

SENIOR TIMES

“OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”
FEBRUARY 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143



BIG SIR SAYS...

BY ROCK LIBBY

As I contemplated what I could write about in the column I was hard-pressed to come up with something of interest. We are after all, a group that thrives on the relationships we form and enjoy through our social interaction at our monthly luncheon meetings and the wide variety of activities in which we participate. This morning I re-read Past Big Sir/Little Sir Greg Back's message in last years February Newsletter. It was full of great items from the succulent ribs we enjoyed at our January Luncheon to reports and scheduling of the numerous and varied activities our membership was enjoying. What a difference a year makes!



And that brings me to my point. If there is one thing we can count on, it is change. Think of the changes we have witnessed to this point in our lives. Life is like the weather in Biloxi, MS. If you don't like it, hang around a few minutes, it will change. I suggest we look forward to the change in our situation with the Covid pandemic. Things are looking up with the development of several vaccines and more importantly getting those vaccines in our arms. In the meantime, follow the science. Wear a mask, wash your hands often and most important, maintain social distancing. Try to concentrate on all the good things we have going for us. We have people in our SIR Chapter and at the State level working tirelessly to allow us to get back to normal and get together as soon and as safely as possible. We are blessed to have Rick Kin-

dle, State Vice-President and one of our own working hard on this. I am personally thankful for Greg Back and his assistance in overcoming my technological shortcomings. We should all be thankful for Russ Winton, and his advice on the responsible consumption of wine at this particular time. Of course, responsible is a relative term and changes from day to day.

One year ago, then Big Sir Greg discussed in his column the "each one, bring one" campaign. We saw great results in bringing in new members. Even though we are not gathering in person we know that we will and hopefully sooner rather than later. I encourage everyone to make a list of twelve people to whom they might propose membership and bring to a luncheon when we do begin again or even to a Zoom meeting. These can be friends, relatives or even a brother-in-law you are not particularly fond of. We have much to offer and we need new members.

Lastly, dues are due. Annual dues are \$30 and checks may be mailed to Mike Sakaguchi 1395 Alex Circle Turlock, CA 95382. We still have ongoing expenses and appreciate your help by keeping your dues current. I hope you will join us for our Zoom Meeting, Wednesday February 17th at 11:00 AM. The meeting will start promptly at 11:30 and Rick Kindle, bless his heart, is providing us with a great program featuring Mondavi Winery. These meetings are easy to attend. Greg will send an invitation with a link to click on to join the meeting. If you have trouble call Greg or myself for assistance. Better you call Greg. I'm confident you will find it so easy you will want to join the BEC Meeting on the 19th at 10:00 AM. Let's face it, we are all basically shut-ins for now. What better do you have to do? Be safe.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
MARCH 1-2 and 3**

**NOTICE: ACTIVITIES FOR THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY HAVE
BEEN CANCELED.**

**2021 DUES (\$30) ARE NOW
DUE AND PAYABLE**

**Please send your check & payable to Sir Branch #143 to:
Mike Sakaguchi, 1395 Alex Circle, Turlock, CA 95382**



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



New trip to Louisville
★ to Nashville
September 16-24, 2021

Churchill Downs and the UNESCO
World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, and Nashville

Tour Features Included:

1. Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville
2. 8 day Guided tour with Tour Manager
3. Guided Tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby
4. 9 nights first class accommodations
5. 12 meals
6. Gratuities on all included features to bus driver and tour guide

Price: \$3,895 per person double occupancy
\$4,893 single occupancy

\$550 per person deposit required to hold space
\$850 per person deposit required after May 20, 2021
Space is limited and sold on first come basis only
FINAL PAYMENT DUE JUNE 1, 2021



RSVP: Bill Stires 544-2684
cell: 988-5445

If interested in any trips call Bill at home 209-544-2684, cell 209-988-5445 or email: bstires@gmail.com to receive a reservation form.
Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips



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**Laguna Arts Festival
Pageant of the
★ Masters in ★
Southern California
July 25-28, 2021**

**Price: \$1,995.00 Double \$2,490 Single
Deposit of \$500 to hold spot.
Final payment due May 1, 2021**

Trip Includes:

- Round trip airfare
- Deluxe Motorcoach transportation
- 3 night stay at Best Western Plus in Long Beach
- Tour of Ronald Reagan Library
- Gondola Cruise, Dinner at Naples Rib Company
- Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express
- Avalon Scenic tour of Catalina Island
- Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Admission into the Sawdust Festival
- Dinner at Terra Laguna Beach
- Reserved Main Tier Center seats for Pageant of the Masters "Made in America theme"
- Guided tour of Los Angeles
- Admission to the Space Shuttle Endeavour exhibit
- 5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- All taxes for features, all gratuities for bus driver and guides

**EARLY RESERVATION IS URGED TO INSURE
MAIN TIER CENTER SEATING**

This trip was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and is rescheduled.

