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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 2025 Newsletter - Turlock Branch #143

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SPEAKERS**

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Message From The Big Sir...

Greetings SIR Members!

A huge **thank you to Dan Gorman** for leading our July and August meetings with such enthusiasm and energy — we truly appreciate your dedication and leadership!



**August Highlights –
Don't Miss Out!**

National Night Out – August 5th

While not specific to August, this event typically takes place on the first Tuesday in August and encourages community members to turn on their lights and spend time outdoors connecting with one's neighbors, potentially expecting visits from the local Police and Fire Department.

August 6th – Railroad Trip to Jamestown

Join us for a scenic and fun-filled Railroad Trip from **Jamestown**, followed by a hearty lunch at the **Chicken Ranch Casino**. It's a great opportunity to enjoy some fellowship, fresh air, and local history! Golf, Bocce Ball, Bowling, Dine Outs, Theater and RV are some of our SIR activities. Please consider getting involved. You will wonder what took you so long.

Saturday, August 9th

- SIR will have a booth to promote our group at the Turlock Farmers Market. Please consider joining us from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. or from 10 am to 1:00 pm on Main Street in Downtown Turlock, near Footers. Some regu-

lars have already volunteered, but we would like to have you join us!

Monthly Meeting Reminder

Don't forget our **regular August meeting on the 20th** — we'll share updates, enjoy great conversations, and continue building the camaraderie that makes our SIR branch so special.

Welcome to Our New SIR Members!

Please take a moment to connect with our newest SIR members. A friendly introduction during our luncheon or an invite to an activity goes a long way in making everyone feel included and valued.

Grow Our Branch

Always keep **at least two signed business cards with you**. Also, our tri-folds offer an easy way to explain what SIR is about. You never know when you'll meet someone who'd enjoy joining SIR — let's keep growing together!

The following members have agreed to serve SIR Branch #143 in leadership positions for 2026. We will vote on the following Slate of Officers for 2026 at the general meeting on August 20th

**Dan Gorman – Big Sir
Ken Gomes – Little Sir
Rock Libby - Secretary
Mike Johnson - Membership
Leonard Zumstein – Treasurer**

Directors:

**Roger Jackson, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter,
John Cardoza, Mike Johnson and Bob Holly**

REMEMBER SIR LUNCHEON

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

**NOTE: When you arrive at Black Bear Diner Order your food
as soon as possible. Our speaker will start at 12 noon,
also please try to finish your meal by 12 noon.**

**Luncheon Location: BLACK BEAR DINER
3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock**



SIR TRAVEL

Travel Chairman John Cardoza



16 NIGHT HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE

**ABOARD THE RUBY PRINCESS
ROUND TRIP SAN FRANCISCO
OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 8, 2026**



PORTS OF CALL

Hilo, Big Island/ Kahuli, Maui/ Honolulu, Oahu/ Nawiliwili, Kauai and Ensenada, Mexico

**BOOK BY JULY 1, 2025 and RECEIVE A
\$150 PER PERSON DISCOUNT!**



TOUR FEATURES:

Round Trip from Turlock and Modesto Area to Cruise Terminal in San Francisco.

16 Night HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE aboard the **RUBY PRINCESS** including shipboard meals, entertainment and shipboard activities. Includes Port Taxes.

A \$500 pp deposit
is required to
reserve a cabin.

**STATEROOMS & PRICES: OCEAN VIEW \$3750 PP DBL. -
BALCONY BB \$4790 PP DBL - MINI-SUITE MB \$6055 PP DBL**

QUESTIONS? Please contact John Cardoza (209) 483-7722



RIVER CRUISE

9-Days MEMPHIS to NEW ORLEANS

Cruise the Lower Mississippi
in style aboard the
guest American Splendor
9 Days-September 30-October 8, 2025



THIS TRIP IS WAIT LISTED

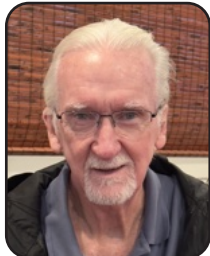


SIR 143 - 2025 OFFICERS

Working For You!



