

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 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

Happy Fourth of July!!! Here's wishing all of our SIR members a safe and sane Fourth. I wasn't able to attend last month's meeting but I heard that the BBQ Pulled Pork sandwiches and Peach Cobbler were very tasty and well received. Thank you to our Little SIR Gary Toombs and all the others who covered for me while I was recovering from COVID.



We will not be meeting at the Denair Community Center this month. We will be trying a new venue for our lunch meeting – “Crostini Restaurant and Bar” located at 811 W. Hawkeye Ave. in Turlock (across from the transit center at Hawkeye and Golden State). Everyone will order from a special menu and receive individual checks. They have a full bar as well as a coffee bar available for your adult beverage or caffeine enjoyment. Watch for more information from our telephone committee and future email announcements.

Independence Day, the Fourth of July, is one of our most important national holidays but here are some things about our holiday that you may not know...

-One of the greatest misconceptions of the 4th of July lies in the name and date. It is widely believed that America declared its independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. How-

ever, the official vote actually took place two days before and the “Declaration” was published in papers on July 4.

-George Washington celebrated the 4th of July in 1778 even though he was at war. On July 4, 1778, George Washington treated U.S. soldiers to a double ration of rum and a cannon salute.

-July 4th was not deemed an official federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.

-According to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council (NHDSC), Americans are expected to eat 150 million hot dogs over the July 4th holiday. This is part of an estimated 7 billion that are expected to be eaten during the summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

-The Nathan's Famous 4th of July hot dog eating contest began over a century ago. According to the company itself, the first unofficial contest took place on July 4th, 1916. The contest, which began with four immigrants competing to determine who was the most patriotic, ended up becoming one of the most widely known July 4th traditions in America.

That's it for now and hope to see everyone at Crostini's for lunch this month.

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

JOIN US IN JULY

11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting JULY 20th - WILL BE HELD AT CROSTINI'S in TURLOCK

**8 am - BEC meeting JULY 22nd - 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: \$6,425 double occupancy
Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation

This trip is full, but there are 2 cancellations.
If you are interested, call Bill Stires - 209-988-5445

HIGHLIGHTS: The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years.

Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland April 14-27, 2023

Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single \$6,195

\$500.00 Deposit to hold your place. Sign up by JULY 15, 2022 to get \$50.00 discount
Final payment due on December 15, 2022

This is a small group Departure limited to 24 passengers.

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip.

Highlights (not a complete listing): 12 nights in First Class Hotels Accommodations

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland, 2 nights in Dublin,
1 night in Waterford, 1 night in Kinsale, 2 nights in Killarney, 1 night in Limerick

18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver

Autumn Colors trip to East Coast

October 13 - October 22, 2023 Price: \$4,330 double occupancy

Air Fare to be added in December 2022. 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.

Mark your calendars for upcoming trips:

-America's Canyon Lands October 29 - November 4, 2023

More details and prices to come in the future for these trips.

Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or 209-544-2684 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive a brochure and reservation form for any of the trips.

NEWS & NOTES - SIR 143

SIR ACTIVITIES:

Here are a few of the activities offered by Sirs #143

POOL & BILLARDS - Ken Kajioka 602-8351

COMMERATIVE AIR FORCE -

Ken Kajioka 602-8351

BOCCE BALL - Mike Johnson 613-6801

CHESS - Kevin Storms 277-7644


Radio Control Planes - Greg Back 585-6862

WINE TASTING - Russ Winton 394-8930


WALKING GROUP - Rock Libby 634-6508

RESULTS of MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Your branch took a survey of membership interest in various activities at our June lunch meeting. Of the 48 attending the meeting, 38 competed and returned a survey. A summary with the number of interested members follows.

 We have interested members, but for an activity to happen we need someone to step up and lead that activity. If you would like to see a new activity get started please volunteer. It's really not difficult. Call our activities chairman, Gary Toombs (209-604-8406), let him know your interest and he can give you tips on how to get started as well as put you in touch with other interested members.

LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE HELD AT CROSTINI'S RESTAURANT IN TURLOCK...
(across from the transit center at Hawkeye and Golden State).

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Activity	Interested
Antique Cars	9
Astronomy	2
Baseball Day	7
Biking	4
Book Club	3
Book Swap	4
Bocce Ball	12
Bowling	5
Bowling, Lawn	1
Breakfast Club	4
Brewing	5
Chorus	1
Coins	2
Computers & Tech	2
Computer Training	3
Cooking - Group	4
Cooking - Host	1
Crab Feed	5
Cribbage	2
Photography	5
Dinner Dances	2
Dine In - Potluck	8
Dine Out - Group	20
Dominoes - Regular	2
Economic Study	1
Explore & Eat	2
Fishing	10
Football Day	5
Game Night	3
Gardening	6
Genealogy	4
Gin Rummy	1
Golf	9
Hiking - Experienced	1
Hiking - Easy	8
Horseshoes	6
Investment	2
Model Railroad	1
Musician	1
Musicians - Group	1
Pickleball	2
Pinochle	1
Poker	3
Pool - Billiards	3
Racing Day	3
Recreational Vehicles	4
Stamps	1
Travel	16
Wine Bargain Finders	3
Wine Tasting	10
Woodworking	2
Write Autobiography	1
Veterans	5
Walking	2

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on - JUNE 17, 2022

Site: My Garden Café

Call to Order 8:05 AM

Attendees: Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein, Gary Toombs, Kevin Byrne, Ed Darrah, Fred Courter
Absent: Bob Holley, Larry Hughes, Joe Adams, Rock Libby

Guests: Mike Fulz, Bill Stires

Treasure's Report: Leonard Zumstein reported a bank checking balance of \$4,452.34 and cash drawer of \$310.00. We collected \$60.00 in dues and \$1,115.00 lunch receipts at our Wednesday luncheon. Expenses were \$891.00 to Slick Fork for lunch and \$275.00 hall rental. \$46.68 for supplies

A motion to reimburse Mike Fulz for luncheon supplies of \$46.68. This motion was unanimously approved with a 1st by Ed Darrah and 2nd by Kevin Byrne.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's minutes were unanimously approved as emailed and included in the June newsletter. A motion was made and seconded by Leonard Zumstein and Ed Darrah.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Motion to reinstate Mike Reed was unanimously approved. 1st Leonard Zumstein. 2nd Fred Courter.

Motion to approved new member Roger Jackson was unanimously approved. Motion was made and seconded by Ed Darrah and Bill Stires

Phone Tree Committee: No Report

Golf Report: No Report

Dine in/Dine out: Gary Toombs confirmed the next dinner will be at Crostini's Restaurant on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. We currently have 24 attending.

Bocce Ball: Gary Toombs reported that a group will play Bocce Ball on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at the Toombs' home starting at 9:00am.

Travel: Bill Stires reported on the following previously approved trips.

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passon Play – August 2022

Scenic Ireland - April 2023.

New England fall Colors – October 2023

Walking Group: Rock Libby led the first walking group on Thursday, June 9. We walked from Crane Park to Main Street Footers for a drink and back. Total walking time was one hour. Total talking time was one hour. The activity was enjoyed by all attending.

Old Business: There was a discussion about both Bill Stires (15 year travel leader) and Joe Adams (many year golf leader) who will both give up these positions. Joe will be retiring effective 12/31/22 and Bill effective 12/31/23.

A vote of the membership was taken at the last luncheon meeting to move the monthly meeting to Crostini's Restaurant in Turlock on a trial basis. We will not have the current \$275.00 expense for the hall rental and setup which will be a savings to the branch.

All SIR members are invited to the monthly BEC meeting held on Friday after the Turlock meeting at My Garden Café. Breakfast to be between 7 and 8 am and meeting to follow at 8-9 am.

