

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144

THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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



October 2024 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez



If we are going to setup a recruiting tent at a local farmer's market, we need to identify our goals such as attempting to invite senior men to sign up to join our branch and at the very least give us personal information so we can follow up with them later. If you have any other ideas, please pass them on it to me at fgonza925@aol.com.

We need volunteers with different experiences and skills so that we can better communicate with anyone that stops by for more information. We need volunteers to share success stories of being a member of SIR.

If we set this up it will provide more of sense of camaraderie among the volunteers.

We need to set up a schedule so that we can share the time needed to work at this recruiting effort among the volunteers.

We need to meet ahead of time to prepare materials such as brochures, flyers and application forms. We need to be able to have information regarding the different activities, bowling, golf, dinners and luncheons.

Most important I need to know if any of you are willing to work on this effort with me. Growing our memberships is the responsibility of all of us not just your board.

Turlock had a successful effort doing this, and they also had a \$100 raffle to encourage people to fill out information about themselves. Do you think this is a good idea, again let me know by sending me any of your thoughts to my email.

Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez Branch 144

SUPER SENIOR AWARD



Roy Hardison(R) receives the Super Senior Award from Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez. Congratulations Roy! 95 Years Young!

Speaker for next month is Officer Tom Olsen from the California Highway Patrol and will discuss their goals and operations.

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

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at 9:34 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary Jim Toepfer, Assistant Treasurer Jerry Miller. Absent: Little SIR/Treasurer John Santillano.

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

GUESTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Gary Williams, Sam Graham. Absent: John Cardoza, Edd Santwier.

Motion to approve minutes from August 15, 2024. MSP.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for August 2024, was presented by Fernando Gonzalez filling in for treasurer John Santillano:

Checkbook Balance as of August 1, 2024.....	\$3,599.89
Total Receipts.....	\$1,212.00
Disbursements.....	\$1,317.19
Checkbook and cash as of August 31, 2024.....	\$3,694.70

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and a voucher request for: Bob Lewis in the amount of \$10.49. MSP.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the membership report as of September 19, 2024: Active members 77, Pending members 0, Unused badges 173, Total badges 250. A motion was made to accept the membership report. MSP.

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Bowling: Bob Lewis – New season started on September 3, 2024. Going well as usual.

Golf: Jerry Strain – Going well.

Travel: John Cardoza – Absent. However, there is a pending cruise coming for Panama Canal in January of 2025. Stay tuned.

Dining: Vince Sereno – Proceeding as usual.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier – Absent. It was noted that Bill Burchell is in the hospital.

Walking Group: Anthony Butera – The walking group will resume at 8:00AM on September 21, 2024, at East La Loma Park in Modesto, Ca.

OLD BUSINESS: Anthony Butera has officially accepted the position as area representative for branch 144.

NEW BUSINESS: Continuing problem with paid lunches. Need for discussion. Annual SIR meeting which will take place on the 24th of September in Lafayette, California regarding SIR name change etc. Super Senior certificate was presented to Roy Hardison for turning 95 years of age.

Meeting adjourned by Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at 9:53 AM.

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 9:30 AM, October 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by: Secretary Jim Toepfer.



SIR TRAVEL



JOHN CARDOZA – TRAVEL CHAIRMAN 209-483-7722 or email: johncardoza@hotmail.com

16 NIGHT PANAMA CANAL CRUISE ABOARD THE CORAL PRINCESS. SAILING FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO FT. LAUDERDALE JANUARY 20- FEBRUARY 5, 2025

CONTROL + CLICK TO OPEN [SIR Panama Canal Cruise](#)

There is a married SIR from Turlock that would like to find someone to share a cabin for the cruise. He really wants to go but his wife doesn't have any interest. Contact John Cardoza. Thank you.

