

# **The Grapevine**

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter A non-profit social organization for men



# JULY 2024

## **Big Sir JULY 2024 Remarks**

Hello Members,

I would like to address the status of our organization. According to a study, SIRS have been losing membership not due to monthly, and or annual dues, SIRS have been losing member to illnesses, and or death. We need to promote our organization, and invite our family members, and or our friends, and neighbors to join. SIRS promotes activities that are beneficial to our retired members. We have several activities that activates our mental and wellness status.

We have outdoor activities, and also indoor. We have golf, the wine and dine, our annual picnic. There is a great concern for the future of our organization, and we must start looking into increasing our recruitment, and bring new members.

Some chapters have increased their membership dues to offset some of the operating cost. We charge \$20.00 annual dues, that's \$1.67 per month. We don't charge an extra penny on our lunch. We charge the member what SIRS is charged by Elkhorn CC. So, having said that, we don't make any money on the luncheon. Actually, we lose money because we pay the cost of lunch for our invited guest, and prospective members.

I would like to thank the 30 to 35 members that do actually attend the monthly luncheon meetings, and are participating in our raffle. The raffle does offset part of the cost of the lunches for our guest.

Again, I would like to invite every member to our monthly lunch meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at Elkhorh CC.

### Regards,

Juan G Ochoa, Big SIR Chapter 145 209-481-5325 jgochoa@icloud.com

# JULY Speaker Alina Tyulyu

After what was originally a 3-week trip helping refugees escape the war, Alina, a Ukrainian hospitality photographer living in California, ended up staying in Ukraine for almost a year. Being deeply moved by everything she saw at the Polish/Ukrainian border and in Ukraine, she began using the art of photography to document the war. Starting at the Polish/Ukrainian border when millions were trying to flee...to Bucha, Irpin and the surrounding Kyiv regions... all the way to the front lines in eastern Ukraine.

She posted the photos to Instagram and her photojournalism moved her followers to donate. Alina used every dollar collected through photography to fund humanitarian projects in Ukraine. These funds brought food, water, medicine, and supplies to deoccupied areas, and founded a clinic in Eastern Ukraine that was operating for over 3 months. Tens of thousands of civilians and soldiers received aid in some of the harshest zones in Ukraine.

Alina will be telling us about her time in Ukraine and showing us some of the photos.



# **Activities**

# July Wine Appreciation

July 25 5:00pm Hosts: Paul Wright & Lin DeFilippi RSVP: drpaulwright49@gmail.com

Chicken Picatta, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, & Garden Salad





# JULY

Tony Canton Sr. Raymond L. Honey Daniel Cole John A. Coakley James Escobar Mike Trujillo Gene Davenport

## 2024 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: Joe Stephens P.O. Box 114, Clements, CA 95227





New Member-From left to right, Big Sir Juan Ochoa, new member Robert Pirie

#### **Financial Report** SIR Chapter 145 June 11, 2024

Starting Bank Balance	\$3881.73	
Income		
Lunch Picnic receipts (26.00 x 32)	\$ 832.00	
Raffle Pot	\$ 24.00	
Dues (4 paid x \$20.00)	\$ 80.00	
Total Income	\$ 936.00	

Expenses

Newsletter (Temple Gallagher)

Office Supplies (Stephen Hellmer)

Deposit slips (reordered)

Lunch Guest Speaker

Lunch Invoice

**Total Expenses** 

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		+70-0-	<u>Membership</u>	Report JUNE 2	2024
Net Gain/Loss	\$(139.58)	Membership in attendance:		31	
		Guest in attendance:		0	
Ending Balance	\$3742.15	Percentage of active members in attendance 35%			
		Total active members:		89	
			Members Added:		1
SIR	Joe Stephens		Members Reinstated:	141 Robert Pirie	0
	SIR Branch #145 Treasurer	209 992-1020	Members Dropped		1
	twarrior1945@gmail.com		Members Resigned	50 Steve Hagen	0

\$ 115.20

\$83.52

\$ 22.90

\$ 26.00

\$ 832.00

\$1075.58

**BEC Officers SIR Branch 145** 

Juan G Ochoa, Big Sir Stephen Hellmer, Membership Tony Moles, Secretary William "Bill" Rutherford, Golf Pauk Wright, Activities Mark Wahlman Past Big Sir

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Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman

HELLO SIRs— We 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. Thanks for your help!

