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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

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JULY 2025 Newsletter - Turlock Branch #143

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Message From The Big Sir...

Dear SIR Members,
As we step into July, it's a fitting time to reflect on what this month represents. Independence Day reminds us of the courage, unity, and enduring spirit that built our great nation. As the fireworks light the sky and the flags wave proudly, let us also take a moment to honor the freedoms we enjoy and the responsibilities that come with them.



In the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes:
"One flag, One land, One heart, One hand, One nation evermore!"
Let that be our rallying cry—not just for our country, but for our group.

A Call to Connection and Contribution

At SIR, our goals remain rooted in camaraderie, purpose, and contribution. This month, I want to continue to encourage each of you to:

- **Connect more deeply**—reach out to someone new within the group or rekindle a connection that's gone quiet.

- **Extend an invitation**—bring a friend, neighbor, or relative to a meeting or event. Personal invitations are powerful, and many are just waiting to be asked.
- **Pitch in**—there's plenty of work behind the scenes that keeps our organization strong. Whether it's helping to set up events, serving on a committee, or sharing ideas, your involvement matters.

Together, we build a group that thrives—not only for ourselves but for others who haven't yet discovered what SIR can offer. Please be sure to always keep at least two signed SIR business cards with you to readily invite prospective members to join us! You never know when the opportunity to invite someone will arrive.

So, let's celebrate this month, in the opportunities we are given to live in our great nation and in the community we're shaping together. Thank you all for being part of something meaningful.

**With appreciation
and patriotic spirit,
Roger Jackson
Big SIR, Branch #143**



REMEMBER SIR LUNCHEON

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, JULY 16th -
WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

**NOTE: When you arrive at Black Bear Diner Order your food
as soon as possible. Our speaker will start at 12 noon,
also please try to finish your meal by 12 noon.**

**Luncheon Location: BLACK BEAR DINER
3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock**



SIR TRAVEL

Travel Chairman John Cardoza



16 NIGHT HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE

**ABOARD THE RUBY PRINCESS
ROUND TRIP SAN FRANCISCO
OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 8, 2026**



PORTS OF CALL

Hilo, Big Island/ Kahuli, Maui/ Honolulu, Oahu/ Nawiliwili, Kauai and Ensenada, Mexico

**BOOK BY JULY 1, 2025 and RECEIVE A
\$150 PER PERSON DISCOUNT!**



TOUR FEATURES:

Round Trip from Turlock and Modesto Area to Cruise Terminal in San Francisco.
16 Night HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE aboard the **RUBY PRINCESS** including shipboard meals, entertainment and shipboard activities. Includes Port Taxes.

A \$500 pp deposit is required to reserve a cabin.

**STATEROOMS & PRICES: OCEAN VIEW \$3750 PP DBL. -
BALCONY BB \$4790 PP DBL - MINI-SUITE MB \$6055 PP DBL**

QUESTIONS? Please contact John Cardoza (209) 483-7722



RIVER CRUISE

9-Days MEMPHIS to NEW ORLEANS

Cruise the Lower Mississippi River in style aboard the guest American Splendor
9 Days-September 30-October 8, 2025



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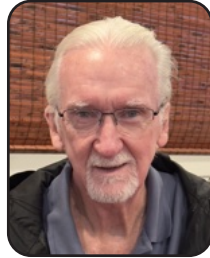


SIR 143 - 2025 OFFICERS

Working For You!



Roger Jackson
Big Sir



Dan Gorman
Little Sir



Greg Back
Secretary/Web Master



Rock Libby
Assistant Secretary



Leonard Zumstein
Treasurer



John Cardoza
Travel Chairman



Mike Johnson
Membership



Fred Courter
Newsletter



Vern Segars
Assistant Treasurer



Gary Toombs
Dine Out



NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at
MY GARDEN CAFE
FRIDAY JULY 18th

Meeting Starts at 8:30am
Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am



SIR BRANCH #143 BOWLING EVERY TUESDAY



at McHenry Bowl
CONTACT:
Tom Mickelson
209-632-2917

Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting

My Garden Cafe, Turlock

JUNE 20th 2025 - 8:30AM

Officers Present: Bob Holly, Roger Jackson, Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein, Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter, John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman.

Members/Guests Present: None.

Quorum: Secretary Greg Back reported that a quorum is present.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Leonard Zumstein and seconded by John Cardoza. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Leonard Zumstein reviewed Form 28 from last month and reported –

Checking = \$5,084.58

Cash on hand = \$275.00

Receipts = \$818.00

Expenditures = \$4,547.00

Current month expenses submitted for approval of reimbursements: \$24.10 to Fred Courter for printing/postage, \$109.77 to Rick Kindle for gift cards (drawing prizes at Turlock Farmers Market recruiting event). Motion to approve reimbursements by Gary Toombs with second by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report: Chairman Mike Johnson was not at this month's luncheon. Bob Holly covered the membership table and reported that we had 32 members, 5 prospective new members, 1 guest and 1 speaker for a total of 39 attending. 4 membership applications were submitted and 1 taken home to complete and return later.