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**Also, Reno Snow Train which we are planning on leaving Turlock & Modesto on Thursday the 9th of January and returning Friday the 10th of January 2025.**  
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Jim Walker won the Birthday Drawing



Jim Toepfer won the Luncheon Drawing



DINING OUT CLUB

3 Evening Dining Out Clubs

2nd Tuesday Evening Club

Tues. Oct. 8th – JAVI'S MEXICAN

Tues. Nov 12th – Olive Garden

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

4th Tuesday Evening Club:

Tues. Oct. 22nd – Verona's

Nov. & Dec.—No Dinner Meetings

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

4th Thursday Evening Club:

Thurs. Oct. 24th – MIMI'S CAFE

Nov. & Dec. – No Dinner Meetings

For Reservations: Contact Vince Sereno at: 209-524-9630, or Cell at: 209-552-1539

Old Time Religion

Catholic Dog--- Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, 'Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not. We cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?' Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

Donation--- Father O'Malley answers the phone. 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?' 'It is!' 'This is the Taxation Department. Can you help us?' 'I'll try!' 'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?' 'I do!' 'Is he a member of your congregation?' 'He is!' 'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?' 'He will!'

Marriage Humor #1--- Wife: 'What are you doing?' Husband: Nothing. Wife: 'Nothing? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.' Husband: 'I was looking for the expiration date.'

Humor # 2 A newly married man asked his wife, 'Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?' 'Honey,' the woman replied sweetly, 'I'd have married you, **NO MATTER WHO LEFT YOU A FORTUNE!**'

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Years
Alford	Randy	10/03/56	68
Leffingwell	Charlie	10/11/52	72
Grieshaber	Howard	10/08/49	75
Pinkston	Ernie	10/18/46	78
Masse	Vern	10/24/45	79
Strain	Jerry	10/10/42	82
Miceli	Joe	10/24/40	84
Stroud	Gary	10/18/39	85
Duran	Jim	10/12/37	87
Davis	Leonard	10/03/36	88

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Name		Spouse	Date	Years
Cecil	Brown	Carolyn	10/10/08	16
John	Kincanon	Sharon	10/27/01	23
Fernando	Gonzalez	Josie	10/04/99	25
Chuck	Gentry	Patricia	10/30/82	42
Thomas	Weiss	Nancy	10/23/71	53
Sam	Graham	Claire	10/29/61	63

OCTOBER INDUCTIONS

Name		Date	Years
Bistodeau	Fred	11/18/21	3
Alford	Randy	11/16/21	3
Yarbrough	David	10/17/19	5
Santwier III	Edd	10/01/15	9
Fallentine	Wayne	10/07/10	14

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND INDUCTION MEMBERS!

October 2024 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games Handicap Games

Week 1 September 3

Series: Al Sterling 602 Al Sterling 692
Game: Al Sterling 225 Murle Webb 258

Week 2 September 10

Series: Arnold Fidalgo 601 Lor Salvi 749
Game: Arnold Fidalgo 234 Lor Salvi 285

Week 3 September 17

Series: Bob Abujen 608 Don Reed 667
Game: Don Reed 235 Don Reed 277

Week 4 September 24

Series: Bob Abujen 661 Marv VanMiddendorp 725
Game: Bob Abujen 258 Chuck Shoup 291

Come out for our hometown tournament.

----- 2024 UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS-----

October 15 Bolero Brentwood, Brentwood
Ron Wilson 925-354-6647
Keith Jones 925-628-9577

November 7-8 McHenry Bowl, Modesto
Vern Masse 209-538-3640

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

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

Ad for Anthony Butera:



Anthony Butera

Regional Vice-President at
Primerica Financial Services



October 2024 Golf News



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

MON. OCT 7	CASTLEOAKS	COST: \$ 58.00
HOST: 103-A	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON.OCT. 14	TRACY C.C.	COST: \$ 59.00
HOST: 103-B	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. OCT. 21	DRYDEN	COST: \$54.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: \$20.00
MON. OCT. 28	MANTECA	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 103-A	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. NOV. 4	DRYCREEK	COST: \$53.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

IT'S THAT TIME OFF THE YEAR TO RENEW YOUR NCGA DUES. RENEWAL & NEW MEMBER IS \$55.00. I WILL HAVE THE LIST AT OUR MEETING ON OCTOBER 17TH. ALSO, STARTING OCT 1ST THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 CHARGE FOR ANYONE PAYING FOR THAT DAY'S TOURNAMENT. NO PROBLEM IF YOU ARE PAYING FOR FUTURE TOURNAMENTS.

