



# The Grapevine

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter

*A non-profit social organization for men*



## Big Sir OCTOBER Remarks

Gentlemen,

If you missed the September Meeting, you missed some of the best lunch speakers we have had in a long time. Thank you, Phil Lenser and Mike Thomas, for relating the story of Mike's service in Vietnam. The book [A Marine's Story](#) is available on Amazon. If you were there, maybe you would have got an autographed copy.

Fall has arrived and that means tickets are going on sale for our Annual Holiday Luncheon. Thanks to Paul Reiner the luncheon will again be at the Woodbridge Country Club. More information is elsewhere in this newsletter. Hope you will be able to be there!

I recently did some reviewing of the State SIR Policies and Procedures. There are a few of interest to us. I will try to get some clarification this week for a few that seem a bit unclear to me and give you some updates at the meeting on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at Elkhorn.

See you there,

Mark Wahlman, Big Sir

## Activities

### October Dine-out

October 19, 2023

6:00pm

**The Waterloo Restaurant**

**10447 Waterloo Rd., Stockton**

**Coordinators: Mark & Debi Wahlman**

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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

Ernie Baca

Ray Schramm

Rod Williams

Rudy Rodriguez

October 2023

SIR Speaker

Kerry Suess

Kerry is a Lodi native, Lodi High graduate, class of 1979, and long-time Lodi area realtor and entrepreneur, and the current President of the Lodi Association of Realtors. Kerry will speak to us as a spokesperson for "I Am On Watch", a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that has designated its efforts to combat human trafficking. OnWatch is a survivor-led training designed to empower people to spot, report, and prevent sex trafficking where we live, work and play. Sex trafficking is the second-largest criminal industry in the country and affects every age, gender, race and social class. Hundreds of thousands of children are trafficked each year in the U.S. By educating ourselves, we can help save lives, change lives and provide a future for survivors of sex trafficking.



Mike Thomas– September Speaker





# SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS



Members, we have started the last quarter of this year 2023.

We started the Month of September with \$4003.88, and ended the month with \$3789.18, which represent a loss of 214.70.

There was a cost of \$125 for five lunches not paid for by members. Two for our speakers, one for a guest, and two due to a discrepancy between our count and Elkhorn's. Two members present did not pay to eat but, according to Elkhorn, the lunches were served.

Regards,  
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## Membership Report September 2023

Membership in attendance:	33
Guest in attendance:	1
Percentage of active members in attendance	39%
Total active members:	84
Members Added:	0
Members Reinstated:	1
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Members Dropped	0
Members Resigned	0

***Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman***



Come & see what's for  
**LUNCH!**



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Frank Garcia 1999  
Bob Handel 2000  
John Korphage (18) 2000-2001  
Jack Jackson 2001  
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Dave Hinchman 2004-2005  
Paul Reiner 2006  
Neal W. Welsh 2007  
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Phil Schrock 2018  
Paul Wright 2019-2021