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**“ OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH
FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”**

MARCH 2024 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

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Big Sir Message from Bob Holly...

Well, March is now here. On Friday the 15th, a number of your branch 143 officers will be attending a state Sirs meeting of all branches in Walnut Creek. We are looking forward to learning new ways which we can improve or own branch. We will definitely also share our knowledge, and our ideas.



In our February BEC meeting we reviewed our schedule of operation for our Branch 143. This is a review of what the state requirements are. Each officer received a copy of these requirements for their information. **DUES ARE DUE!** Our guest speakers for our luncheon meeting for the following three months are:

March 20th the principal of Turlock High School, Dave Kline. April 17th, we will have Scott Atherton of the Turlock Historical Society. When we meet on May 21st, our guest speaker will be Chad Hilligas from the Gallo Center for the Arts. Our next BEC meeting will be on the March 22, all are welcome.

Please bring a friend to each of our monthly luncheon meeting, as this will help us grow our Branch 143 membership!!! Don't forget that March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, so Wear That Green!!!!!!

**May the Luck of the Irish Be With You!!!!!!
Your Big Sir
Bob Holly**

NEXT DEADLINE: APRIL 1-2 and 3 of 2024

JOIN US IN MARCH



**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting MARCH 20th -
WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

Luncheon Location: BLACK BEAR DINER

3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock



SIR TRAVEL

John Cardoza, Travel Chairman
209-483-7722 - johncardoza@hotmail.com



11 Night Inside Passage Cruise Aboard the Crown Princess

Sailing Round-Trip
San Francisco, May
26-June 6, 2024



Price: **Ocean View Stateroom:** \$2590 double
occupancy, Single \$4795

Balcony State Room - Double \$2855, Single \$5325

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Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Tour Features: Transfers from Turlock/Modesto to the pier in San Francisco ROUND TRIP, 11 Night round-trip inside passage, All taxes including Port Taxes.

Escorted by John Cardoza 209-483-7722

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sunday Board Crown Princess
- Monday at Sea, Tuesday at Sea
- Wednesday Ketchikan
- Thursday Juneau
- Friday Skagway
- Saturday Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier
- Sunday At Sea
- Monday Victoria, Canada
- Tuesday at Sea, Wednesday at Sea
- Thursday Arrive San Francisco



CONDITIONS APPLY

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: JAN. 31, 2024

**ADD THE PRINCESS PLUS PKG FOR
AN ADDITIONAL \$660 Per Person!**

INCLUDES: beverage package (drinks up to \$15 each),
Wi-Fi, Crew Appreciation, Premium Dessert (2-per day),
Fitness Classes (2 per Cruise),
and Unlimited Juice Bar

★ 16 NIGHT Panama Canal Cruise

**Aboard the Coral Princess
San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale
January 20-February 5, 2025**



**RATES: Double per person: \$4185 to \$6295
Single: \$6965 to \$11125**

TOUR FEATURES

- Transfers from Turlock and Modesto to cruise terminal in San Francisco and airport back to Modesto and Turlock post cruise
- Airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento post cruise.
- 16 Night Panama Cruise
- Port Taxes, transfers from ship to airport post cruise.
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person (excluding airline baggage fees)

**MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN NEXT NEWSLETTER
ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA**

PORTS OF CALL

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico - Puerto Quetzal,
Guatemala/Puntarenas, Costa Rica/Fuerto
Amador, Panama/Full Transit through the
historic locks and Cartagena, Columbia

**Contact John Cardoza at 209-483-7722, if
you have any questions or need help!**

**YOU CAN CONTACT JOHN CARDOZA email at johncardoza@hotmail.com
to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.**

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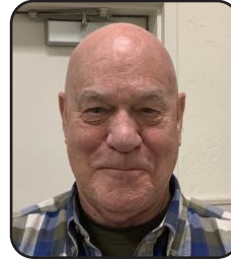
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Roger Jackson
Little Sir



Greg Back
Secretary/Web Master



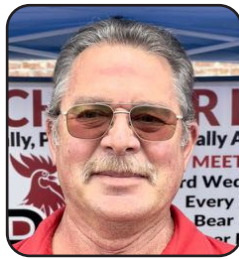
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Assistant Secretary



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 MARCH 22nd

Meeting Starts at 8:30am

Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am



**YOUR 2024 DUES ARE NOW
DUE AND PAYABLE**



**Remember, you cannot
participate in SIR activities
unless your dues are current.**



Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting

My Garden Cafe, Turlock

February 23, 2024 - 8:30AM

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

Members/Guests Present: Ken Kajioka.

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 Roger Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Leonard Zumstein reviewed Form 28 from last month and reported – dues collected from 3 new members/applicants.

Checking = \$3431 Cash on hand = \$275
Receipts = \$1200
Expenditures = \$253

Membership Report: Chairman Mike Johnson reported 3 new membership applications for review by the BEC; Ed Michalec, Joe R. Bughi, Tim Bughi. After discussion a motion to accept all 3 applications was made by Leonard Zumstein and seconded by Kevin Byrne. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Bocce Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson reported there were 8 players last Friday and that a good time was had by all.

