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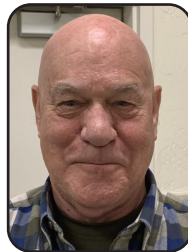
**" OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH
FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE"**

NOVEMBER 2023 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143



Big Sir Message from Rock...

My apologies for missing the last luncheon. You can be sure my absence was unavoidable. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Greg Back for heading up our meeting. It is my understanding that we had a rather small crowd in attendance and I hope we are able to attract a few more souls for our upcoming gathering on the 15th. We are expecting an interesting program from our guest **Cesar Rumayor, Executive Director of Student Center and Associated Students, Inc. California State University, Stanislaus.**



Don't forget, do not forget to contact Roger Jackson at (209) 658-2673 to arrange for pick up of your tickets for our upcoming Christmas Luncheon at the Fruit Yard on the 20th of next month. Roger has agreed to bring your tickets to this month's meeting at the Black Bear Diner to save you a trip to his home.

Coming attractions in January include the instal-

lation of Big Sir Bob Holly and Little Sir Roger Jackson along with the rest of our Officers and Directors. If you would like to be a part of the installation ceremony, it is not too late to offer your services to participate as an incoming Board Member, or an assistant to any of our fine officer positions. Serving as an assistant, be it Treasurer, Secretary or Membership Chairman is a great way to get your feet wet in serving your Chapter. I think you will enjoy it.

I look forward to seeing you all on November 15th and until then I'll leave you with a brief story. There is an older gentleman sitting at the bar. A beautiful young lady walks up to him and asks, "May I interest you in some Super Sex"? The fellow contemplates the question for a moment and responds, "I'll have the soup".

And I will see you at the Bear.

Rock Libby
Acting Big Sir

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1-2 and 3 of 2023

JOIN US IN NOVEMBER

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting NOVEMBER 15th -
WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

**BEC meeting NOVEMBER 17th Come early have breakfast before meeting
BLACK BEAR DINER 8:30 am start time.**

NEW LOCATION BLACK BEAR DINER

3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock



SIR TRAVEL

Bill Stires, Travel Chairman
John Cardoza, Travel Assistant:
209-483-7722 - johncardoza@hotmail.com



Turlock SIR #143

TRAIN EXPERIENCE

Turlock to Reno

February 1 - 2, 2024



\$110/person - Roundtrip (rates subject to change)
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Amtrak Website link: www.amtrak.com

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TRAIN	ORIGIN	DATE	DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	DATE	ARRIVAL
711	TURLOCK	2/1/24.	7:45 AM	Stockton	2/1/24.	8:36 AM
3711	Stockton	2/1/24.	8:45 AM	Sacramento	2/1/24.	9:50 AM
6	Sacramento	2/1/24.	11:09 AM	Reno	2/1/24.	3:56 PM
5	Reno	2/2/24.	8:36 AM	Martinez, Ca	2/2/24.	3:26 PM
718	Martinez, Ca	2/2/24.	6:26 PM	Turlock	2/2/24.	8:06 PM

Please join us on this train experience when we take Amtrak to Sacramento and the California Zephyr from Sacramento to Reno. We will make stops in Roseville, Colfax and Truckee, before arriving in Reno.

The higher up we will go in elevation, the more stunning and gorgeous the views will become. We will see bright, sunlit woodsy meadows, farmland, mountains, huge pine trees, Donner Lake and the Truckee River, which flows right beside us. We will travel through several dark tunnels. The views will change from bright green grass to snowy mountains, and the skies will go from sunshine to thick cloud cover. Gradually, we will start seeing patches of snow higher up and then maybe a foot or more of snow on either side of the train.

Once the train arrives in Reno around 4 p.m., we will walk a short distance to the hotel.

It's recommended you make reservations, for Thursday night, February 1st, at the Silver Legacy 775-329-4777.

Contact John Cardoza at 209-483-7722, if you have any questions or need help!
PLEASE contact John when you have booked your trip.



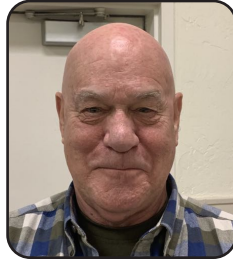
YOU CAN CONTACT JOHN CARDOZA email at johncardoza@hotmail.com to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.

