

# SENIOR TIMES

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

**JANUARY 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**

## BIG SIR SAYS...

**BY GREG BACK**

I want to wish a very Happy New Year to my fellow SIRs as we welcome in 2022 and say good riddance to 2021. I also want to give a big shout out and thank you to our outgoing Big SIR Rock Libby. Rock did an outstanding job during another difficult year but managed to get our monthly in person meetings restarted and had some great lunch get-togethers to close out the year.

Please also welcome your new officers for the year. In addition to myself as Big SIR you have Gary Toombs as your Little SIR, Leonard Zumstein as Treasurer, Rock Libby as your Secretary and Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, Joe Adams and Ed Darrah as your Directors. If you get the chance please say hello to them at the next meeting and thank them for serving.

I'm looking forward to good things for 2022 as we work to ramp back up various activities for our membership such as Bocce Ball, Travel, RV,



Dine Out, Bowling and RC Model Airplane Flying. Please join in and share the fun. We also need some members to help out in volunteer roles as lunch meeting greeters, setup/cleanup help and raffle ticket sales. Please call or email me if you can help out.

SIR is not a secret organization. If you enjoy your membership please share by bringing a friend, neighbor, or even a relative to a meeting. We added 4 new members last year even during the pandemic. If each of us brings just one guest to a meeting during the year we could add enough new members to ensure the health of our branch for years to come.

If you plan on attending our January lunch meeting please RSVP so we can order the correct number of lunches. Our phone committee will be reaching out to you soon to remind you of the meeting and get your RSVP for lunch. If you miss the phone committee call you can also just give me a call at 209-585-6862 with your RSVP.

That's it for now. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting.

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

**JOIN US IN JANUARY**

**11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting January 19th - WILL BE HELD AT DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER the luncheon will be catered.**

**8 am - BEC meeting January 21st - Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE  
8 am start time.**



# SIR TRAVEL

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



**Top of Switzerland and  
Oberammergau, Germany  
and the Passion Play.**  
**August 27 -  
September 7, 2022**

**Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only)**  
**Airfare to be added in October 2021.**

**ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT FOR OUR GROUP**

## Highlights:

- 2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland.** Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city.
- 1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland.** A trip to the "Top of Europe" with a Panorama 360 Degree Experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy.
- 2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland.** Visit a Woodcarving Museum, walk through the romantic Brunnigasse, once awarded the title "Most Beautiful Street in Europe."
- 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.** A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany.
- 2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play.** The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau.
- 2 night stay in Munich, Germany.** Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz.
- 17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more.**



**Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or  
209-544-2684  
to reserve your spot.**

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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: \$4,045 Per Person Double Occupancy**

**PRICE WILL INCREASE ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

**Deposit \$650 per person - Final Payment January 10, 2022**

**This trip is sold out and now there is a wait list.**

**Deposit will be charged when the trip opens back up.**

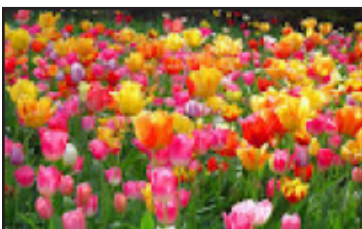


**Trip Highlights:**

- Transportation to and from airport
- 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
- Much, much more



**As this trip was cancelled it will fill up fast with all those that did not get to go on the trip in 2020.**



**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.**

# **BEC MINUTES**

## **BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

### **Held on - DECEMBER 17, 2021**

#### **BEC Meeting Agenda**

**Call to Order:** 7:59 AM Site My Garden Café: Quorum is present:

**Guests:** Rick Kindle, State President Elect.

**Attendance:** Rock Libby, Greg Back, Fred Courter, Ken Edwards, Gary Toombs, Kevin Byrne.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rock Libby

**Check book balance \$4208.58**

**Cash on hand. \$325.**

**Total \$4605.58**

Approval for expenses Rock Libby for Christmas luncheon \$280.25

Approval for expenses Greg Back for \$25.80 Approved with a 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Fred Courter.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were approved as emailed with 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Adams

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Report**, Current

membership is 112 with today's BEC approval of the reinstatement of Victor Higlie-sias and Greg Miranda. And application for membership for Jim Artip. All approved with a 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Kevin Byrne...

- **Golf report** Joe Adams tournament January 18th Atwater details to be announced later.

- **Dine in/Out** Gary Toombs/Rick Kindle exploring Turlock Country Club as next site.

- **Old Business** Need to fill the following positions: Assistance Secretary, Treasure and Golf Chairman.

#### **New Business**

Fred Courter will donate to be auctioned off at a later date a beautiful scene of Horsetail falls in Yosemite (spectacular light conditions).