Golf: Chairman Ken Kajioka reported that new member Tim Bughi wants to join the golf group and Ken is supplying him the info.

Travel: Chairman John Cardoza reported that he is gauging interest in a possible European river cruise and is asking for members input. More info on the possible river cruise to be provided.

RV: Wagon Master Ken Kajioka reported that the next RV outing will be to Black Oak Casino RV Park on April 28-30. This trip had not been previously approved as a SIR activity and needed a motion to approve. Motion made by Greg Back and seconded by Vern Segars. Motion carried unanimously.

Dine Out/Other Activities; Chairman Gary Toombs not present. In his absence Big SIR Bob Holly reported that the next dine out will be Thursday, March 28, at the Great American Grill in Hilmar. More information will follow when Gary returns.

Ken Kajioka discussed having an outing to the Fallon House Theater in Columbia to see the play “Route 66” on June 27, for a 2pm matinee. A motion to approve this as a SIR activity was made by Vern Segars and seconded by John Cardoza. Motion carried unanimously.

Recruitment & Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle not present. No report.

Old Business: Big SIR Bob Holly reviewed the schedule of branch operations for items due in February. All responsible parties understand what needs to be done and will complete their action items or have already done so.

Bob Holly reported he spoke with Program Chairman Gary Potter who has confirmed the speaker for our next meeting will be Dave Klein, Principal Turlock High School.

After a brief discussion it was decided to send invoices for dues via US Mail to those members who are still unpaid as of the end of February. Leonard Zumstein and Mike Johnson will prepare the list of names and Greg Back will prepare and mail the invoices.

New Business: Nominating Committee Chairman Greg Back asked for additional volunteers to be on the committee. This committee will recruit members who will serve as officers in 2025. Committee members are Greg Back, Gary Toombs, Roger Jackson, Dan Gorman and Rick Kindle.

Mike Johnson, Membership Chairman, reported that he needs help from someone to sell raffle tickets at the lunch meetings. Dan Gorman volunteered to sell tickets for the March lunch and Kevin Byrne volunteered for the April lunch.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Leonard Zumstein and seconded by John Cardoza. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 10:07am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
RV Chairman



Black Oak RV in Tuolumne County April 28 – May 3, 2024



SUNDAY April 28 Arrival, meal decions to be made for week
MONDAY April 29. Activities: Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, Card Games
TUESDAY April 30.
WEDNESDAY May 1
THURSDAY May 2, Dinner, Casino Restaurant
FRIDAY May 3. Drive home safely

Wagon Master: Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351
kenkajioka@gmail.com
Reservation Transferable
Invite Friends and Neighbors

SIGN UP PROCEDURE

1. Call Black Oak RV Park for reservation 1-877-747-8777
2. IMPORTANT Let them know you are with KEN KAJIOKA group
3. Call or text Ken Kajioka after registering. 209-602-8351

Reservation will ask for a credit card # but will not be charged.

IMPORTANT: RESERVATIONS ARE FILLING UP FAST!



BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Joe Adams 3/22, Gordon Alldrin 3/27, Bob Boyd 3/31, Tim Bughi 3/7
Kevin Byrne 3/23, Bob Holly 3/6

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Lon Bishop 3/25, Wardee Bruce 3/12, Joe Bughi 3/1,
Larry Date 3/12, Mike Lazar 3/11, Marvin Souza 3/6, Bill Stires 3/30,
Leonard Zumstein 3/16





THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



Preserving Napa Valley's Historic Zinfandels

If you're going to the ZAP EX Grand Tasting in San Francisco, make sure you taste the Zinfandels from Robert Biale Vineyards. Last year the Navigator and I were completely blown away when we tasted their flagship wine, the Black Chicken Zinfandel. Biale has set the standard for producing heritage Zinfandels by saving the old vine California classics. I did a bit of research online and found out Biale Vineyards produces 20+ Zinfandels from historic head trained vines, some dating to the 1880's.

The Biale family began growing Zinfandel in 1937, but even earlier, Pietro and Cristina Biale worked in Zinfandel vineyards on Mt. Veeder in the early 1920's. In 1942, Pietro was killed on his second job at a local rock quarry. His 13 year son, Aldo, had to step up and take over his father's chores, including winemaking taught to him by his uncle Angelo. Not all of Aldo's grapes were made into Black Chicken Zin. Most of the grapes were sold to St. Helena's Cooperative Winery. They were processed into wine with other similar old vine vineyards filling many bottles of good quality Gallo Hearty Burgundy.

In 1991, the third generation saw an opportunity to take a position as preservationists of Zinfandel's rich tradition in Napa Valley. They decided to treat Zinfandel more like Pinot Noir because of their physical similarities and cool climate influences. The style is vibrant and elegant as opposed to so many of the heavier "fruit bomb" versions that were popular for so long in the 1970's and 80's.