SIR 143 - 2023 OFFICERS

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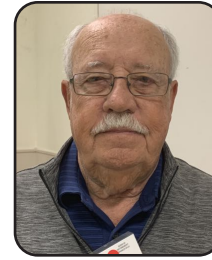
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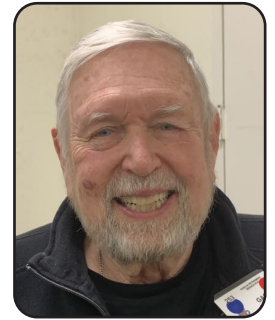
Mike Johnson
Membership



Mark Taylor
Little Sir



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, and Bob Holly.



Gary Toombs
Dine Out



Fred Courter
Newsletter



Bill Stires
Travel Chairman



John Cardoza
Assistant Travel



Roger Jackson
Secretary



Leonard Zumstein
Treasurer

We had 7 RVs on our trip. The weather was beautiful. We dined out several nights and on Tuesday we had our "Stewsday" along with a potluck. We had a great time and wished more could have joined us!



BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on - OCTOBER 20th, 2023

Indicates Past Big SIR *

Attendees: Fred Courter, Gary Toombs *, Roger Jackson, Leonard Zumstein, Greg Back *, Mike Johnson
Absent: Rock Libby *, John Cardoza, Vern Segars, Robert Holly, Rick Kindle *

Agenda

Call to order: Big Sir, Greg Back called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. Roger Jackson asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda, and hearing none, Greg proceeded with the meeting.

Secretary – Roger Jackson

The Secretary requested approval of the Minutes for the September 22, 2023 BEC meeting per the September SIRS newsletter. Leonard Zumstein put forward the Motion to approve the minutes and Fred Courter seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer – Leonard Zumstein

Leonard Zumstein (see Form 28) - reported the Turlock Branch's checking account balance for the beginning of September was \$ 3,442.69.
The checkbook balance at the end of September is \$2,713.91. Petty cash available is \$275.00. There was \$50.00 accrued from raffle proceeds. We paid Gary Toombs \$119.48 for the new Public Address (PA) system, previously approved in the August meeting. Leonard paid the Branch quarterly dues of \$178.00.

A Motion was made to accept the report: 1st by Gary Toombs and a 2nd by Fred Courter. The Motion carried unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership – Mike Johnson reported we had 34 members who attended the October 18th luncheon. We had 2 guests. Two (2) applications for new members were handed out at the general meeting on Wednesday, October 18th. Larry Cloud was inducted at the meeting. It was suggested Little Sir, Bob Holley, could be asked to follow up with a welcome to SIR letter and then go over the aspects of SIR membership with Larry.

Golf – (nothing reported)

Travel – John Cardoza – (absent) Roger Jackson reported that John asked that his Alaska trip be mentioned. It is May 26 – June 6, 2024. John is beginning to take deposits for the trip. A \$500.00 deposit is required to begin the process. Let John know if you are interested.

Roger Jackson reported that John Cardoza is planning a train trip from Turlock/Denair aboard Amtrak. Possible dates would be February 1st, 2024. The trip will take members and

spouses / significant others to Stockton where we will then board a bus to Sacramento and then take the California Zephyr to Reno, Nevada. The BEC voted unanimously to approve the trip. More information will be forthcoming once plans are solid.

Bocce Ball – Next Bocce Ball is at 10:00 a.m. on October 20th at Dust Bowl on Fulkerth Road. See Mike Johnson if you are interested.

R.V. At the October 18, 2023, member luncheon, Ken Kajioka mentioned to members the next RV trip is to Pismo Beach is October 22 – 27, 2023. Seven couples will be attending.

Big SIR – Gary Toombs – reported on Dine out. The next dine out will be sometime in January.

