

SENIOR SIR TIMES



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

NOVEMBER 2025 Newsletter - Turlock Branch #143

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Message From The Big Sir...

Happy November, Sirs!

As we enter this month, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, community, and remembrance. In all things.....**BE THANKFUL !**



Honoring Our Veterans on November 11th

Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11th, is a federal holiday that holds great significance for our nation. It began as "Armistice Day," a commemoration of the armistice signed between the Allied nations and Germany on November 11, 1918, which ended World War I.

It is time, once again, for us to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices, courage, and dedication of all who have served our great country. Rick Kindle has a special program honoring our veterans at our upcoming monthly luncheon, on November 19th.

A Season of Thankfulness: The History of Thanksgiving

President Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed a national Thanksgiving holiday during the Civil War in 1863, hoping to unite a divided country. Congress set the fourth Thursday of November as the official date for the Thanksgiving holiday in 1941. It has a rich history rooted in harvest, festivals and communal gatherings. The story most Americans learn is of the 1621 feast shared between the Plymouth colonists and the Wam-

panoag people, celebrating a successful harvest. This month, as we gather with family and friends, let us remember to be thankful for our own blessings and for the fellowship we share as SIR members.

Stay Connected and Grow Our Group

Our SIR branch thrives on the friendships and social connections we build. It is so important that we all try to stay in touch, especially with those members who may not be as active. A simple phone call can make a big difference.

As we continue to grow, we need your help to introduce new men to the benefits of SIR membership. Many men in our communities could benefit from the camaraderie and activities we offer. Please remember these important steps to help us expand our branch:

- **Always carry a couple of business cards** with you to hand out to potential members.
- **Use the tri-fold flyers** to give prospective members a more comprehensive overview of what SIR is all about. These flyers are a great tool for explaining our activities and purpose.

Remember, our organization was founded to provide retired men with opportunities to form new friendships and enjoy their later years with dignity and pride. Let's continue to uphold that mission. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,
Roger Jackson
Big Sir, Branch #143

REMEMBER SIR LUNCHEON

11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, NOVEMBER 19th - WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.

NOTE: When you arrive at Black Bear Diner Order your food as soon as possible. Our speaker will start at 12 noon, also please try to finish your meal by 12 noon.

**Luncheon Location: BLACK BEAR DINER
3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock**

To open the SIR
BRANCH 143
WEBSITE Click
on QR Code.





SIR TRAVEL

Travel Chairman John Cardoza



16 NIGHT HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE

ABOARD THE RUBY PRINCESS ROUND TRIP SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 8, 2026



PORTS OF CALL

Hilo, Big Island/Kahuli, Maui/Honolulu, Oahu/ Nawiliwili, Kauai and Ensenada, Mexico



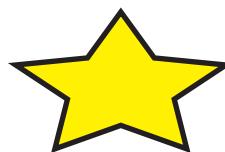
A \$500 pp deposit is required to reserve a cabin.

TOUR FEATURES:

Round Trip from Turlock and Modesto Area to Cruise Terminal in San Francisco. **16 Night HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE** aboard the **RUBY PRINCESS** including shipboard meals, entertainment and shipboard activities. Includes Port Taxes.



STATEROOMS & PRICES:
OCEAN VIEW \$3750 PP DBL. -
BALCONY BB \$4790 PP DBL -
MINI-SUITE MB \$6055 PP DBL



QUESTIONS? Please contact John Cardoza (209) 483-7722

SIR 143 - 2025 OFFICERS

Working For You!



Roger Jackson
Big Sir



Dan Gorman
Little Sir



Greg Back
Secretary/Web Master



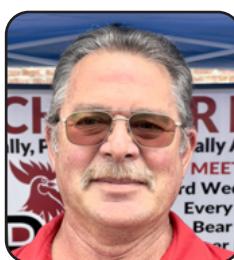
Rock Libby
Assistant Secretary



Leonard Zumstein
Treasurer



John Cardoza
Travel Chairman



Mike Johnson
Membership



Fred Courier
Newsletter



Position Open
Assistant Treasurer



Gary Toombs
Dine Out

ELECTED OFFICERS for 2026

Election of officers took place at the August luncheon meeting. The following 2026 officers have been elected to serve and are endorsed by the SIR BRANCH #143 BEC

Big SIR – Dan Gorman
Little SIR – Ken Gomes
Secretary – Rock Libby
Assistant Secretary – Greg Back
Treasurer – Leonard Zumstein
Director 1 – Roger Jackson
Director 2 – Kevin Byrne
Director 3 – Fred Courier
Director 4 – John Cardoza
Director 5 – Mike Johnson
Director 6 – Bob Holly

