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AUGUST 2023 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143



SENIOR BLAST OUT...

Greeting fellow SIRs. This month of **Hot** August Nights and Days, **stay hydrated out there!** We

look forward to another great Luncheon at the Black Bear Diner, Wednesday, August 16th, doors open at 10:30 am. We are going to have a great speaker this month, Stanislaus County Sheriff, Jeff Dirkse.



page 2 for our newest SIR trip, an 11 day cruise to Akaska. Call John Cardoza for more info.

Also we have secured a spot for SIR 143 to have a spot at the **DENAIR FARM & FAMILY FESTIVAL** - September 9th, 9 am to 3 pm, **See You There.**

Looking forward to December 20th for our luncheon to be held at the FRUIT YARD. Ladies will be invited to this luncheon. The cost will be \$38.00 each (\$8.00 will be paid by your SIR Club. Hope to see you there.

It was decided at our July BEC meeting that our dues for next year beginning January 1st will be \$20 for the year! Check out

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

JOIN US IN AUGUST

11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting AUGUST 16th -
WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.
BEC meeting AUGUST 18th 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



11 Night Inside Passage Cruise Aboard the Crown Princess



Sailing Round-Trip San Francisco, May 26-June 6, 2024



Price: **Ocean View Stateroom:** \$2590 double occupancy, Single \$4795

Balcony State Room - Double \$2855, Single \$5325

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Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation



Tour Features: Transfers from Turlock/Modesto to the pier in San Francisco ROUND TRIP,

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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



CONDITIONS APPLY

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: JAN. 31, 2024



ADD THE PRINCESS PLUS PKG FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$660 Per Person!
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to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.

SIR 143 - 2023 OFFICERS

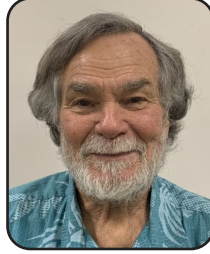
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Dine Out



Bob Holly
Little Sir



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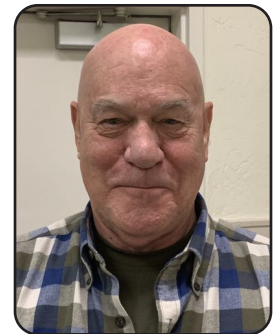
Membership



Mark Taylor
Big 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 - JULY 21, 2023

Site: BLACK BEAR DINER Turlock -

Quorum is present:

Guests: Rick Kindle

Attendance: Greg Back, Fred Courter, Joe Adams, Mark Taylor, Leonard Zumstein, Gary Toombs

Absent: Roger Jackson

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein:
(see Form 20)

\$120 dues collected

\$80 postage Roger Jackson

\$57 postcards Roger Jackson

\$95 for gas lunches

\$500 deposit to the fruit yard

\$3734 ending balance

Motions were made to reimburse Leonard Zumstein \$47.78 for speakers lunches and Rick Kindle for the purchase of postage and paper for \$31.31 1st by Joe Adams and 2nd by Gary Toombs.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the JUNE 23, 2023, BEC Meeting were unanimously approved as emailed and printed in the Newsletter with a 1st by Leonard Zumstein, and 2nd by Gary Toombs

Committee Reports:

Membership Report Form 27 was filed, by Rick Kindle, Temporary Membership Chairman. Rick reports that Carl Grubb passed away. Reports there are 89 Members. The Membership report was approved unanimously with a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Joe Adams. Also included in the report is the following:

Members re-instated:

4 members have been reinstated including Wayne Rickey. A motion was made to reinstate Wayne Rickey by 1st Leonard Zumstein and 2nd Joe Adams. Golf report -Joe Adams: Reported on upcoming tournaments.

Travel – Bill Stires and John Cardoza absent. A motion was made to approve a new SIRS trip. Alaska Cruise from San Francisco – Spring 2024 1st Gary Toombs 2nd Greg Back - motion carried

Bocce Ball: Mike Johnson: First and Third Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at Dustbowl

Dine in/Out – Gary Toombs A dine out is being planned for July 27 at Vito's Restaurant (34 rsvps) September dine in / dine out information to be announced.

