

# SENIOR SIR TIMES

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

**DECEMBER 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**



## BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and enjoyed those Turkey sandwiches afterwards. Now that December is here it is time to make plans to come to our annual ladies day luncheon.

**Tickets are \$20 and as usual are advance sale** only so that we can have an accurate count of meals to order from the caterer. We are sorry but due to this, tickets will not be sold at the door.

To get your tickets please call Roger Jackson at 209-658-2673. The cutoff date for ticket sales is Friday, December 16. Please join me in welcoming our two newest members, Richard Brown and



Brent Bohlander - say hello when you see them at our meetings. We are just one month away from a new year. Unfortunately, due to rising insurance premiums, catering costs and other expenses our **dues for 2023 will be \$40 and lunch tickets will be \$25.** See elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

The countdown to Christmas starts now so double check to make sure you are not on the naughty list. Best wishes to you and your families this Christmas and I'll end with a little Christmas humor... What do you call a broke Santa Claus? Saint-nickel-less. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

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

### JOIN US IN DECEMBER

**11:30 am - Sir LADIES DAY Lunch meeting DECEMBER 21st - WILL BE HELD AT Denair Community Center in Denair, doors open at 10:30. Tickets are being sold by Roger Jackson at 209-658-2673. The cutoff date for ticket sales is Friday, December 16, and as usual are by advance sale only – NO SALES AT THE DOOR.**

**8 am - BEC meeting DECEMBER 23rd- 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 14-27, 2023**

**THIS TRIP IS SOLD OUT AT THIS TIME.**

**WAIT LIST FOR NEW PASSENGERS!**

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

**Air fare and transportation to and from the airport is included.**

**\$500.00 DEPOSIT TO HOLD YOUR PLACE**

**Final payment due on December 15, 2022**

**Airfare and transportation to and from the airport is included  
18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver**

**Highlights:** 12 nights in First Class Hotel Accommodations

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland,  
Visit Cliffs of Moher, local farms, an Abbey, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience, Hillsborough Castle,  
Belfast's O'Connell Street, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle  
and the Kissing Stone, Garnish Island, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and much, much more.  
Leisure time to explore most of the towns and villages.

## **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 \$5325**

**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:

POOL & BILLARDS - Ken Kajjoka 602-8351

COMMERATIVE AIR FORCE -

Ken Kajjoka 602-8351

BOCCE BALL - Mike Johnson 613-6801

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Greg Back 585-6862

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BOWLING GROUP - Tom Mickelsen 632-2917

WALKING GROUP - Rock Libby 634-6508



## NOTICE:

Starting in January 2023  
Our Dues for the year will be

**\$40**

and our  
Luncheons will be

**\$25**

2023 dues will be collected starting  
at the January meeting or can be  
mailed to Lenny Zumstein at 2645  
Mira Flores, Turlock 95380.

## 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  
DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER...**

The menu for the December  
meeting is:

**Roast Beef,  
veggie, salad  
and etc.**



We have a new caterer, Nicolau Farms, who served  
us a great lunch last month. But with our new  
caterer also comes the need to get a count of how  
many lunches we need them to prepare for us.

To get your tickets please call Roger  
Jackson at 209-658-2673. The cutoff date  
for ticket sales is Friday, December 16

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



Next Dine-Out will be  
on **Thursday, January  
12th** at the newly  
remodeled  
**CENTRAL STATION  
BAR and GRILL**

at 10 East Main Street, Turlock.  
Drinks 5:30 and dinner at 6:00.

Please RSVP to Gary Toombs at  
209-604-8406 **We are limited to 40  
guests. Sign up early!**

# BEC MINUTES

## BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### Held on -NOVEMBER 18th, 2022

**BEC Minutes Site:** My Garden Café, Turlock  
Meeting called to order at 8:04 AM

**Attendance:** Greg Back, Rock Libby, Leonard Zumstein, Larry Hughes, Ed Darrah, Fred Courter, Joe Adams, Vern Segars, Bill Stires, Bob Holly, Kevin Byrne and Gary Toombs

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Rick Kindle, State SIR President, Mike Johnson and John Cardoza.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Rock Libby's report consisting of the October minutes was unanimously approved with a 1st by Ed Darrah and 2nd by Joe Adams.

