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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”
MARCH 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**



BIG SIR SAYS...

BY ROCK LIBBY

Well, it is March. At the risk of jinxing us I will say things appear to be ever so slightly better on the Covid front. The vaccines are more readily available with three brands approved and the numbers are on the upswing in deliveries both to the individual states and into arms. I have had my two Pfizer injections with zero side effects. Appointments are available from a variety of pharmacies and Health Care organizations. If anyone is lacking transportation to a location for a shot please call me and I will find a way to get you there. In the meantime, stay safe. You know the drill by now, Washing hands, wearing your masks and employing safe social distancing. This applies AFTER you receive your shot(s) as well. All these efforts to contain the virus will pay us big dividends sooner rather than later we hope.



To that end we are doing our best to ramp up activities and monthly luncheons as soon as safely possible, I stopped by the Denair Community Services District office to see if there was any news and I was told they knew nothing yet. On the plus side, I spoke with our caterer George of Crust & Crumb and he informs me that his neighbor on Main Street is moving and he is assuming at least a portion of that property. He is confident it will seat 100 people. We don't get that many at-

tendees in the best of times but with proper distancing that room should accommodate whatever number we do have. So, if we are able to meet the SIR guidelines and if our area is approved for indoor dining, even if the Denair facility is not available we may have a place to meet and eat. One more reason to get your vaccine.

Kudos to Rick Kindle again for the great program featuring Mondavi Winery. Michael Mondavi gave a great presentation. He also shared a tip about improving the taste of your red wines. If you attended you know what the tip is and if you did not attend, that is a shame. Rick is once more treating us to another fine program this month featuring Gene Hamner discussing his book about the dangerous as in very dangerous job of Forward Air Controller in Viet Nam and Laos (shhh/hush on the Laos part). You do not want to miss this one so please make yourself a Corned Beef sandwich and join us on March 17th for our Zoom meeting at 11AM with the meeting starting promptly at 11:30 AM sharp. I would be willing to wager that our man George will have Corned Beef sandwiches available at Crust & Crumb. Don't forget our BEC meeting on the 19th at 10:00 AM. We wish you would join us. Always eventful, always interesting.

In the meantime, be safe. I know that is redundant but we are almost there. Erin go brag!

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
APRIL 1-2 and 3**

**NOTICE: ACTIVITIES FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH HAVE BEEN
CANCELED.**

**2021 DUES (\$30) ARE NOW
DUE AND PAYABLE**

**Please send your check & payable to Sir Branch #143 to:
Mike Sakaguchi, 1395 Alex Circle, Turlock, CA 95382**



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



New trip to Louisville ★ to Nashville ★ September 16-24, 2021

Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, and Nashville

Tour Features Included:

- 1. Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville
- 2. 8 day Guided tour with Tour Manager
- 3. Guided Tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby
- 4. 9 nights first class accommodations
- 5. 12 meals
- 6. Gratuities on all included features to bus driver and tour guide

Price: \$3,895 per person double occupancy
\$4,893 single occupancy

\$550 per person deposit required to hold space
\$850 per person deposit required after May 20, 2021
Space is limited and sold on first come basis only
FINAL PAYMENT DUE JUNE 1, 2021



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



If interested in any trips call Bill at home 209-544-2684, cell 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



MORE TRIPS ON NEXT PAGE





Laguna Arts Festival

Pageant of the

Masters in

Southern California

July 25-28, 2021

**Price: \$1,995 Double \$2,490 Single
Deposit of \$500 to hold spot.**

Final payment due May 1, 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION NEEDED FOR TRIP

Private bus for our group will be provided

Trip Includes:

- Round trip airfare
- Deluxe Motorcoach transportation
- 3 night stay at Best Western Plus in Long Beach
- Tour of Ronald Reagan Library
- Gondola Cruise, Dinner at Naples Rib Company
- Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express
- Avalon Scenic tour of Catalina Island
- Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Admission into the Sawdust Festival
- Dinner at Terra Laguna Beach
- Reserved Main Tier Center seats for Pageant of the Masters "Made in America theme"
- Guided tour of Los Angeles
- Admission to the Space Shuttle Endeavour exhibit
- 5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- All taxes for features, all gratuities for bus driver and guides

**EARLY RESERVATION IS URGED TO INSURE
MAIN TIER CENTER SEATING**

This trip was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and is rescheduled.

Holland Tulip Festival Tour

**Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel
May 12-19, 2022**

Price: \$3,565 Per Person

Double Occupancy

\$4,715 Single Occupancy

**Price is based on a discount group
airfare of \$249 roundtrip.**

**This airfare expires on March 31,
2021, so sign up before this date.**

Trip Highlights:

- Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit
- Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver
- Spend 1 night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city
- Attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan
- Visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (Music Parade)
- Spend 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Macinac Island
- Tour Macinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage
- Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour
- \$40 in Mayflower Money

As this trip was cancelled it will fill up fast with all those that did not get to go on the trip in 2020.

So sign up early and get your reservation form and deposit to Bill Stires by March 31, 2021 to get this great price.

The airfare could go up as much as \$500 or more on April 1, 2021.

Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or 209-544-2684 to reserve your spot.

Future trips: Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammergau and the Passion Play is postponed until August 27 – September 7, 2022.

