

"OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE" FEBRUARY 2023 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

Happy Valentines Day!



It's February, another month closer to

spring... yay!!! It was great to see everyone at our last meeting – we had a good lunch and an excellent program. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again this month for more of the same. We have a fantastic program lined up for this month with a presentation by Col. John Rogers, you can find more information elsewhere in this newsletter. Please RSVP and purchase your lunch tickets in advance for this month's meeting. Call or send your check for \$25 each to Roger Jackson, full details are included later in this newsletter. Remember that this lunch meeting is open to spouses, family members and guests so remember to invite someone to come have lunch with us and hear Col. Rogers speak. Spring is right around the corner and it is a good time to try a new activity and support your fellow SIRs who put their time and effort into organizing these activities for us. We have golf, bocce ball, radio control airplanes, walking, chess, wine tasting, dine out and more.

Dues are now payable for 2023. If you have not already done so you can send your check for \$40 to our treasurer Leonard Zumstein or bring to the next meeting. Full information is included in this newsletter. Finally, don't forget that Valentine's Day is February 14th so remember to get something nice for your sweetie. I'll see you all for lunch on the 15th.

Valentine

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<u>DEADLINE</u> FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS: MARCH 1-2 and 3 of 2023

JOIN US IN FEBRUARY

11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting FEBRUARY 15th -WILL BE HELD AT Denair Community Center in Denair, doors open at 10:30. 8 am - BEC meeting FEBRUARY 17th- Will be at <u>MY GARDEN CAFE</u> 8 am start time.

NEW PRICE FOR LUNCHEONS IS NOW \$25.00

Please see note on pages 4 and 6





SIR TRAVEL

Bill Stires Travel Chairman John Cardoza Travel Assistant





SCENIC IRELAND TRIP THROUGH IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND APRIL 14-27, 2023 THIS TRIP IS SOLD OUT AT THIS TIME. WAIT LIST FOR NEW PASENGERS!

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



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

 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

10 Days, October 13 – October 22, 2023 Price: \$5130 double occupancy, Single \$6127 Final Payment Due June 15, 2023. 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** to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.

SIR 143 - 2023 OFFICERS Working For You!



Greg Back Big Sir



Gary Toombs Activities Chairman



Bob Holly Little Sir



Joe Adams Golf



Larry Hughes Membership



Mark Taylor Past Big Sir



Fred Courter Newsletter



Bill Stires Travel chairman



Our Sir 143 - 2023 Officers: LtoR Rock Libby, Robert Lotspeich, John

John Cardoza **Assistant Travel**



Robert Lotspeich Secretary



Rock Libbv Assistant Secretary



Leonard Zumstein Treasurer



Newest Life Members

Rick Kindle presenting Life Membership Certificates to our newest LIFE MEMBERS:

Bill Stires and Joe Adams.

Bill and Joe received their Life Membership at our January luncheon.



RV TRAVEL Ken Kajioka *BV Chairman*





BLACK OAK CASINO RV PARK TOULUMNE APRIL 2 - April 7, 2023

Sign-Up Procedure:

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



BRING A GUEST!

This event is open to friends and relatives. This event will be cancelled if we don't have a minumum of 10 rigs.

LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE HELD AT DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER...

The menu for the next LUNCHEON Will be another great meal provided by our caterer Nicolau Farms.

Mail your check for \$25 to Roger Jackson at 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, California 95382. He will still be available if you wish to arrange the pickup of tickets. Roger's number is 209-658-2673. The cutoff date for ticket sales is Friday, February 10th



Our next wine tasting will be at Toscano's on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Fee \$10 for wine tasting.



IT'S DINE-IN-DINE OUT TIME

Our next dine-out will be at Vito's



on March 23rd. In Turlock on Crowel Ave. -Meet 5:30 drinks 6:00 dining

BEC MINUTES BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Held on - JANUARY 20, 2023

Site: My Garden Café, Turlock Quorum is present:

Guests: Rick Kindle, Past State SIR President, John Cardoza and Mario Dominguez

Attendance: Greg Back, Fred Courter, Bob Holly, Leonard Zumstein, Larry Hughes, Mark Taylor, Gary Toombs, Joe Adams, Bill Stires, Bob Lotspeich and Rock Libby

Absent: Kevin Byrnes and Ed Darrah.