**Treasurer's Report:** Leonard Zumstein reports a bank balance of \$3489.84 and petty cash in the amount of \$275 for a total of \$3764.84. Our October monthly luncheon receipts were \$1940. Expenses of \$2105.43 for catering and \$275 Hall rental and set-up for a total of \$2380.43. This month's luncheon loss totaled \$435.43. Other expenses included: Postage \$96.00 and Supplies \$26.96 for a total \$122.96. There were reimbursements for supplies in the amount of \$86.76 to Greg Back, \$7.30 to Bob Holly and \$16.98 to Larry Hughes. These reimbursements were approved unanimously with a 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Fred Courter. The Treasurer's report including the Form 28 was approved unanimously with a 1st by Kevin Byrne and 2nd by Bob Holly.

**Membership:** Larry Hughes' report Indicates total attendance at our November luncheon was 50. We received one new application from our guest, Brent Bohlender. His membership was approved unanimously with a 1st by Rock Libby and 2nd by Bob Holly. This approval brings our membership to 116, exceeding our goal of 113 for the year. The membership report and accompanying form 27 was unanimously approved with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Ed Darrah. On a side note, Larry Hughes has agreed to remain in the position of Membership Chairman indefinitely.

**Dine In/Dine Out:** Gary Toombs: There are no activities scheduled for November or December. We expect to Dine Out in January and have a Wine Tasting with our resident Wine Guru, Russ Winton in February. There is consideration of rotating these two activities on a monthly basis.

**Golf:** Joe Adams: Tom Pannier has withdrawn his offer to succeed Joe as our Golf Chair. Accordingly, Joe will continue in the position for 2-3 months while he tries to locate another candidate.

**Travel:** Bill Stires notes there were slots for the Ireland Trip that opened up due to cancellation and filled immediately. Fall colors trip for October 2023 is set with cost of airfare unavailable until December. New member John Cardoza is

in line to take over for Bill as Travel Chairman. Bill will be taking John to the various chapters he serves and introduce him to all our travelers. Our appreciation to Bill for past service and welcome to John.

**Old Business:** Kevin Byrne visited Carl Grubb and Leonard Zumstein visited Brad Sleeper to deliver their Senior HLM awards. There was a motion to move Brad Sleeper to HLM Emeritus status and Joe Adams was nominated by State President Rick Kindle for Honorary Life Member status. A motion was passed unanimously for both these actions with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Ed Darrah. Greg Back will complete and submit the SIR Form for Joe's HLM status. Brad Sleeper is at Cougar, formerly Paramount Park, and would appreciate any visitation. There was discussion of selling tickets at our luncheons for the following month's luncheon beginning in January in order to get a more accurate count for our caterer.

**New Business:** There was discussion of our upcoming Ladies Day/Christmas Luncheon. Notice of the luncheon will be sent out to the membership via Constant Contact by Greg Beck. Rock Libby will be coordinating with the Caterer and expects to provide final numbers by the preceding Friday. Rick Kindle will pick up 15 Poinsettias from Duarte Nursery. They will serve as table centerpieces and then be raffled off. We will forego committee reports and our raffle for this luncheon. Greg Miranda will be invited to entertain us with song until lunch is served. We ask anyone who would like to donate wine for table use and for our raffle. Several Board members and BEC meeting attendees offered to bring wine as well. Larry Hughes will deliver the Prayer at this and future luncheon meetings.

Bob Holly has offered to recognize our Veterans in the future with a current list updated regularly to include Branch of Service, Rank, War or era in which he vet served, etc.

A motion to adjourn was passed with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Ed Darrah.

#### **Meeting adjourned at 9:16 AM**

Subsequent to the adjournment of our meeting there was email correspondence concerning the nomination of Bill Stires for Honorary Life Member status. His nomination was approved with aye votes by all responders to the request for a vote including: Greg Back, Rock Libby, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Fred Courter, Ed Darrah, Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs and Leonard Zumstein.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Rock Libby, Secretary  
SIR 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 rigs.

