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SEPTEMBER 2023 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143



Big Sir Message...

September has finally arrived and there is a hint of Fall in the air. The afternoon temps are still too hot but things are very comfortable in the mornings and evenings. I would like to mention three events coming up in September. The first is the Farm and Family festival held in Denair on Saturday September 9th 9am to 3pm. SIR will have a booth again this year and we can always use volunteers to help spread the word about SIR meetings, lunches and the many programs provided by our organization. Please call Rick Kindle at 209 652 8608 if you can help. Any amount of time will be appreciated. We lost a lot



of members during COVID and it is time to rebuild Branch 143. You will see a lot of people at the festival and have a good time. **Next, we will have our third Dine Out this summer on Thursday September 28th. The location will be Center Street Gril, 120 N Center Street in Turlock. Come for drinks at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Please call Gary Toombs at 209 604 8406 by Thursday Sept. 21st to confirm your reservation.**

The third event is our field trip to Castle Air Museum followed by Lunch at Isabella's Mexican Restaurant in Atwater. Date is Friday September 29th from 9:30 to 1:30. Please confirm with Roger Jackson by Sept, 25th at rogjxn@me.com. Have a great September!

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
OCTOBER 1-2 and 3 of 2023

JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting SEPTEMBER 20th -
WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

**BEC meeting SEPTEMBER 22nd Come early have breakfast before meeting
BLACK BEAR DINER 8:30 am start time.**

NEW LOCATION BLACK BEAR DINER
3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock



SIR TRAVEL

Bill Stires, Travel Chairman
John Cardoza, Travel Assistant:
209-483-7722 - johncardoza@hotmail.com



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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sunday Board Crown Princess
- Monday at Sea, Tuesday at Sea
- Wednesday Katchikan
- Thursday Juneau
- Friday Skagway
- Saturday Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier
- Sunday At Sea
- Monday Victoria, Canada
- Tuesday at Sea, Wednesday at Sea
- Thursday Arrive San Francisco



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YOU CAN CONTACT JOHN CARDOZA email at johncardoza@hotmail.com to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.

SIR 143 - 2023 OFFICERS

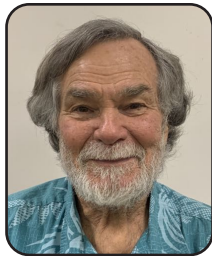
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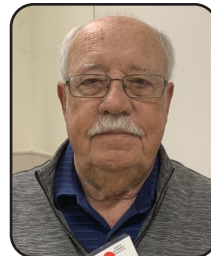
Greg Back
Web Master



Gary Toombs
Big Sir/Dine Out



Bob Holly
Little Sir



Joe Adams
Golf



Mike Johnson
Membership



Mark Taylor
Little Sir



Our Sir 143 - 2023 Officers: LtoR Rock Libby, Robert Lotspeich, John Cardoza, Leonard Zumstein, Mark Taylor, Bill Stires, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter, Greg Back, Joe Adams, and Bob Holly.



Rock Libby
Assistant Secretary



Fred Courter
Newsletter



Bill Stires
Travel Chairman



John Cardoza
Assistant Travel



Roger Jackson
Secretary



Leonard Zumstein
Treasurer

Pictures from our last Dine Out at Vito's



BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on - AUGUST 19th, 2023

Site: **BLACK BEAR DINER Turlock** - Quorum is present:

Meeting started at 7:59 a.m.

Guests: Richard Provost member and Area Representative

Attendance: Greg Back, Fred Courter, Joe Adams, Gary Toombs, Verne Segars, Kevin Byrne, Rick Kindle, Robert Holly, Dan Gorman, Roger Jackson, Mike Johnson

Absent: Leonard Zumstein, Mark Taylor, Rock Libby

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein:

ABSENT (Verne Segars filled in and shared Form 28)

Verne Segars issued checks totaling \$130.25 to

Rick Kindle for sandwich signs.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the JULY 21, 2023, BEC Meeting were unanimously approved as emailed and printed in the Newsletter with a 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Joe Adams. Corrections to the minutes included adding Robert Holley as attending.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report (Form 27) was filed, by MIKE JOHNSON, Membership Chairman Reports there are 90 Members. The Membership report was approved unanimously with a 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Gary Toombs.