Biale Vineyards estate grapes account for about 25% of their

total production. The rest of the grapes come from other family vineyards in Napa Valley and Sonoma. Historic vineyards like Bedrock, Monte Rosso, Morisoli, Nonna's, Pagani, Palisades and Stagecoach are just a few that contribute to Biale Vineyard's award winning Zinfandels.

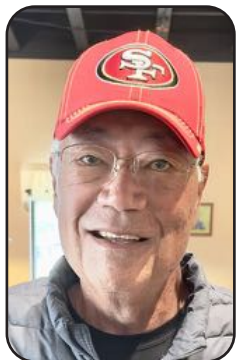
While tasting, you might want to ask the server why it is called Black Chicken Zinfandel. Or maybe do some research on your own. It's a good story! www.bialevineyards.com.

Wine Lines of 2023

Most wineries were still adjusting from the pandemic last year, requiring tasting reservations, especially on weekends. By doing this the winery could staff accordingly and it lets the taster set their own time and know what the charge will be. Most regions accept walk-ins if space is available. I'm shocked at how expensive wine tasting has become. Tasting fees and the wine markups restaurants charge are my biggest complaints. I always ask the restaurant what their corkage is when making a reservation. Most of the time it is \$15 but \$25 is really pushing it. Cheers to all restaurants that have half price wine night!

The Navigator prefers a light red wine which is Pinot Noir. For most of the year Costco had La Crema Sonoma Coast and 'J' Pinot Noir Russian River, both under \$18 which elsewhere sell for \$24. And now, of course, they're gone, so the hunt continues. The best deals of the year has been Portuguese Red Blends like the 2020 Dona Flor, 55% Cabernet Sauvignon and 45% Touriga Nacional. It's an incredible Tinto for just \$6.99 at the Grocery Outlet Adios to 2023 and on the 2024 Cheers!

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



GOLF

Ken Kajioka,
Chairman

SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2024										
MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Mar	4	Mon	9:00 SG	103A	Creekside	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	11	Mon	9:00 SG	103B	Swenson	\$40		\$9	\$49	Carts Optional
	18	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$20	\$9	\$52	Carts Optional
	25	Mon	9:00 SG	103A	Drycreek	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included
Apr	1	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Elkhorn	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included
	8	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	15	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Tracy GC	\$50		\$9	\$59	Carts Included
	22	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Dryden	\$23	\$20	\$9	\$52	Carts Optional
	29	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Manteca	\$40		\$9	\$49	Carts Included

Speaker for month of March will be David Kline Principal Turlock High School

Dr. Kline earned his M.A. in Education administration in 1997 and his Doctor of Education in 2016. He joined TUSD for the first time in 1991 as a teacher up until 1998. He returned to the district in 2009 when he began serving as principal at Turlock Junior High. In 2014, Kline transitioned to serve as the director of human resources in the Newman-Crows Landing School District. In 2021, he was named superintendent in the Oakdale Unified School District.

"I've been part of Turlock for decades, and always enjoyed it," Kline said. "My last placement was at Turlock Junior High, and I just loved it. Great, great community, great school district. I've always had the desire to return to Turlock, but the opportunity never presented itself. When the position opened up, I jumped at the chance. I saw that and I was fortunate to go from there."

Kline assumed his position as THS principal on July 1, 2023, he is taking steps to familiarize himself with the school and the campus culture.

"I'm a local guy, so my availability is pretty open where I can reach out to Gabe, and we've already scheduled some dates for me to walk around campus and for him to kind of share with me some of the great things that he's been a part of," Kline said. "I'm looking forward to hearing the great things that he's done and then looking to see where else we can take this great school."



IT'S DINE-IN-DINE OUT TIME

Our next dine-out will be at

Great American Grill

Located in Downtown Hillmar on 1st Street

Thursday, March 28th

Meet 5:30 drinks - 6:00 dining
call Gary by Fri. March 22nd to
RSVP 209-604-8406



SIR BRANCH # 143 THEATER TRIP

Thursday, June 27, 2024

2:00 p.m.

11175 Washington St., Columbia, CA 95310

TICKETS: \$25.00 / PERSON



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Beginning with the sounds of 1950s Chicago and traveling along the 'Main Street of America' to the California coast with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest 'Rock 'n' Road' hits of the 20th century. Songs include "Dead Man's Curve," "King of the Road," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena," "Beep-Beep," "Six Days on the Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and many more.

TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN AND SECURE YOUR TICKETS, EMAIL ROGER JACKSON, by April 17th, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED: rogjaxn@me.com

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Let Roger know if you are interested in joining us.**

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Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer	Vern Segars	634-2142
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Assistant Membership/Mailing	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Recruiting.....	Rick Kindle	652-8608
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Travel Chairman	John Cardoza	483-7722
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Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
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Chaplain.....	OPEN	
RV Chairman	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
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