JAY NORRIS BRANCH 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN
3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355
209-606-1475

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com



MEMBERS WHO PAID DUES IN 2024:

Abujen	Bob
Bistodeau	Fred
Brawley	Tom
Brooks	Patton
Brown	Cecil
Butera	Anthony
Chalk	Gary
Conkey	Hal
Cook	Deane
Dodd	Andre
Duran	Jim
Dutton	Pete
Eubank	Hall
Fetzer	Bruce
Fidalgo	Arnold
Gentry	Chuck
Gonzalez	Fernando
Graham	Sam
Grieshaber	Howard
Cardoza	Bill
Davis	Leonard
Hubbard	Gary
Medrano	John
Solario	Henry
Bernard	John
DeArmond	Hal

Hardison	Brad
Hardison	Roy
Hawes	Jack
Jackson	Ed
Kincanon	John
King	Gaylan
Lawrence	Norm
Leffingwell	Charlie
Lewis	Bob
Lewis	Ernie
Martinez	Mike
Masse	Vern
Miceli	Joe
Miller	Jerry
Mountain	Jeff
Norris	Jay
Persons	Craig
Pinkston	Ernie
Rogers	Keith
Carrington	Glenn
Fallentine	Wayne
Hockenberry	Larry
Parks	Larry
Sereno	Vince
McNett	Tom
Bennett	Thomas

Rovere	Don
Salonga	Tony
Salvi	Lor
Santillano	John
Sheaffer	Chuck
Shoup	Chuck
Slocum	Michael
Sterling	Jim
Stires	Bill
Strain	Jerry
Stroud	Gary
Toepfer	Jim
Alford	Randy
Walker	Jim
Weiss	Thomas
Williams	Gary
Yarbrough	David
Santwier	Edd
Burchell	Bill
Casiano	Nilo
Faulkner	Kent
Karlin	Dave
Prescott	Kevin
Vietor	Gerald
Miller	Brian

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
2023 Fernando Gonzalez



Modesto Branch 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2024

Big Sir:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Little Sir:..... John Santillano 209-544-1953
Secretary:.....Jim Toepfer 360-477-0930
Assistant Secretary:.....Open
Treasurer:.....John Santillano 209-544-1953
Assistant Treasurer:.....Jerry Miller 209-601-8204

DIRECTORS FOR 2024

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 2024

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR IncDale Decker 209-573-0833
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...Lee Lamp 530-921-1375
AREA 18 REPRESENTATIVE.....Rick Kindle 209-652-8608

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:.....John Cardoza 209-483-7722
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
John Santillano 209-544-1953
Newsletter: Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Chaplain:....Charlie Leffingwell 209-543-2107
Dining:.....Vince Sereno 209-524-9630
Attendance: Tony Salonga 209-505-0915
Sunshine:...,Edd Santwier 209-605-9638
Nominating Committee Chairman: Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Members: Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell, and Sam Graham
Membership:Gaylan King 209-380-9896
Book Club:...Gaylan King 209-380-9896

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2025:

Big Sir: Fernando Gonzalez, Little SIR/Treasurer: John Santillano,
Secretary: Jim Toepfer, Asst. Treasurer: Jerry Miller.
Directors: Anthony Butera, Andre Dodd, Gaylan King, Bob Lewis,
Vince Sereno, and Jerry Strain.

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [SIR Happenings August 2024](#)

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

Bill Burchell is recovering from a procedure.

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