Also included in the report is the following:

New Membership:

Approval of application for membership for Larry Cloud, sponsored by John Cardoza, was voted on with a 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Gary Toombs. BEC unanimously approved the application.

There was discussion to give Mike Johnson, membership chairperson, a budget to purchase a laminator and supplies for making new member name tags. \$150.00 was suggested as the budget for the purchase. A motion was made by 1st Gary Toombs and 2nd Kevin Byrnes. Approved by BEC

Brad Sleeper was approved to be moved from a Branch HLM to HLM Emeritus.

Members re-instated: N/A

Golf report -Joe Adams: Reported on upcoming tournaments. Joe announced he is retiring as Golf chairperson, after 16 years of service, at the end of this 2023 year.

Travel –John Cardoza A motion was made to approve a new SIRS trip, a 1st Greg Back and 2nd Gary Toombs. The trip is an Alaskan Cruise departing San Francisco. John Cardoza passed out flyers with the information.

R.V.- Rick Kindle mentioned Ken Kajioka has arranged for SIRS to meet in Pismo Beach for their RV Outing, the week of October 22-27. If interested contact Ken for more information or call Pismo Coast Village and make reservations to join the group.

Bocce Ball: Mike Johnson: First and Third Fridays at 10:00 a.m. at Dustbowl

Dine in/Out – Gary Toombs shared the last Dine Out was at Vitos and we had 42 members and spouses/ significant others.

A dine out is being planned for SEPTEMBER 28TH at the CENTER STREET GRILL Restaurant. Happy Hour 5:30 p.m. -Dinner 6:00 p.m. Please let Gary know if you plan to attend.

Old Business: Discussion:

Fred Courter is going to publish in the newsletter the slate of officers for 2024 and also list member positions.

Richard Provost re-instated as our area representative.

Rick Kindle and Roger Jackson will work together to update the Form 20 for 2023 to show current positions. They will further work on the slate of officers and other branch personnel positions and complete the Form 20 for the 2024 year with upcoming branch personnel positions.

Finance Committee Report: After review of the current budget and projecting needs for 2024, membership dues will be dropped to \$20.00 per year.

New Business:

In looking online, Richard Provost noticed our Branch Website shows us as located and meeting in Denair. Since we meet in Turlock, it was suggested we change the information posted on the Form 20 and website to reflect our meeting site in Turlock.

Castle Air Museum Tour was approved by 1st) Gary Toombs 2nd) Joe Adams. The tour will take place on September 29. Lunch to follow at a yet to be determined restaurant to follow. Roger Jackson will send a flyer to Fred Courter to publish in the newsletter. We need a minimum of 15 members and or family and friends to attend.

Fred Courter passed out a sheet of paper depicting the change of text to go to the Turlock Journal, reflecting corrections to represent current SIRS information.

There was discussion about protocols for arranging speakers and topics. Arranging speakers and approval is to go through Gary Potter. Discussion around NOISE LEVEL/ Seating arrangement for lunch meetings. Most members polled feel it is working.

Auditing Committee: needs a chairperson.

Book Drive – It was suggested we let go of the many boxes of books we have stored. Suggested we donate to Lightly Used Books

The SIRS Rooster – Do we let go off the rooster?

Where is the flag? It was last used in the Denair Community Center. Donated and left over supplies used at the Denair Community Center will go to the Samaritans

We tabled a discussion regarding a visit to the Culinary Academy in Sacramento.

We table discussion regarding purchase of poinsettias for our Christmas Meeting at the Fruit Yard

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting 1st by Kevin Byrne and 2nd by Robert Holly

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

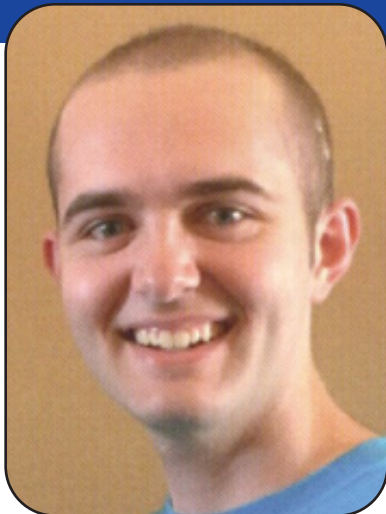
Roger Jackson,

Roger Jackson

Secretary, Branch 143

**SPEAKER FOR THE
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:
ROBBIE MESSER**

autismquest@outlook.com



The youngest of three boys, Robbie Messer was born August 17, 1999. He was diagnosed with Autism at the age of 3, and that was when he began his Autism Quest. Early intervention, a supportive family, and a lot of hard work helped shape Robbie into someone who became successful not only academically, but also socially.