Roger Jackson
Big Sir



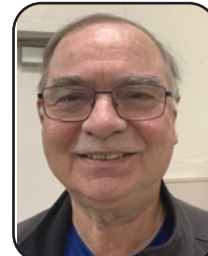
Dan Gorman
Little Sir



Greg Back
Secretary/Web Master



Rock Libby
Assistant Secretary



Leonard Zumstein
Treasurer



John Cardoza
Travel Chairman



Mike Johnson
Membership



Fred Courter
Newsletter



Vern Segars
Assistant Treasurer



Gary Toombs
Dine Out

Proposed Slate of Officers - 2026

Election of officers for 2026 will take place at the August luncheon meeting. The following 2026 slate of officers have volunteered to serve and are endorsed by the SIR BRANCH #143 BEC

Big SIR – Dan Gorman
 Little SIR – Ken Gomes
 Secretary – Rock Libby
 Assistant Secretary – Greg Back
 Treasurer – Leonard Zumstein
 Assistant Treasurer – Unfilled
 Director 1 – Roger Jackson
 Director 2 – Kevin Byrne
 Director 3 – Fred Courter
 Director 4 – John Cardoza
 Director 5 – Mike Johnson
 Director 6 – Bob Holly

Respectively Submitted,
 Bob Holly
 Chairman - Nominating Committee

NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at
MY GARDEN CAFE
FRIDAY JULY 22nd

Meeting Starts at 8:30am
 Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am

SIR BRANCH #143 BOWLING EVERY TUESDAY



at McHenry Bowl
 CONTACT:
Tom Mickelson
 209-632-2917

Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting

My Garden Cafe, Turlock

JULY 18th 2025 - 8:30AM

Officers Present: Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman.

Members/Guests Present: Rick Kindle, Kim Castro.

Quorum: Secretary Greg Back reported that a quorum is present.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Len Zumstein and seconded by Gary Toombs. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Leonard Zumstein reviewed Form 28 from last month and reported –

Checking = \$5,240.48

Cash on hand = \$275.00

Receipts = \$160.00

Expenditures = \$24.10

Current month expenses for approval:

State SIR Assesment = \$250.25

Reimbursement Fred Courter Printing/Postage = \$24.10

Reimbursement Greg Back Constant Contact Subscription = \$31.20

Reimbursement Rick Kindle Denair Festival Booth = \$25.00

Reimbursement Rick Kindle Turlock Farmers

Market Prizes = \$109.70

Reimbursement Rick Kindle Replacement SIR Banner = \$134.85

Motion to approve \$575.10 total expenditures by Gary Toombs and second by Greg Back. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report: Chairman Mike Johnson reported on attendance at the July lunch meeting with 46 total attending including 5 guests, 3 wives and the guest speaker.

4 new members were installed and new membership applications were received for Jim McRoberts, Kevin Kollmeyer and David Land. Motion to approve applications by Mike Johnson with second by Gary Toombs. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bocce Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson reported that there will be Bocce Ball at the Dust Bowl after the BEC meeting.

Golf: Chairman Ken Kajioka not present no report. Gary Toombs reported that several members have started playing 9 hole "social" golf on Senior Thursdays (senior greens fees half price) at the River Oaks par 3 front 9 course. Motion to approve this as an official branch activity by Gary Toombs with second by Leonard Zumstein. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel: Chairman John Cardoza not present no report. The up-

coming August 6, Railtown State Park railroad experience with lunch at the Chicken Ranch Casino was discussed by the BEC. Leonard Zumstein moved this be approved as a formal SIR activity with second by Fred Courter. Motion carried unanimously.

RV: Wagon Master Roger Jackson not present but Rick Kindle on the planned Moss Landing RV trip Sept 21-24 this year and the Jackson Rancheria RV trip April 26 to May 1 trip in 2026.

