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FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”**

AUGUST 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR SAYS...

BY ROCK LIBBY

Our gathering for Pizza Lunch last month was very good in some respects but left something to be desired in others. First and foremost, it was good to see people get together again and the pizza from Crust & Crumb was excellent. One of those pizzas was called a “Red Steer” Pizza and was donated by Stan Maggard, original owner of the Red Steer restaurant and it was tasty. Thank you, Stan!

As good as it was to mingle again however some of it was done in a manner that was literally too close for comfort. To insure everyone’s safety, which is our priority, we placed chairs at a safe distance with fewer chairs per table but it did not take long for the set-up to be rearranged to in some instances eight per table making social distancing (yes, we are still trying to practice that) next to impossible. We had several areas in which we can improve and we intend to do so when we meet again. Remember that caution is key. We don’t want anyone to become infected.

All this brings me to the on again, off again nature of this virus, the CDC’s erratic recommendations and in particular



the new and much more dangerous Delta Variant. We can expect these variants to develop and the infections/deaths to continue to rise as long as people elect not to get vaccinated. Infections of vaccinated people (break through infections) are much more common with this mutation than prior variants. While the vaccinated people are still well protected, they can become infected and pass it along to unvaccinated people. Those unvaccinated people who do contract the virus, again possibly from vaccinated people, are much more likely to become more seriously ill and several times more likely to die.

The BEC has opted not to proceed with an in-person gathering on the 18th. We are choosing to err on the side of caution and go back to Zoom meetings for the time being. The Zoom attendance links for the regular meeting on the 18th and the BEC meeting on the 20th are included below. Membership stood at 97 after unpaid members were dropped effective July 21st. We have had a couple pay their dues and are re-joining and we anticipate more shortly. This will pass and we will get back to normal
... when it is safe to do so.

Rock

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

JOIN US ON ZOOM

11:30 am - Regular meeting August 18th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85346781730?pwd=aGgyRXI4dW9ac2NOTisxRWxKV0U4Zz09>

8:00 am - BEC meeting August 20th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83965148832?pwd=RFh5dFBobFR1c2lWZjBpRURMTFp1Zz09>



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



**Top of Switzerland and
Oberammergau, Germany
and the Passion Play.**
**August 27 -
September 7, 2022**

Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only)
Airfare to be added in October 2021.

Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation by June 15, 2021.
So sign up now to reserve your spot for this great trip

Highlights:

- 2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland.** Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city.
- 1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland.** A trip to the "Top of Europe" with a Panorama 360 Degree Experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy.
- 2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland.** Visit a Woodcarving Museum, walk through the romantic Brunnigasse, once awarded the title "Most Beautiful Street in Europe."
- 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.** A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany.
- 2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play.** The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau.
- 2 night stay in Munich, Germany.** Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz.
- 17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more.**



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

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Trip from 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

At this time vaccination or test is needed 72 hours before trip.

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: \$3,995 per person
double occupancy
\$5,093 single occupancy**

Space is limited and sold on first-come-first-served basis only.



**FINAL PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF RESERVATION
6 SPOTS LEFT FOR TRIP**

**RSVP: BILL STIRES 544-2684
Cell: 988-5445 to reserve your spot.**

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: \$3,895 Per Person Double Occupancy
\$5,375 Single Occupancy
CURRENT PRICES EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Deposit \$650 per person
Final Payment January 10, 2022

Trip Highlights:

- Transportation to and from airport
- 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
- Much, much more

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

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BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING at My Garden Cafe - JULY 23, 2021

Call to Order: 8:00 AM

Attendance: Rock Libby, Big Sir, Greg Back, Little Sir, Leonard Zumstein, Treasurer, Gary Toombs, Bob Holly, Kevin Byrne and Bill Stires.

Absent: Kenny Edwards, Secretary, Fred Courter, Larry Hughes, Fred and Larry Date.
Guests: Rick Kindle, VP and Richard Provost, Area Governor

Secretary's Report: Kenny Edwards by Rock Libby as emailed and published in newsletter. Unanimously approved with 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Bob Holly.

