

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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



June 2023 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez



Thank you for your support regarding the financial issues we are dealing with in our branch. By agreeing to pay \$25 for our monthly lunch and our having our caterer accepting a minimum guaranteed paid lunch of 62 versus 65 and our expenses for assessments to the State SIR and expenses for publishing the newsletter we should only have to reduce our money in the bank by about \$400 by year end leaving us with approximately \$3900 in the account.

On a quarterly basis we pay the State SIR \$238 for insurance and support. We pay approximately \$18 a month for our website and newsletter. We spent about \$200 on membership booklets, plus we incur minimal costs for computer paper and incidentals. This is what your annual membership dues are used for plus any loss at the monthly luncheon. This year we have 78 paid members from our membership rolls of 119. We have attempted to determine if those who have not paid want to continue to be members through phone calls, email, and mail.

We need to continue to meet and invite senior men we meet to join our branch. If you belong or participate in any community organizations, please use this as an opportunity to find new members. If you need business cards or brochures about SIRS, please let me know and I will provide them.

See you June 15.

Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez Branch 144

NEW MEMBER



Pictured L-R Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez, (NM) John Choi, & (Sp) Andre Dodd. John was a Pharmacist at Memorial Hospital. He enjoys Computers & Tech, Fishing, Golf, Experienced Hiking, & Poker
His wife is MiSuk.

Speaker for June is Rachel Stelle (Audience Experience Manager) at the Gallo Center for the Arts. She will be talking about scams involving Gallo tickets, volunteerism at the center, and the upcoming schedule.

\$24 dues are past 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!

REMEMBER, if you cannot attend the luncheon, please call *Gaylan King* at 209-380-9896 by Sunday June 11th. (Luncheon is June 15th). Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at 9:52 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 - absent

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

GUESTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Julius Manrique, Gary Williams, Sam Graham, Jeff Chin -Area 18 Rep. Absent were Jay Norris, Bill Stires, Ed Santwier and Bill Burchell.

Motion to approve minutes from April 20, 2023, meeting. MSP.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for April, 2023, was presented by Treasurer John Santillano:

Checkbook Balance as of April 1, 2023.....	\$ 5,145.82
Total Receipts.....	\$ 1,382.00
Disbursements.....	\$ 1,886.15
Checkbook and cash as of April 30, 2023.....	\$ 4,841.67

Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report and the voucher request for Bob Lewis in the amount of \$16.25. MSP.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the Membership Report as of May 18, 2023: 113 Active members, 5 Disabled members, 1 Pending Member, 131 Unused Badges, Total Badges 250. The 5 disabled members include: Vinny Altadonna, Harold DeArmond, Bryan Harrison, Ed Tabacco and Paul Moran. Motion to accept the membership report: MSP.

SHLM: Julius Manrique

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Bowling: Bob Lewis – Bowling is over until the day after Labor Day. THE WOMEN WON THE TOURNAMENT (with Clark Pearson).

Golf: Jerry Strain - Absent.

Travel: Bill Stires - Absent. Questions??, call Bill Stires at 209-988-5445. Email:bstiles46@gmail.com

Dining: Vince Sereno - All groups are up and running well.

Sunshine: Ed Santwier - Absent

Walking Group: Anthony Butera - Walking group will start again in July 2023.

Old Business: Gaylan King requested that the BEC address the need to review Branch 144's present financial status. A proposal was made to lower the minimum number of lunches for which Branch 144 is required to pay. The required number of lunches would be reduced from 65 members in attendance to 62 members in attendance at each general meeting. Also, raising the cost of our meals from \$23 each to \$25 each needs further discussion. President Gonzalez will discuss this with the general membership at the general membership meeting on May 18, 2023, and a vote will be taken by the BEC at our next meeting on June 15, 2023. Jeff Chin will be stepping down as Area 18 Rep and Richard Provost will become the new Rep for Area 18. Some discussion was held on the need to become involved with community service. More information and discussion will be needed in this regard.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting adjourned by big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at: 10:18 AM.

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 10:00 AM, June 15, 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

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

3 Evening Dining Out Clubs

We Welcome new members, couples, or singles to one of our 3 separate Evening Dining Out Clubs. To visit or join, contact one of the 3 contact persons listed below:

2nd Tuesday Evening Club:

Tues. June 13th – Fruit Yard

Tues. July 11th – BBQ

For Reservations: Contact Kathy Norris at 209-596-0416

4th Tuesday Evening Club:

Tues. June 27th – Johnny Carino's

Tues. July 25th – Papapolloni Bistro

For Reservations: Contact Hall Eubank at: 209-649-4148

4th Thursday Evening Club:

Thurs. June 22nd – Bella Italia

Thurs. July 27th – La Huerta Vieja

For Reservations: Contact Vince Sereno at: 209-524-9630

Different Thoughts & Humor!

Remember these actions: Running through the sprinklers. Chasing the ice cream truck. Riding bikes with friends around the neighborhood. Swinging so high the poles lifted up out of the ground. Picking berries. Catching flies(fireflies). No internet. No cell phones. No social media. We headed home when the streetlights came on. (City folks). Those were the summers of my childhood . . . How lucky I was to have grown up before technology took over the world.

No More Time: One day you will wake up and there won't be any more time to do the things you've always wanted to do. -- DO IT NOW!