Old Business: Discussion:

Finance Committee Report: There was discussion of the estimated expense and it was recommended that annual dues be set at \$20.00 beginning in January 2024. A motion was made 1st Gary Toombs and a 2nd by Fred Courter to accept.

New Business:

A motion was made to approve \$25 to secure a spot at the Denair Farm and Family Festival 1st was made by Leonard Zumstein 2nd by Joe Adams - motion carried.

A motion was made to approve an expenditure for up to \$200 for a sound system if one is needed the 1st was made by Joe Adams and a 2nd by Leonard zumstein- motion carried

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting 1st by Leonard Zumstein 2nd by Fred Courter

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

**Meeting minutes captured by Greg Back
Respectfully submitted by
Roger Jackson,
Secretary, Branch 143**

2024 Branch 143 Slate of Officers

Election of officers for 2024 will take place at the August lunch meeting. The following slate of officers has been endorsed by your BEC.

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

SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST: Sheriff Jeff Dirkse

Jeff is a homegrown success story.

He grew up on a dairy east of Denair, learning the value of hard work at a young age. He excelled as a student and athlete at Turlock High, where he set his sights on an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, which he earned in 1990.

The rigor of West Point provided the foundation for Jeff's adult life, one dedicated to serving his country. He became an Army Ranger and commanded paratroopers at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Lewis, Wa., earning the respect of his soldiers and his superiors for his leadership skills. By the time he left active duty in 1999, he had been promoted to captain.

He returned to Stanislaus County and helped to manage his family's 550-acre farm. But after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Jeff felt a call and an obligation to return to the military. He joined the California National Guard and was put in command of an infantry company, D/1-184 Infantry, headquartered in Oakdale.

In 2005, the 184th was deployed to Iraq and given responsibility for a sector in the Baghdad suburbs. They dealt with insurgents on a daily basis. Jeff spent nearly a year in Iraq, earning a prestigious Bronze Star for his leadership.

Many of the soldiers Jeff served with had ties to law enforcement. They encouraged him to pursue that as a career. In 2007, he was hired as a deputy by the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. It was the only job he applied for. This area was his home and he wanted to serve the people who live here.

At the Sheriff's Department, Jeff developed a reputation for lead-

ership and vision. He began as a patrol deputy, but quickly was promoted. He became a STING detective, a rural crimes detective, a patrol sergeant and an internal affairs sergeant. He also supervised the Explorers for several years and developed an intern program to bring high school graduates into the department at age 18.

In May 2015, he was promoted to lieutenant and placed in charge of police services in Patterson. As police chief of one of the county's fastest-growing and most vibrant cities, he leads a force of 28 deputies, sergeants and support staff.

Sheriff Jeff Dirkse was born in Southern California and raised in Denair. He graduated from Turlock High School in 1990 and the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, in 1994, with a Bachelor's of Science degree. He subsequently served in the US Army as an Infantry Platoon Leader, Ranger Platoon Leader, Infantry Company Commander and most recently was a Watch Officer at Special Operations Command, Europe.



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



Date: Wednesday, AUGUST 16th, 2023

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

Address: 3050 N Tegner Rd, Turlock

COMING IN A FUTURE DATE

In a future date we will have an outing to the

CASTLE AIRBASE AND MUSEUM

Look for info to follow.


CASTLE AIR MUSEUM

Castle Air Museum represents history in a way the whole family can share. While there is nothing glamorous about war, our majestic warbirds are awe-inspiring reminders of how fragile our freedom can be and how men and women have stepped forward when that freedom was threatened.

A visit to the Castle Air Museum gives visitors a peek into the past and lends insight into the evolution of aircraft and the past milestones of aviation. It offers visitors of all ages a glimpse of what the future of aerospace might hold.

Our collection encompasses nearly seventy restored vintage military aircraft ranging from pre-WWII to the present on approximately twenty acres of beautifully-maintained grounds. In addition to the outdoor displays the museum is complemented by an indoor museum which houses a fascinating collection of wartime memorabilia including aircraft artifacts, military uniforms, historic photos, and personal military artifacts from the past century.

