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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

“OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”

APRIL 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR SAYS...

BY ROCK LIBBY

A big shout out to Bob Holly and his “Phone Tree” callers who made contact with the membership this past month. All the reports were positive and indicate that the recipients of the calls were very appreciative of the contact. Many callers reported having extended conversations with members that prior to the call they either didn’t know well or perhaps not at all. Some of these calls lasted for extended periods of time and callers said they felt like they made a new friend and isn’t that really what SIR is all about. This has been a very productive exercise and we will be pursuing these calls with follow-ups on a monthly basis. I would appreciate it if the callers will send me their spread sheets with the results and notations of their calls. Thank you again to all the participants.

We appear to be gaining on the Corona virus situation. All our planning and efforts to start back up safely with our monthly luncheons may at last be paying off. We are discussing opportunities and methods for gathering



for lunch at outside venues such as parks, etc. We are also on the verge of beginning many outdoor activities so things are looking bright indeed with Stanislaus County back in the Red (and now that means good). This has been a tough time for all of us and the reception of our phone tree calls indicate just how important the fellowship of our organization is to our membership. The positive news is that 92 out our 112 members have completed their vaccinations and that is 82%. Many are still working on the second shot or awaiting the Johnson & Johnson one shot option. We miss our gatherings but it appears we are closing in getting together.

I would encourage all to join us for our Zoom regular meetings (can’t really call them luncheons) on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, this month on the 21st at 11:00 for visiting with our meeting starting promptly at 11:30 AM and the BEC meetings the following Friday at 10:00 AM. Our April regular meeting will feature a video recounting the disastrous fire on the USS Oriskany, once again provided by Rick Kindle who has really stepped up for us in the program department particularly considering all the irons he has in the SIR fire.

We are not there yet so ... be safe.

Rock

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
MAY 1-2 and 3**

**NOTICE: ACTIVITIES FOR THE
MONTH OF APRIL HAVE BEEN
CANCELED.**

**2021 DUES (\$30) ARE NOW
DUE AND PAYABLE**

**Please send your check & payable to Sir Branch #143 to:
Mike Sakaguchi, 1395 Alex Circle, Turlock, CA 95382**



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



New trip to Louisville to Nashville September 16-24, 2021

**Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO
World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, and Nashville**

Tour Features Included:

1. Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville
2. 8 day Guided tour with Tour Manager
3. Guided Tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby
4. 9 nights first class accommodations
5. 12 meals
6. Gratuities on all included features to bus driver and tour guide



Price: \$3,895 per person double occupancy
\$4,893 single occupancy

\$550 per person deposit required to hold space
\$850 per person deposit required after May 20, 2021
Space is limited and sold on first come basis only
FINAL PAYMENT DUE JUNE 1, 2021

RSVP: Bill Stires 544-2684
cell: 988-5445



**If interested in any trips call Bill at home 209-544-2684, cell 209-988-5445 or
email: bstires46@gmail.com to receive a reservation form.**
Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips



MORE TRIPS ON NEXT PAGE





Laguna Arts Festival

Pageant of the

Masters in Southern California

July 25-28, 2021

Price: \$1,995 Double \$2,490 Single
Deposit of \$500 to hold spot.

Final payment due May 1, 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION NEEDED FOR TRIP

Private bus for our group will be provided

Trip Includes:

- Round trip airfare
- Deluxe Motorcoach transportation
- 3 night stay at Best Western Plus in Long Beach
- Tour of Ronald Reagan Library
- Gondola Cruise, Dinner at Naples Rib Company
- Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express
- Avalon Scenic tour of Catalina Island
- Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Admission into the Sawdust Festival
- Dinner at Terra Laguna Beach
- Reserved Main Tier Center seats for Pageant of the Masters "Made in America theme"
- Guided tour of Los Angeles
- Admission to the Space Shuttle Endeavour exhibit
- 5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- All taxes for features, all gratuities for bus driver and guides

**EARLY RESERVATION IS URGED TO INSURE
MAIN TIER CENTER SEATING**

This trip was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and is rescheduled.

Holland Tulip Festival Tour

Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel May 12-19, 2022

Price: \$3,565 Per Person

Double Occupancy

\$4,715 Single Occupancy

Price is based on a discount group
airfare of \$249 roundtrip.

This airfare expires on March 31, 2021, so sign up before this date.

Trip Highlights:

- Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit
- Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver
- Spend 1 night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city
- Attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan
- Visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (Music Parade)
- Spend 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Macinac Island
- Tour Macinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage
- Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour
- \$40 in Mayflower Money

As this trip was cancelled it will fill up fast with all those that did not get to go on the trip in 2020.

So sign up early and get your reservation form and deposit to Bill Stires by March 31, 2021 to get this great price.

The airfare could go up as much as \$500 or more on April 1, 2021.

Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or 209-544-2684 to reserve your spot.

Future trips: Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammergau and the Passion Play is postponed until August 27 – September 7, 2022.

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ZOOM MEETING - MARCH 19, 2021

Call to Order/Welcome @ 10:10 a.m.
by Big Sir Rock Libby
It is determined a Quorum is present.

Attendance Officers: Big Sir Rock Libby,
Little Sir Greg Back, Secretary Ken Edwards,
Treasure Leonard Zumstein, Mike Sakaguchi.

Directors: Gary Toombs, Larry Hughes, Kevin
Byrne, Mike Sakaguchi, Fred Courter.

Committee Representatives: Gary Toombs Activi-
ties, Greg Back, Nominating Chair, Larry Hughes,
Membership, Travel Bill Stires,
Fred Courter newsletter, RV Ken Kajioaka.