Treasurer's Report: Leonard has completed and emailed Forms #28 and #29 to the appropriate recipients. February report includes a bank balance of \$2,888.54 and cash on hand in the amount of \$375.00 for a total of \$3,163.54. Our 1/18/23 luncheon sales were \$1400 and expenses were \$1663 for a loss of \$263. Five members paid their dues at the meeting for \$200 and our post-meeting raffle generated \$120. Other expenses include reimbursements of \$41.10 to Greg Back for award frames, Gary Toombs, \$40.00 for last months cookies, Larry Hughes \$41.37 for table cloths, etc. The report was passed unanimously with a 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Fred Courter.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December BEC Meeting were unanimously approved as emailed and printed in the Newsletter with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Bill Stires.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report, Larry Hughes: Larry reports 40 Members present at our January luncheon. We had four guests and one speaker. Guests included three prospective members, Dan Gorman, Mario Dominguez and Jay Smith. Membership for these gentlemen along the Membership report were approved unanimously with a 1st by Larry Hughes and 2nd by Bob Holly.

Golf report, Joe Adams: Joe reports Golf is starting up again. Attendance is about 50% of what it has been in the past. Jerry Strain is stepping down and Roger Smith is replacing him as our Area 18 Golf Chairman.

Travel, Bill Stires Ireland trip is full. Fall Colors trip has room for travelers. Bill is taking John Cardoza to other branch meetings to introduce him. John is taking over for Bill 1/1/24. He is hoping to have an Asian cruise from Indonesia to Hong Kong in January to kick off his tenure as Travel Chairman.

Bocci Ball: Gary Toombs reports we are on at Dust Bowl the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

Dine in/Out Gary Toombs: Gary is planning Dine Out March 23 at Vito's, tentatively.

WINO with our Wine Guru Russ Winton will be held on 2/22 at Toscana's at 5:30PM.

Old Business:

After discussion of pricing for our lunches Rick Kindle suggested we poll the members to get opinions on a breakfast or brunch meeting as opposed to lunch. The catering will be less expensive.

An Audit Committee will be composed of Mark Taylor, Gary Toombs and Rock Libby.

A possible lunch/brunch/breakfast committee would consist of Roger Jackson, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes and Rock Libby. Our Area Representative (formerly Area Governor) is Geoff Chin. This year's Nominating Committee will consist of Greg Back and his selection of committee members.

The question arose regarding our performing "Service Work" and Rick Kindle informed us that we are allowed to perform this type of service only in association with service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, etc. We can wear SIR shirts and hats to promote our group.

New Business:

Our February program will feature John Rogers, head of the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation and a very well known person in our community. Rick Kindle suggests we invite ladies and guests to the event. This would be very good publicity for our SIR Branch.

We are considering a booth at the Turlock Farmer's Market to provide exposure and attract new members.

Larry Hughes notes he is mailing 17 Newsletters currently. This is time consuming and expensive and we are trying to reduce that number.

Tom Bundy and Ed Darrah have asked to be deleted from the membership list.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Lotspeich, Secretary, Branch 143

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Send your checks to Leonard Zumstein, 2645 Mira Flores, Turlock 95380 or bring to the next luncheon

Our Speaker for the Month of February will be Col. John Rogers

We are excited to have John Rogers as our speaker at our February 15th meeting. Because of John's popularity and support of many local humanitarian efforts, your Board of Directors has elected to open our meeting to spouses and guests.

Many of you know John and June Rogers and what they provide to our community and many others.

John Rogers is a pilot, angler, and philanthropist. He is the President of the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation in Modesto. This Foundation started in the early 1980s when the Carnation Company sold out to Nestle. John's Mother, Mary, provided her share of the stock that formed the financial basis of the Mary Stuart Roger Foundation. This is a gifting foundation focusing on education. They gift scholarships to elementary, high school, college, and graduate students who enter the teaching program. John says, "We help people who help themselves." Here is a link to more on John and the Foundation: https://www.lclark.edu/live/news/19390-john-rogers-pilot-angler-and-philanthropist.



