

# SENIOR SIR TIMES

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

**“ OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH  
FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”  
MAY 2020 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**

## BIG SIR SAYS...

### From Greg Back

Hello fellow SIRs. I hope this month's message finds all of you safe and healthy. There is not much to say this month due to the continued health orders to remain home and shelter in place except for essential activities.

There are still a few members that have not paid their dues for 2020.

Check the list elsewhere in this newsletter to see if you have already paid. If your name is not on the list, you have not paid so please send in your check. Your BEC met via a Zoom video conference last month and a topic of discussion was when and how we will restart our SIR meetings and activities. State SIR directives are for branches to closely monitor local, county and state health directives for guidance and to keep the safety of our members as our number one priority. I know that by now everyone is suffering from "cabin fever," but rest assured we will not do anything until we are sure it is safe for our members. For some positive news, Stanislaus County recently announced that our county is faring much better than the state as a whole and they are considering modifications to their Covid-19 health directives. In the meantime, here is some information from the Stanislaus County website on local stores that have senior only shopping hours that may be useful. And please don't forget that our branch caterer, Crust and Crumb,



has a Thursday and Sunday supper club with freshly prepared dinner specials for takeout or curbside pickup.

**Big Lots:** All of the national discount chain's stores have reserved the first hour of each day for senior citizens and "those most vulnerable to this virus." Other shoppers are being asked to respect the senior shopping hour. Big Lots stores are open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

**Cardenas Markets:** The western states Latino grocery chain will open an hour early each day for "seniors & first responders" to shop before the general public. The special shopping window is open to senior citizens, their caretakers, people requiring extra time and first responders. The special shopping hour will be 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., with general public hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Dollar General:** The chain of discount stores began a senior store hour, the first hour of business each day, to allow seniors and other at-risk customers time to shop. Others are "strongly encouraged" to plan their shopping accordingly. Stores are also closing an hour early to allow for restocking. Store hours vary, so call or check online at [www.dollargeneral.com](http://www.dollargeneral.com) for your closest location.

**La Perla Tapatia:** The Central Valley-based Latino grocery chain is reserving the first hour of shopping each day to customers age 65 and up and those with disabilities. 7 to 8 a.m. will be reserved for people in those groups and stores are asking other customers to stay away during those times.

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**2020 DUES ARE NOW DUE  
AND PAYABLE”  
check the list elsewhere in the  
newsletter to verify if you  
have already paid.**

**NOTICE:  
ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF  
MAY HAVE BEEN CANCELED  
INCLUDING SIRs GOLF DUE TO  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER IS:  
JUNE 1-2 and 3**



# SIR TRAVEL

**BILL STIRES**  
**TRAVEL CHAIRMAN**



*ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL PRESENTS FOR  
SIRS #143, Area 18 and Friends  
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## 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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Guided tour of Los Angeles  
Admission into Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit  
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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](mailto: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.

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**RSVP: Bill Stires**  
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***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 April 10, 2020 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.

# PISMO COAST VILLAGE RV RESORT OCTOBER 25-30, 2020

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165 S. Dolliver St., Pismo, CA 93449

## RESERVATION STEPS:

1. Call, text or email Ken for reservation request by March 1, 2020. I need name, contact phone.
2. After April 1, 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**



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**O'Brien's Market:** The Modesto-based grocery chain is allowing those age 65 or older to shop one hour before the store opens daily to the general public. Shoppers should be prepared to show identification. All of its stores, in Modesto and Riverbank, now have limited hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the general public and to allow for restocking and cleaning. The senior shopping hour starts at 7 a.m. daily.

**Raley's:** The supermarket chain is offering those 65 or older Senior Essential Bags with pre-selected bags of grocery essentials at a discounted price. The bags can be picked up in-store or curbside, and friends of caregivers will be allowed to purchase them for the elderly. There are two bag options; a \$20 bag with staples including fruits and vegetables, canned soup, pasta and sauce, beans, peanut butter and canned tuna, and a \$35 bag with ready-to-eat meals which can be heated at home with entrees and salads. Bags will be available first-come, first-serve and given out one per family.

**Safeway:** Senior hours are 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

**SaveMart:** Senior hours are 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., all stores.

**Smart & Final:** The grocery chain is offering a half-hour window starting at 7:30 a.m. before the store opens to the general public to allow "seniors and other at-risk populations" to shop. That includes those age 65 or older, customers with disabilities and pregnant women. People should be prepared to show ID to enter during the reserved shopping time. Normal store hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

**Target:** The national chain has reserved the first hour of shopping each Wednesday to "support vulnerable guests," which includes the elderly and those with underlying health concerns. The senior shopping hour is from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesdays. The stores have also reduced their daily hours, closing by 9 p.m. daily in order to restock and deep clean the premise.

**Walmart:** The national chain is offering a one-hour window before stores open to the general public once a week for

customers aged 60 and older. The senior shopping hour will be from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. every Tuesday. Store hours have been reduced for the general public to allow for stocking and cleaning. The new store hours are 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily.

**Finally, I leave you with some Covid-19 humor...**

**- I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone.**

**He asked me what I was wearing...**

**- 2019: Stay away from negative people.**

**2020: Stay away from positive people.**

**- The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house.**

**Their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!**

**- Do you think it's bad now?**

**In 20 years our country will be run by people home-schooled by day drinkers.**

**- This virus has done what no woman has been able to do ...**

**Cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!**

**- Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighborhood!**

**Those are your neighbors without makeup and hair extensions!**

**- Since we can't eat out, now's the perfect time to eat better, get fit, and stay healthy.**

**We're quarantined! Who are we trying to impress? We have snacks, we have sweatpants – I say we use them!**

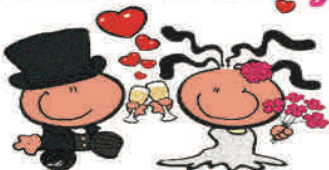
**IN GOD WE TRUST**



## BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Fred Bigler, Wardee Bruce, Garry Dudley, David Fox, Patrick Gibbs, Roger Kirkes, Roy Klevmer, Marvin Larson, Darrel Leaman, Jan Pyle, Brad Sleeper, Richard Warn, Jeff Wilson

*Happy Anniversary*



## IN MAY

Ray Rhodes, Robert Lotspeich, Barry Vincent, Bill First, Tony Ferro, Hartley Spycher, Larry Hughes, Harry Carlson, Ken Veitch

## 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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