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JUNE 2023 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

SIR Branch 143 June Lunch Meeting NEW MEETING LOCATION!



**NEW
LOCATION!**

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Time: Doors Open at ~10:30am
Place: Black Bear Diner
Address: 3050 N Tegner Rd, Turlock

We are now meeting at Black Bear Diner in Turlock.
We will order from the regular menu and will receive individual checks.

2023 dues are \$40 and are now payable.
Pay at the meeting or by sending your check to Treasurer Leonard Zumstein,
2645 Mira Flores Dr. Turlock CA 95380

Please help spread the word about our venue change and
consider bringing a friend to lunch to share your enjoyment of SIR.

We hope to see you all there!



SIR TRAVEL

Bill Stires, Travel Chairman
John Cardoza, Travel Assistant



★ AUTUMN COLORS ★ TRIP TO EAST COAST

10 Days, October 13 – October 22, 2023 Price: \$5130 double occupancy, Single \$6127
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- Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.
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This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.

Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or 209-544-2684 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.

SIR 143 - 2023 OFFICERS

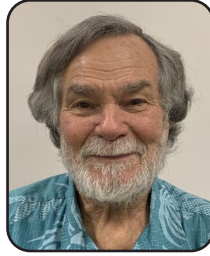
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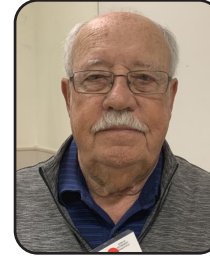
Greg Back
Web Master



Gary Toombs
Big Sir



Bob Holly
Little Sir



Joe Adams
Golf



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Membership



Mark Taylor
Past Big Sir



Our Sir 143 - 2023 Officers: LtoR Rock Libby, Robert Lotspeich, John Cardoza, Leonard Zumstein, Mark Taylor, Bill Stires, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter, Greg Back, Joe Adams, and Bob Holly.



Rock Libby
Assistant Secretary



Fred Courter
Newsletter



Bill Stires
Travel chairman



John Cardoza
Assistant Travel



Roger Jackson
Secretary



Leonard Zumstein
Treasurer

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
JULY 1-2 and 3 of 2023**

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BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on - MAY 19, 2023

Site: My Garden Café, Turlock Quorum is present:

Guests: Jeff Chin

Attendance: Greg Back, Fred Courter, Bob Holly, Leonard Zumstein, Larry Hughes, Roger Jackson Joe Adams, and Kevin Byrnes

Absent: Rock Libby, Mark Taylor, Gary Toombs, Bill Stires,

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein has completed and emailed Forms #28 and #29 to the appropriate recipients. The APRIL 2023 report includes a bank balance of \$4,716.71 and cash on hand in the amount of \$275.00 for a total checkbook balance of \$4,441.71. Our 4/19 /23 luncheon sales were \$1,037.00 and luncheon expenses were \$1,057.00 for the caterer, \$275 (Denair Community Center). For the 5/17/23 meeting, Larry Hughes was paid \$23.24 (tablecloths); Bob Holly was paid \$35.23 for purchase of (Punch/Tea and Ice).

The Treasure's report was passed unanimously with a 1st by Joe Adams and 2nd by Greg Back

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the APRIL BEC Meeting were unanimously approved as emailed and printed in the Newsletter with a 1st by Greg Back and 2nd Larry Hughes.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report Form 27 was filed, by Larry Hughes: Larry reports 37 Members present at our May luncheon. We had 7 guests and two speakers. Visiting SIR members 0. There were 60 members absent. The Membership report was approved unanimously with a 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Joe Adams.

Golf report -Joe Adams: Joe reports Golf staff will be qualified in Manteca. We will be guaranteed 2 members to go to state.

Travel – John Cardoza is absent. Nothing to report.

Bocce Ball: Mike Johnson: First and Third Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at Dustbowl

Dine in/Out – Gary Toombs absent. Nothing to report.

Old Business: Discussion:

There was ongoing discussion about a need to make decisions about the cost of future SIRS luncheons based on the overall costs we are now incurring for said SIRS luncheons, (catering costs, hall rental and the purchasing of other supplies. Other viable locations to have future luncheons were tossed around: such as the Turlock Senior Citizens Center and Black Bear Diner.

New Business:

The Black Bear Diner was deemed a location we should try based on no cost for the facility and the opportunity

for members to control their own meal choices and cost. Concerns: Are we changing / starting too soon, letting members know in a timely manner? Other concerns were discussed such presentation quality with members viewing of speaker and a screen to view the information as well as a sound system. Other concerns included the traffic in and out of the room.

A motion was made by Bob Holly that we move our meetings to Black Bear Diner beginning with our June Luncheon on Wednesday, June 21st. A 2nd was made by both Joe Adams and Leonard Zumstein. A vote was taken and it was unanimous among directors: (Bob Holly, Kevin Byrnes, Léonard Zumstein, Fred Courter, Joe Adams, Greg Back and Roger Jackson) to move luncheon meetings to Black Bear Diner in June.

Bob Holly agreed to contact Rock Libby and Mark Taylor (acting Big Sur) to ensure they contact the caterer (Nicholau Farms) and the Denair Community Center to discontinue their services, immediately.

Jeff Chin, Area Representative suggested we send out post cards to communicate to the SIR members, the upcoming luncheon location changes. Rick Kindle and Roger Jackson will coordinate that communication effort via email blast and postcard mailings.

Rick Kindle discussed a Christmas Dinner for December. The Turlock Country Club was cited as a possible venue. Roger Jackson agreed to call them to check on availability and costs.

