

" OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE" MAY 2023 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR GARY TOOMBS SAYS..

Here we are into May and the year is almost half over. I would like to try and clear up the current Big Sir situation in our Branch 143. We were not able to find a member to take the Big Sir position for the year 2023. The nominating committee proposed that the last four Big Sir's would take three months each as Big Sir. The last four Big Sirs were Gregg Beck, Rock Libby,

Mark Taylor and myself. Greg Beck agreed to take the first three months. I said

I would take the next three months which worked out fine for April but now plans have changed and I will be out of the area both May and June. Mark Taylor has agreed to take over as Big Sir for those two months and I will take two of his months later in the year. At this time Little Sir Bob Holly will move into the Big Sir position in 2024 and the nominating committee Is working on filling positions for the 2024 year. Please, if you are contacted to take one of the many positions which are needed to keep our branch operating, consider helping out.

Please make arrangements now to secure your lunch for our meeting on May 17th. We request all interested parties purchase their lunches in advance so we have an accurate count for ordering lunches. Please mail your checks for \$25.00 per person to Roger Jackson at 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, Ca 95382, so they arrive by May 12. If you believe your payment will not arrive by May 12, please call Rodger at 209-658-2673 to confirm your attendance and you can pay at the door and pick up your tickets on May 17th Luncheon.

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



11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting MAY 17th -

WILL BE HELD AT Denair Community Center in Denair, 3850 N Gratton Rd Denair, CA 95316, doors open at 10:30.

8 am - BEC meeting MAY 19th- Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE 8 am start time.

NEW PRICE FOR LUNCHEONS IS NOW \$25.00

Lunch tickets can be sold and picked up at the door.







SIR TRAVEL

Bill Stires, Travel Chairman John Cardoza. Travel Assistant





AUTUMN COLORS AT TRIP TO EAST COAST

10 Days, October 13 – October 22, 2023 Price: \$5130 double occupancy, Single \$6127 Final Payment Due June 15, 2023. Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Highlights:

2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free-time on own. - Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

- Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.
- Professional local tour guide for entire trip.
- 9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.

- 14 meals including a regional lobster feast.

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 Working For You!



Greg Back Web Master



Gary Toombs Big Sir



Bob Holly Little Sir



Joe Adams Golf



Larry Hughes Membership



Mark Taylor Past Big Sir



Fred Courter Newsletter



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. Larry Hughes, and Bob Holly.



Bill Stires Travel chairman



John Cardoza Assistant Travel



Roger Jackson Secretary



Rock Libby Assistant Secretary



Leonard Zumstein Treasurer

LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE HELD AT DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER - in Denair, 3850 N Gratton Rd. Denair, CA 95316. MENU FOR MAY LUNCHEON: Cordon Bleu with Hollandaise, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Veggies, Bread w/Butter Will be another great meal provided by our caterer Nicolau Farms.

BEC MINUTES BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Held on - APRIL 23, 2023

Site: My Garden Cafe, Turlock- Quorum is present Guest: N/A

Attendance: Fred Courter, Bob Holly, Leonard Zumstein, Larry Hughes, John Cardoza, Greg Back, Rick Kindle, Joe Adams, Gary Toombs, Mark Taylor, Rock Libby, Roger Jackson Absent: Bill Stires

Treasurer's Report:

Leonard Zumstein reports a bank balance of \$4314.74 and \$275.00 cash on hand for a total of \$4589.74.

The Form 28 has been filed and shows a beginning cash balance of \$4,674.46, with \$160.00 in dues / contributions collected. For the April 19, 2023, luncheon, we took in \$1131.00. We paid the luncheon caterer, Nicholau Farms, \$1,150.72 and \$275.00 for

the rental of the Denair Community Center.

Approval was asked for expenses to pay:

Larry Hughes - \$9.53 - Tablecloths

Dan Gorman - \$13.00 - Drinks and Ice

Greg Back - \$27.98 - Cookies

The Treasurer's Report was passed unanimously with a 1st by Bob Holly and a 2nd by Joe Adams.

