

The Grapevine

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter

A non-profit social organization for men



NOVEMBER 2024

Big Sir NOVEMBER 2024 Remarks

Greetings Members,

Well, it's that time of the year that we start to look at and start thinking what we are thankful for this YEAR, and then after celebrating Thanksgiving, we start planning for Christmas.

I would like to take the opportunity to invite each and every one of you to our December meeting, and celebrate Christmas with our traditional Christmas luncheon. This year we will be celebrating on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, starting at 11:00 AM., at Woodbridge CC. The cost of the lunch is \$35.00 PP. please bring a guest.

We will have some entertainment that Mr. John Coakley has prepared for us. We will have the LODI HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CHIOR. We will be entertained for 20 to 30 minutes. The club will be donating cash to their club for their expenses.

Please bring your check this November 12, 2024, to our November luncheon to pay for your Christmas lunch. The cost is \$35.00 PP. \$70.00 per couple. Looking forward to this fantastic Christmas lunch gathering.

Remember on November 12, we will be meeting at the Elk's Lodge 8900 Thornton Rd. Stockton 11:00 AM. The cost for lunch is \$25.00 per person. We will have Chicken Fried Steak, vegetables, Cole Slaw, salad, bread, coffee, tea. And Mark' Famous Costco Cookies.

Please RSVP to me at: jgochoa@icloud.com, or text 209-481-5325 or Mark Wahlman at: 209-327-7335.

We need a final count by Thursday, November 7th.

Regards,

Juan G Ochoa, Big SIR

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Speaker Bio for November

RICK KINDLE

**State SIR, Area Representative,
Areas 10 and 18**

Rick Kindle was raised in Hughson, California on a peach ranch. He graduated from Hughson High School, Modesto Junior College and Fresno State University. Upon graduation he joined the Navy and earned his wings as a Naval Flight Officer, F-4 RIO, and Aircraft Maintenance Division Officer. After leaving the Navy he was employed in various ag-related management positions. He has operated his own companies for the past 30 years as a nut processor, exporter and broker. He still maintains his brokerage business today. He has been happily married to his wife Judy for 60 years this November. They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

In SIR, he has been a member of Turlock Branch 143 for 16 years, serving as Program Chairman, Big Sir and Board Member. For State SIR, he served as your Area 18 Governor from 2016-2018, Regional Director for 2019-2020, State Vice President for 2021 and State President in 2022. He has served on the State SIR Board from 2023-2024. For 2024 he has served as Area 10 and 18 Representative.

Activities

November Wine Appreciation

November 14th 5:00pm

Hosts: Ron & Kathy Mettler

RSVP: ronmettler@sbcglobal.net

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday – December 11th

Woodbridge Golf & Country Club –
800 Woodbridge Rd.

\$35 per person

Ticket Sales – November SIR Meeting



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Brad Dickey

Al Furr

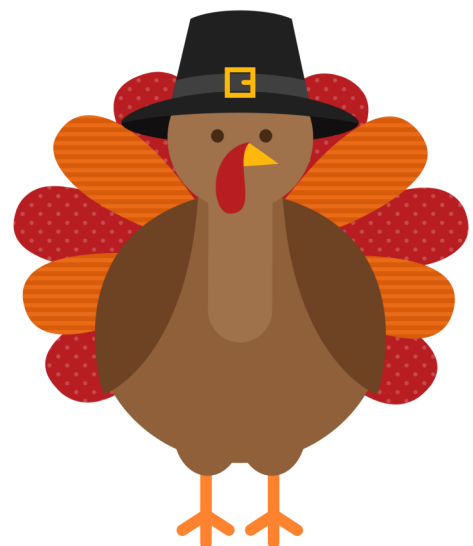
Ardel Burns

Rodger Richerson

Jim Sowers

Duane Freiberg

Bob Stewart



Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Green Salad with vinaigrette
Roll butter
Ice Tea-Coffee-Water
Mark's Famous Costco
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Financial Report
SIR Chapter 145
October 8, 2024

Starting Bank Balance	\$ 3971.74
<u>Income</u>	
Lunch receipts	\$ 1282.00
Raffle Pot	\$ 70.00
Total Income	\$ 1352.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Lunch expenses (50 x \$30.00 plus \$100.00 for room) (two free guests)	\$1600.00
SIR State Assessment	\$ 305.00
Newsletter (Temple Gallagher)	\$ 126.42
Lunch cookies (Aug. – Oct.) Paid to Mark Walburg	\$ 59.94
Total Expenses	\$ 2091.36
Net Gain/Loss	\$ (739.36)
Ending Balance	\$ 3232.38



Joe Stephens
SIR Branch #145 Treasurer
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Membership Report OCTOBER

Membership in attendance:	46
Guest in attendance:	0
Percentage of active members in attendance	37%
Total active members:	125
Members Added:	0
Members Reinstated:	0
Members Dropped	0
Members Resigned	0

Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman

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LODI - STOCKTON SIR #145
Train Experience – Stockton to Reno
January 9 – 10, 2025

\$150/person - Roundtrip (rates vary and subject to change)

Book Flex-Rates / Senior-Military Discount (10%)

Amtrak Website link: www.amtrak.com 800-872-7245

NOTE: When you book with an agent or direct, be sure to reserve the same train numbers.

Itinerary

TRAIN	ORIGIN	DATE	DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	DATE	ARRIVAL
BUS 3711	Stockton	1/9/25	8:45 AM	Sacramento	1/9/25	9:50 AM
6	Sacramento	1/9/25	10:23 AM	Reno	1/9/25	3:27 PM
5	Reno	1/10/25	9:24 AM	Martinez	1/10/25	4:13 PM
718	Martinez	1/10/25	6:15 PM	Stockton	1/10/25	7:19 PM

Please join us on this train experience when we take **Amtrak BUS** to Sacramento and the California Zephyr from Sacramento to Reno. We will make stops in Roseville, Colfax and Truckee, before arriving in Reno.

The higher up we will go in elevation, the more stunning and gorgeous the views will become. We will see bright, sunlit woodsy meadows, farmland, mountains, huge pine trees, Donner Lake and the Truckee River, which flows right beside us. We will travel through several dark tunnels. The views will change from bright green grass to snowy mountains, and the skies will go from sunshine to thick cloud cover. Gradually, we will start seeing patches of snow higher up and then maybe a foot or more of snow on either side of the train.

Once the train arrives in Reno around 3:30 p.m., we will walk a short distance to the hotel. It's recommended you make reservations, for Thursday night, January 9th, at the **Silver Legacy 775-329-4777**, or a hotel of your choice.

Contact John Cardoza at 209-483-7722, if you have any questions or need help!

PLEASE contact John when you have booked your trip.

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





NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN
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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 Wahlman 2022-2023