------------|-------------|------------|-----|
| Elliott     | Scott       | 02/01/54   | 69  |
| Gentry      | Chuck       | 02/14/54   | 69  |
| Slocum      | Michael     | 02/19/53   | 70  |
| Carrington  | Glenn       | 02/13/52   | 71  |
| Rogers      | Keith       | 02/22/49   | 74  |
| Walker      | Jim         | 09/23/48   | 75  |
| Persons     | Craig       | 02/23/45   | 78  |
| Medrano     | John        | 02/18/44   | 79  |
| Hockenberry | Larry       | 02/11/43   | 80  |
| Townsend    | Roger       | 02/13/39   | 84  |
| Kincanon    | John        | 02/06/39   | 84  |
| Miller      | Gerald      | 02/09/37   | 86  |
| Faulkner    | Kent        | 02/18/42   | 87  |
| Vigil       | Vig         | 02/29/36   | 87  |
| Yanko       | Bob         | 02/27/34   | 89  |
| Solario     | Henry       | 02/07/32   | 91  |
| Hall        | Wes         | 02/26/23   | 100 |

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Spouse</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Years</i> |    |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----|
| Jim         | Duran         | Anita       | 02/14/10     | 13 |
| Arnold      | Fidalgo       | Terri       | 02/14/04     | 19 |
| Hal         | DeArmond      | Jan         | 02/16/91     | 32 |
| Lor         | Salvi         | Helen       | 02/12/76     | 47 |
| Jim         | Walker        | Joyce       | 02/27/70     | 53 |
| James       | Persons       | Martha      | 02/28/68     | 55 |
| Hal         | Conkey        | Lucile      | 02/11/66     | 57 |
| Gary        | Hubbard       | Virginia    | 02/06/65     | 58 |
| Doug        | Hodge         | Margaret    | 02/02/62     | 61 |

## FEBRUARY INDUCTION

| <i>Last Name</i> | <i>First Name</i> | <i>Inducted</i> | <i>Years</i> |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Prescott         | Kevin             | 02/17/22        | 1            |
| Brawley          | Tom               | 02/17/22        | 1            |
| McNett           | Tom               | 02/15/18        | 5            |
| Toepfer          | Jim               | 02/15/18        | 5            |
| Fetzer           | Bruce             | 02/15/18        | 5            |
| Anderson         | Scott             | 02/04/16        | 7            |
| Carrington       | Glenn             | 02/04/16        | 7            |
| Harris           | Ron               | 02/06/14        | 9            |
| Hubbard          | Gary              | 02/07/13        | 10           |
| Faulkner         | Kent              | 02/07/13        | 10           |
| Mountain         | Jeff              | 02/01/07        | 16           |
| Hawes            | Jack              | 02/02/06        | 17           |
| Townsend         | Roger             | 09/02/04        | 19           |



## February 2023 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 17 December 27

Series: Gary Del Nero 598 Al Sterling 681

Game: Arnold Fidalgo 224 Gene Cox 259

Week 18 January 3

Series: Bob Abujen 616 John Togliatti 675

Game: Bob Abujen 210 John Togliatti 239

Arnold Fidalgo 210

Week 19 January 10

Series: David Brown 618 Clark Pearson 664

Game: David Brown 232 John Kincanon 253

Week 20 January 17

Series: Jeff Chin 555 Rick Wilcox 668

Game: Arnold Fidalgo 211 Rick Wilcox 237

**Come out for our hometown tournament.**

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

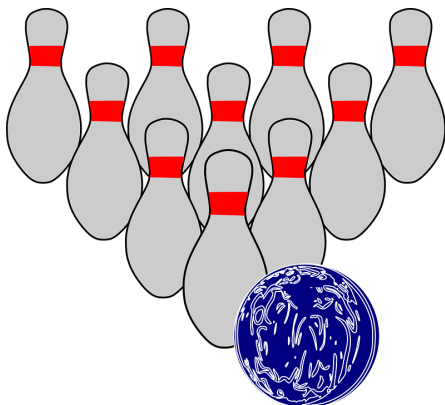
**February 16-17 Country Club Lanes,  
Sacramento/69 Conner Chin 916-601-1854**

