



The Grapevine

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter

A non-profit social organization for men



Big Sir Remarks

Gentlemen,

For September we return to our normal meeting date on the second Tuesday of the month, September 12th. I was sorry to miss the August meeting and Representative Josh Harder. We took a road trip to Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington and racked up about 3,200 miles.

Our September Speakers will be Phil Lenser and Mike Smith, Marine veterans. Both served in Vietnam, but not at the same time. Mike was a sniper and Phil was a helicopter pilot. The book title is A MARINE'S STORY "Okay, Buddy, Let's Go! Hoorah!" A Marine Sniper Survives Vietnam. It is available on Amazon. Search, books, Phil Lenser or A Marines Story. I read and very much enjoyed the book and look forward to meeting both gentlemen.

The SIR, Inc. Annual Meeting was held on August 31st. The new State SIR President is Dale Decker. Jeff Chin was recently elected Director – State Documents, and Richard Provost was recently elected Area State Representative for Areas 7, 10, 13 and 18. (Our Branch 145 is in Area 18.) Those four Areas include 24 Branches! Both Jeff and Richard have attended past meetings of our branch. You can visit the State SIR website at sirinc.org for more information.

See you at Elkhorn,

Mark Wahlman, Big Sir

Activities

September Dine-out

September 21, 2023

6:00pm

Postosa by Lucia

545 Industrial Dr., Galt

Coordinators: Ernie & Lanie Baca

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September Wine Appreciation

September 26, 2023

5:00pm

Co-Hosts: Paul Wright/Lin DeFilippi

& Dave & Mary Dias

5042 Manor Circle, Stockton

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SEPTEMBER

Douglas Dzioba
George Galatsatos
Jason Lovelady
Gilbert Parker
Chad Palmer
Peter Roy
David Dias
Anthony Moles
William Brinson

September 2023

SIR Speakers

Phil Lenser

Phil grew up in Northern California and was a 1969 high school graduate. After two years of junior college, Phil joined the Marines to attend OCS and flight school and trained to pilot the Cobra attack helicopter. Mike's active duty was from 1972 to 1977 and he served in Vietnam in 1975.

Following military service, Phil was a career investment advisor in the Lodi area and retired five years ago.

Mike Smith

Mike graduated from Merced High School in 1966. Drafted in January 1968, Mike opted to be a Marine and served two and one-half years. His final mission was in January 1970 and, following recovery from his injuries, he was discharged in June 1970. After leaving active service, Mike served in a series of roles within the trucking industry until he was hired away by an insurance company to become a regional safety advisor to insured truckers.



Welcome new member!
Juan Ochoa (2024 Big SIR-left) Paul Bestolorides (New Member-right)



August Speaker
Congressman Josh Harder

AUGUST FINANCIALS

Fellow Members,

Our meeting in August was great we were in the company of Stockton's SIRS Branch 46.



We started the month of August with \$4329.58, in the bank account. After expenses: 3rd quarter Assessment was \$174.00. The newsletter was \$179.40, and Lunch was \$1675.00, for a total of \$2028.40.

Our revenue was \$73.00 from the pot, and \$1500.00 from lunch, for a total of \$1573.00.

We received the refund of \$100.00, from the deposit from San Joaquin Co. For the rental of the facility for the picnic.

A deposit for \$1673.00 was made, and now the bank statement balance is \$4003.88. We had a negative \$355.40, for the month of August 2023.

Regards,
Juan G Ochoa, Treasurer
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Frenched Chicken Breast
w/Piccata sauce
Mashed Potatoes
Garden Salad w/Italian
dressing
Bread Rolls & Butter

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Membership Report August 2023

Membership in attendance:	29
Guest in attendance:	1
Percentage of active members in attendance	35%
Total active members:	83
Members Added:	1
129 Paul Bestolarides	
Members Reinstated:	0
Members Dropped	0
Members Resigned	0

Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman

Hello,
September!



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Frank Garcia 1999
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Ron Westerterp 2003
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Neal W. Welsh 2007
John Mendonca 2008
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Richard Baines 2011-2012
Al Furr 2013
Chuck Bennett 2014-2015
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Paul Wright 2019-2021