

# SENIOR SIR TIMES

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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"**

**AUGUST 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**

## BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

**Wow**, the weather sure has been hot! I hope everyone is staying cool. Our last meeting at Crostini Restaurant was a success and we will be meeting there again but with a few adjustments. We will slightly change the table layout and hope to have a video hookup and PA system ready to go. We will also make sure to have prices on the menu this time and remember that a 15% gratuity will be added to your check. We have several new activities that will be starting up soon... an Antique Car Group lead by Jim Artrip (209-606-2177), a Baseball Day Group lead by Andy Elder (209-604-3010) and a Bowling Group lead by Tom Mickelsen (209-632-2917). If you are interested in any of these activities please give them a call. More infor-



mation, dates, times, etc. will be coming soon. Please join me in thanking these gentlemen for stepping up and volunteering to lead these activities and more importantly, join in and help get them going. SIR is a great organization. If you enjoy your membership in SIR please don't keep it a secret, tell your friends, family, and neighbors, those you meet at the hardware store or anywhere you see a likely candidate and invite them to our lunch or an activity. We are continuing our campaign of "Each One, Bring One" this year. If each of our members will bring just one guest to a meeting and share their enjoyment of SIR we can keep our branch fresh, vibrant and growing. **That's all for now and I hope to see everyone at Crostini Restaurant for this month's lunch meeting.**

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:**  
**SEPTEMBER 1-2 and 3 of 2022**

### JOIN US IN AUGUST

**11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting AUGUST 17th - WILL BE HELD AT CROSTINI'S in TURLOCK - 811 W. Hawkeye Ave. and doors open for us at 10:30am.**

**8 am - BEC meeting AUGUST 19th - Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE 8 am start time.**



# SIR TRAVEL

**BILL STIRES**  
**TRAVEL CHAIRMAN**



## Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland April 15-27, 2023

**Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single**  
**\$6,195 - Air Included, Roundtrip**

**\$500.00 Deposit to hold your place.**

**Sign up by AUGUST 31, 2022 to get \$50.00 discount**  
**Final payment due on December 15, 2022**

**This is a small group Departure limited to 24 passengers.**

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip.

**Highlights (not a complete listing): 12 nights in First Class Hotels Accommodations**

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland, 2 nights in Dublin,  
1 night in Waterford, 1 night in Kinsale, 2 nights in Killarney, 1 night in Limerick

**18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver**

## Autumn Colors trip to East Coast Including a Pre-Tour Night in Boston

**10 Days, October 13 - October 22, 2023 Price: \$4,330 double occupancy, Single \$995**

**Air Fare to be added in December 2022. Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation**

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free time on own.  
- Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire.  
- Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus

Highway.  
- Professional local tour guide for entire trip.  
- 9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.  
- 14 meals including a regional lobster feast.  
**This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.**

**Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or 209-544-2684 or email at [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)  
to receive a brochure and reservation form for any of the trips.**

# NEWS & NOTES - SIR 143

## SIR ACTIVITIES:

Here are a few of the activities offered by Sirs #143

**POOL & BILLARDS - Ken Kajioka 602-8351**

**COMMERATIVE AIR FORCE -**

**Ken Kajioka 602-8351**

**BOCCE BALL - Mike Johnson 613-6801**

**CHESS - Kevin Storms 277-7644**

**RADIO CONTROL PLANES - Greg Back 585-6862**

**WINE TASTING - Russ Winton 394-8930**

**WALKING GROUP - Rock Libby 634-6508**

**ANTIQUA CAR GROUP - Jim Artrip 606-2177**

**BASEBALL DAY GROUP - Andy Elder 604-3010**

**BOWLING GROUP - Tom Mickelsen 632-2917**

**WALKING GROUP - Rock Libby 634-6508**

## AS PER THE BYLAWS for SIR #143 MEETINGS:

NO POLITICS OF ANY KIND IS TO BE  
DISCUSSED AT LUNCHEON MEETINGS,  
INCLUDING THE WEARING OF POLITICAL  
ATTIRE.

## LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE HELD AT CROSTINI'S RESTAURANT IN TURLOCK...

811 W. Hawkeye Ave. (across from the transit center  
at Hawkeye and Golden State) and doors open for  
us at 10:30am.

Everyone will order from a special menu and receive individual checks. They have a full bar as well as a coffee bar available for your adult beverage or caffeine enjoyment.

We will slightly change the table layout and hope to have a video hookup and PA system ready to go.

We will also make sure to have prices on the menu this time and remember that a 15% gratuity will be added to your check.

## THE WALKING GROUP



The walking group will meet Thursday 8/11 at Crane Park (corner of Berkeley and Yosemite) Turlock at 10:00 AM. We can decide where to walk from there and make plans for future walks. To include how often, meeting times and destinations. For now I think this is a good time to meet and walk somewhere for coffee. When it turns cooler we can start a bit later and have a beer as an alternative to coffee. Perhaps lunch. Let us see what the group prefers.

