



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 Elkhorn CC.

Regards,

Juan G Ochoa, Big SIR Chapter 145

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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 de-occupied 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:

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Chicken Picatta,
Garlic Mashed
Potatoes, &
Garden Salad



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

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

JULY

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



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



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



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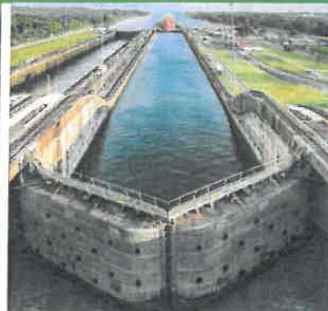
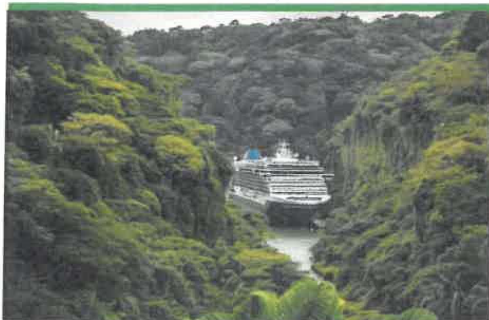
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Al Baerwald	1990
Bill Owen	1991
Al Cooper	1992
Earl Klapstein	1993
Dave Stennick	1994
Gus Armendariz	1995
Jerry Kirsten	1996
Bob McCaffrey	1997
Tom Bandelin	1998
Frank Garcia	1999
Bob Handel	2000
John Korphage (18)	2000-2001
Jack Jackson	2001
Bill 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
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