Secretary's Report:

Gary Toombs shared we will have a Dine Out on May 11th at Big Bear Diner. Happy Hour begins at 5:30 and Dinner at 6:00 p.m. **Membership:**

Larry Hughes reported we had 41 members present at the April 19, 2023, luncheon with 67 members absent. The attendance included: the guest speaker, and 1 invited guest.

Total attendance was 43.

SIR member Carlos Marchbanks has passed away.

As a result of the pay your dues letter the following members have resigned:

Don Nordell, Brad Bates, Sandy Newsome, Al Miroo, Dan Diaz, Paul Lytle, Frank Watts, Doug Brinkley, Larry Ashabraner, Nael Aly There are no new member applications.

There are currently 107 members and only 68 have paid dues.

Questions about Membership:

There was a question about the induction of Jay Smith. Bob Holly will follow up and call Jay Smith to ensure he is inducted.

Fred Couter mentioned Wayne Rickey told him he was going to discontinue his membership. The membership list shows Wayne Rickey has paid his dues.

A continued discussion by Larry Hughes asked the BEC if we should possibly email the membership list to all members. It was decided we could send out the membership list, but not include the membership email addresses.

It was suggested and approved that we do add the names of members wives to the membership list.

The Form 27, for April 2023, was presented by Larry Hughes and reviewed by the board.

A motion for approval was made by Bob Holly and a second by Leonard Zumstein.

Activities Reports:

Joe Adams (Golf)

Reported there are 74 members for the golf tournament. John Cardoza (Travel)

Discussion: Continued Cruise ideas to -various locations It was suggested John Cardoza send out an interest inventory with a variety of vacation/trip destinations to the regional branches to better secure the interest level of a variety of travel destinations. Also, John Cardoza will work with Roger Jackson to see if SIRS members can join the field trips of a group known as MICL – Modesto Institute for Continued Learning, as space is available. More discussion to follow.

Gary Toombs (Dine Out) May 11, 2023 – Black Bear Diner 5:30 p.m.

Rock Libby - Walking group –Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. starting at Crane Park

Mike Johnson – (Bocce Ball) 11:00 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Fridays at Dustbowl, on Fulkerth Road, in Turlock.

Russ Winton – Wine Tasting – April 26th at Toscana's Restaurant on Colorado Avenue in Turlock. 5:30 p.m. \$20.00 / couple Old Business: Greg Back

Continued Discussion: Unpaid Dues

Bob Holly previously suggested we send a letter to members who have not paid yet, with a drop-dead date to pay their dues. Suggested final due date for paying will be April 30th.

It was decided we will drop members who have not paid as of April 30, 2023.

Leonard Zumstein will continue to provide Larry Hughes with a list of members who have not paid. As a result of the letter sent out after the March BEC meeting, 11 members have resigned.

There was discussion about the use of lunch tickets. We will now only use lunch tickets for the purpose of counting the members who are purchasing a lunch.

There was a unanimous vote to do away with using the tickets for a drawing for a free lunch.

The discussion also included a disclaimer that is in the Turlock Journal regarding the advertising of a "free lunch." Fred Couter will follow up on that and ensure that advertisement is corrected. **New Business:**

The directors discussed the Induction of Women into SIRS. Rick Kindle discussed the background of the state process for the induction of women into the organization.

Gary Toombs presented a form to the BEC titled: Branch Guidance to STATE SIR on Inducting Women in SIR.

A raise of hands was taken among the BEC members present at today's meeting to determine the interest in allowing women to be inducted into SIRS. It was a majority that we agreed women should be inducted into SIRS.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. (motion by Gary Toombs second by Leonard Zumstein)

Respectfully submitted by,

Roger Jackson, Secretary Branch 143

MAY 2023

Changes for speakers in May have changed:

Please make arrangements now to secure your lunch for our meeting on May 17th. Due to scheduling changes for speakers for May, we have changed some of our previous plans. The Speakers for May are from MICL, which should genuinely interest our members and their spouses or significant others! We are encouraging our wives to attend this meeting to find out what MICL is all about and hopefully either join MICL or attend field trips as guests of MICL.

