

SENIOR TIMES

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

DECEMBER 2025 Newsletter - Turlock Branch #143

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Message From The Big Sir...

Dear SIR Members,

As we close out another year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for making this an exceptional and memorable year for our branch. Your participation, enthusiasm, and dedication are what keep SIR strong and vibrant. It has truly been a pleasure to witness how each of you contributes to the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship that defines our organization.

I would also like to give special recognition and appreciation to the board members: **Dan Gorman, Little Sir** for stepping in during my absence. Dan did an outstanding job—steady, reliable, and fully committed to keeping things running smoothly. We are fortunate to have leaders like him who embody the values and strength of SIR. Thank you, Dan, for your exceptional service. Special Thanks to Rick Kindle for his continued effort at marketing our organization through a variety of media. His efforts are just one avenue to reach potential members. Thanks to Fred Courter who always develops one of the best newsletters among the branches. You are truly appreciated. Speaking of membership, Mike Johnson always has our interests in providing current information on all aspects of member information. He does an amazing job! Leonard Zumstein, our treasurer, is always proficient with keeping the records of our many events in check. Greg Back, has our Back as he is the guy who questions and keeps us above board. We need more Gregs! And, let's not forget our Directors:



Bob Holly, John Cardoza, Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Mike Johnson and Fred Courter who provide insight and guidance, as decisions are made. Well done gentlemen! As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage all members to continue our shared effort to reach out to friends, neighbors, and acquaintances who might enjoy being part of SIR. Personal invitation remains our most powerful recruitment tool. Many men out there are looking for connection, community, and meaningful activities—and SIR offers exactly that.

Please remember to keep two **SIR business cards** in your wallet at all times. These small cards can be the start of big conversations and new friendships. Along with the cards, don't forget the **tri-fold flyers** that provide a clear and welcoming explanation of who we are and what we offer. Handing these out during casual conversations, events, or community gatherings can make a significant difference in helping prospective members feel informed and invited.

Thank you once again for your remarkable contributions this year. I look forward to what we will accomplish together in the next.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year!

Warm regards,
Roger Jackson
Big Sir, Branch # 143



**To open the SIR
BRANCH 143
WEBSITE Click
on QR Code.**



REMEMBER SIR LUNCHEON

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, DECEMBER 17th -
SPECIAL LOCATION: Covenant Village, 2125 Olive Ave, Turlock**

SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE INFO

(Reservations Are Closed)

Luncheon Location: COVENANT VILLAGE

2125 Olive Ave., Turlock



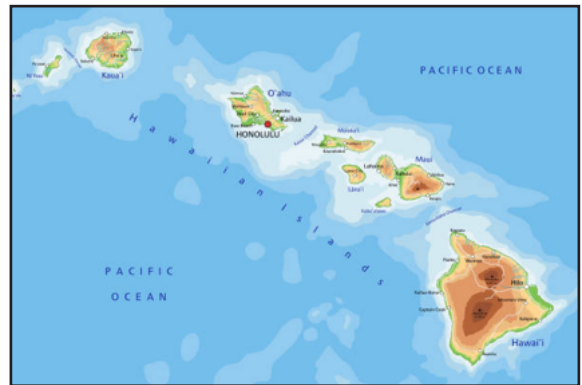
SIR TRAVEL

Travel Chairman John Cardoza



16 NIGHT HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE

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



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

PORTS OF CALL

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

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.

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

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



Al Kusters
Assistant Treasurer



Gary Toombs
Dine Out - Activities

REMEMBER:

**It is Now Time to
pay your SIR
Dues for 2026
DUES ARE \$40
for the year**



**please send your check
(\$40 made out to "SIR") to:
Leonard Zumstein, 2645
Mira Flores, Turlock,
CA 95380**

NEXT BEC MEETING

**to be held at
MY GARDEN CAFE
FRIDAY DECEMBER 20th**

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

**SIR BRANCH #143
BOWLING EVERY
TUESDAY, 1pm \$14**



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



Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting
My Garden Cafe, Turlock
NOVEMBER 21, 2025 - 8:30AM



Officers Present: Bob Holly, Roger Jackson, Greg Back, Rock Libby, Leonard Zumstein, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman.