The Foundation has relied mainly on volunteers to restore and maintain the aircraft. The current site was obtained by the Foundation after the closure of Castle Air Force Base. The Foundation sponsors numerous public events and works with a variety of youth organizations and schools.



PRESERVING OUR MILITARY HERITAGE

The aircraft on display at Castle Air Museum are as much a part of America's heritage as Independence Hall and the Battlefield at Gettysburg. Yet only a handful of these flying testimonials to our country's devotion to democracy have survived decades of neglect and the salvage torch.

The United States Air Force's Heritage Program was instituted in order to preserve the few remaining examples of these aircraft for posterity.

Accepting the challenge of restoring, maintaining, and displaying World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Conflict aircraft, a group of dedicated enthusiasts in the Atwater-Merced area formed the Castle Air Museum Foundation in 1981. It was their dream to build a museum to exhibit restored historic aircraft for public enjoyment.

BECOME A PARTNER IN PRESERVING THIS HERITAGE


A sustaining Membership is \$75.00 annually and entitles you to a newsletter subscription, 10% discount in the Gift Shop, and unlimited free admission for yourself and one guest.

Call the Museum at (209) 723-2178
To Join x301 / To Volunteer x305
To Donate Artifacts x306

THERE'S MORE INDOORS

Once you've explored the outdoor aircraft displays, visit the indoor Museum where you can see a fascinating collection of wartime memorabilia, including an outstanding array of Army Air Corps and Air Force uniforms and the once top-secret Norden Bomb Site. You'll also find a collection of models, artwork, books and other fine gifts in the Museum's gift shop, as well as snacks and drinks.

GETTING THERE



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Fee: (209) 723-0323
www.castleairmuseum.org


SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

Castle Air Museum is located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, adjacent to Castle Airport. Driving time is approximately two hours from Sacramento, an hour from Fresno.

To find the museum, go north on Highway 99 from Fresno or south from Sacramento to Atwater-Merced Expressway and follow signs. Then follow our map to the museum.


The Museum is open daily except on New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There is an entrance fee. Guided tours are available with advance notice. Call (209) 723-2178 x305, Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.



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LAST ADMISSION TO AIRCRAFT/GROUNDS AT 3:15 PM



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Benjamin Baba, Fred Courter, Ed Darrah, Curt Green, Roger Jackson, Ken Kajioka, Tom Lindquist, Marvin Scott, Lonnie Sloan, Ted Thorn, Russ Winton

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Ben Dorrset, Swede Jensen, Al Kosters, Greg Miranda, Bill Pruess, George Soles, Wally Spycher, Ted Thorn



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THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



The Best Wines of the California State Fair Wine Competition

246 of California's finest wineries entered 1,846 wines in America's oldest and most esteemed wine event dating back to 1854. The California State Fair Wine Competition has celebrated the Best of the Golden State for over 169 years. I reported in my last column that Jeff Runquist Wines won the 2023 Golden State Winery of the Year, following previous victories in 2011 and 2019. Thirty-nine world-class judges also awarded a total of 19 Best of Region Awards, 20 Best of California Awards, a Best Value Award and 3 Best Micro Winery Awards. In total: 129 Double Gold, 309 Gold, 801 Silver and 478 Bronze medals were awarded.

Here are the top California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition winners:

Best of Show Red: Lewis Grace 2020 Souzao, El Dorado County
 Best of Show White: New Clairvaux 2022 Assyrtiko, Tehama County
 Best of Show Sparkling: Vienza at Europa Village NV Brut Metodo Classico, North Coast
 Best of Show Pink: Carol Sheldon 2022 Wild Thing Rendezvous, Mendocino County
 Best of Show Dessert: Husch Vineyards 2022 Late Harvest Gewurztraminer, Anderson Valley
 Best Value: Baron Herzon 2021 Chenin Blanc, California
 Golden State of the Year: Jeff Runquist Wines
 Best Micro Winery Red: Hoyt Family Vineyards 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles Willowcreek, San Luis Obispo County
 Best Micro Winery White: Tannura 2022 Fiano, Santa Clara Valley

Best Micro Winery Other: Ranch de Philo Winery NV Triple Cream Sherry Mission Grape, Cucamonga Valley

Complete results and competition information can be found at, CalExpoStateFair.com/California-Commercial-Wine.