**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](mailto:bobalew69@msn.com)**



## February 2023 Golf News



**This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:**

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

|                     |           |                 |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>MON. FEB. 6</b>  | ATWATER   | COST: \$ 49.00  |
| HOST: 103           | 9:00 AM   | CARTS: INCLUDED |
| <b>MON.FEB. 13</b>  | CREEKSIDE | COST: \$ 49.00  |
| HOST: 144           | 9:00 AM   | CARTS: OPTIONAL |
| <b>TUE. FEB. 21</b> | ATWATER   | COST: \$ 49.00  |
| HOST: 143           | 9:00 AM   | CARTS: INCLUDED |
| <b>MON. FEB. 27</b> | CREEKSIDE | COST: \$ 49.00  |
| HOST: 103           | 9:00 AM   | CARTS: OPTIONAL |
| <b>MON. MAR. 6</b>  | MANTECA   | COST: \$47.00   |
| HOST: 144           | 8:00 AM   | CARTS: INCLUDED |

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW DRY CREEK IS UNDER WATER, WE WILL BE PLAYING ATWATER INSTEAD. SPRING WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT, WE NEED TO HAVE MORE PLAYERS. WE ARE LOSING COURSES BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PLAYERS. SIGN UP FOR GOLF AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON FEB. 16<sup>TH</sup>. SEE YOU THERE.

JAY NORRIS Br#144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

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# SIR INC

## BRANCH 144 EMERGENCY BEC MEETING MINUTES

### JANUARY 12, 2023

Purpose of meeting: Fill officer positions vacated by the passing of Big SIR Biff Galbraith.

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Meeting Chairman Little SIR Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary Jim Toepfer, Assistant Treasurer John Santillano.

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

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

Minutes: No Report.

**Treasurers Report:** No Report.

**Membership Report:** No Report.

**SHLM:** Julius Manrique

**STATE HLM:** Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports: No Reports.

**Old Business:** No Report.

**New Business:** Members nominated to fill the following board positions: Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez, Little SIR and Treasurer John Santillano, Assistant Treasurer Jerry Miller, Assistant Secretary Jack O'Brien. Motion to accept these nominated members was made by John Santillano, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andre Dodd. Motion passed.

**Meeting adjourned By Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at: 9:59 AM.**

**The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, January 19, 2023.**

Respectfully submitted by Jim Toepfer, Secretary.

Members who have paid dues in 2023:

|                  |                   |                     |                 |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Chuck Adams      | Fernando Gonzalez | Charlie Leffingwell | Tony Salonga    |
| John Bernard     | Sam Graham        | Julius Manrique     | John Santillano |
| Tom Brawley      | Howard Grieshaber | Vern Masse          | Vince Sereno    |
| Patton Brooks    | John Griffin Jr.  | Joe Miceli          | Chuck Sheaffer  |
| Anthony Butera   | Brad Hardison     | Jeff Mountain       | Chuck Shoup     |
| Bill Cardoza     | Roy Hardison      | Jay Norris          | Michael Slocum  |
| Nilo Casiano     | Ron Harris        | Jack O'Brien        | Henry Solario   |
| Gary Chalk       | Larry Hockenberry | Ken Oehrlein        | Gary Stroud     |
| Deane Cook       | Doug Hodge        | Ernie Pinkston      | Jim Toepfer     |
| Hall Eubank      | John Kincanon     | Richard Provost     | Jim Walker      |
| Bernie Fairfield | Gaylan King       | Don Rovere          |                 |
| Bruce Fetzer     | Norm Lawrence     |                     |                 |

## 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:**..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440  
**Little Sir:**..... John Santillano 209-544-1953  
**Secretary:**.....Jim Toepfer 360-477-0930  
**Assistant Secretary:**.....Jack O'Brien 209-542-7177  
**Treasurer:**.....John Santillano 209-544-1953  
**Assistant Treasurer:**.....Jerry Miller 209-521-1359

### 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



Last time best friends Henry Solario and Biff Galbraith were together (12/10/2022).

**Please visit our website at [www.sirinc2.org/branch144](http://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!**

**Pete Dutton will be having a medical procedure done soon.**

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