After review of membership applications for Sandy Newsome, Roger Soderstrom, David Keeney and Kim Castro. Gary Toombs made motion to approve them with second by Bob Holly. Motion carried unanimously.

Our new member onboarding process was discussed.

Going forward we will:

- send new members a welcome letter when the membership application is approved.
- publish new member names in the next newsletter.
- send Constant Contact email introducing new members to the full membership.
- phone new members and personally invite to the next lunch.
- publish picture of new member induction ceremony in the newsletter.

Committee Reports

Bocce Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson had nothing new to report.

Golf: Chairman Ken Kajioka not present, no report.

Travel: Chairman John Cardoza reported that he is looking into a day trip and train excursion from Jamestown followed by a lunch. See page 6.

RV: Wagon Master Roger Jackson reported that he has 8 rigs signed up for the Moss Landing in September and that we will be returning to Jackson Rancheria in the spring.

Dine Out/Other Activities; Chairman Gary Toombs reported the next dine out will be to Gray's Tavern on Thursday, June 26.

Recruitment and Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle was not present but the BEC discussed our paid advertising campaigns and lack of responses. In person promotion/recruiting such as the Turlock Farmers Market/Denair Family and Farm Festival has been the most successful and it was decided to try to get a last minute spot at the Turlock 4th of July celebration car show. Roger Jackson and John Cardoza will follow up.

Old Business: A discussion was held about who our branch would nominate for the 2026 Area 18 Representative. A motion was made to nominate Anthony Butera with first by Leonard Zumstein and second by Bob Holly. Motion carried unanimously. The appropriate State SIR form will need to be submitted. Bob Holly reviewed the current proposed slate of branch officers for 2026 and after discussion it was agreed to table taking action until next month to allow Bob to make any needed changes to the slate. After BEC endorsement next month the proposed slate of officers will be published in the August newsletter prior to voting by the membership at the regular August lunch meeting. The appropriate State SIR forms will be updated/submitted at that time.

Our next farmers market outreach/recruiting/publicity event will be Saturday, July 12.

Roger Jackson reported that lunch programs have been booked for the rest of the year except for September which is still being finalized.

New Business:

Dan Gorman reported that several members have told him they would like a different lunch venue. After discussion about other possible lunch venues it was decided to remain at Black Bear Diner for now but to continue looking for a new venue. A motion was made by Dan to reserve both Black Bear Diner and My Garden Café venues for the rest of 2025 and for 2026. Seconded by Bob Holly. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Mike Johnson and seconded by Bob Holly. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 10:04am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.

PHOTOS FROM OUR LAST DINE-OUT at Gray's Tavern





SIR FIELD TRIPS



SIR RAILTOWN EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 6, 2025

\$23 / ticket

Train Departs Station at 10:30 a.m.

Train Returns at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Lunch After (at a Restaurant To Be Determined)

Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, and its operating entity, the Sierra Railway, is known as "The Movie Railroad." Both entities are a heritage railway and are a unit of the California State Park System, located in Jamestown, California, at 10501 Reservoir Rd.

To make train reservations call (209) 984-3953 or go to their website to buy tickets online Railtown1897shp@parks.ca.gov

Let John Cardoza know when you have reserved your train ride and if you want to be included in lunch reservations. His phone number is: 209-483-7722



SIR RV TRIP

September 21-24, 2025

MOSS LANDING KOA

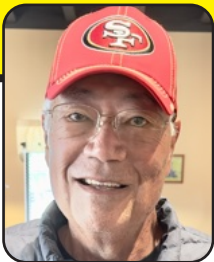
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LOOK FOR MORE INFO Jackson Rancheria RV Trip next spring



SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2025

GOLF

Chairman
Ken Kajioaka

MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Jul	7	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	14	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Castle Oaks	\$49		\$9	\$58	Carts Included
	21	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$27	\$20	\$9	\$56	Carts Optional
	28	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Swenson	\$45		\$9	\$54	Carts Included
Aug	4	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Elkhorn	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included
	11	Mon	8:00 SG	103B				\$9	\$9	
	18	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	25	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Pheasant Run	\$55		\$9	\$64	Carts Included

Every Thursday we will have Golf at Creekside Golf Course 9 hole or 18 hole, contact Ken Kajioaka for more info or to sign-up.

REMINDER: When you sign-up for golf it also means you will attend 50% of the luncheons Every Third Wednesday.

Speaker for month of JULY will be

Vito Chiesa – Stanislaus County Supervisor – District #2

Vito Chiesa is a lifelong resident of Hughson. He graduated from Hughson High School, attended Modesto Junior College then went onto graduate from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.

Vito works in a family farming operation with his mother Mary and brother, Andrew. In addition to growing walnuts and almonds, the family operates a commercial walnut hulling and drying business.

