



The Grapevine

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter

A non-profit social organization for men



NOVEMBER 2023

Big Sir NOVEMBER Remarks

Gentlemen,

The BEC voted to keep annual dues at \$20 for 2024. Our normal monthly expenses include the newsletters, speaker lunches, guest lunches, and desserts. We also earn a few hundred dollars from the annual picnic raffle. The BEC will review the dues level again next Fall. We do not want to be collecting 2024 dues until January. Easier to track that way.

On October 12th, the State Treasurer informed all Branches that SIR State annual dues are increasing for 2024 from \$8 to \$10 per member to be paid at the rate of \$2.50 per quarter.

At the October meeting, our speaker informed us of an opportunity to learn more about recognizing and reporting human trafficking. For November our speakers will talk to us about suicide prevention. Suicide rates have been increasing (the pandemic didn't help) and rates for older men are higher than for other age groups. This topic was suggested to me quite some time ago and I was finally successful at securing three local experts. I expect it will be very interesting.

My recent Policies and Procedures review made us aware of a need to update our member induction wording. We drafted an update and the BEC approved it on October 10th. The first sections were not changed – still crowing about the majesty of the rooster – but the final section now reads as follows.

“As a member of SIR, we count on you to be a friendly sociable guy; attend our activities, luncheons and events; participate in Branch operations (as your interests and capabilities

allow); and bring guests to perpetuate and enhance the diversity of our Branch.”

Holiday Luncheon tickets are available and may be purchased at Elkhorn on November 14th or by contacting Paul Wright anytime. See information elsewhere in this fine publication.

See you at Elkhorn,
Mark Wahlman, Big Sir

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday – December 13

Woodbridge Golf & Country Club

800 Woodbridge Rd.

MENU

House Salad, Bread & Butter

Sliced Pot Roast with Gravy

Sliced Roasted Turkey with Gravy

Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes

Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables

Cheesecake-Pumpkin w/Caramel Sauce

\$35 per person

Tickets Available

November 14 Meeting

When purchasing tickets let us know if you or guest have dietary restrictions.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Brad Dickey

Al Furr

Ardel Burns

Rodger Richerson

Jim Sowers

November 2023

SIR Speakers

Topic: Suicide Prevention

**Susan Rothman & Becky
Cameron**

SJ County Behavioral Health Lethal
Means Suicide Prevention Committee

Cassandra Meredith

Suicide Prevention Community
Engagement and Partnership
Coordinator for the Veterans
Administration Northern CA
Healthcare System

**Have a wonderful
Thanksgiving 2023**



Activities

**November Wine
Appreciation**

November 14, 2023

5:00pm

Hosts: John & Robin Coakley

1737 Willow Pt. Ct., Lodi

RSVP - jdogg1948@gmail.com

OCTOBER FINANCIALS

Hello Members,

We started the month of October with \$3789.18, and after expenses, we ended the month with \$3617.83.

We had monthly expenses: Lunch \$975.00, newsletter \$89.70, office supplies \$22.71, and desert for lunch \$54.94.

Our Income for the month was \$971.00.



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Membership Report October 2023

Membership in attendance:	37
Guest in attendance:	1
Percentage of active members in attendance	44%
Total active members:	84
Members Added:	0
Members Reinstated:	0
Members Dropped	0
Members Resigned	0

Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman

October Speaker: Kerry Sueß, "Human Trafficking – On Watch"



Pork loin w/
orange burr
blanc sauce,
mashed potatoes,
salad

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