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein, Unanimously approved with 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Kevin Byrne.

A motion was made to reinstate members Bernie Mailloux and Robert Rearick with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Kevin Byrne. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Travel Bill: All trips a go with prior approval.
- Bocce Ball: Gary Toombs reports Bocce Ball starting soon.
- Travel/RV
- Sunshine
- Newsletter
- Dine in/Dine Out: Gary Toombs has spoken with restaurants and is working on it.
- RC Flying: Greg Back is trying to restart. Rock Libby and Gary Toombs expressed interest and Greg will set a date soon.
- Fishing

- Chess
- Card Games
- Program

Unfinished Business:

Our Pizza lunch was considered a success. Bill Stires reported comments re: our lack of hand sanitizer. We had some phone tree callers who did not make their calls and failed to report they had not. Rock, Rick and Bob Holly will try to locate replacements. There was a motion made to drop all unpaid members as of July 21st with 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Bob Holly. The motion passed unanimously. There was a motion to reimburse Greg Back for luncheon expenses of \$47.73 with a 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Bob Holly. Motion carried, unanimous.

New Business:

Rock suggested we considering adding new Activities to include bicycle group with casual rides around town to coffee or other destinations , a walking group, clean-up group for area parks and gleaning group to harvest unwanted fruit and donate to area food banks, etc. Discussion to continue My Garden Café for BEC meetings for the time being? All agreed the facility suits our purpose.

Motion to Adjourn with 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Bill Stires passed unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Back, Little Sir
for Kenny Edwards, Secretary



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

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

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.

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

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

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.





WINE TASTING



Russ Winton

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

What's on our Table

I found two Steals this month and both come from the Grocery Outlet. Three Rivers Winery 2015 Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a real smooth mature Washington Merlot. It's a \$15 wine, for just \$5.99. The other Steal is the 2019 Dixie & Bass Cabernet Sauvignon Rose'. It's from the Horse Heaven Hills in Washington and it won a Double Gold in the Sunset International Wine Competition. Hands down, it's my favorite "pinkie" to date, just \$3.99 and definitely case worthy.

The Ancient Peaks 2017 Renegade is a blend of Syrah, Petite Verdot and Malbec from Paso Robles. It's big, bold and beautiful and also a Silver Medal Winner in the Central Coast Competition. The suggested retail price is \$26 but what makes it a Deal is the price at Costco, just \$15.99. The 40th Anniversary Chardonnay from Sonoma-Cutrer is available online and in select wine shops. It's a Splurge for sure but a one-of-a-kind gift for a serious Chardonnay lover or for that special occasion, \$69.99. Cheers!

Pizza Meeting Held on July 21



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST



Lance Anderson, Steve Arakrlan, Homer Beckler, Ken Kajioka, Doug Brinkley, Baba Benyamin, Daniel Dias, Ron Fair, Edward Darrah, Lonnie Sloan, Westley Jacobs, Bob Knapp, Stanley Fidel, Tom Lindquist, Fred Courter, Carl Grubb, Jim Lackey, Byron Blomenkamp, Curt Green, Russ Winton, Dan Courtney, Paul Lytle, Tracy Sunde, Ted Thorn

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST



Brad Bates, Abe Roberts, Al Kusters, Carlos Marchbank, Ted Thorne Walfred Spycher, James Jensen, Greg Miranda, David Brown, Walter Farrar, Ben Dorsett, Roger Kirkes, Art Pargament, Lloyd Fantazia, Bill Preuss, John Robnik, George Soles

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Little Sir/Web Master.....	Greg Back	585-6862
Secretary	Ken Edwards	620-9532
Assistant Secretary	Larry Date	632-7287
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	Mike Sakaguchi	602-5740
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership.....	Ted Thorne	874-2249
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Bowling	Tony Ferro	634-8377
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Assistant Golf	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine	Ted Thorn	535-8696
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

STATE OFFICERS

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