

SENIOR SIR TIMES

SIR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

“ OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”
JULY 2020 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR SAYS...

By Greg Back

Happy Fourth of July!!! As we enter the hottest part of the year I hope everyone is staying cool and comfortable. Unfortunately, the usual Fourth of July parades and festivities have been cancelled this year due to the current upswing in COVID-19 cases in Stanislaus County, so we will have to our own celebrations. But I am sure that if we are all diligent in following the health guidelines we can get past this current upswing in cases and get things back to normal again.



As if COVID-19 wasn't enough, we now have to watch out for the new COVID-15. Those 15 pounds we gained while in lockdown at home are going to be tough to take back off.

Your BEC is closely monitoring the state and county health guidelines to determine when we can safely restart our activities and lunch meetings. The RC Flying group has been approved to restart, but other activities

are still under consideration. The BEC is also looking at how and when to safely restart our lunch meetings. We want our members to remain safe, so lunch meetings will not resume until we can comply with State, County and Denair Community Center guidelines. We don't know what this will look like yet, but I envision masks except while eating, additional spacing between tables, only 4 seated per table, lots of hand sanitizer and no self-service food buffet line, etc. Based on the current COVID-19 situation, it may be several more months before we can safely restart.

When we do restart our meetings, I would like to begin a transportation committee to provide rides to anyone who would like to come to a meeting or activity but is unable to drive themselves. If you would like to help and are able to provide transportation for a fellow SIR, please let
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STATE SIR HAPPENINGS

Here is the link:

<https://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

Just click on the link or put into your web browser and it will take you to it... once on the SIR Happenings page, click on HAPPENINGS May 2020, this will open up the Newsletter...Maximize the pages and then scroll down... Unless you have a lot of paper and colored ink, I suggest you just read it and not print it out... Here are some of the interesting topics you can read:

1. Insurance update... we were able to renew our Liability Insurance which is a big deal... Learn more.
2. I'm Doing My Part- a new program to recognize our members for what they do for their fellow members and SIRs.
3. The New State SIR Store... we can now order a lot of different items with the SIR logo to promote SIR.
4. www. WeAreSIR.com- learn about the new Web site for promoting new members.
5. Restarting SIR... more information.
6. Notes from the State President- Ed Benson always inspirational and informative!!

And much, much more.... Enjoy!!

NOTICE:
ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY HAVE BEEN CANCELED EXCEPT RC CLUB Starting first Tuesday in July

DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS: AUGUST 1-2 and 3



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



Cancelled Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California
July 26-29, 2020

Rescheduled 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 some future trips:

Great Smoky Mountains in Fall of 2021.

Holland Tulip Festival in May 2022.

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

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 - All taxes including port taxes
- Airfare is not included. Rates available in June Approximate \$800.00

Ship is filling up fast don't delay and get in your deposit to hold your spot.

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

ZOOM MEETING

JUNE 19, 2020

Attendance: Big Sir Greg Back, Little Sir Rock Libby and Treasurer Leonard Zumstein.

Directors: Larry Hughes, Mike Sakaguchi & Bob Holly

Absent: Secretary Ken Edwards, Assistant Secretary Larry Date, Directors Brad Sleeper, and Fred Courter.

Committee Representatives Present: Kevin Byrnes, Membership; Ken Kajioka, Wagon Master, Gary Toombs, Dine In/Out & Bocce Ball and Bill Stires, Travel.

Guests: None

Call to Order/ Welcome: 10:15 a.m. by Big Sir, Greg Back

Secretary's Report: By Big Sir Greg Back – approved, 1st Gary Toombs, 2nd Bill Stires

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein – balance: \$\$3076.94. There are seven outstanding checks to be deposited which will bring our dues paid membership to 130. The Form 28 was emailed. The next State Assessment will be \$306.25 which contemplates 175 members. Report Approved, 1st Bob Holly, 2nd Larry Hughes.

Committee Reports:

Kevin Byrnes, Membership: reports we dropped 14 people in May for non-payment of dues. He has contacted 15 members with the worst attendance and recommends 13 of those be dropped. All unpaid members will be dropped except those who say they want to remain members and are sending checks. That leaves us with 130 paid out of 148 members. Report approved with 1st by Rock Libby and 2nd by Bob Holly.

Travel, Bill Stires: The only trip still under consideration is the Adriatic/Aegean Cruise and it is a way out. More to follow on that.

Travel R/V: Trail Boss ; Ken Kajioka: Paso Robles

wine country October 20 -25th trip is still on the schedule however is considered tentative considering the Corona Virus situation. Ken expressed concerns over liability issues with the trip and his concerns were discussed at length.

Bocce Ball: Gary Toombs; In limbo for the present.

Sunshine, Ted Thorne: Not present.

Dine in/Dine out: Gary Toombs says with the situation concerning restaurants we are on hold for the present.

Program, Gary Potter: Gary was absent.

