

# SENIOR TIMES

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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”  
JANUARY 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**



## BIG SIR SAYS...

**BY ROCK LIBBY**

I know you have all heard it before but it cannot be overstated, welcome to 2021 and good riddance to 2020. Let's hope this is a better year for all of us. I would like to thank Past Big Sir Greg Back for his excellent work this past year under difficult circumstances. Those of you who have joined us for our Zoom Lunch meetings have been treated to some fine programs and what there were of activity reports which consisted primarily of Bill Stires and Ken Kajioka announcing cancellation of trips. Here is to a better year.

I hope you will be able to join us for our 3rd Wednesday Zoom meetings at 11:00 AM (actual meeting begins promptly at 11:30) and of course, all are invited to attend (via Zoom) our BEC meetings on the following Friday at 10: AM. Your attendance will keep SIR functioning even in these rough times. Your attendance for our BEC meetings may entice you to take a more active role if you do, I can assure you that you will get more out of our



organization. Which reminds me, we are in need of a Little Sir for this year. The position is very easy (I just did it myself) and will help you become more involved in SIR. I won't beg ..... actually yes I will. Please give me a call if you or someone you know might be interested or would like information on the position. 209 634-6508 or 209 988-8396.

Our next Zoom Lunch will be January 20th, again, gates open at 11:00 meeting begins at 11:30. Greg has an interesting program for us. BEC Meeting at 10:00 Friday January 22nd. Hope to see you (or at least your likeness) on the 20th. At this time, it appears we may be able to gather again in the Fall. Let us hope so. Happy New Year.

**NOTICE:  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
THE MONTH OF  
JANUARY HAVE  
BEEN CANCELED**

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

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

**Please send your check to: Mike Sakaguchi,  
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# SIR TRAVEL

**BILL STIRES**  
**TRAVEL CHAIRMAN**



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

★ Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California Scheduled For July 25-28, 2021 with more information to come.

★ Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammergau and the Passion Play is postponed until August 27 – September 7, 2022. More details to come in future.

★ Due to cancelled trips and postponements we are looking at a future trip: Holland Tulip Festival in May 2022.



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

**Featuring a tour of 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 Jan. 15, 2021**  
**Space is limited and sold on first come basis only**



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

# BEC MINUTES

## BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### ZOOM MEETING - DECEMBER 18, 2020

**Call to Order/Welcome** @ 10:09 a.m. by Big Sir Greg Back.

**Announcement** by Rick Kindle, Jim Johnson has passed away. Rick Kindle announced the new president of SIRS for 2021 will be Stu Williams, and the new Vice president for SIRS will be Rick Kindle.

**Attendance Officers:** Big Sir Greg Back, Little Sir Rock Libby, Secretary Ken Edwards, Treasure Leonard Zumstein.

**Directors:** Gary Toombs, Larry Hughes, Bob Holly, Ken Kajioka, Fred Courter.

**Committee Representatives:** Ken Kajioka, RV, Gary Toombs, Activities, Mark Taylor, Nominating chair, Kevin Bryne, Membership, Fred Counter, Newsletter.

**Guests:** Rick Kindle Regional Director, Richard Provost Governor.

**Secretary's Report:** By Ken Edwards, November, 2020.

Motion to Approved 1st Bob Holly, 2nd Kevin Bryne, approved unanimous.

**Treasures Report:** By Leonard Zumstein

\$00	Deposited
\$55.00	expenses
\$2192.79	checking
\$375	Cash on hand
\$ 2,567.79	Balance total

Motion to approve 1st Fred Counter, 2nd Gary Toombs, approved unanimous.

**Membership report:**

There was a decreased to 135 due to the passing of Sid Emerson.

-Annual dues will remain the same \$30.00 please send to Mike Sakaguchi payable to SIRS branch #143

-Motion was made to change membership directory for 2021 to a digital format.

1st Rock Libby 2nd Bob Holly approved unanimous.

**Activity Reports:**

The computer group will continue thru January if no further interest it will be offered to individuals by Greg Back.