His sophomore year of high school he coordinated an Autism Day, and created a video to raise awareness. This is when he felt that he had found his calling. After graduating in 2018, he knew he wanted to continue being an autism advocate, and began traveling around to share his experiences with any groups and organizations that wanted to increase their members/employees understanding. In 2021 Autism Quest proudly became a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. This is how Autism Quest was born.

**SIR Branch 143 September Lunch Meeting
NEW MEETING LOCATION!**



**NEW
LOCATION!**

Date: Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 20th, 2023

Time: Doors Open at ~10:30am - Place: Black Bear Diner

Address: 3050 N Tegner Rd, Turlock

COMING SEPTEMBER 29th

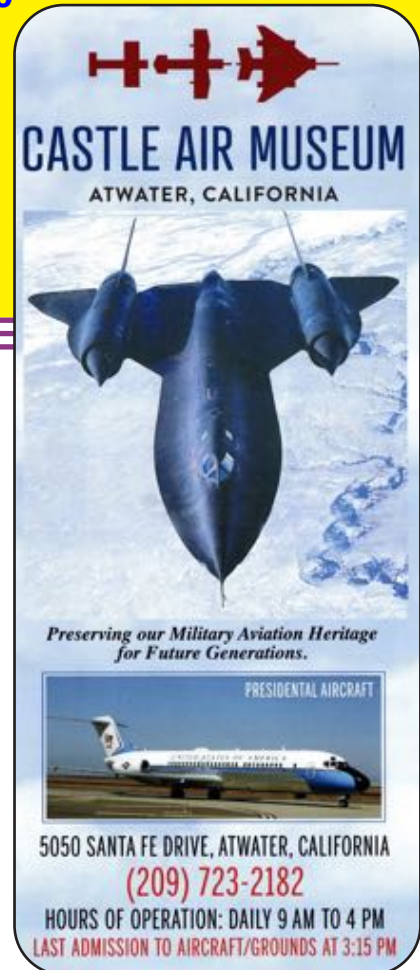
THE FIELD TRIP TO

CASTLE AIRBASE AND MUSEUM

Date is Friday, September 29th from 9:30 to 1:30

Admission is \$7.50 each

and then we will head over to Isabella's
Mexican Restaurant in Atwater to have lunch.
Please confirm with
Roger Jackson by Sept, 25th at rogjaxn@me.com.

**2024 Branch 143 Elected Officers**

Election of officers for 2024 took place at the August luncheon meeting. The following members have been voted on by the Sir members

Big SIR	Robert Holly
Little SIR	Roger Jackson
Secretary	Greg Back
Asst Secretary	OPEN
Treasurer	Leonard Zumstein
Asst Treasurer	Vern Segars
Director 1	Kevin Byrne
Director 2	Gary Toombs
Director 3	Fred Courter
Director 4	Rick Kindle
Director 5	Bill Stires
Director 6	Rock Libby

**BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**

Dan Adams, Brent Bohlender, Jack Miller, Gary Toombs

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

John Cardoza, Fred Courter, Luis Duron, Phil Franco,
Curt Green, Ladd Hackler, Ernie Scheuber



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IT'S DINE-IN- DINE OUT TIME

Our next dine-out will be at

CENTER STREET GRILL

Located on the corner of East Main and Golden State

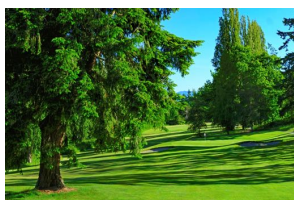
**Thursday,
September 28th**

**Meet 5:30 drinks - 6:00 dining
call Gary to RSVP 209-604-8406**



GOLF

Joe Adams, Chairman



Sep	5	Tue	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15
	11	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Swenson - Ride	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included
					Swenson - Walk	\$20	\$9	\$29	
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	11	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Swenson - Ride	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included
					Swenson - Walk	\$20	\$9	\$29	
	18	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
YET	25	Mon	8:00 SG	ALL	Manteca YET		\$0 or \$9	\$0	Carts Included
Oct	2	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Castle Oaks	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included
	9	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15
	16	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Tracy CC	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included
	23	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
	30	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

Wine Investigation for Novices and Oenophiles (W.I.N.O.)