Dine Out/Other Activities; Chairman Gary Toombs reported that 45 attended the dine out at Gray's Tavern and **Dine-Out on August 14th Vito's Italian Restaurant, 3851 Crowell Rd., Turlock, 5:30 Drinks, 6:00 Dinner. Call Gary Toombs to confirm.**

Recruitment & Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle reported that we will have another Turlock Farmers Market booth on Saturday, August 9.

Old Business: Nominating committee chair Bob Holly was not present but Dan Gorman reported that the slate of officers for 2026 was complete and ready for BEC review. The proposed slate is:

Big SIR – Dan Gorman

Little SIR – Ken Gomes

Secretary – Rock Libby

Assistant Secretary – Greg Back

Treasurer – Leonard Zumstein

Assistant Treasurer – Unfilled

Director 1 – Roger Jackson

Director 2 – Kevin Byrne

Director 3 – Fred Courter

Director 4 – John Cardoza

Director 5 – Mike Johnson

Director 6 – Bob Holly

After discussion a motion to endorse this slate of officers and present to the membership for voting at the August lunch meeting was made by Gary Toombs with second by Len Zumstein. Motion carried unanimously. Fred will publish the proposed slate of officers in the August newsletter and Greg will send to the membership via email prior to the election at the August meeting.

Dan Gorman reported on the luncheon programs for the rest of the year. Fred Courter will publish the list in the newsletter.

New Business: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Leonard Zumstein and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:40am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.



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What's Happening at the SIR #143

SPEAKERS

COMING TO SIR #143:



September:
Open

October:
Lori Crivelli

November:
Rick Kindle

December:
Roger Jackson

Distinguished Service
Awarded to

Mike Johnson
Membership
Chairman

at the
July Luncheon.
Presenting the award
to Mike were Dan Gor-
man on left and Rick
Kindle on right.



Leonard Zumstein standing
with his brother Fred Zumstein
(on right) newly inducted into
SIR #143 at our last luncheon,
July 18th.



Newest members inducted into SIR #143 at our
last luncheon, July 16th. Left to right: David
Keeney, Kim Castro, and Sandy Newsome.



SIR FIELD TRIPS



SIR RAILTOWN EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 6, 2025

\$23 / ticket

Train Departs Station at 10:30 a.m.

Train Returns at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Lunch After (at a Restaurant To Be Determined)

Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, and its operating entity, the Sierra Railway, is known as "The Movie Railroad." Both entities are a heritage railway and are a unit of the California State Park System, located in Jamestown, California, at 10501 Reservoir Rd.

To make train reservations call (209) 984-3953 or go to their website to buy tickets online Railtown1897shp@parks.ca.gov

Let John Cardoza know when you have reserved your train ride and if you want to be included in lunch reservations. His phone number is: 209-483-7722



SIR RV TRIP

September 21-24, 2025

MOSS LANDING KOA

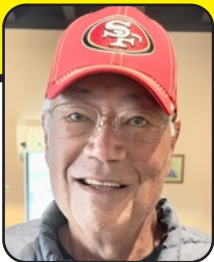
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LOOK FOR MORE INFO Jackson Rancheria RV Trip next spring



SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2025

GOLF
Chairman
Ken Kajioaka

MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Aug	4	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Elkhorn	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included
	11	Mon	8:00 SG	103B				\$9	\$9	
	18	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	25	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Pheasant Run	\$55		\$9	\$64	Carts Included
Sep	2	Tue	8:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$27	\$20	\$9	\$56	Carts Optional
	8	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Atwater	\$50		\$9	\$59	Carts Included
	15	Mon	8:00 SG	103A				\$9	\$9	
	22	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	29	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Swenson	\$45		\$9	\$54	Carts Included

Every Thursday we will have Golf at Creekside Golf Course 9 hole or 18 hole, contact Ken Kajioaka for more info or to sign-up.

REMINDER: When you sign-up for golf it also means you will attend 50% of the luncheons Every Third Wednesday.