**See you Thursday.**



## IT'S DINE-IN- DINE-OUT TIME

**This Month we will meet at  
MEMO'S downtown Turlock,**

**Wed. August 10**

**5:30 for Drinks**

**6:00 for Dinner**



# BEC MINUTES

## BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### Held on - JULY 17, 2022

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM at My Garden Café, Turlock Quorum is present

**Guest:** Richard Provost, Area Governor

**Attendance:** Greg Back, Rock Libby, Fred Courter, Kevin Byrne, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes and Bill Stires

**Absent:** Leonard Zumstein, Ed Darrah, Joe Adams and Gary Toombs

**Treasurer's Report:** In Leonard Zumstein's absence, Rock Libby reports a bank checking balance of \$4,191.00 and cash drawer amount of \$275.00 for a total of \$4,466.00. Luncheon receipts for 6/15 were \$1,021, \$46 in raffle split and \$50 from The Greenery for a Newsletter Ad. Total Custodial Receipts were \$1,117. The General Receipts included \$60 in dues and \$17.38 for redeposit of a check that was never cashed for a total \$77.38. The caterer's invoice was \$891, there was \$40 moved from the cash drawer to the checking account and \$275 paid to the Community Center. This represents a total loss of \$89.00 for the luncheon and an Ending Cash Balance of \$4,466.00. The Form 28 was emailed and delivered to the BEC Members at this morning's meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's minutes of the June BEC Meeting were unanimously approved as emailed. 1st by Larry Hughes and 2nd by Bob Holly

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Larry Hughes reports no change with 107 members, 42 of which attended the 7/20 Luncheon. 65 members were absent. We had one guest, Area Governor Richard Provost and our guest speaker Anna Genasci of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau. No new applications for membership were received in July. Total membership is down 5 from last year and dues remain unpaid for 2 members.

**Nominating Committee:** Rock Libby reports that Greg Back has agreed to join Gary Toombs, Mark Taylor and Rock Libby in the rotation of Past Big Sirs to run our Luncheon meetings since we are unable to locate a member to take the Big Sir position. Greg will be named as Big Sir on the Form 20.

**Golf:** Joe Adams was absent

**Dine In/Dine Out:** Gary Toombs was absent but announced at our Luncheon that our next Dine Out will be at Memo's on W. Main & Broadway on August 10, gathering at 5:30 PM for the optional Adult Beverage prior to Dinner.

**Bocce Ball:** Mike Johnson was absent but the schedule is currently the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 8:00 AM at the home of Gary Toombs. This schedule will likely change due to possible conflict with our 3rd Wednesday Luncheon.

**Travel:** Bill Stires notified the Board that he is withdrawing the Amorabagau (I can't say it, let alone spell it) Passion

Play trip to Austria for lack of response from this chapter.

**Walking:** Rock Libby will furnish a schedule for publication in the Newsletter.

**Activity Survey:** Greg Back reports the following people have offered to head up these new activities. Members interested in these activities should contact them.

**Antique Auto:** Jim Artrip, 209-606-2177

**Baseball Day:** Andy Elder, 209-604-3010. Andy will arrange trips to Modesto Nuts games.

**Bowling:** Tom Mickelsen, 209-632-2917.

#### **Old Business:**

Gary Potter submitted \$40 in payment for past lunches. We are up to date on our Branch Operations requirements.

#### **New Business:**

The BEC held election of the 2023 slate of Officers & Directors for Branch 143. They are as follows:

Big Sir: Greg Back, Little Sir: Bob Holly, Secretary, Robert (Bob) Lotspeich, Treasurer, Leonard Zumstein

Directors:

Joe Adams, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, Ed Darrah, Bill Stires and Gary Toombs

Assistant Secretary, vacant and

Assistant Treasurer, Vernon Segars.

Additionally, The Board voted for Geoff Chin of Branch 103 as our new Area Governor with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Bill Stires.

There was discussion of continuing holding our luncheon meetings at Crostini assuming possible improvements can be made. These would include closing the facility to the public for the duration of our meeting, use of a Public Address/Audio Visual System and tweaking of the menu to include pricing. The change in location from Denair Community Center to Crostini for the time being, assuming membership numbers don't increase enough to make this change impractical, was unanimously approved with a 1st by Bill Stires and 2nd by Larry Hughes.

Discontinuation of Phone Tree calls was approved unanimously with 1st by Bill Stires and 2nd by Fred Courter

There was discussion of Covid Protocols and it was decided we would make no changes at this time.

A reimbursement of \$15.70 to Greg Back for purchase of our speaker's lunch was unanimously approved with a 1st by Rock Libby and 2nd by Kevin Byrne.

There were "I'm Doing My Part" pins distributed to Bill Stires, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes and Rock Libby.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 AM.

#### **Respectfully Submitted**

**Rock Libby, Secretary, Branch 143**



# RV TRAVEL

**Ken Kajioka**  
*RV Chairman*



## BLACK OAK CASINO RV PARK TOULUMNE

**APRIL 2 - April 7, 2023**

**More Info to follow**



**Sign-Up Procedure: Deadline December 31, 2022**

**Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351**

1. **Call Black Oaks RV Park for reservation 1-877-747-8777**
2. **IMPORTANT: Let them know you are with KEN KAJIOKA group**
3. **Call or text Ken Kajioka after registering**
4. **Reservation will ask for a credit card # but will not bill**

**BRING A GUEST!**

This event is open to friends and relatives. This event will be cancelled if we don't have a minimum of 10 rig.