Little SIR – Robert Holley (absent)

Branch Schedule of Operations – Greg Back

Greg indicated the following important items are listed on the October Schedule of Operations:
Branch Schedule of Operations: (1) Verify that the Form 28 is sent to the Recipient@sirinc.org and to the Area Representative (AR) by the end of each month. and (2) Membership Chairman ensures that on-line Branch Membership Status report is completed by the end of each month. (3) Upcoming Trainings for Officers?

Honorees – None mentioned.

Recruitment & Publicity – Rick Kindle (absent)

Sunshine – Ted Thorn

At the October 18, 2023, meeting. Ted let everyone know if there is a member that needs to receive a card or phone call for a special need to let him know.

Old Business

The December SIRS Meeting will be at the Fruit Yard, Tickets are available by calling Roger Jackson at 209-658-2673, or by purchasing Tickets at the Monthly Sir Meetings.

New Business

Fred Courter asked who the speaker was for the month of November?

Adjourn – Gary Toombs made a Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:05 AM

Next meeting– November 15, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Jackson

Roger Jackson, Secretary, Branch 143

SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

CESAR RUMAYOR

Executive Director, University of Student Center & Associated Students, Inc. Stanislaus State.

ASI & SC Executive Director



Cesar Rumayor is a determined higher education administrator with over 15 years of experience as the Executive Director of Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) and the University Student Center (SC), working alongside professional staff and students at California State University, Stanislaus. As the Executive Director, Cesar is responsible for providing administrative, operational, fiscal, supervisory, and leadership guidance for ASI and SC services and programs. In addition, they oversee the day-to-day operations and administration of the ASI and SC facility programs and services. Inspired daily by his wife and daughter, Cesar spends his free time traveling with his family and is an avid sports fan.



Victoria Castro

ASI Marketing & Communications Manager

A passionate storyteller and communications professional, Victoria has over eight years of experience working in public and private sector organizations involving public affairs and communications, with expertise in public relations and crisis communications. As the ASI Marketing and Communications Manager, Victoria is responsible for planning, coordinating, and implementing marketing and communications initiatives while enhancing the marketing and communications efforts of ASI and SC programs and services. Victoria is a proud Stan State alumna, an avid traveler, and a self-proclaimed "fashion designer".

Victor Jimenez

ASI Design Coordinator

With a passion for visual storytelling and a keen eye for design, Victor is a highly creative and versatile graphic designer with over 15 years of experience as a professional staff working for ASI and SC. As the ASI Design Coordinator, Victor is responsible for a wide range of design services that include print, digital media, web design, and other multimedia materials for all ASI & SC programs and services. In his spare time, Victor continues to explore new design trends and techniques, ensuring he stays at the forefront of the ever-evolving design industry. He believes that great design has the power to make a lasting impact.

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Ed Boyle, Jerry DeGraff, Ray Land, Rock Libby, Robert Lotspeich
Greg Miranda, Gary Potter, Bill Stires



ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Rick Kindle, Tom Mickelsen, Wayne Rickey



SIR Branch 143 November Lunch Meeting



Date: Wednesday, NOVEMBER 15th, 2023
Time: Doors Open at ~10:30am - Place: Black Bear Diner
Address: 3050 N Tegner Rd, Turlock

The Sons In Retirement Foundation, Inc.

An Open Letter and Thank You to all Sirs

Dear Fellow Sir,

A few months ago, I wrote to you with an update on the condition of The Sons In Retirement Foundation, Inc. and an appeal for support of SIRF.

I am happy to report that the Foundation has received over \$6300 in donations from both Branches and Individual Sirs.

The Foundation has issued one grant for relief to a local youth organization, at the behest of Branch 171, the organization having lost possessions in a structure fire. We have also continued our support of all Branches by providing ongoing Zoom Licenses available to every Branch.

Our Purpose and Goal continue to be supporting the needs of SIR Branches, their members, and support of other organizations local to SIR Branches that make a meaningful contribution to their communities. We are continuing to seek donations so as to be prepared for future needs.

I wish to personally thank all of you who have sent in donations in support of SIRF. And I encourage all Sir Members to continue your support of the Foundation. All donations no matter how small, will go a long way to making our efforts meaningful to SIR and SIR communities.

Anyone wishing to share his particular expertise by joining the Foundation team, please send me an e-mail letting me know how you might help with our fundraising and grant application process.