Speaker for month of AUGUST will be

Christy Marriott – Turlock Steppin' Pards Square Dancing

Christy Marriott is a lifelong resident of Turlock. Her father, Elmer was a member of the #143 SIRs branch. I currently hold the office of club president for Turlock Steppin' Pards Square Dance Club.

Steppin' Pards was organized in 1953 and has been going strong for over 70 years! The club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at American Legion Rex Ish Post on Bothun Road.

At our weekly workshops dancers are encouraged to learn and practice square dance calls, to enhance our skill level. Our members attend party dances and festivals year round locally, statewide, nationally and internationally. They even square dance on specific trips and on cruises. Community nights and beginner classes are held twice per year. Our next community nights will be September 17 and 24 at 6:30 p.m. The next new dancer series begins on October 1st. Please come and join us!



SIR #143 Welcomes our newest members

**Sandy Newsome, Fred Zumstein,
David Keeney and Kim Castro**



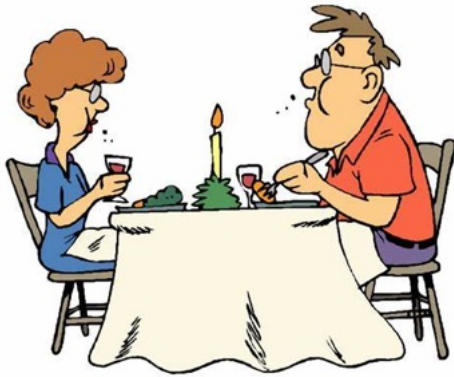
BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Russ Winton, Roger Jackson, Tom Lindquist, Ken Kajioke, Edward Darrah, David Keeney, Ted Thorn, Fred Courter, Ed Darrimon, Curt Green, Marvin Scott, Baba Benyyamin

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Robert Boyd, David Keeney, Al Kusters, Greg Miranda, Walfred Spycher, Ted Thorn, Gary Toombs





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

Vito's Italian Restaurant
Thursday August 14th

5:30 Drinks
6:00 Dinner

3851 Crowell Rd. Turlock

Call Gary Toombs to confirm 209-604-8406



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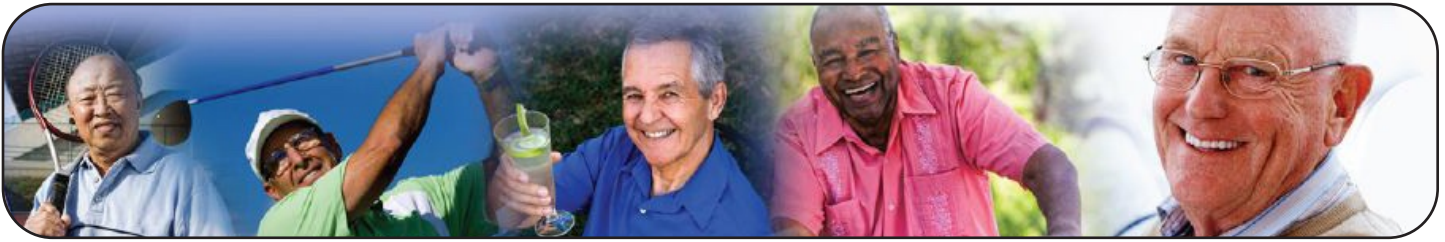
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TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2025

Big Sir	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Little Sir	Dan Gorman	404-3799
Secretary	Greg Back	585-6862
Assistant Secretary	Rock Libby	634-6508
Treasurer	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer	Vern Segars	634-2142
Membership	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Assistant Membership/Mailing	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Recruiting	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Bowling	Tom Mickelson	632-2917
Travel Chairman	John Cardoza	483-7722
Travel Assistant	OPEN	
Golf	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Assistant Golf	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine	Rock Libby	634-6508
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Chaplain	OPEN	
RV Chairman	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Assistant RV Chairman	OPEN	
Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862
Nominating Com. Chair	Bob Holly	688-2986

Directors: Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter,
John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Bob Holly

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