John graduated from Willamette University, and here is a posting the University provided about John: Colonel John Rogers is President of the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation, established by his mother in 1985. Under his leadership, the Foundation has made many impactful gifts to Willamette, most notably the endowment of the Science Collaborative Research Program (now called the Mary Stuart Rogers Fellow Program), significant support for the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center and the creation of the Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship program.

During his 26-year career as a U.S. Air Force pilot, Col. Rogers received several honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal. Retired from the military in 1989, Col. Rogers now owns and is an active pilot with Sky Trek Aviation, which facilitates corporate aircraft management, charter flights, and aircraft sales.

In 1998 Willamette honored Col. Rogers with an Alumni Citation for his philanthropic and community work.

Closer to home and located in Turlock is the United Samaritans Foundation, which John and June founded in 1994, to comfort those in need. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to residents in Southern Stanislaus County. John serves as the President of this non-profit. Here is a link to more on the United Samaritans: https://unitedsamaritans.org/

The Samaritan Village in Hughson celebrates being open for 20 years. It was the vision of John and June Rogers, the dream to build a retirement community offering luxurious yet surprisingly affordable living to seniors sixty-two and over. Many of our SIR members have transitioned to living here. Here is a link to more on the Samaritan Village: https://www.svliving.org/about-us

Our meeting on February 15th will be an excellent opportunity for you to invite guests and potential members. Please make your lunch arrangements and invite guests as soon as possible. Rick Kindle...

To confirm the number of lunches required, you will need to purchase or confirm your lunches in advance. The cutoff date for ensuring lunch is February 10th. The cost of the lunch per person is \$25.00. Roger Jackson has again agreed to handle the lunch ticket sales. He prefers, for your convenience and his, that you mail your check to him at 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, California 95382. He will still be available if you wish to arrange the pickup of tickets. Roger's number is 209-658-2673. We will also open our meeting to those who may not want to eat lunch but wish to attend. No reservations for the event itself are requested.

THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton <u>Wine Investigation for Novices</u> and <u>O</u>enophiles (W.I.N.O.)



Wine Tasting in South Africa?

The South African wine industry, started by the Dutch East India Company, had their first harvest in1659. The vineyards were planted to produce wines and grapes to ward off scurvy amongst sailors during their voyages along the spice route to India. The winemaking was woefully bad in the 17th century, so French Huguenots with winemaking experience were invited and settled in an area now called Stellenbosch.

South Africa today is the world's 7th largest wine producer. The top three planted white grapes are Chenin Blanc, Colombard and Sauvignon Blanc. The top reds are Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz and Pinotage (a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault).

The Navigator decided before we taste the wines we probably should see the wild animals first, so we chose this tour: Days 1-2-Fly to Johannesburg. Day 3-Visit Soweto and Nelson Mandela's home. Day 4-Fly to Kruger National Park. Day 5-Full day game drive. Day 6-Repeat Day 5.Day 7-Fly to Livingstone and transfer to Victoria Falls.Day 8-Explore Victoria Falls. Day 9-Visit a school and enjoy a home cooked meal.Day10-Transfer to Hawange National Park and Iganyana Tented Camp. Day 11-Morning and afternoon safari drives. Day 12-Visit Painted Dog Conservation Center and evening game drive. Day 13-Travel to the Chobe National Park with afternoon game drive. Day 14-Cruise the Chobe River after game drive. Day 15-Photo safari on the Chobe River. Day16-Fly to Cape Town. Day17-Visit Table Mountain and explore Cape Town. Day 18-Visit Cape Winelands and tasting at two Stellenbosch Wineries, fantastic lunch. Day 19-Visit the Cape of Good Hope and Boulders Beach penguins. Day 20-Luxury bay cruise. Days 21-22-Fly home. I was a bit disappointed visiting just two wineries but the wines were excellent. It was the frosting on the cake of a great adventure. We loved Africa!