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ZOOM MEETING - FEBRUARY 19, 2021

Call to Order/Welcome @ 10:00 a.m.
by Big Sir Rock Libby
It is determined a Quorum is present.

Attendance Officers:

Big Sir Rock Libby, Little Sir Greg Back,
Secretary Ken Edwards,
Treasure Leonard Zumstein.

Directors: Gary Toombs, Larry Hughes,
Bob Holly, Kevin Bryne.

Committee Representatives:

Gary Toombs Activities, Greg Back,
Nominating Chair, Larry Hughes, Mem-
bership, Travel Bill Stires, Bob Holly Re-
cruiting.

Guests: Mark Taylor

Secretary's Report: By Ken Edwards,
January, 2021.

Motion to Approved 1st Leonard Zum-
stein, 2nd Bob Holly, approved unani-
mous.

Treasures Report: By Leonard Zumstein

\$420.00	Deposited
\$.00	Expenses
\$2612.79	Checking
\$375	Cash on hand
\$ 2,987.79	Balance total

Motion to approve 1st Greg Back,
2nd Bill Stires, approved unanimous.

Membership report: By Larry Hughes

Membership Stands at 132.

Activity Reports:

Travel by Bill Stires an update was
provided on the following trips
Laguna Arts Festival from July 26-29
2021 everyone who plans on attending
must have COVID shots and a private bus
will be provided. . Also The Smoky Moun-
tain trip Sept 16 thru 24th, 2021 and a
Mackinac Holland trip May 12-19th 2022
are still planned.

Old business:

It was noted the Audit committee report
was finished last month and approved by
the BEC.

Greg Back has assumed the duties as
Web Master.

New Business:

Big Sir Rock Libby will contact all budget
committee members to schedule a
meeting in March.

No further new items.

Motion to adjourn by Big Sir Rock Libby
1st Bob Holly, 2nd Leonard Zumstien
approved unanimous.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:57 a.m.
By Big Sir Rock Libby

Respectfully Submitted Ken Edwards,
Secretary Branch # 143



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
RV Chairman



2021 JACKSON RANCHERIA RV OUTING March 28 - April 2

Contact: Ken Kajioka 209-602-8352

TENTATIVE AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE/COVID RESTRICTIONS

Sunday 3/28	ARRIVE 3:00 pm - Get setup & meet your neighbors
Monday 3/29	BREAKFAST - TBD UPON ARRIVAL DINNER
Tuesday 3/30	BREAKFAST - TBD UPON ARRIVAL DINNER
Wednesday 3/31	BREAKFAST - TBD UPON ARRIVAL DINNER
Thursday 4/1	BREAKFAST - TBD UPON ARRIVAL DINNER
Friday 4/2	DRIVE SAFELY HAPPY EASTER!!!

BRING A GUEST!!!

This event is open to friends and relatives

**TENTATIVE DATE
 SUBJECT TO
 DISCUSSION BY THE
 GROUP**

SIGN UP PROCEDURE:

Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351

1. Call Jackson Rancheria for reservations 1-209-223-8358 and mention "Turlock Group"
2. Call or text Ken Kajioka after registering

Check with Ken Kajioka for any upcoming events or ideas about outings. 209-667-6588

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.



WHERE CAN I GET A VACCINE?

Stanislaus County has COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics available to all residents of Stanislaus County. There are clinics in Modesto, Turlock, Oakdale and Patterson. The days and times that the clinics are open at listed on the website for Stanislaus County Public Health, www.schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine. No appointment is necessary. Proof of residence is required. Stanislaus County is in the process of developing a procedure for those who are unable to wait in lines for a vaccine. Information will be available in the upcoming weeks.

If your insurance provider is Sutter Health. Sutter Health provides vaccines for health care workers and for people over 75 year old. You can call (844) 987-6115, Mon-Fri. 7:00 am—6:00 pm, Sat-Sun. 8:00 am-5:00 pm to schedule an appointment. Do not contact your provider's office, they are not able to book appointments or provide scheduling exceptions.

If your insurance provider is Kaiser Permanente. Kaiser provides vaccinations for health care workers and people 75 years and older. You need to go to Kaiser's website, kaiserpermanente.org/health-wellness/coronavirus, to log on to access the code to make an appointment.

If your insurance provider is Alignment Healthcare Insurance. The AllCare Granger Clinic is at 205 W. Granger Ave., Modesto. Call 209-622-4680 for vaccination appointments.



BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Gordon Alldrin, Kevin Byrne, Michael Green,
Earl Hamilton, Bob Holly, Al Miroo, Don Nordell,
Dennison Parolini, John Robnik



ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Joe Bughi, Lon Bishop, Marvin Souza, Wardee Bruce,
Robert Newell, Lenny Zumstein, Larry Date,
Clarence Garcia, Bill Stires

**Please join us for our SIR Branch 143
DATE: MARCH Zoom Meeting on
Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

Time: Video conference will open to join about 11:00am and meeting will start at 11:30am.

To join the Zoom Meeting use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668282762?pwd=L3FaMTFBTVVEwNjJITQ2ZFZTN1d3Uvdz09>

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Assistant Secretary	Larry Date	632-7287
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	Mike Sakaguchi	602-5740
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership.....	Ted Thorne	874-2249
Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling	Tony Ferro	634-8377
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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.....	Greg Back	585-6862

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Larry Hughes, Fred Courter, Mike Sakaguchi

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