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JUNE 2020 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR SAYS...

From Greg Back

Another month has come and gone since I last wrote for the newsletter and things may finally be starting to look up. Since I last wrote to you, Stanislaus County has rescinded their shelter in place health orders, restaurants, salons and barber-shops are starting to reopen and there may finally be a light at the end of the tunnel (unless it's an oncoming train). We have received guidance from the State SIR organization on restarting our activities and eventually even our monthly meetings - as long as the State of California and Stanislaus County health guidelines are followed.



First will be the restarting of SIR activities. When activities chairmen think their activities can be safely restarted they must submit a request to the BEC outlining the conformance to county and state guidelines and the safety protocols to be followed for their activity. If approved by the BEC the activity may resume either immediately or 30 days after approval, depending on the type of activity. Stay tuned for more information about your favorite activities.

Second will be the restarting of our monthly meetings. The time frame for this is still to be determined and is dependent on Stanislaus County and California guidelines and the ability of the Denair Community Center to implement the required safety protocols.

We had our first monthly meeting via Zoom video conference last month and it was very successful. We will continue to use Zoom until we can safely meet face to face again. Look for an email invitation to our June meeting with details on how to participate. All you need is a smartphone, tablet or PC with a camera, microphone and speakers. Actually, if you don't have a camera in your PC you can still participate and you will be able to see and hear everyone else. We just won't be able to see you. There is a lot of information available online and on our State SIR website about using Zoom - check it out if you haven't used Zoom before.

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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 JUNE HAVE BEEN CANCELED INCLUDING SIRs GOLF DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER IS:

JULY 1-2 and 3



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



*ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL PRESENTS FOR
SIRS #143, Area 18 and Friends
Here are details:*

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

Price for Double \$1,895 Single \$2,290
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TOUR INCLUDES:

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Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano
Admission in the Sawdust Festival
Dinner at Tivoli Terrace
Reserved Main Tier Center Tier seats at the
Pageant of Masters
Guided tour of Los Angeles
Admission into Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit
5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners
Gratuities for bus drive and step on guides
Early reservation is urged to insure Main Tier Center
Seats at Pageant
THIS TRIP IS A GO.

\$500 per person deposit to hold place for trip.
Final payment Due May 18, 2020

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**If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684,
cell phone 209-988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com
to receive a reservation form.
Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.**



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES TRAVEL CHAIRMAN

Hello Travelers,
We hope this finds everyone safe and healthy. We wanted to give you an update for all the travel with SIR in this time of upheaval and unrest.

1. **The Holland Tulip Festival has been cancelled for this year.** All of the passengers that are scheduled to go will get a full refund and Kelly from Alamo will be calling you with details.
2. **The Laguna Pageant scheduled for July 2020 is still a go if all is safe at that time.**
3. **The Oberammergau trip to the Passion Play August 29 – September 9, 2020 has been postponed and rescheduled for 2022.** We will have dates for this in May 2020 and will let you know what options may take effect. We are planning on still taking the trip in 2022.

4. **The Adriatic and Aegean Cruise is still scheduled for April 22 – May 9, 2021.**

5. 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.

Our annual trips to Reno for Apple Hill in October and Holiday trip in December are still being planned.

Thank you for being great travelers and enjoying the trips as much as we do.

Hoping all of you are well and staying sheltered.

14 Night Adriatic and Aegean Medley Cruise Aboard The Newest Princess Ship, the Enchanted Princess **APRIL 22 - MAY 9, 2021**

**Including One Pre-Cruise Night in Rome
and One Post-Cruise Night in Barcelona**
Price: Balcony Stateroom \$5,298 per person Double
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RSVP: Bill Stires
544-2684
cell: 988-5445

Princess Plus Options are Subject to Change Without Notice. These prepaid options are a significant savings from what you will pay onboard at the conclusion of your cruise.

**Ports of Call: ITALY: Rome, Naples, GREECE: Athens, Heraklion, Mykonos, Santorini,
TURKEY: Kusadasi, Istanbul, MONTENEGRO: Kotor, SICILY: Messina, SPAIN: Barcelona**



Tour Features:

- Transfers from Modesto/Turlock roundtrip to Airport.
 - 15 day cruise aboard the Enchanted Princess.
 - One night hotel stay in Rome and one night stay in Barcelona Including all transfers from airport to cruise ship in Rome and hotel to airport in Barcelona.
 - 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.