We request all interested parties

purchase their lunches in advance so we have an accurate count for ordering lunches. Please mail your checks for \$25.00 per person to Roger Jackson at 2376 Valentine Court, Turlock, Ca 95382, so they arrive by May 12. If you believe your payment will not arrive by May 12, please call Rodger at 209-658-2673 to confirm your attendance and you can pay at the door and pick up your tickets on May 17th Luncheon.

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Speakers For The May Luncheon Will Be MICL President ANNETTE OLSEN and MICL Publicity Chairperson BETTY STEWART

WHAT IS MICL?

MICL (pronounced "Michael"), Modesto Institute for Continued Learning, is one of hundreds of similar institutes for mature learners that have become a part of college campuses throughout the world. Under the auspices of Modesto Junior College Community Education, MICL offers lecture, workshop, study and discussion groups during daylight hours on the MJC West Campus where adequate parking is available. Activities such as trips and social events are frequently offered, linking members to the community beyond the classroom. Planning for all classes is done in advance through the Curriculum Committee composed of MICL members.

The MICL semester is divided into three 5week sessions referred to as A, B, and C Sessions. Classes meet weekly for two hours, at 10 am or 1 pm. The class schedules are arranged so members can attend as many classes as they like for one fee each semester. Registration for individual classes is not necessary as MICL membership includes ALL classes. The members plan and often present classes, and all members are encouraged to participate. All classes are not-for-credit and are for the joy of learning.

WHAT DOES MICL COST?

The single membership fee is \$40 per semester. The \$40 fee covers registration and includes other campus services such as use of the library and bookstore. There are no tests and usually no books to buy. INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Curious about MICL and the classes that are offered? Come to an informal meeting in the MICL classroom the week before classes start (Mid- August and Mid-January). Check out the facility, learn about the upcoming classes and meet other students. The information meeting starts at 10:00 am. on the day of registration. You will be able to register for MICL before and after this meeting from 9 am to 11:30 am. If you can't make the meeting, you can still register by phone, mail, or internet.





BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

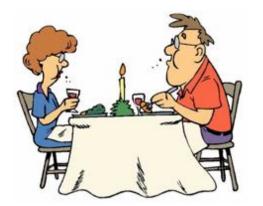
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ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Harry Carlson, Mike Fultz, Ray Rhodes, Hartley Spycher, Bill First, Larry Hughes, Brent Bohlender, Robert Lotspeich







IT'S DINE-IN-DINE OUT TIME

Our next dine-out will be at **BLACK BEAR DINER**

on Thursday, May 11th In Turlock across from Costco -Meet 5:30 drinks - 6:00 dining



call Gary to RSVP 209-604-8406





Joe Adams, Chairman



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May	1	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Atwater	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included
	8	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Elkhorn	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included
	15	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
	22	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included
	30	Tue	8:00 SG	103B	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15
Jun	5	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Elkhorn	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included
	12	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
**	19	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included
	26	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dry Creek	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included
Jul	3	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15
	10	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Castle Oaks	\$45	\$9	\$54	Carts Included
*	17	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
	24	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Swenson - Ride	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included
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	31	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Tracy CC	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included
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TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OFFICERS FOR 2023

Big Sir	Gary Toombs	604-8406						
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	Larry Hughes	578-1194						
Assistant Membership	Bob Holly	668-2786						
Recruiting	OPEN							
Bowling	OPEN							
Travel Chairman	Bill Stires	988-5445						
Travel Assistant	John Cardoza	483-7722						
Roster/Mailing	Larry Hughes	578-1194						
Golf	Joe Adams	632-8197						
Assistant Golf	Ray Walker	606-9889						
Sunshine	Ted Thorn	535-8696						
Newsletter Editor/Phot	toFred Courter	226-1173						
Bocce Ball	Mike Johnson	613-6801						
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516						
Assistant Program								
Catering/Hall Set-Up								
Chaplain	Larry Hughes	578-1194						
Wagon Master	Ken Kajioka	602-8351						
Trail BossOPEN								
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out	604-8406							
Nominating Committee Chair/Web MasterGreg Back 585-6862								
Directors: Larry Hughes, Kevin Byrne, Bill Stires, Gary Toombs,								
Fred Courter, Joe Adams, Greg Back.								

STATE OFFICERS

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