Fred Courter discussed challenges with the Turlock Journal in making changes.

Rick Kindle announced there is a memorial for Art Pargament on June 17th and he will provide information to all members once he has all the information available to him.

Jeff Chin announced he is resigning as our Area #18 Representative and Richard Provost will be taking his place.

There was a motion made by Bob Holly and a 2nd by Greg Back to accept the resignation of Jeff Chin as our Area #18 Representative. The vote was carried unanimously among directors.

There was a motion made by Leonard Zumstein and a 2nd by Joe Adams to accept the installation of Richard Provost as our new Area #18 Representative. The vote was carried unanimously among directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Roger Jackson,
Secretary, Branch 143

BIG SIR GARY TOOMBS SAYS...
I AM OUT OF THE STATE...SEE YOU NEXT MONTH.



NEXT DINE-OUT WILL BE MONTH OF JULY

Speakers For The JUNE Luncheon Will Be
Alexandra Castillo-Weisgerber, LCSW

**Director, Care & Support
 Alzheimer's Association,
 Northern California and
 Northern Nevada Chapter**

Alexandra Castillo-Weisgerber, LCSW, is the Director of Care and Support for the Alzheimer's Association Northern California, Northern Nevada chapter. She assists in the strategic implementation of care and support services across the chapter, as well increasing community engagement in all pillars of the Association's work. As a clinical social worker, she provides guidance and support to individ-

uals and families who are affected by Alzheimer's disease and all other dementia, particularly to those who are in the early stages and of diverse communities.



She earned a Master of Social Work Degree from Sacramento State University and upon completion of her degree, was recognized with honors through the Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work. Alexandra has over 20 years of experience working with vulnerable populations, and her empathetic and compassionate nature are evident in her everyday professional practice.



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



Livin' the Dream in SLO Wine Country

Eric Johnson grew up on a farm in Los Banos where his family grew apricots and raised sheep and pigs. His roommate at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo came from a wine growing family in Sonoma. While visiting there Eric's interest in wine and winemaking was sparked. He began his career by working in the tasting room at Bianchi Winery in Paso Robles. In 2007 he joined the tasting room crew of Talley Vineyards and the same year he was chosen as a harvest intern.

In 2010, Brian Talley, President of Talley Vineyards, announced the appointment of Eric Johnson as the winemaker of Talley Vineyards. In his statement to Wine Business News, Talley said "Eric's commitment to quality, his enthusiasm and his hands-on-leadership style are a real inspiration to our entire team." To move up from a harvest intern to winemaker in three years is incredible, and at just 26 years of age. During our interview with Eric, in Talley Vineyard's beautifully remodeled tasting room, we witnesses that same enthusiasm even after 13 harvests.

His philosophy of winemaking is to grow quality grapes, pick at just the right time, use only native fermentation and then to let the grapes do their magic. Quality grapes will make quality wines and will reflect the terroir. His favorite time of the year is the harvest. He gets up at 2:00 am and meets his night picking crew. I call that hands-on-leadership.

When asked about the new releases he said the 2021's are coming out and are similar to the 2019's. They are fresh and energetic. The Stone Corral Pinot Noir, which is already released, is delicate. The Rincon and Rosemary's will be released in about two months. The 2022 Rose of Grenache is out and delicious. It will definitely be a sell out.

In 2015, Eric and his wife Cait started their own label, Ann Albert Wines. They make two Chardonnays and a Gamay. Production is about 400 cases and is sold locally and through a broker in Los Angeles.

I asked him what he envisions for the future. Eric said he loved his family, now with a daughter, his home in San Luis Obispo, the ability to walk to Cal Poly games, his easy commute, the Talley family and all their employees. His response was "I love my job!" He is obviously Livin' the Dream in SLO Wine Country.

What's on our Table

The Kirkland Signature 2020 Gigondas from Costco is the deal this week. This Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre blend (GSM) is from the Grand Cru appellation, Gigondas, in France. I bought one for dinner and went back and bought 3 more. It's a super buy and under \$14. Cheers!!

Comments? Find me on Facebook or rgwinton@yahoo.com.

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BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

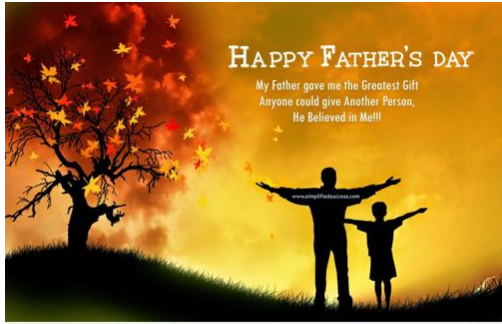
Joe Bughi, John Chenault, Ben Dorsett,
Wes Peterson (102), William Sargenti IV, Hartley Spycher

ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Gordon Alldrin, Gregory Back, Mario Dominguez,
Jon Ellefonson, Charles Greer, Ray Land, Bill Nixon,
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Little Sir.....	Bob Holly	668-2786
Secretary.....	Roger Jackson	535-1784
Assistant Secretary	Rock Libby	634-6508
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer	Vern Segars	634-2142
Membership.....	Rick Kindle (temporary)	652-8606
Assistant Membership	Bob Holly	668-2786
Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling	OPEN	
Travel Chairman.....	Bill Stires	988-5445
Travel Assistant	John Cardoza	483-7722
Roster/Mailing.....	OPEN	
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.....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	OPEN	
Catering/Hall Set-Up.....	OPEN	
Chaplain.....	OPEN	
Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair/Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862
Directors:	Kevin Byrne, Bill Stires, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter, Joe Adams, Greg Back.	

STATE OFFICERS

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