



The Grapevine

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter

A non-profit social organization for men over 50



APRIL 2023

Big Sir Remarks

Gentlemen,

Our meeting attendance was great in March! There were 48 of us at Elkhorn on March 14th! Thanks to all who sent RSVPs to me. There were 37 RSVPs, so several more showed up – and that's just fine. I have to give Elkhorn an estimate. Please take a minute and email me. Thank you if you have already done so.

Our **Branch 145 website** has been resurrected and is now active thanks to the efforts of our own **John Coakley** and our former Area Governor **Richard Provost**. Please pay it a visit at www.sirinc2.org/branch145 and let us know what you think. Thank you John and Richard!

By my unofficial count, there are 10 members that have not paid 2023 dues. I will be contacting them very soon to determine if they want to maintain their membership. We don't want to pay State dues if they don't want to remain a SIR. If you have not paid you can mail a check for \$20, payable to **SIR Branch 145**, to me at **Mark Wahlman, 19453 Wilderness Way, Woodbridge, CA 95258**.

We are just one month away from our May 9th **Annual Picnic** at Micke Grove! Tickets will be on sale at the April 11th Meeting and afterward. The price is \$20 for both members and guests. The raffle was a great success last year helped by donations of prizes from our members. If you would like to donate a prize this year, please let us know. Thank you.

Thanks to **Joe Stephens** for agreeing to become our Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Joe will be a tremendous help. Welcome to the BEC!

A reminder – you are all welcome to attend the BEC Meeting that follows our Member Meeting.

See you at Elkhorn on April 11th!
Mark Wahlman, Big Sir

LUNCH COST INCREASE

Effective January 2023 the cost of lunch will be **\$25**.

Elkhorn cites increased costs.
Inflation strikes again!



2023 ANNUAL DUES

Annual Dues of **\$20** per member are due and may be paid at the next Meeting. If not attending, please mail a check to:

Mark Wahlman
19453 Wilderness Way
Woodbridge, CA 95258

Speaker April 2023

Steve Willis U.S Army Veteran

Steve was in the Army for 6 years. He went to OCS at Fort Benning and graduated as a 2nd lieutenant in August 1968. Most everyone in his class was going to Vietnam as Platoon leaders. He applied to flight school and was accepted. Steve went to Vietnam in August of 1970 as a Captain and was sent to an aviation unit near Danang. He was there for one year and returned to Ft. Benning and left the Army 2 years later.

Steve became a microbiologist and worked for San Joaquin County and became the Public Health Laboratory Director in 2000 and retired from there in 2017.



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MARCH FINANCIALS



Hello Members,

For the month of March 2023 we started with a bank balance of \$3842.58. Lunch for March 2023, was \$1275.00, the newsletter was \$88.35, \$335.00 was paid to Micke Grove Park for our May 2023 picnic, also we had printing expense of \$32.23, and the desert for the lunch \$20.00, the total expenses were \$1750.58, and income was \$1521.00, including \$220.00 paid in annual dues. The month's income \$1521.00, less expenses \$1750.58; gave us a negative \$229.28, our ending balance for the month of March 2023 is \$3613.00.

Regards,

Juan G Ochoa, Treasurer 209-481-5325

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Membership Report March 2023

Membership in attendance:	48
Guest in attendance:	2
Percentage of active members in attendance	46%
Total active members:	88
Members Added:	0
Members Reinstated:	0
Members Dropped	1
17 Peter Brown	
Members Resigned	0

Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman



Roasted Pork Loin
Mashed potatoes
Garden salad
w/ balsamic dressing
Bread & butter



Lynn Benbrook
Roger Baldwin
Richard Addington
Paul Reiner
Charles Bailey
Andy Neal

Activities

Branch 145 - Annual Picnic

May 9, 2023

10:30am thru 1:30pm

Micke Grove – Delta Shutter

Menu: Tacos (beef, chicken, pork),
taco salad, beans, rice, ice cream,
sodas & water

Caterer – El Grullense Restaurant

\$20 per person – Members & Guests

Tickets on Sale – April Meeting

April Dine-Out

April 20, 2023

6:00Pm

Dancing Fox Winery & Brewery

203 S. School St., Lodi

RSVP – valwincov@sbcglobal.net

COME JOIN THE FUN!!





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ASST. TREASURER

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TRAVEL & TOURS

PAST BIG SIR

Ruben Moser 1988-1989
Al Baerwald 1990
Bill Owen 1991
Al Cooper 1992
Earl Klapstein 1993
Dave Stennick 1994
Gus Armendariz 1995
Jerry Kirsten 1996
Bob McCaffrey 1997
Tom Bandelin 1998
Frank Garcia 1999
Bob Handel 2000
John Korphage (18) 2000-2001
Jack Jackson 2001
Bill Dauer 2002
Ron Westerterp 2003
Dave Hinchman 2004-2005
Paul Reiner 2006
Neal W. Welsh 2007
John Mendonca 2008
Bill Shankles 2009
George Cameron 2010
Richard Baines 2011-2012
Al Furr 2013
Chuck Bennett 2014-2015
Jack Johnson 2016
Bob Gorbet 2017
Phil Schrock 2018
Paul Wright 2019-2021