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

MAY 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR SAYS...

BY ROCK LIBBY

We have good news as respects the Corona Virus



situation. The news is good as far as the percentage of people who are now fully vaccinated and the percentage who have had at least their first shot. The fact that the vaccination rate is slowing down due to reluctance is not so good, depending of course, upon your own opinion. On the plus side California ranks #1 in the Nation in weekly cases and hospitalizations. We are looking at many counties moving to less restrictive tiers and hopefully Stanislaus will follow shortly.

We recently had a "Fireside Chat" Zoom meeting with State President Stu Williams to discuss the re-opening of activities and luncheon gatherings. There were around 180 SIR members so it was well attended. There were many opinions offered and as with all else Virus related, those opinions were widely varied. And as with all else Virus related, they ran the gamut of the political spectrum. There were many thoughtful suggestions and lots of misinformation offered. It is unfortunate that the Center for Disease Control seems unable to just say, "We don't know ... this is our first time here". But, they as yet have not, guidelines are constantly changing, then reversing causing confusion which I

think is a disservice to us all. Be that as it may, the gist of the meeting was that we are attempting to reopen as soon as SAFELY possible.

We have received guidelines and protocols for outside activities which will require a signed waiver and release of Liability for the SIR organization. At this time for "outdoor" activities there is no "proof of vaccination" required. The renewal of our Liability Policy contains a specific exclusion for Covid-related illness and other bacterial illnesses so the Waiver and Release is strictly to protect the organization against lawsuits. There was discussion of opening indoor activities though we can only speculate when that might happen. We can presume that those indoor activities will require a "proof of vaccination". While some may consider this as impinging on their rights, I would ask you all to consider that regardless of your position we must keep the health of our fellow members uppermost in our minds. Given the demographics of our group, we have several members who have legitimate concerns about their immune systems which may be compromised. Additionally, we don't want anyone bringing an unwelcome infection home to a spouse. This would include me.

We are doing well and making solid progress. Please be patient just a bit longer. And most importantly, stay safe.

Rock

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

**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



**Top of Switzerland and
Oberammergau, Germany
and the Passion Play.**
**August 27 -
September 7, 2022**

Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only)

Airfare to be added in October 2021.

Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation by June 15, 2021.

This trip was canceled in 2020 and there are only 10 spots left for our group and we will not receive any more after June 15, 2021.
So sign up now to reserve your spot for this great trip

EARLY RESERVATION IS URGED TO INSURE MAIN TIER CENTER SEATING

Highlights:

- 2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland.** Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city.
- 1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland.** A trip to the "Top of Europe" with a Panorama 360 Degree Experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy.
- 2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland.** Visit a Woodcarving Museum, walk through the romantic Brunnigasse, once awarded the title "Most Beautiful Street in Europe."
- 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.** A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany.
- 2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play.** The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau.
- 2 night stay in Munich, Germany.** Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz.
- 17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more.**



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

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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: \$3,895 Per Person Double Occupancy
\$5,375 Single Occupancy

Price is based on a discount group airfare of \$249 roundtrip.
Deposit \$650 per person
Final Payment January 10, 2022

Trip Highlights:

- Transportation to and from airport
- 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
- Much, much more

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

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

BEC MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 10:14 AM

By Big Sir Rock Libby

Attendance: Big Sir Rock Libby, Little Sir Greg Back, Directors Bob Holly, Gary Toombs, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter and Mike Sakaguchi, Membership Chair Larry Hughes and Travel Chair Bill Stires.

Absent: Secretary Ken Edwards, Treasurer Leonard Zumstein and Director Ken Kajioka.

Guest: Rick Kindle, State VP

Secretary's report was unanimously approved as emailed and published in the April Newsletter with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Bill Stires.

Treasurer's report: Due to Leonard Zumstein's absence we had no Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Chair Larry Hughes report included the reinstatement of Nael Aly to increase our membership to 133. The report was unanimously approved with 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Kewin Byrne.

Mike Sakaguchi noted he received dues from 5 more members bringing us to 51 paid members and 81 unpaid. (This was prior to Nael Aly's reinstatement)

Travel Chair Bill Stires reports the Pageant of the Masters trip to Laguna, set for July 25-28 2021 will require proof of Covid vaccine or a negative test within 72 hours of boarding. Cost is \$1995 per person/double occupancy. \$2490 Single. Private bus for the group will be provided.

"Bourbon, Bridles & Bluegrass", September 16th - 24th, includes Louisville, Churchill Downs, Smoky Mountains to Nashville. \$3895 double occupancy. Deposit \$550 and payment in full due this June 1st.

Holland Tulip Festival May 12th -19th 2022, \$3895 PP/Double Occ. And \$5375 single. Deposit \$650 Per

person, final payment due January 10th 2022.

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play, August 27-September 7, 2022. Price \$4725 Double Occupancy (Land only) Airfare to be added in October 2021.. Deposit \$750 per person to hold by June 15th.

Bill's trips were unanimously approved with 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Mike Sakaguchi.

Dine in/Dine out is on hold once more pending further changes in Covid situation. Per Gary Toombs.

Bocce Ball: Gary Toombs, New protocols for Bocce Ball will expedite re-opening of this activity with location to be determined.

R/C Flying: Greg Back No news.

New Business:

The new SIR EVENT "Waiver and Release of Liability" was approved with 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Bill Stires. New protocols for Bocce Ball were unanimously approved with 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Bob Holly.

Old Business:

Ongoing discussion of how to handle members with unpaid dues resulted in our waiting a bit. We have a Fireside Chat this coming Monday, April 26th and hopefully we will know more about how soon we may re-open. This will make a decision easier on how to handle unpaid dues. Additionally we hope it will make discussion of dues during our follow-up phone tree calls to be made soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Rock Libby, Big Sir for Ken Edwards, Secretary
Branch 143



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
RV Chairman



Pismo Coast Village RV Outing Oct. 24-29, 2021

The Village just opened their reservations for this time period and based upon the high demand for RV camping sites, they will go fast.



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

Ken encourages you to make your Reservations ASAP. You will be making your reservations as Individuals... After you make your reservations, please send an email or call Ken and advise him of the date you will be there...If you have other friends going with you and want to be placed close to them you should declare that on your reservations. At a later date, Ken will provide all the names of our attendees to PCV for placement of sites. Any further questions, please feel free to call Ken at 209-602-8351.

Currently this is not a SIR trip but if conditions improve it may be so we can use the clubhouse for gatherings.

RESERVATION STEPS:

1. Call for reservation
April 1st or later
2. Call or text Ken Kajioka
to confirm reservation

**Make your
reservations
now by calling
PCV at
805-773-1811.**

Below are the members who have PAID their 2021 annual dues

.Please Send 2021 due payment of \$30.00 (CHECKS ONLY) Please do not send cash.

[Make checks payable to: "S.I.R. Branch 143"]

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1395 Alex Circle Turlock, CA 95382
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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 MAY



Brad Sleeper, Dick Warn, Pat Gibbs, Roy Klevmyr, Garry Dudley, Wardee Bruce, Marvin Larson, Roger Kirkes, Joe Adams, Jan Pyle, Jeff Wilson, David Fox, Gleen Elder, Darwell Leaman

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY



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

Please join us for our SIR Branch 143
**DATE: MAY Zoom Meeting on
 Wednesday, May 19th, 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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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
Directors:	Gary Toombs, Kevin Byrne, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Fred Courter, Mike Sakaguchi	

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