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 AM

Respectfully submitted by  
Ken Edwards,  
Secretary, Branch 143



# SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2022

MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS	TOT w/Cart
Jan	3	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	10	Mon	9:00 SG	164	Elkhorn	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included	\$48
	18	Tue	9:00 SG	103	Atwater	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	\$47
	24	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
	31	Mon	9:00 SG	164	Swenson	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included	\$46
Feb	7	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Micke Grove	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included	\$49
	14	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	22	Tue	9:00 SG	103	Atwater	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	\$47
	28	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
Mar	7	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	\$47
	14	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	21	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Tracy CC	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included	\$52
	28	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
Apr	4	Mon	9:00 SG	164	Dry Creek	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included	\$48
	11	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	18	Mon	9:00 SG	164	Swenson	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included	\$46
	25	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
May	2	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Atwater	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	\$47
	9	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Micke Grove	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included	\$49
	16	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	23	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	\$47
	31	Tue	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
Jun	6	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Elkhorn	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included	\$48
	13	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	20	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Teleli	\$50	\$9	\$59	Carts Included	\$59
	27	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dry Creek	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included	\$48
Jul	5	Tue	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
	11	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Castle Oaks	\$50	\$9	\$59	Carts Included	\$59
	18	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	25	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Swenson	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included	\$46

## JANUARY LUNCHEON

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# WINE TASTING

By Russ Winton



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

### Adios to 2021, Friday Wines and a Perfect House Wine

This is my last 'Wine Line' for 2021. Or to be more exact, I call it number 336. Just as things were getting better, now we're told to mask-up again. Hopefully, this round won't be as bad as the first one, which is still lingering. So please be safe during the holidays, enjoy what you have and keep that corkscrew working.

I love Friday wines. They either celebrate the end of a tough work week or the start of a relaxing weekend. Priced in the \$10-\$20 range, Friday wines can be very flexible. They can easily slip down into that daily wine group and on some occasions, even sneak up into that elite Sunday list. Example #: I wasn't thrilled when the Navigator said we were having leftover salmon for dinner on Wednesday. Fortunately, I found a La Crema Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir (SRP \$21 Sale priced \$16.99) in the wine closet and just like magic, the salmon dinner was delicious. Pinots rock!

Here are some readily available award winning Friday white wines, all priced under \$20. Sauvignon Blanc/Fume: Dry Creek 2019 Fume Blanc and Hanna 2020 Russian River Sauvignon Blanc. Chardonnay: J. Lohr Estates 2019 Arroyo Seco Riverstone, Raeburn 2019 Russian River Valley and Edna Valley 2018 Central Coast. Pinot Grigio: Ferrari-Carano 2020 Sonoma County and J. Vineyards 2019

California. Rose: Oak Farm 2020 Lodi and Raeburn 2020 Russian River Valley.

Here are a few Friday gold medal winning red wines under \$20. Pinot Noir: Hahn 2019 Central Coast and Benziger 2018 Monterey County. Merlot: Rodney Strong 2017 Sonoma County, Ferrari-Carano 2018 Sonoma County. Zinfandel: St. Amant 2018 Lodi Mohr-Fry Ranch and Ancient Peaks 2018 Paso Robles Margarita Ranch. Petite Sirah: Michael David 2018 Petite Petit and Boeger 2017 El Dorado. Cabernet Sauvignon: J. Lohr Estates 2018 Seven Oaks Paso Robles and Imagery 2018 California.

A Perfect House Wine

A worthy daily house wine needs to have the following: 1. The ability to stay fresh. 2. Easy to store. 3. Easy to recycle. 4. Never be empty. 5. Both a red and white that are food friendly. 6. Delivered to your door on your schedule, taxes and shipping included. 7. An interesting type of wine that shouldn't be intimidating or expensive. 8. Easily accessible. 9. Requires no tools to open. If you agree, then check out [gratsiwine.com](http://gratsiwine.com). They produce a Country Red and Country White in three liter boxes (each equals 4 bottles). The Red is a Cabernet Sauvignon blend from Washington's Columbia Valley-Wahuluke Slope. The white is a Sauvignon Blanc blend from the Columbia's Horse Heaven Hills. I gave both a two thumbs up. Gratsi and Cheers!

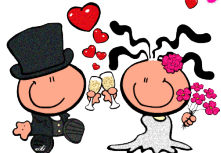
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## BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

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

Happy Anniversary



## ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Craig Clark, John Togliatti, Russ Winton

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Secretary .....	Rock Libby	634-6508
Assistant Secretary .....	OPEN	
Treasurer .....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer .....	OPEN	
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 .....	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: Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Kevin Byrne,  
Fred Courter, Joe Adams and Ed Darrah

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