**Old business:** BEC training is scheduled for January 11-15; 1-3pm please mark your calendars all BEC members are encouraged to attend please.

Revisited the progress of a phone tree to keep in contact with members, Bob Holly will work with Greg Back to finish details.

**New Business:**

Greg Back announced topic for January Meeting, Bird presentation/ photography.

Incoming Big Sir Rock Libby announced that Roy Klevmyr will not be filling the position as Little Big Sir for 2021.

Audit committee was formed that includes Treasure Leonard Zumstein, Assistant Treasure, Mike Sakaguchi, and And Mark Taylor.

Treasure Leonard Zumstein motioned for approval to reimburse Larry Hughes for postage in the amount \$55.00 dollars. 1st Bob Holly, 2nd Gary Toombs. Larry Hughes, abstained, motion passed.

**No further new items.**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03 am by Big 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!!!

### 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

**BRING A GUEST!!!**

This event is open to friends and relatives

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

**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.





# WINE TASTING - Russ Winton

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

I normally do not buy wine online. I belong to a few wine clubs that offer one cent shipping with case orders. But with the virus and home stays, wineries are offering amazing deals and people are just drinking more wine. For example, Wine.com, the nation's leading online wine retailer, closed the first half of its fiscal year (April 1 through September 30) with 176 million in revenue, representing 217% year-over-year growth. This brought trailing 12-month revenue to 285 million, a 102% increase over the comparable year period. Here are three picks for my

### January 13 Wine Line:

**The Steal-** The 2018 Rosemount Estate Cabernet Sauvignon from South Australia is just \$3.99 at the Grocery Outlet. It's an easy drinking Cab and a perfect winter house red. Aussie wines are now a steal as China has levied a 215% tariff on their wines. I wrote a few columns ago that Lindeman's Bin 65 Chardonnay

was a just \$2.99 at Trader Joe's. TJ's and the Grocery Outlet have pretty good selection, almost all under \$5.

**The Deal-** The Caracol Serrano Tinto from the Jumilla region in Spain is \$5.99 at the Grocery Outlet. It's a 90 point wine and a Top 100 Best Buys from the Wine Enthusiast magazine. It's a red blend of 55% Monestrell (Mourvedre), 25% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Syrah. This Tinto is deep, dark, delicious and a great price.

**The Splurge-** If you can't find a decent Barbera go online to <http://www.cooperwines.com>. Cooper Vineyards offers a choice of several Sierra Foothills Barberas. The 2017 Amador County was a Double Gold and Best of Class winner at the San Francisco Chronicle Tasting. The suggested retail price is \$31 and is well worth it. Cheers!



## BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

Walfred Spycher, Charles Golding, Marvin Souza, Charles Greer, James Hackler, John Schali, Louis Changaris, Daniel Larson, Bill Nixon, Walter Ott, Elvin Evans, Leonard Maliepaard, Kevin Storms, Mel Aamodt, Edward Friedberg, Antonio Ruggirello



## ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

John Togliatti, Ron Fair, Ralph Smithcamp, Craig Clark, Richard Fantazia, Russ Winton, Lance Anderson

Please join us for our SIR Branch 143  
DATE: JANUARY Zoom Meeting on  
Wednesday, January 20, 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=L3FaMTFBTVVEwNjItQ2ZFZTN1d3Uvdz09>

# NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

**Kevin Byrne** has served as the Membership Chairman for many years and is handing the task over to **Larry Hughes** effective January 1, 2021. Please correspond with Larry with any information regarding membership. Larry's contact information is: phone - 209-483-0015 or email - [larado.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:larado.hughes@gmail.com).

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Big Sir.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
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Secretary .....	Ken Edwards	620-9532
Assistant Secretary .....	Larry Date	632-7287
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	Mike Sakaguchi	602-5740
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
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Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling .....	Tony Ferro	634-8377
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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 Kajjoka	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 Kajjoka, Fred Courter	

### STATE OFFICERS

State President: Stu Williams - 510-865-5000  
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