Meeting adjourned 8:45am. 1st Leonard Zumstein 2nd Ed Darrah.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Toombs (fill in secretary)



SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2022

MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS	TOT w/Cart
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

STATE GOLF EVENT

Fellow Golfers,
Attached is the announcement for the final State golf event of the year which will be held at the Blue Rock Springs golf courses in Vallejo. The event will be held on September 14th and 15th. This is a 2 day event but if a golfer wants, they can play either of the days or both. I'd ask that you take a look at the attached flyer for additional

information as well as the State golf website at www.sirgolf.org. This event is open to all SIR members, their wives or significant other, and invited guests.

Many Thanks,
Mark Stuart, 2022 SIR State Golf Committee Chair



SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

Anna Genasci, QAL, QAC: Anna has spent the last 10 years working in pesticide enforcement and compliance. Beginning her career with Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner as a Pesticide Inspector, she soon learned that helping growers was her passion. After working in agriculture compliance with AgSafe, she now offers her experience to Farm Bureau Members through her current role with Stanislaus County Farm Bureau. Anna is also a Leadership Farm Bureau Alumna.



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



Wine Thoughts and Odd Lots

I think California's newest American Viticultural Area (AVA) has, without a doubt, the coolest name. The Federal Government approved the AVA as the San Luis Obispo Coast. They also allowed the nickname, 'SLO Coast' to be used as an official AVA name. It's not just a very cool name but it has the coolest temperatures of all California's AVAs. The majority of acreage is planted within six miles of the ocean. Bordered by the Santa Lucia Mountains on the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west, it's a 60 mile narrow strip of coastline from San Simeon to Santa Maria Valley. If you've ever spent some time in San Luis Obispo, the 'SLO Coast' is a fitting name and oh, so cool.

Lucy 2021 Pico Blanco

The Pisoni Family Vineyards of Monterey are adding a new wine to their Lucy brand this Spring. You're probably familiar with their Lucy Rose', which they have produced for 18 years. Over those years, the Rose has raised almost \$150,000 for breast cancer research. The new white wine is called Pico Blanco, named for a mountain peak in the Santa Lucia Highlands in Monterey County. The wine is a blend of Pinot Gris (70%) and Pinot Blanc (30%) and a tribute to Monterey's history as a cool-climate growing region. Pico Blanco also gives the Pisoni family

the opportunity to contribute to a new cause close to their hearts: Ocean Conservancy. The family hopes to make the same impact on our oceans as they have for breast cancer research. Cheers! to Pisoni Family Vineyards.

Cheers to Beer?

Does your partner love wine and you love beer? They want to go to Napa Valley but you don't? Here is a little secret. There are more than a dozen breweries, micro breweries and watering holes that serve craft beers between American Canyon and Calistoga. That's a 35 mile ale trail for you to experience. The city of Napa has 9, St. Helena 2, Calistoga 2 and American Canyon 1. You can find a really neat map of the Napa Valley Ale Trail by going to visitnapavalley.com. If your partner asks about your new interest in Napa Valley, just say, "I understand Napa Cabs are terrific this year".

What's on Our Table

I've written about Bodegas Esteban Martin's 2018 red blend (85% Garnacha and 15% Syrah) before, but I couldn't pass up the current steal/deal at my local Costco. It was marked \$6.00 off the \$10.95 price. It's a light easy drinking red with mild tannins and at \$4.95, a terrific buy for a house red. Cheers!

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BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Nael Aly, Bill First, Lyle Gehring, Victor Higlieas, Larry Hughes, Al Kosters, Toby Masterson, Don Petersen, Bill Preuss, Ernie Scheuber, Ray Walker, Lenny Zumstein



ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Del Ahlberg, Jim Artrip, John Chenault, Edward Darrah, Bob Holly, Don Nordell, Wes Peterson, Ray Walker

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Little Sir.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Secretary.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
Assistant Secretary.....	OPEN	
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	OPEN	
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership.....	Bob Holly	668-2786
Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling.....	OPEN	
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.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
Directors:	Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, Joe Adams and Ed Darrah	

STATE OFFICERS

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