Respectively,
Bob Holly
Chairman - Nominating Committee

NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at
MY GARDEN CAFE
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st

Meeting Starts at 8:30am
Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am

SIR BRANCH #143
BOWLING EVERY
TUESDAY, 1pm \$14



at McHenry Bowl
CONTACT:
Tom Mickelson
209-632-2917

Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting My Garden Cafe, Turlock OCTOBER 17, 2025 - 8:30AM

Officers Present: Roger Jackson, Greg Back, Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Fred Courier, John Cardoza, Mike Johnson.

Members/Guests Present: Rick Kindle, 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 Fred Courier and seconded by John Cardoza. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Leonard Zumstein was not present but Big SIR Roger Jackson reviewed Form 28 from last month and reported –

Checking = \$4,225.67
Cash on hand = \$275.00
Receipts = \$326.00
Expenditures = \$628.75

Roger Jackson submitted request for reimbursement of \$20.00 for cost of our speaker's lunch at Wednesday's meeting. Motion to approve by Gary Toombs and second by Fred Courier. Motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report: Chairman Mike Johnson reported we have 83 members on our roster. We had 39 members, 3 spouses and 1 speaker at this months lunch. 3 new members were inducted at the lunch with 1 additional new member absent and still pending induction ceremony. Mike will go through our membership information and provide a list of all member who are 90 years of age or older so they can be presented with a special Presidents award certificate and be recognized at our next lunch meeting.

Committee Reports

Bocce Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson had nothing new to report.

Golf: Chairman Ken Kajioka had nothing new to report.

Travel: Chairman John Cardoza had nothing new to report.

RV: Wagon Master Roger Jackson had nothing new to report.

Dine Out/Other Activities: Chairman Gary Toombs reported that there are no dine outs scheduled for the rest of the year.

Ken Kajioka reported on the Million Dollar Quartet Christmas show at the Sierra Rep in Sonora and that the cutoff for RSVP/payments is November 1. A location for dinner after the show is still TBD.

Recruitment & Publicity: Chairman Rick Kindle reported on new yard signs and banners for publicity and recruiting and passed around a sample of the text for the yard signs. **Old Business:** Big SIR Roger Jackson reviewed the schedule of branch operations and reported that all required action items for October have been completed. Roger also reported on the schedule for 2026 luncheon programs and noted there are still months still needing programs to be scheduled.

There was discussion about having the program before having the committee reports. It was decided it would be more considerate to our speakers to have them earlier in our agenda. New agenda will be the pledge of allegiance, song, invocation, speaker then committee reports, etc.

There was a continuation of the discussion of 2026 dues from last month. After discussing our budget and considering potential publicity and recruiting related expenses there was a motion by John Cardoza to keep dues at \$40.00. Fred Courier seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Roger Jackson reported on a repeat of our Castle Noz dinner event to be held Friday, May 22, 2026. Catering will again be by Neto's with musical entertainment by the band "No Way Back" same as last year. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean up afterwards.

Roger also reported on the Ladies Day Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 17, 2025 to be held at Covenant Living. In order to allow Covenant Living time to prepare to host our lunch we must give them a firm headcount by December 1 at the latest. This date is FIRM! Members/guests wishing to attend must RSVP and submit payment to treasurer Leonard Zumstein no later than that date. Walk ups on the day of the luncheon cannot be accommodated. Complete details are being emailed to members and also published in the newsletter.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Greg Back and seconded by John Cardoza. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.