★ Holland Tulip Festival Tour ★

**Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel
May 12-19, 2022**

**Price: \$3,565 Per Person
Double Occupancy
\$4,715 Single Occupancy**

**Price is based on a discount group
This airfare expires on March 31,
2021, so sign up before this date.**

Trip Highlights:

- Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit
- Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver
- Spend 1 night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city
- Attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan
- Visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (Music Parade)
- Spend 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Macinac Island
- Tour Macinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage
- Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour
- \$40 in Mayflower Money

**As this trip was cancelled it will fill up fast
with all those that
did not get to go on the trip in 2020.
So sign up early and get your reservation
form and deposit
The airfare could go up as much
as \$500 or more.**

**Future trips: Top of Switzerland, Austria,
Germany with Oberammergau and the
Passion Play is postponed until August 27
– September 7, 2022.**

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ZOOM MEETING - JANUARY 22, 2021

Call to Order/Welcoming @ 10:00 a.m. by

Little Sir Greg Back.

It is determined a Quorum is present.

Attendance Officers: Little Sir Greg Back,
Secretary Ken Edwards,
Treasurer Leonard Zumstein,
Assistant Treasurer Mike Sakaguchi

Directors: Gary Toombs, Larry Hughes, Bob Holly,
Kevin Bryne, Mike Sakaguchi.

Committee Representatives: Ken Kajjoka, RV,
Gary Toombs, Activities, Greg Back, Nominating
chair, Kevin Bryne, Membership, Bill Stires, Travel.

Guests: Rick Kindle Sirs Vice President.

Secretary's Report: By Ken Edwards,
December, 2020.

Motion to Approved 1st Larry Hughes,
2nd Bob Holly, approved unanimous.

Treasurer Report: By Leonard Zumstein

\$00 Deposited
\$.00 expenses
\$2192.79 checking
\$375 Cash on hand
\$ 2,567.79 Balance total

Motion to approve 1st Bill Stires, 2nd Bob Holly,
approved unanimous.

Membership report:

There was a decreased to 135 due to the passing
of Ralph Smithcamp and Albert Liftin. Annual dues
will remain the same \$30.00 please send to
Mike Sakaguchi payable to SIRS branch #143

Activity Reports:

A video will be presented for the next monthly
meeting on Mike Mondavi and the winery.
The BEC approved the following activities for 2021
with the list being amended to include wine tasting
after the initial vote. Golf, Bowling Bocce ball, Dine

in/out, Travel, RC Flying, Traveling, and all other
branch activities. Subject to all local and state stay
at home orders. In addition the following trips were
voted on and approved Laguna Arts Festival from
July 26-29 2021. Also The Smoky Mountain trip
Sept 16 thru 24th, 2021 and a Mackinac Holland
trip May 12-19th 2022.

Motion to approve 1st Leonard Zumstein 2nd Gary
Toombs, approved unanimous.

Old business: Little Sir Greg Back revisited the
phone tree with comments from Vice President
Rick Kindle. Progress is being made between Bob
Holly and Greg Back and Rick Kindle informed
them from a state level a script will be forthcoming
on covid information.

The leadership training will be available on the Sirs
State web site shortly.

Larry Hughes wanted direction on what and to
whom the new electronic directories are to be sent
out.

New Business:

Motion was made for Greg Back to be the Little Sir
and Mike Sakaguchi as BEC Director.
1st Leonard Zumstein 2nd Bob Holly
approved unanimous.

Little Sir Greg Back will confer with Big Sir Rock
Libby and report back on advertising concerns
with the change to a digital format for the member-
ship directory.

It was noted that forms 20, 27, 28 and 65 are to be
submitted

No further new items.