John Cardoza, Travel Area 18, 209-483-7722 cell



ARRANGED BY ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL FOR SIRS AREA 18, BRANCH 143 & FRIENDS



# 16 NIGHT PANAMA CANAL CRUISE ABOARD THE CORAL PRINCESS

## SAILING FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO FT. LAUDERDALE JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 5, 2025

## **PORTS OF CALL**

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico/ Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala/ Puntarenas, Costa Rica/ Fuerto Amador, Panama/ Full Transit through the historic locks and Cartagena, Columbia

## THE CORAL PRINCESS



\*\*Add the Princess Plus Package for \$960 per person Includes: Beverage package, WiFi, Crew appreciation, Premium desserts (2 per day), Fitness classes (2 per cruise) and unlimited Juice Bar, 2 Casual Dining meals per guest, Room service delivery\*\*

### ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA (209) 483-7722 cell





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### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

#### 2024 OFFICERS

BIG SIR		BULLETIN PUBLISHER		PAST BIG SIR	
Juan Ochoa	481-5825	Temple Gallagher	986-8367		4000 4000
LITTLE SIR		CHAPLAIN		Ruben Moser	1988-1989
Felix Moran	609-4084	Howard Ferguson	712-1679	Al Baerwald	1990
SECRETARY		GREETER		Bill Owen	1991
Anthony Moles	369-8182			Al Cooper	1992
ASST. SECRETARY		RECOGNITION		Earl Klapstein	1993
				Dave Stennick	1994
TREASURER		GOLF		Gus Armendariz	1995
Joe Stephens	992-1020	Bill Rutherford	916-776-9222	Jerry Kirsten	1996
ASST. TREASURER		Mike Lynn	224-6115	Bob McCaffrey	1997
		HISTORIAN		Tom Bandelin	1998
		(open)		Frank Garcia	1999
2024 Directors	s-at-Large	MEMBERSHP RECORDS		Bob Handel	2000
John Coakley	914-9830	Stephen Helmer	242-4607	John Korphage (18)	2000-2001
Mike Lynn	224-6115	NOMINATING		Jack Jackson	2001
Bill Rutherford	916-776-9222			Bill Dauer	2002
Paul Wright	480-235-6923	PICNIC		Ron Westerterp	2003
			Dave Hinchman	2004-2005	
Area State Representative	<b>Richard Provost</b>	PHOTOGRAPHER		Paul Reiner	2006
·		Paul Wright 480-235-6923		Neal W. Welsh	2007
2024 Committee Chairman		PROGRAM		John Mendonca	2008
ACTIVITIES		Felix Moran	609-4084	Bill Shankles	2009
Paul Wright	480-235-6923	Tom Pratt	916-622-4791	George Cameron	2010
ANECDOTALIST		PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN		Richard Baines	2011-2012
Ron Russell	712-6200	Big SIR		Al Furr	2013
ATTENDANCE		SARGENT AT ARMS		Chuck Bennett	2014-2015
Stephen Helmer	242-4607			Jack Johnson	2016
AUDITOR		SONG LEADER		Bob Gorbet	2017
Replacement TBA		Paul Reiner	366-1811	Phil Schrock	2018
BULLETIN EDITOR		PHOTOGRAPHER	000 1011	Paul Wright	2019-2021
Big Sir				Mark Walhman	2022-2023
5		<b>TRAVEL &amp; TOURS</b>			