Is a Boxed Cabernet Sauvignon for \$160 a Deal?

A leading producer of Paso Robles wines has released a new three-liter boxed edition of its 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon. The winery, My Favorite Neighbor, is piloting this project to explore alternative and sustainable packaging for premium wines. The box holds the equivalent of four bottles of wine and the MFN 2021 Cabernet costs \$160. This is a substantial savings compared to buying four bottles at the regular price of \$55 per bottle. The 2020 vintage of My Favorite Neighbor Cabernet was rated 95 points by The Wine Advocate.

The 2021 My Favorite Neighbor Cabernet Sauvignon (San Luis Obispo County) is composed of Cabernet (83%), Petit Verdot (7%), Malbec (7%), Petite Syrah (2%) and Syrah (1%), and aged for 18 months in 55 percent new French oak barrels. A total of 300 units were produced, equivalent to 100 cases of wine. The boxed edition of the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon is now available on a direct-to-consumer basis at MyFavoriteNeighbor.com

The Perfect Wine Tasting Walk

The Navigator expertly directed us to Paso Robles in June where I had to judge wines and she had to shop. We stayed an extra night and enjoyed another great meal with music in the park. Our big surprise was that now there are 30 wine tasting rooms downtown. Park your car, walk, taste, walk, taste, eat and then repeat. Also consider a nap in the park.

Nearby, Peachy Canyon Winery was the Winery of the Year in the 2023 Central Coast Wine Competition. Of their 17 entries they won 1 Best of Class, 1 Double Gold, 9 Golds and 6 Silver medals. Cheers to Paso's Peachy Canyon!

The Ragtag Wine Company

I wrote about Ragtag's wine maker Jeff Husky scoring a Double Gold (95) for his 2022 Rose' in the current Sunset Wine Competition. This falls in line with what he accomplished in his first two vintages with Ragtag. They included 6 Best of Class, 2 Best of AVA, 14 Double Gold Medals, 2 Platinum Medals and 18 Gold Medals. Ragtag Wine Company is on the SLO Coast Urban Wine Trail. Reserve a winery visit or check out their tasting room at 779 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo. Join their active wine club and enjoy the excellent discounts. ragtagwineco.com.

What's On Our Table

Here are some easy to find, reasonably priced gold medal winners from the the CA State Fair. McManis Vineyard's 2021 Viognier (dry), and the 2021 Pinot Noir. Bogle Vineyards' 2021 Chenin Blanc, 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon, 2020 Merlot and the 2021 Zinfandel. The Dark Horse Winery 2022 Sauvignon Blanc and NV Red Blend. The 2022 SEAGLASS Sauvignon Blanc and the 2021 Rose. These winners are priced under \$10. Wowza!

Comments? Find me on Facebook or rgwinton@yahoo.com.

COMING SEPTEMBER 9th



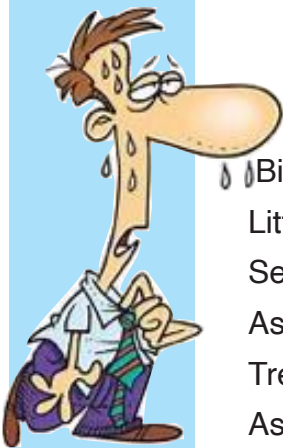
SIR 143 WILL HAVE A BOOTH
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th
9 am to 3 pm

COMING IN DECEMBER - LUNCHEON AT THE FRUIT YARD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th - 11 am to 3 pm
LADIES INVITED TO THIS LUNCHEON

Per person cost of \$38.00 - the branch will be underwriting \$8.00 for each person
SO... COST PER PERSON WILL BE \$30.00

TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OFFICERS FOR 2023



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Assistant Treasurer	Vern Segars	634-2142
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Assistant Membership.....	Rick Kindle	652-8608
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Travel Assistant	John Cardoza	483-7722
Mailing.....	Rick Kindle	652-8608
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Assistant Golf	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine	Ted Thorn	535-8696
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball.....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	OPEN	
Catering/Hall Set-Up.....	OPEN	
Chaplain.....	OPEN	
Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
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