# STATE GOLF EVENT

Fellow Golfers,  
Attached is the announcement for the final State golf event of the year which will be held at the Blue Rock Springs golf courses in Vallejo. The event will be held on September 14th and 15th. This is a 2 day event but if a golfer wants, they can play either of the days or both. I'd ask that you take a look at the attached flyer for additional information

as well as the State golf website at [www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org). This event is open to all SIR members, their wives or significant other, and invited guests.

Many Thanks,  
Mark Stuart, 2022 SIR State Golf Committee Chair



## SIR WINE TASTING & DINNER

**AUGUST 24, 2022 - 6:00 pm - Five Rivers Indian Cuisine and Pizza**  
**2295 F Street, Livingston, CA**

The wine tasting will be very informal (no snooty pinkie waving), will include 7 wines and will last no more than 50 minutes. Yes, dinner will be at 7:00!

**The Buffet Dinner will include:**

Punjabi Style Pizza, Butter Chicken, Lamb Curry, Basmati Rice, Vegetable Pakora, Raita, Garlic Naan and Mango Ice Cream.

The cost is \$30, tax and tip included. If interested and the boss says yes, make the check out to me (or cash) Russ Winton. Pay me at the August 17 meeting.



# THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



### In Search of Egyptian Wines ???

The Navigator suggested we visit Egypt. Though not high on my list, she did convince me to travel to India, and Egypt, she said, is so much closer. Ok. We went with a tour company that limits the group size and a guide for the entire trip. We did and saw everything from Cairo to Aswan to Luxor to Abu Simbel and then on to our ship for six nights on the Nile River and finally, Alexandria.

Winemaking has a long tradition in Egypt dating back to the 3rd millennium. The modern wine industry is relatively small. There are only a few Egyptian wines in production. The climate is just too hot and dry to support viticulture on a large scale. The Gianaclis Vineyard planted in 1882 was recently revived and is producing the Omar Khayyam brand. They make a red with Bobal grapes and a white with Sultanine Blanche grapes. Their Rose' is a blend of those two. I rate them as good daily wines. Egyptian beer is very good. Heineken International became owners in 2002.

The Ancient Egypt & Nile River Tour was spectacular and a check-off of the bucket list. It made me realize the Navigator is not the right name for my partner. I think the "Instigator" is more appropriate. Don't you?

### Two Freebees

I've been asked many times "Where can I find these local wine events?". Here are two sources:

[LocalWineEvents.com](http://LocalWineEvents.com) is a post it yourself site for wine, food, spirits and beer events. Over 300,000 email subscribers receive THEJUICE, a weekly email that highlights events happening in your local area and it's free. Another good source is [www.discovercaliforniawines.com](http://www.discovercaliforniawines.com) published by the Wine Institute. It covers the six major wine regions in California with maps, winery information and current events and offers. Both sites are excellent for planning a visit to the wine country.

### What's on Our Table

I bought three Sauvignon Blancs, each \$4.95 at the Grocery Outlet. Our senior citizen tasting panel gave a unanimous vote to the 2019 Urgency from Lake County, made by Shannon Ridge. Retail price was \$30, a 90 point score plus the six senior votes, sealed the steal. The deal/splurge goes to the 2021 Navarro Rose' of Pinot Noir. It was picked Best of Show Rose', Best of of Class, a Double Gold medal, Best of Mendocino County and received a score of 98 in the Press-Democrat's 2022 North Coast Wine Challenge. The regular price is \$25, the pre-release price until 5/31/22 is \$22 and with a case purchase, the price is \$18, with one cent shipping. Check out the on-line sale. Cheers!

Comments? Find me on facebook or at [rgwinton@yahoo.com](mailto:rgwinton@yahoo.com)

**CHECK OUT OUR WINE TASTING AND DINNER on page 5**



## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Lenny Zumstein, Lance Anderson, Homer Beckler, Baba Benyamin, Doug Brinkley, Fred Courter, Edward Darrah, Dan Dias, Stanley Fidel, Curt Green, Ken Kajioka, Tom Lindquist, Paul Lytle, Don McCoon, Lonnie Sloan, Tracy Sunde, Ted Thorn, Russ Winton



## ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Brad Bates, Ben Dorsett, James Jensen, Al Kosters, Carlos Marchbank, Greg Miranda, Art Pargament, Bill Preuss

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Big Sir/Web Master .....	Greg Back	585-6862
Little Sir.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Secretary.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
Assistant Secretary.....	OPEN	
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	OPEN	
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership.....	Bob Holly	668-2786
Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling.....	OPEN	
Travel.....	Bill Stires	544-2684
Roster/Mailing.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Golf.....	Joe Adams	632-8197
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.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
Directors:	Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, Joe Adams and Ed Darrah	

### STATE OFFICERS

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