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and enjoying life to its fullest. Again, thank you for your continued support. A donation form is to the right. Fill out and send in.

I will be happy to answer any questions or address any comments you may have, just send them to jwalton2176@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Jim Walton, PBS 152
Foundation President

The Sons In Retirement Foundation, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Your contribution is tax-deductible within the limits prescribed by California law.



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As a member of SIR, Branch No. ____ I wish to make a donation to The Sons In Retirement Foundation, Inc. (SIRF). I understand my donation and support will enable the Foundation (SIRF) to provide grants to SIR Branches for meaningful projects in support of their local communities, SIR Statewide Programs, as well as individual SIR members and SIR Branches needing assistance.

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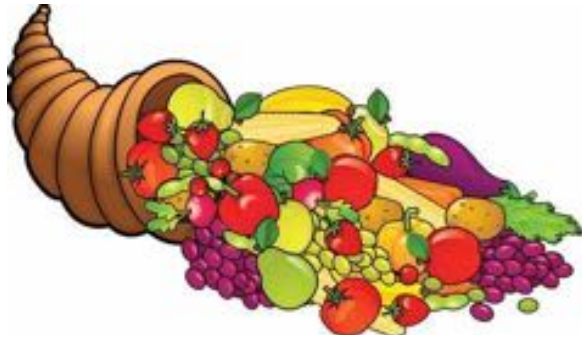
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THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



Wine Tasting in Sonoma County

The Navigator did an excellent job guiding us to the Bay Area for a dim sum lunch then on to a wood-bat league championship baseball game to watch our grandson, then north to Santa Rosa to check into our hotel and take a quick nap and then on to the new release tasting in Kenwood of Naked Wines and then on to a great dinner. The day was just perfect, well almost. Our team lost the game but there we were, in beautiful Sonoma Wine Country. We just had to stay another night and do what we've done for many, many years, taste wine!

Mutt Lynch Winery

Located in downtown Windsor, Mutt Lynch is Sonoma County's most dog-friendly winery. Open to the public, all dogs are welcome with their well-behaved leashed humans. They offer a doggone good time with award winning wines, a wine club for you and your dog, canine "yappetizers" and a water bowl. Winemaker and owner, Brenda Lynch, husband Chris and their 3 dogs moved to Sonoma County in the mid-nineties. She worked in the cellars of Russian River wineries, rising to cellar master. She decided to go pro and make a Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel and Mutt Lynch Winery was born in 1995.

Mutt Lynch is proud to support local animal rescue organizations in their tireless efforts to save pets lives. The "Hound Lounge" is the

perfect place to hold the Mutt Lynch Yappy Hours. On the second Friday of each month they raise funds for very deserving rescue organizations. Tickets are just \$10, you get a glass of wine and a good time to meet wine and dog loving people. Their September "Yappy Hour" from 4-7 pm raised money for the Maui Humane Society and October will benefit Canine Companions.

Their tasting menu is \$20 and it is gladly waived with a wine purchase. The award winning wines are reasonably priced. My favorites were the 2019 Merlot Over and Play Dead from the Russian River Valley and the 2021 Portrait of a Mutt, a GSM Blend from the Sierra Foothills. The staff was terrific, the wines delicious and there is absolutely no pretension here. Your dog will love this place and will definitely bark less and wag more!

What's On Our Table

If you're looking for reasonably priced house wine in the eight dollar range, give Dark Horse a try. It's an E. & J. brand and it's doing quite well in major wine competitions. The 2022 Sauvignon Blanc was a Double Gold with 99 points and the Non Vintage Red Blend scored a Gold with 95 points. The following were Silver Medal winners; the 2022 Rose' (91pts.), the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon (90pts.), the 2021 Merlot (88pts.) and the 2021 Pinot Noir (88pts.). These awards were from the 2023 California State Fair Wine Competition. Cheers!

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



GOLF

Joe Adams,
Chairman

Nov	6	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Dry Creek	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included
	13	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15
	20	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Swenson - Ride	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included
					Swenson - Walk	\$20	\$9	\$29	
	27	Mon	9:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15



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