Prior to being elected to the Board of Supervisors, Vito served the community as the President of the Stanislaus County Fair Board as well as the President of the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau. He also served as a Director for the Modesto Chamber of Commerce and State Director for California Farm Bureau. He is currently in his fourth term as Stanislaus County Supervisor for District 2. Some of his other many responsibilities include serving as the past President of California State Association of Counties (CSAC), Commissioner of the Children and Families Commission, Member of the Stanislaus Council of Government (StanCOG), Executive Committee and Policy Board, Member of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, Member of the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, Alternate Member of the Emergency Medical Services Board of Directors.



SIR #143 Welcomes our newest members

**Sandy Newsome, Roger Soderstrom,
David Keeney and Kim Castro**



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Leslie Austin, Joe Blanc, John Cardoza, Bill First, Lyle Gehring,
Dan Gorman, Larry Hughes, Al Kosters, Toby Masterson, Ed Michalac,
Don Peterson, Russ Winton

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

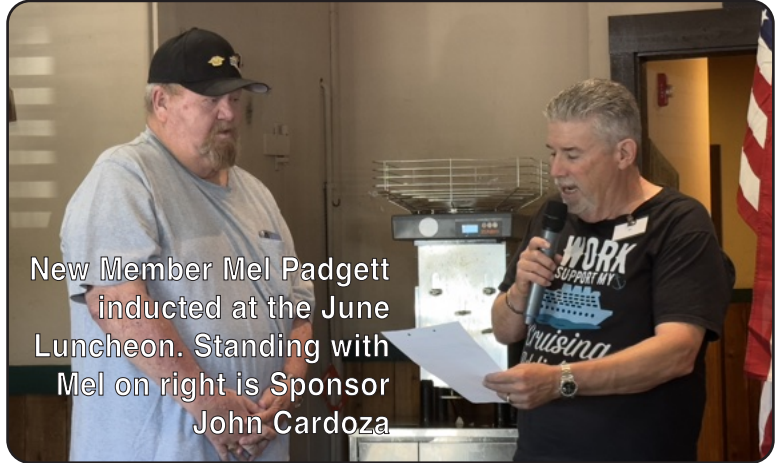
Jim Artrip, John Chenault, Ed Darrah, Bob Holly, Darrell Leaman,
Walter Ott, Brad Sleeper, Ray Walker



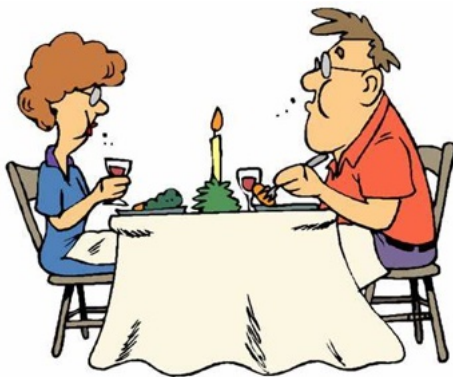
HAPPENINGS IN SIR #143



Distinguished Service Awarded
to **Vern Segars** at the June
Luncheon



New Member Mel Padgett
inducted at the June
Luncheon. Standing with
Mel on right is Sponsor
John Cardoza



IT'S DINE-IN- DINE OUT TIME

Check Back in August For The Next Dine-Out



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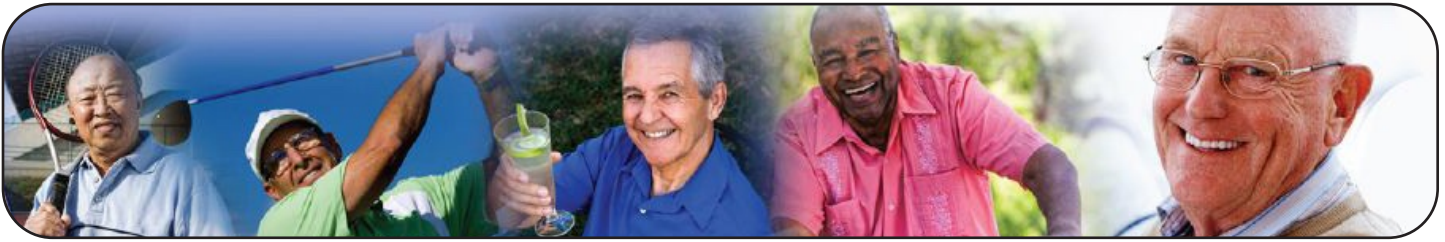
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Big Sir	Roger Jackson	658-2673
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Secretary	Greg Back	585-6862
Assistant Secretary	Rock Libby	634-6508
Treasurer	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer	Vern Segars	634-2142
Membership	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Assistant Membership/Mailing	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Recruiting	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Bowling	Tom Mickelson	632-2917
Travel Chairman	John Cardoza	483-7722
Travel Assistant	OPEN	
Golf	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Assistant Golf	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine	Rock Libby	634-6508
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Chaplain	OPEN	
RV Chairman	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Assistant RV Chairman	OPEN	
Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862
Nominating Com. Chair	Bob Holly	688-2986

Directors: Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter,
John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Bob Holly

STATE OFFICERS

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