Members/Guests Present: Rick Kindle, Al Kusters

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 Bob Holly and seconded by John Cardoza. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Checking = \$5,690.67

Cash on hand = \$275.00

Receipts = \$1,485.00

Expenditures = \$20.00

Receipts were \$20 from dues, \$105 from raffle proceeds and \$1,360 from Christmas Luncheon tickets sales.

Expenses submitted for reimbursements were from Fred Courter for \$49.40 printing/postage and \$339.00 for his Quark Express subscription 2 year renewal (desktop publishing program used for our newsletter) and from Rick Kindle \$231.93 for purchase of yard signs for the branch. A Motion to approve these expenses was made by Mike Johnson with second by Bob Holly. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report: Chairman Mike Johnson reported we had 48 total at our November lunch including 43 members, 3 guests and 2 for the program. Our membership count now stands at 87 with a median age of 77.5.

3 membership applications were received from Jeff Rose, Greg DeBree and Jeff Young. After review of the applications Mike moved to approve these applications with a second by Dan Gorman. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bocce Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson had nothing to report.

Golf: Chairman Ken Kajioka not present, no report.

Travel: Chairman John Cardoza had nothing new to report.

RV: Wagon Master Roger Jackson reported he has 15 rigs signed up for Jackson Rancheria.

Dine Out/Other Activities: Chairman Gary Toombs was no present but Roger reported that the next dine out would be in January at First and Main.

Recruitment & Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle reported that he has yard signs available to members to place in their yards.

Al Kusters reported on SIR promotion opportunities in Hughson. We can get a free SIR booth at the Hughson Christmas Festival Saturday, December 6. A motion was made by Dan Gorman to approve this as a SIR event and also to spend up to \$150 for new SIR banners to display at the booth. Motion seconded by Greg Back. Motion carried unanimously.

Al also reported on other opportunities in the Hughson area. Samaritan Village would hold an event for us and we could also get time at Hughson senior lunches to present about SIR. Al will work with Rick Kindle to follow up.

Old Business: After a review of the schedule of branch operations Big SIR Roger Jackson went over the current lineup of programs for 2026.

There was a discussion about having the speaker/program at our luncheons go first or last. For the time being we will have the program first but try to limit to about 20 minutes followed by questions and answers for up to 10 minutes before moving on to activities reports. We will revisit after a few more meetings.

Roger gave an update on the Castle Noz event. Other area branches will be invited.

New Business: Big SIR Roger Jackson reported that 2026 branch officers will be installed at the December Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon. There was also discussion of using a golf cart provided by Woody's Golf Carts to shuttle members from parking to the Covenant dining room. There was a motion by Bob Holly to approve use of the golf cart with second by Greg Back. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion about Christmas Luncheon raffle prizes Greg Back made a motion to approve spending up to \$750 for purchase of Poinsettias and other gifts with a second by Dan Gorman. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion about the open Assistant Treasurer position for 2026 Bob Holly made a motion to appoint Al Kusters to fill that position. Dan Gorman seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Greg Back and seconded by Bob Holly. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:36am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.



What's Happening at the SIR #143

Two Members Turn 90
CONGRATULATIONS & HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BOTH



Left to Right
Presenter Little Sir Dan Gorman, Ernie Scheuber, and Greg Miranda
and Big Sir Roger Jackson.

SIR 143 will have a booth at
HUGHSON'S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

This Saturday, December 6th - 10 to 4
On Main Street





SIR FIELD TRIPS

Jackson Rancheria

11407 Dalton Road, Jackson, CA 95642

**Deadline to book is
March 1, 2026**



Sunday, April 26 – Friday, May 1, 2026

1. Call to make your reservation:

(800) 822-9466

Mention you are with SIRS2026

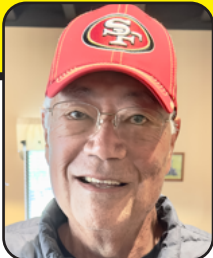
2. Once you have confirmed your reservation Call or text Roger, RV Chairman

209-658-2673 or Email: rogjaxn@me.com

3. IMPORTANT:

Reservations are transferrable:

Please call Roger before cancelling - 10 rigs = a 15% group discount



SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2025

MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Dec	1	Mon	8:00	SG	103B	Creekside	\$27	\$20	\$9	\$56 Carts Optional
	8	Mon	8:00	SG	144	Manteca	\$41		\$9	\$50 Carts Included
	15	Mon	8:00	SG	103A	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54 Carts Optional

GOLF

**Chairman
Ken Kajioka**

Every Thursday we will have Golf at Creekside Golf Course 9 hole or 18 hole, contact Ken Kajioka for more info or to sign-up. Also golf on Thursday at River Oaks \$7 for 9 holes (1 week in advance, contact Greg Back)

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

Our Speaker for the December Luncheon will be...