Guests: Rick Kindle VP Sirs, Dale Decker
Regional Director.

Secretary's Report: By Ken Edwards, Feb, 2021.
Motion to Approved 1st Greg Back, 2nd Bill Stires,
approved unanimous.

Treasures Report: By Leonard Zumstein

\$540.00	Deposited
\$92.35	Expenses
\$3060.44	Checking
\$375	Cash on hand
\$ 3435.44	Balance total

Motion to approve 1st Gary Toombs, 2nd Greg Back,
approved unanimous.

Membership report: By Larry Hughes
Membership Stands at 132.

Activity Reports:

Travel by Bill Stires an update was
provided on the following trips
Laguna Arts Festival from July 26-29 2021 everyone
who plans on attending must have COVID shots and
a private bus will be provided. . Also The Smoky
Mountain trip Sept 16 thru 24th, 2021 and a Mackinac
Holland trip May 12-19th 2022 are still planned.

Dine in Dine out By Gary Toombs Still on hold.

RC Flying by Greg Back is approved and will restart.
Hacker Golf has been deleted.

Golf from V.P. Rick Kindle information on restart will
be forth coming hopefully this week.

Old business:

It was noted the phone tree has had very positive re-
sponse.

New Business:

Big Sir Rock Libby will conduct budget committee
meeting following the BEC meeting today 3/19/2021.
Motion to adopt Sirs BEC Branch Resolution.

SIR Out Door Activities
Branch BEC Resolution

RESOLVED, that all SIR sponsored outdoor
Activities are henceforth approved by SIR Branch 143
provided:

(a) Such activities are not prohibited by
an applicable order of the California Department of
Public Health or County or Municipal Health Depart-
ment, and

(b) All activities are conducted under writ-
ten protocols in a strict compliance with applicable
State and locally mandated mask, hand sanitizing,
distancing requirements and any other pertinent
Health Related Requirements.

The Resolution and the written protocols must be
passed by the Branch BEC and recorded in the
Branch minutes.

1st Gary Back 2nd Larry Hughes
Motion passed unanimous

No further new items.

Motion to adjourn by Big Sir Rock Libby
1st Gary Toombs 2nd Leonard Zumstien approved
unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:34 a.m.
By Big Sir Rock Libby

Respectfully Submitted Ken Edwards, Secretary
Branch # 143



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
RV Chairman



Pismo Coast Village RV Outing Oct. 24-29, 2021

The Village just opened their reservations for this time period and based upon the high demand for RV camping sites, they will go fast.



Wagon Master: Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351
kenkajioka@gmail.com
Reservation Transferable
Invite Friends and Neighbors

Ken encourages you to make your Reservations ASAP. You will be making your reservations as Individuals... After you make your reservations, please send an email or call Ken and advise him of the date you will be there...If you have other friends going with you and want to be placed close to them you should declare that on your reservations. At a later date, Ken will provide all the names of our attendees to PCV for placement of sites. Any further questions, please feel free to call Ken at 209-602-8351.

Currently this is not a SIR trip but if conditions improve it may be so we can use the clubhouse for gatherings.

RESERVATION STEPS:

1. Call for reservation
April 1st or later
2. Call or text Ken Kajioka
to confirm reservation

**Make your
reservations
now by calling
PCV at
805-773-1811.**

Below are the members who have PAID their 2021 annual dues

.Please Send 2021 due payment of \$30.00 (CHECKS ONLY) Please do not send cash. [Make checks payable to:

“S.I.R. Branch 143”]

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1395 Alex Circle Turlock, CA 95382
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Storms, Kevin
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Watts, Frank
Zumstein, Leonard

SIRs Personalized Hats, Shirts and Jackets

Show your pride in SIRs, wear a hat, shirt, vest or jacket.. We have some hats and shirts in stock and will have them at our the next meeting, or call Rick Kindle at 209-652-8608 to pick these up... Vests and Jackets are special order, so we need your size. Also, if you want a different color for hats and shirts, these also need to be ordered.. if you have a special shirt you want embroidered, Russel Steeley can do this for \$10... Call him at 209-922-8832 to arrange drop off... he is right here in Denair on Eastgate Drive.



BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL



Elwood Escobar, Tony Ferro, Rick Kindle, Gregory Back, Charles Crivelli, Rick Martin, Marty Healey, Anthony Silva, Bernie Mailloux, James Jensen, Bob Steeley, Ken Veitch, Vernon Segars, Ray Rhodes, Del Ahlberg, Michael Sakaguchi, S. Lon Bishop, Ed McNeff, Harry Carlson, Joaquin Gomes

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL



Jerry DeGraff, Daniel Larson, Wayne Rickey, Chuck McPherson, Mike Gutierrez, Ernie Peters, Jan Pyle, Jeff Wilson, Ron Martella, Ken Kajioka, Rockford Libby, Dan Courtney

Please join us for our SIR Branch 143
**DATE: APRIL Zoom Meeting on
 Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

Time: Video conference will open to join about 11:00am and meeting will start at 11:30am.

To join the Zoom Meeting use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668282762?pwd=L3FaMTFBTVVwNjJITQ2ZFZTN1d3Uvdz09>

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Assistant Treasurer.....	Mike Sakaguchi	602-5740
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Assistant Membership.....	Ted Thorne	874-2249
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Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball	Tom Bundy	668-5163
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	OPEN	
Catering/Hall Set-Up	Earl Hamilton	606-4525
Chaplain	Earl Hamilton	606-4525
Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair.....	Greg Back	585-6862
Directors:	Gary Toombs, Kevin Byrne, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Fred Courter, Mike Sakaguchi	

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