Amador County Barbera Festival September 9
 Terra D'Oro Winery will host 40 California wineries in a beautiful outdoor setting nestled in the Sierra foothills just a few miles east of Plymouth. There will be a grand tasting, gourmet food from top chefs, live music and local artists. New this year will also be a premier access area that allows an 11am entry, as well as a place to relax and stay cool in the barrel room lounge. Tickets are still available at www.BarbaraFestival.com.

What's on our Table

I discovered a Spanish blend made with 70% Monastrell and 30% Garnacha at Trader Joe's for just \$5.95. The 2020 La Cueva De La Culpa is a big wine with a small price for an organically grown Mourvedra/Grenache blend. I call it a steal. I also picked up a few Moon series whites for summer sipping, all in the \$5-6 range. Moon label wines are made by a family owned valley winery exclusively for Trader Joe's. By the way, why isn't there a Trader Joe's located somewhere/anywhere between Modesto and Fresno? I thought UC Merced would be a good motivator, but no. Well, my vote goes to Livingston or maybe Atwater or Turlock? Cheers!

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

COMING IN SEPTEMBER



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



IT'S DINE-IN-DINE OUT TIME CENTER STREET GRILL

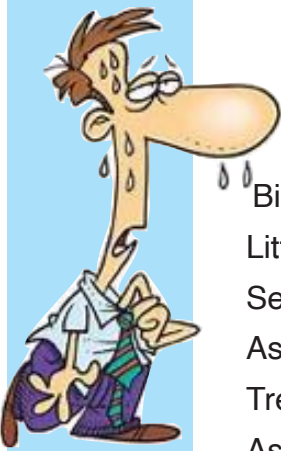
Thursday September 28th.

Please RSVP to Gary Toombs 209 604 8406 by
Fri Sept 22nd. **Drinks at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00**

TURLOCK SENIOR CITIZENS DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

ALL SENIOR ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT THE TURLOCK SENIOR CENTER
1191 Cahill Street, Turlock, CA 95380 - VISIT US ON THE WEB: www.turlockseniors.com

MONDAY	LOW IMPACT EXERCISE	8:00 AM - 8:40 AM	FREE
	WALK & FIRM	8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	FREE
	QIGONG	9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	\$5.00 per class
	SPINNER / DOMINOES	10:00 - 11:30 am (1st & 4th Mon)	\$1.25 per class
	BILLIARDS	11:30 AM - 3:00 PM	FREE
TUESDAY	CHAIR YOGA	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	\$5.00 per class
	ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	FREE
	CHORUS/UKULELE	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	FREE
	BILLIARDS	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	FREE
	LINE DANCING	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	\$3:00/HR
WEDNESDAY	LOW IMPACT EXERCISE	8:00 AM - 8:40 AM	FREE
	WALK & FIRM	8:45 AM - 9:15 AM	FREE
	BEGINNING LINE DANCE	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	\$3:00/HR
	LINE DANCING	10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	\$3:00/HR
	BILLIARDS	11:30 AM - 3:00 PM	FREE
	QUILTING CLASS	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	FREE
	BUNCO	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (3RD WED.)	\$10.00
	BIG BAND PRACTICE & DANCE.	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	FREE
NO THURSDAY ACTIVITIES AT THIS TIME			
FRIDAY	LOW IMPACT EXERCISE	8:00 AM - 8:40 AM	FREE
	WALK & FIRM	8:40 AM - 9:15 AM	FREE
	BEGINNING LINE DANCE	9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	\$3:00/HR
	INTERMEDIATE DANCE	10:15AM - 11:30 AM (NO CLASS 2ND FRI.)	\$3:00/HR
	BOARD MEETING	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (2ND FRI. OF MONTH)	
	BINGO	1:00 PM (1ST & 3RD FRI.)	\$2.00 per sheet
	BRIDGE	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (1ST, 2ND, 4TH, & 5TH)	FREE



TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OFFICERS FOR 2023



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Bocce Ball.....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	OPEN	
Catering/Hall Set-Up.....	OPEN	
Chaplain.....	OPEN	
Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
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