Noel Russell

McHenry
Mansion Docent

Ms. Russell will speak to us about
"Victorian Christmas Traditions."

Did you know that the McHenry Mansion is regularly staffed with volunteer docents who greet and guide visitors? Do you have **four hours each month** to help out?

Being a docent at the mansion is a fun and meaningful way to give back to your community by engaging with locals and out-of-area visitors who are interested in learning more about our community's illustrious history.

All docents receive a full training prior to

actively volunteering. Docents volunteer in four hour increments at least one day per month. Those who can give even more time are certainly welcomed as well! Are you interested in being a docent at the mansion? Visit the McHenry Mansion Visitor Center to pick up an application and start your journey as a volunteer.

Exhibits change periodically, and feature community contributions of local artists and cultural history.

The mansion is currently decorated extensively for Christmas. Please consider taking a tour.



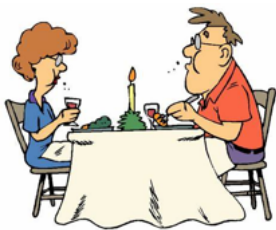
IT'S DINE-IN-DINE OUT TIME

January 29th

First & Main Restaurant

100 W. Main Street, Turlock

5:30 Drinks, 6 pm Dinner



FULL
MENU
SEPARATE
CHECKS



BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

Tom Mickelsen, Mark Taylor

ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Joe Adams, Ed Boyle, Toby Masterson,
Don Petersen, Anthony Silva





2125 Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA
Parking is limited...PLEASE Carpool

SIR Annual Ladies Day
Luncheon and Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH

Provided by Covenant Living of Turlock
Presentation by NOEL RUSSELL



PRIZES
and
RAFFLE



REMEMBER:

JUST A REMINDER: IF YOU ARE CONCERNED WITH PARKING, PLEASE DON'T. WE WILL HAVE A GOLF CART SHUTTLE AVAILABLE (6 PASSENGER) AVAILABLE TO SHUTTLE YOU TO THE FRONT DOOR. PLEASE PARK ON THE WEST SIDE OF OLIVE, NEXT TO COVENANT VILLAGE.



Kim Castro
Sunshine & Branch
Chaplain

Kim writes notes and sends cards to seriously sick members or recovering surgery, etc.



Our new yard signs have arrived, and we are looking for some volunteers:

We need 4-5 members who will be in charge of 10 signs each. These can be placed in member's yards, preferably in high traffic areas, like Seniors walking routes, shopping centers, etc. and then keep track of the signs and move them every 30-60 days for maximum exposure.



Members who are willing to place signs in their yards. If you are willing drop an email to Rick at

rick@kindleandassoc.com
or call **209-652-8608**

and we will get a sign to you. I am proud of how the signs came out and we are hopeful we can gain some exposure to welcome in some new members.

COMING - FRIDAY,
MAY 22, 2026

Castle Noz Dinner Activity
More Info To Come



FROM
THE
BOCCE
BALL
COURT



Join us for a funtime of Bocce Ball 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday's 10am at Dust Bowl
Contact Mike Johnson
209-613-6801



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	Al Kusters	408-691-8795
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 Kajioaka	602-8351
Assistant Golf	OPEN	
Sunshine	Kim Castro	613-5111
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	202-1926
Bocce Ball	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	Ken Kajioaka	602-8351
Chaplain	Kim Castro	613-5111
RV Chairman	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Assistant RV Chairman	Ken Gomes	620-9420
Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862
Nominating Com. Chair	Bob Holly	688-2986
Activities Dining Out	Gary Toombs	604-8406

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

STATE OFFICERS

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