



# The Grapevine

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter

*A non-profit social organization for men*



**JANUARY 2024**

## Big Sir JANUARY 2024 Remarks

Greetings Members, as you well know we start a new year, 2024, we also start with a new board.

Please allow me to introduce myself as an incoming BIG SIR. My name is Juan Ochoa, I am 71 years old of Mexican decent. I was actually born in Monterrey, Nuevo León Mexico.

My father being an American citizen brought the family to Texas, and then we moved in 1967 to Lodi, CA. Lodi is my home where I grew up, got educated and married. I married Hilda Flores in 1975, whom I met at Lodi High. All 3 of my children were born in Lodi.

I had a 35 year career with State Compensation Insurance Fund, a state agency.

I got involved in SIRS, after Harry Martin invited me to attend a meeting. I also, would like to thank Mr. Chad Palmer for his continued interest in getting me to a SIRS meeting, and I kept telling him that I was too busy. My reason to join was Mr Palmer's continued invitation, and Mr Martin inviting me to attend.

I truly enjoy the camaraderie, the atmosphere, the enthusiasm, and friendship that everyone brings to this mens club.

I want to make everyone welcome, and for those that are new. I want you to feel comfortable, welcome, and feel right at home with the membership.

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For the golfer, please keep the enthusiasm, and drive to have successful tournaments. Let's get behind our tournament director, and let's all turn out for each and every tournament.

Let's make 2024, a successful, entertaining, and great year.

Respectfully,  
Juan G. Ochoa, Big Sir 2024



## January Speakers

Keith Colgan and Rick Maines

Keith Colgan and Rick Maines of the Lodi Amateur Radio Club will share some personal experiences as hams, discuss the importance of their hobby to the community, and demonstrate some remarkable capabilities.

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

*JANUARY*

Charles Gritts

Sigurd Anderson

Tom Pratt

Felix Moran

Gregory Soligan

Don Carlson

Chicken Picatta

Garlic mashed potatoes

Garden Salad

Bread & butter



## Activities

### Wine Appreciation

January 25, 2024

5pm

Hosts – TBD

RSVP – [Marydias214@gmail.com](mailto:Marydias214@gmail.com)



New SIR officers for  
2024 - induction at  
the Christmas  
luncheon, 12/13/23.

-2024 BEC Officers

Left to right: Bill Rutherford; Felix Moran; Juan Ochoa; John Coakley; Joe Stephens; Paul Wright;  
Mike Lynn; and Mark Wahlman

# DECEMBER FINANCIALS



Members, the following is the last financial report for year ending 2023, and starting the new year 2024.

For December we had a nice Christmas Luncheon. The food was provided by Woodbridge Country Club. We had 62 members and guest at the luncheon.

We started the month of December with \$3306.15, and ended the month with \$2756.35.

Our expenses and money generated for the month are as following:

Lunch was \$2170.10  
 Gratuity was \$400.00  
 Newsletter \$114.70  
 Total expenses: \$2684.80

Lunch Income: \$2135.00  
 Ending balance in checking: \$2756.35

Let's have a great new year 2024!!!

Regards,  
 Juan G Ochoa, Treasurer 2023  
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**-New Members December 2023**  
**Mario Galvan Sr. & Tommie Taberna**

**Christopher J. Olsen, CFP®, RICP®**  
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## Membership Report December 2023

Membership in attendance:	35
Guest in attendance:	0
Percentage of active members in attendance	40%
Total active members:	88
Members Added:	2
	152 Mario Galvan Sr. 156 Tommie Taberna
Members Reinstated:	0
Members Dropped	0
Members Resigned	0

### *Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman*



**-2023 Big SIR Mark Wahlman**



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**2024 OFFICERS**

**BIG SIR**  
 Juan Ochoa 481-5825  
**LITTLE SIR**  
 Felix Moran 609-4084  
**SECRETARY**  
 Anthony Moles 369-8182  
**ASST. SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**  
 Joe Stephens  
**ASST. TREASURER**

**2024 Directors-at-Large**

John Coakley 914-9830  
 Mike Lynn 224-6115  
 Bill Rutherford 916-776-9222  
 Paul Wright 480-235-6923

**Area State Representative Richard Provost**

**2024 Committee Chairman**

**ACTIVITIES**  
 Paul Wright 480-235-6923  
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**BULLETIN EDITOR**  
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 Howard Ferguson 712-1679  
**GREETER**

**RECOGNITION**

**GOLF**  
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 Mike Lynn 224-6115

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**MEMBERSHIP RECORDS**  
 Stephen Helmer 242-4607  
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 Felix Moran 609-4084  
 Tom Pratt 916-622-4791

**PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN**  
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**SARGENT AT ARMS**

**SONG LEADER**  
 Paul Reiner 366-1811  
**PHOTOGRAPHER**

**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
Mark Walhman	2022-2023