## Our Speaker for the Month of December UC Merced Chancellor Dr. Juan Munoz

The program for December will be UC Merced Chancellor Dr. Juan Munoz. Dr. Munoz took office as the fourth permanent chancellor of UC Merced on July 1, 2020, and is the first graduate of the University of California to lead the campus. UC Merced originated in 1988 in a decision by the UC Board of Regents. After a review of sites, Merced was chosen in 1995. Its first graduate courses began in the fall of 2004, and the undergraduate courses started in September 2005. UC Merced has grown to be one of the largest employers in Merced County and contributes about \$1.7 billion annually to the San Joaquin Valley. Enrollment is close to 9,000 students. For more information, click this link:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp\\_Fire\\_\(2018\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camp_Fire_(2018))



## This is a friendly reminder to get your SIR Ladies Day Luncheon tickets for Wednesday, December 21st

So far, we have only received 25 RSVPs for our catered Ladies Day Luncheon Wednesday, DECEMBER 21st. The cutoff date for ticket sales is Friday, December 16. Our caterer has a minimum requirement of 50 lunches and we will need to cancel if we don't sell that many tickets.

Please call Roger Jackson at 209-658-2673 to get your tickets.



# SIR Branch 143 December Ladies Day Lunch Meeting



**Date:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022  
**Time:** Doors Open at ~10:30am  
**Place:** Denair Community Center  
**Address:** 3850 N. Gratton Rd., Denair

**Tickets are now on sale for our annual December Ladies Day Luncheon. If you didn't get your tickets at the November meeting you may call Roger Jackson at 209-658-2673 to arrange to pick up your tickets.**

**Tickets are \$20 and by advance sale only - no tickets will be sold at the door.**



Lunch will be by the famous Nicolau Farms catering.



We have an interesting program -  
**SEE PAGE 5 FOR INFO.**

Please help spread the word about SIR and this special lunch meeting and remember that spouses, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, nieces or significant others are welcome for this once a year special event.

**We hope to see you all there!**



# THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



### Wine Tasting Made Simple

See it, swirl it, smell it, sip it, swallow or spit it and summarize it are the six basic steps in tasting wine. Most people have problems identifying the aromas, also called descriptors, and that's because they just sip and swallow. They never slish it or chew it or gargle it or work it to assist their nose in smelling it. Try it. Take a sip and swallow. Now do the same, but this time slish it or chew it, working it to the back of your mouth by taking deep breaths and completely coating your mouth. Then after you swallow, breathe through your mouth and exhale through your nose several times. "Oh Wow!" is the comment I usually hear from first time tasters and this is why "Sloshing it" is step #5 in my 7 basic steps in tasting wine.

Sweetness, acidity, tannin and alcohol all come into play when you like or dislike a wine. For example, is the wine sweet or dry? What do you prefer? Does the wine have too much acidity or not enough? Does your mouth salivate and tingle? It's your palate, is it too much or not enough? How astringent (mouth drying) or bitter is the wine? Too much tannin creates a furry teeth feel. But are moderate levels OK? If you feel a hot burning sensation in the back of your throat that's way too much alcohol and probably a turnoff.

If you taste and find any of these four components are out of whack, you can just say No. You can say with full authority something like, "The wine was way too acidic for me and I just gleeed on my best friend." Sweetness, acidity, tannin and alcohol all have to be in balance in a good wine. Add to that a full body and long flavored finish, you can have a great wine. Remember just trust your palate, it's always your call. Have fun and don't forget to "slosh it."

### What's On Our Table

Here are three wines for your consideration. The "G" or **Grazie Mille by the Francis Ford Coppola Winery** is a rich red blend, perfect for pizza and just \$5.99 at the Grocery Outlet. The **2020 Veramonte Carmenere** organic wine from Chile is rich and velvety. You'll think it's Merlot as did the Chileans until the mid 90's when it was identified as Carmenere. The price is \$10.99 at most markets. The **Quivira Vineyards 2019 Dry Creek Zinfandel** is a plush, well balanced wine. With red raspberry/cherry flavors, it's a **Zin lovers delight**. The SRP is \$28 and it is sale priced a few dollars less. **That's it, a steal, a deal and an excellent splurge, enjoy. Cheers!**

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



## BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Duane Larson, Tom Mickelsen, Sam Pulido,  
Mark Taylor, Frank Watts



## ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Joe Adams, Anthony Silva, Toby Masterson, Don Peterson,  
Don McCoon, Jack Miller, Ed Boyle, Sam Pulido, Richard Cross



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Secretary .....	Rock Libby	634-6508
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Sunshine .....	Ted Thorn	535-8696
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Bocce Ball.....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
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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