What's On Our Table

I like Trader Joe's. I like their prices and their selection of Old World wines. The closest TJ's is 25 miles to the north or 55 miles to the south. This is a major problem. I would love to have one in Atwater or Turlock or Merced or heck, even Livingston. Here are some good deals. For pink and whites, I like the La Ferme Julien Rose (\$5.99), the Castle Rock Monterey Rose (\$4.49) and the Picton Bay New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc (\$7.99). For reds, I picked the La Sonriente Garnacha (\$6.99) and Laurent Dublanc Cotes du Rhone (\$5.99). I took a chance on a Trader Joe's Premium Reserve Carneros Pinot Noir (\$14.99) and I will definitely buy more. Cheers!

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



BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Richard Brown, Joe Bughi, Luis Duron, Ken Edwards, Jon Ellefson, Michael Johnson, Carlos Marchbank, Mike Reed, John Togliatti

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Elvin Evans, Stanley Fidel, Carl Grubb, Roger Jackson, Tom Lindquist, Al Miroo



FEBRUARY 2023



SIR - Turlock Branch 143



SIR Branch 161 - Discovery Bay Discovery Bay Golf & Country Club Monday, March 6, 2023 9:00 am Shotgun Start

Friendship Golf Tournament

Schedule

8:00 am: Check-in (72 player minimum) – Driving Range & Putting Green Open (Included)
8:45 am: Travel to starting holes
9:00 am: Golf: Shot Gun Start
After Golf: Luncheon (Sit Down Served Lunch: Chicken Piccata w/roasted potatoes & green beans almondine, bread, tea or soda, and ice cream Sunday (no-host bar available)
Followed By: Awards Presentation

Registration

SIR Members who register through their SIR Branch - \$105 Register by email to Johnny Welton (johnnywelton40@gmail.com) Send a list identified by the SIR Branch with the player's full name and GHIN Number ASAP to reserve your spot. Single check for all your branch members due February 15

SIR Members or guests who register individually - \$120

Register by email to Johnny Welton (johnnywelton40@gmail.com)

Send player's full name and GHIN Number ASAP to reserve your spot Individual checks are due February 15 $\,$

SEE COMPLETE INFO ON SIR 143 WEBSITE:

www.sirinc2.org/branch143





Joe Adams, Chairman





SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2023										
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Feb	6	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dry Creek	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included	
	13	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	
	21	Tue	9:00 SG	143	Atwater	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included	
	27	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	
Mar	6	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	
!	13	Mon	9:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$25	\$9		Carts Optional @\$15	
	20	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Tracy CC	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included	
	27	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	
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	17	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Swenson - Ride	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included	
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	24	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	
May	1	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Atwater	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included	
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	26	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dry Creek	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included	
Jul	3	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	
	10	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Castle Oaks	\$45	\$9	\$54		
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	21	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Atwater	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included	
	28	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	
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TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OFFICERS FOR 2023

Big Sir/Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862						
Little Sir	Bob Holly	668-2786						
Secretary	Robert Lotspeich	535-1784						
Assistant Secretary	Rock Libby	634-6508						
Treasurer	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878						
Assistant Treasurer	Vern Segars	634-2142						
Membership	Larry Hughes	578-1194						
Assistant Membership	Bob Holly	668-2786						
Recruiting	OPEN							
Bowling	OPEN							
Travel Chairman	Bill Stires	988-5445						
Travel Assistant	John Cardoza	483-7722						
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	Fred Courter	226-1173						
Bocce Ball	Mike Johnson	613-6801						
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516						
Assistant Program	OPEN							
Catering/Hall Set-Up	OPEN							
Chaplain	Larry Hughes	578-1194						
Wagon Master	Ken Kajioka	602-8351						
Trail Boss	OPEN							
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out	Gary Toombs	604-8406						
Nominating Committee Chair	Greg Back	585-6862						
Directors: Larry Hughes,	Directors: Larry Hughes, Kevin Byrne, Bill Stires, Gary Toombs,							
Fred Courter, Joe Adams, OPEN.								

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