Motion to adjourn by Little Sir Greg Back
1st Bob Holly 2nd Leonard Zumstien approved unanimous.
Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 a.m. by little Sir Greg Back.

Respectfully Submitted Ken Edwards, Secretary Branch # 143



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
RV Chairman



2021 JACKSON RANCHERIA RV OUTING March 28 - April 2

Contact: Ken Kajioka 209-602-8352

TENTATIVE AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE/COVID RESTRICTIONS

Sunday 3/28	ARRIVE 3:00 pm - Get setup & meet your neighbors
Monday 3/29	BREAKFAST - TBD UPON ARRIVAL DINNER
Tuesday 3/30	BREAKFAST - TBD UPON ARRIVAL DINNER
Wednesday 3/31	BREAKFAST - TBD UPON ARRIVAL DINNER
Thursday 4/1	BREAKFAST - TBD UPON ARRIVAL DINNER
Friday 4/2	DRIVE SAFELY HAPPY EASTER!!!

BRING A GUEST!!!

This event is open to friends and relatives

**TENTATIVE DATE
SUBJECT TO
DISCUSSION BY THE
GROUP**

SIGN UP PROCEDURE:

Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351

1. Call Jackson Rancheria for reservations 1-209-223-8358 and mention "Turlock Group"
2. Call or text Ken Kajioka after registering

Check with Ken Kajioka for any upcoming events or ideas about outings. 209-667-6588

SIRs Personalized Hats, Shirts and Jackets

Show your pride in SIRs, wear a hat, shirt, vest or jacket.. We have some hats and shirts in stock and will have them at our the next meeting, or call Rick Kindle at 209-652-8608 to pick these up... Vests and Jackets are special order, so we need your size. Also, if you want a different color for hats and shirts, these also need to be ordered.. if you have a special shirt you want embroidered, Russel Steeley can do this for \$10... Call him at 209-922-8832 to arrange drop off... he is right here in Denair on Eastgate Drive.



WHERE CAN I GET A VACCINE?

Stanislaus County has COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics available to all residents of Stanislaus County. There are clinics in Modesto, Turlock, Oakdale and Patterson. The days and times that the clinics are open at listed on the website for Stanislaus County Public Health, www.schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine. No appointment is necessary. Proof of residence is required. Stanislaus County is in the process of developing a procedure for those who are unable to wait in lines for a vaccine. Information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

If your insurance provider is Sutter Health. Sutter Health provides vaccines for health care workers and for people over 75 year old. You can call (844) 987-6115, Mon-Fri. 7:00 am—6:00 pm, Sat-Sun. 8:00 am-5:00 pm to schedule an appointment. Do not contact your provider's office, they are not able to book appointments or provide scheduling exceptions.

If your insurance provider is Kaiser Permanente. Kaiser provides vaccinations for health care workers and people 75 years and older. You need to go to Kaiser's website, kaiserpermanente.org/health-wellness/coronavirus, to log on to access the code to make an appointment.

If your insurance provider is Alignment Healthcare Insurance. The AllCare Granger Clinic is at 205 W. Granger Ave., Modesto. Call 209-622-4680 for vaccination appointments.



BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Michael Johnson, Mike Reed,
Andy Kahler, Carlos Marchbank, Luis Duron,
Jon Ellefson, John Togliatti, Joe Bughi, Ken Edwards,
Chris Kiriakou



ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Stanley Fidel, Al Miroo, Tom Lindquist, John Chance,
Elvin Evans, Carl Grubb

**Please join us for our SIR Branch 143
DATE: FEBRUARY Zoom Meeting on
Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

Time: Video conference will open to join about 11:00am and meeting will start at 11:30am.

To join the Zoom Meeting use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668282762?pwd=L3FaMTFBTVVEwNjJITQ2ZFZTN1d3Uvdz09>

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Assistant Secretary	Larry Date	632-7287
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	Mike Sakaguchi	602-5740
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership.....	Ted Thorne	874-2249
Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling	Tony Ferro	634-8377
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/Web Master	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 Kajioaka	602-8351
Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair.....	Greg Back	585-6862
Directors	Gary Toombs, Ken Edwards, Greg Back, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Ken Kajioaka, Fred Courter	

STATE OFFICERS

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