Biggest Morons: A truck is driving east and sees another truck driving west, and the CB crackles to life. "Hey buddy, who are the two biggest morons in America?" "I don't know," he responds. CB trucker says, "You & your brother!" "Screw you." He responds. CB trucker says: "Hey, it's just a joke, tell it to the next trucker you see." Soon he sees another trucker, so on the CB he says to that trucker, "Hey buddy, who are the two biggest morons in America?" That trucker replies, "I don't know, who?" His reply was: "Me and my brother!"

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>
Prescott	Kevin	06/07/65	58
Brawley	Tom	06/24/54	69
Cervantes	Dennis	06/16/45	78
Salvi	Lor	06/17/37	86
Harrison	Bryan	06/14/31	92

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Fairfield	Bernie	Sharon	06/10/94	29
Eubank	Hall	Judy	06/29/86	37
Vietor	Gerry	Heidi	06/29/85	38
Dodd	Andre	Doris	06/06/81	42
Medrano	John	Jojo	06/11/77	46
Tabacco	Ed	Karen	06/13/70	53
Sai	John	Mary Jo	06/04/66	57
O'Brien	Jack	Ardyth	06/30/62	61
Burchell	Bill	Edith	06/26/59	64
Davis	Leonard	June	06/08/57	66

JUNE INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
Slocum	Michael	06/21/18	5
Hardison	Brad	06/21/18	5
Cervantes	Dennis	06/15/17	6
Casiano	Nilo	06/15/17	6
Vigus	Ron	06/05/14	9
Adams	Chuck	06/07/12	11
Strain	Jerry	06/05/03	20
Salonga	Tony	06/04/98	25



June 2023 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 30 April 4

Series: Bob Abujen 562 Jim Long 667
Game: Joe Miceli 255 Gary Del Nero 251

Week 31 April 11

Series: David Brown 618 Don Reed 680
Game: Bob Lewis 244 Bob Lewis 276

Week 32 April 18

Series: David Brown 643 David Brown 673
Game: David Brown 246 David Brown 256

Week 33 April 25

Series: Bob Abujen 719 Bob Abujen 719
Game: Bob Abujen 257 Bob Abujen 257

Week 34 May 2

Series: Bob Abujen 635 Al Sterling 659
Game: Bob Abujen 231 Murle Webb 243

Playoffs:

Team 1(Jerry Hott, Al Sterling, Jim Long, & Steve Gibson) def. Team 4(Juan Salinas, Rick Wilcox, Phil Reed, & Jeff Chin). Team 10(Dolores Bavaro, Barbara Webb, & Clark Pearson) def. Team 3(Jim Sterling, Lor Salvi, John Kincaanon, & Arnold Fidalgo).

Championship:

Team 10(Dolores Bavaro, Barbara Webb, & Clark Pearson) def Team 1(Jerry Hott, Al Sterling, Jim Long, & Steve Gibson)

Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

June 8-9 Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

June 19-20 Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl,
Dublin. Miguel Ferras 510-792-8301
Jerry Sabo 510-790-3135

July 6-7 Foothill Bowl, Auburn
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

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

June 2023 Golf News



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

MON. JUNE 5	ELKHORN	COST: \$48.00
HOST: 103	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. JUNE 12	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 143	8:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID \$15
MON. JUNE 19	MANTECA	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. JUNE 26	DRY CREEK	COST: \$52.00
HOST: 103	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. JULY 3	DRYDEN	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 103	8:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID \$15.

THE FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 19TH AT MANTECA. TO FORM A TEAM YOU NEED 1 PLAYER FROM EACH GROUP, A,B,C,D. WE NEED TO HAVE THE TEAM'S FORMED BY JUNE 1ST. ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL ME.

JAY NORRIS Br#144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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

State Golf Tournament Information:

[Reno Tournament](#)
[State Team Championship](#)

For more information go to:

www.sirgolf.org



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	Bob Abujen
Bruce Fetzer	Norm Lawrence	Randy Alford	Pete Dutton
Bill Burchell	Glenn Davis	John Gasper	Jack Hawes
Gary Hubbard	Ed Jackson	Bob Lewis	Ernie Lewis
Mike Martinez	Jerry Miller	Larry Parks	Craig Persons
Keith Rogers	Lor Salvi	Jerry Strain	Gene Toschi
Gary Williams	Thomas Weiss	Andre Dodd	Jim Sterling
Edd Santwier	Fred Bistodeau	Leonard Davis	Arnold Fidalgo
Jerry Vietor	Wayne Fallentine	Wes Hall	Bob Watson
David Yarbrough			

NEW MEMBER PROCEDURE

A prospective member will attend a luncheon with a member as a guest. During the luncheon he will be introduced to the group, and he will be given a membership application. New members will fill out the application and submit it to the front desk after the meeting or mail the completed application to SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto Ca. 95356. The application will be submitted to the Branch Executive Committee for acceptance. Upon acceptance the new member shall attend an Orientation session prior to the next meeting. At the luncheon the new member will be introduced to the membership.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 13-22, 2023: AUTUMN COLORS TRIP TO THE EAST COAST.

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 209-573-0833
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: John Santillano 209-544-1953
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



May speaker Jose Michelle (R) and Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [May 2023 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!

Jack O'Brien is still recovering in the hospital.

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