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
trail boss



Attention: Pismo Coast Village RV Outing.

IMPORTANT: Confirm your reservation by calling (805) 773-1811 and ask for Kari. Please ask them to put a check mark by your name on the list that they have for SIR 143 Turlock. If you encounter any problems, please call or text Ken Kajioka (209) 602-8351.

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RESERVATION STEPS:

1. Call, text or email Ken for reservation request. I need name, contact phone.
2. Call the reservation number 805-773-1811 to confirm your reservation.

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



WINE TASTING - Russ Winton

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

What's on our Table:

The Steal: The 2016 H3 Les Chevaux Red Wine from Columbia Crest. The SRP is \$15 and it is sale priced around \$10. I found it at Costco for just \$6.99. Yep, that's a steal!

The Deal: The 2013 Cougar Crest Estate Tempranillo from Washington's Walla Walla Valley. The SRP is \$32 and it is sale priced \$20. I took a chance and paid

\$9.95 at the Grocery Outlet (Merced).
Of course, I went back.

The Splurge: The 2017 Reserve Malbec from Justin Winery is a big black beauty with dark cherry, currants and spice. It cries out for grilled lamb. The SRP is \$45 and for members it is \$36. Order online or join the Club.

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The Branch Nominating Committee has recruited from the membership and prepared a proposed slate of officers to serve in 2021. The slate will be reviewed by the BEC and published in the July newsletter for membership review. The election of officers will then take place at our August meeting.

June 6 of this month will be the 76th anniversary of D-Day and the start of the Battle of Normandy. On that day in 1944 more than 160,000 brave soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force invaded the heavily-fortified French Normandy coastline, to fight against Nazism and defend the liberty of the oppressed. "These are the men who took the cliffs. These are the champions who helped free a continent. These are the heroes who helped end a war." — President Ronald Reagan.

There are other memorable, yet less serious, holidays also observed in the month of June. Here are just a few of my favorites:

- June 2 - National Rocky Road Day
- June 5 - National Doughnut Day – First Friday in June
- June 6 - National Yo-Yo Day
- June 7 - National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
- June 12 - National Peanut Butter Cookie Day
- June 14 - National Strawberry Shortcake Day
- June 16 - National Fudge Day
- June 18 - National Go Fishing Day
- June 19 - National Flip Flop Day – Third Friday in June
- June 20 - National Vanilla Milkshake Day
- June 22 - National Onion Rings Day
- June 25 - National Catfish Day
- June 26 - Take Your Dog to Work Day – Friday after Father's Day
- June 29 - National Waffle Iron Day
- June 30 - National Meteor Watch Day

That's it for this month. I hope to see you all on Wednesday, June 17, for our monthly meeting via Zoom video conference.

SIRs Personalized Hats, Shirts and Jackets

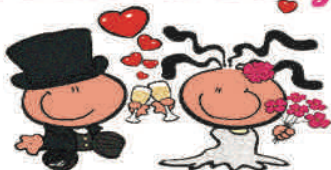
Show your pride in SIRs, wear a hat, shirt, vest or jacket.. We have some hats and shirts in stock and will have them at our the next meeting, or call Rick Kindle at 209-652-8608 to pick these up... Vests and Jackets are special order, so we need your size. Also, if you want a different color for hats 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.



BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE



Woody Jorritsma, Chuck Dohm, Hartley Spycher, Art Pargament, Ross Clark, Wes Peterson, William Sargenti IV, Wayne Rickey, Ben Dorsett, Ron Martella, Howard Knapp



Anniversaries IN JUNE

Greg Back, Mel Aamodt, Charles Greer, Kevin Storms, Daniel Dias, Jon Ellefson, Ray Land, David Fox, Gordon Alldrin, Dennison Parolini, Vernon Segars, Michael Green, Mark Taylor, Pat Gibbs, Sid Emerson, Frank Watts

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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Send checks to: **Michael Sakaguchi**
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PAID 1/15/20	Ferro, Tony	PAID 1/15/20	McPherson, Chuck	PAID 1/15/20	Winton, Russ
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PAID 1/15/20	First, William B. (Bill)	PAID 12/20/19	Miller, Jack M.		
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