Golf, Bowling, Newsletter, Fishing, Hacker Golf, Chess, Card Games Chairmen were absent.

Unfinished Business: Discussion of nominations for 2021 and all but two positions have been filled. There was discussion of distributing 2021 rosters to defer cost of mailing and Greg Back has offered to have a pick up point at his house. Any remaining rosters will be delivered by volunteers. We will establish a phone committee to notify those without email. Bob Holly will split the members to be called between those present at this BEC meeting. We discussed the fact that our insurance assessment will be increasing. Mike Sakaguchi will handle dealing with the State to make our raffle legal to operate during the meeting. The annual cost is approximately \$20 beginning in Sept (fiscal year) and he will submit the paperwork in July.

New Business: The RC Flying club is to resume the activity as it qualifies as a small group meeting with the State of CA Corona Virus rules. We will fly the first and third Tuesday of each month with appropriate use of hand sanitizer, etc. Approved with 1st by Bill Stires and 2nd by Rock Libby.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:44 am by Big Sir Greg Back

Respectfully submitted,

Rock Libby for Ken Edwards,

Secretary, Branch 143



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
trail boss



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**IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS AN RV & Wants to Go
On Any events Call Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351**

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WINE TASTING - Russ Winton Wine Investigation for Novices and Oenophiles (W.I.N.O.)

Here are my wine picks from my July 8 'Wine Line'

The Steal: The 2018 Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio from Trentino, Italy always scores 88-89 points and retails for \$11. Trader Joe's has it for just \$6.99. If you dig Pinot Grigios, load up!

The Deal: Looking for an easy drinking Cabernet Sauvignon at a decent price? Find the 2018 Imagery, yes, the bottle with the unique label in your local market. The SRP is \$20, but less with dis-

counts for under \$17 and that's really good deal. **The Splurge:** Red blends your thing? Look for 'The Spur' from Murrieta's Well Winery in Livermore. The 2016 blend is dark and delicious with 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot, 22% Petite Sirah, 9% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Malbec. The SRP is \$35 but Costco price is under \$28, and of course, I should have bought more. Cheers!

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me know.

We have been using Zoom to hold our meetings over video for the last several months. It has been working very well technically, but our attendance has been hit and miss. Our May meeting had 26 members joining our video meeting, but June had only 10. I hope we can do better this month. It is not quite the same as meeting in person, but we have a great time and it works amazingly well for visiting and chat before we start the formal meeting. Please consider joining us this month and visit with your old friends. If you have not used Zoom before, don't worry, it is very easy to join an online video meeting. There are tutorials on the State SIR website, please check them out. A meeting invitation will be sent via email that will contain instructions and the link to join the meeting. Joining the meeting is very easy:

- a) Click on the link from your PC, smartphone or tablet.
- b) When prompted, download the Zoom app (it should only take a short time and is only required the first time you use Zoom).
- c) If prompted, enter the password.
- d) Make sure you have allowed Zoom permission to use your microphone and camera.
- e) Join the meeting.

Independence Day, the Fourth of July, is an important day in our nation's history. Here are some fun facts about this great national holiday.

1. The Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4 (or in July at all). Only John Hancock actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4,

1776. The remainder signed on August 2.

2. The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.
3. Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the national bird but was overruled by John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, who recommended the bald eagle.
4. Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.
5. Eating salmon on the Fourth of July is a tradition in New England.
6. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize the Fourth of July.
7. The oldest annual Fourth of July celebration is held in Bristol, Rhode Island.
8. The shortest Fourth of July parade is in Aptos, California.
9. There are around 15,000 Independence Day fireworks celebrations every year.
10. Americans eat an estimated 150 million hot dogs on the Fourth of July. If laid end to end, that would stretch from Los Angeles to New York and back 5 times.
11. Americans spent \$6.7 billion on food last year to celebrate the Fourth of July.
12. Three presidents have died (Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, James Monroe), and one was born (Calvin Coolidge), on the Fourth of July.

That's it for this month. Stay safe and I hope we will be able to get back together soon.



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Nael Aly, Charles Nichols, Al Kusters, Bill First, Lyle Gehring, Robert Rearick, Don Petersen, Lenny Zumstein, Ivan Porter, Ray Walker, Robert Newell, Ernie Scheuber, Bill Preuss, Melvin Gardner, Larry Hughes, Toby Masterson, Chuck McPherson, Victor Higlieias, Robert Gabriel

Happy Anniversary



Anniversaries IN JULY

Bob Holly, Melvin Gardner, Brad Sleeper, Ed McNeff, Edward Darrah, John Chenault, Garry Dudley, Ivan Porter, Ray Walker, Chris Kiriakou, Darwell Leaman, Wes Peterson, Del Ahlberg, Don Nordell, Dave Fraga, Antonio Ruggirello

These are the members who have **PAID** their 2020 annual dues.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES AND YOU cannot attend our next meeting, Please Send 2020 due payment of \$30.00 (CHECKS ONLY) Please do not send cash.

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