What's Happening at the SIR #143

Kim Castro
Sunshine & Branch
Chaplain

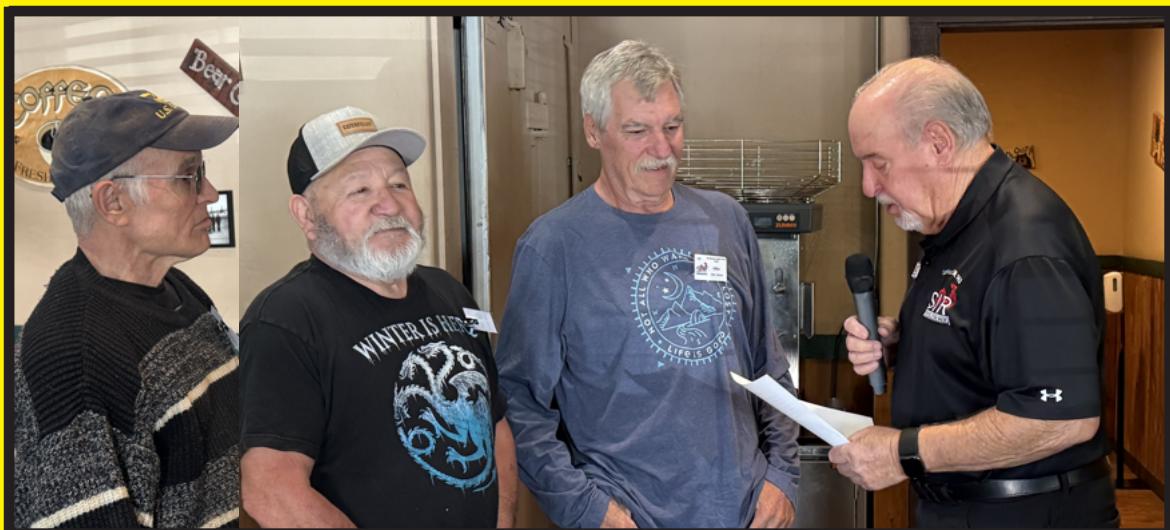


Kim writes notes and sends cards to seriously sick members or recovering surgery, etc.



Rick Kindle
presenting
Edward
Aubert
with the Senior
Sir - 90 Year
Presidential Award

THREE NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED INTO BRANCH 143



Left to Right
Paul Milligan, Eddie Fuentes, Mike Elstad and Rick Kindle.



SIR FIELD TRIPS

Jackson Rancheria RV Park



11407 Dalton Road, Jackson,
CA 95642
Deadline to book is
March 1, 2026

**Sunday, April 26 – Friday,
May 1, 2026**

1. Call to make your reservation:
(800) 822-9466

Mention you are with SIRS2026

2. Once you have confirmed your
reservation Call or text Roger, RV Chairman

209-658-2673 or Email: rogjaxn@me.com

3. IMPORTANT:
Reservations are transferrable:

Please call Roger before cancelling
10 rigs = a 15% group discount

SIR FIELD TRIP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
2:00 P.M.



SEATS ARE \$30 EACH

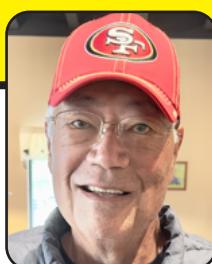
SIERRA REP Theatre, 13891 MONO WAY SONORA CA. 95310

Deadline to pay: November 1st

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SIR
MAIL CHECK TO: Leonard Zumstein
2645 Mira Flores
TURLOCK, CA. 95380

Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Elvis Presley come together again to celebrate the holidays in a knock-out Holiday musical experience! Please join us!

NOTE: Dinner at the Fruit Yard– 5:30 p.m.
CALL Ken Kajioka if you want to be included in the dinner reservations. 209-602-8351 → NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1st.



SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2025

MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Nov	3	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Manteca	\$41		\$9	\$50	Carts Included
	10	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Pheasant Run	\$55		\$9	\$64	Carts Included
	17	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	24	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Swenson	\$45		\$9	\$54	Carts Included
Dec	1	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$27	\$20	\$9	\$56	Carts Optional
	8	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Manteca	\$41		\$9	\$50	Carts Included
	15	Mon	8:00 SG	103A	Dryden	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional

GOLF

Chairman
Ken Kajioka

Every Thursday we will have Golf at Creekside Golf Course 9 hole or 18 hole, contact Ken Kajioka for more info or to sign-up. Also golf on Thursday at River Oaks \$7 for 9 holes (1 week in advance, contact Greg Back)

REMINDER: When you sign-up for golf it also means you will attend 50% of the luncheons Every Third Wednesday.

Our Speaker for the November Luncheon will be...

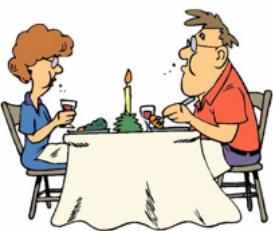
Minh Beebout

Minh Beebout was born and raised in Vietnam and lived through one of the most turbulent times in her country's history. In 1975, as the war drew to a close and the communist forces took control, Minh and her family made the courageous decision to flee their homeland in search of safety and freedom. After a long and difficult journey, they eventually settled in the United States, where Minh built a new life rooted in hard work, resilience, and gratitude. Over the years, she has become an inspiring voice in her community—sharing her experiences of survival, hope, and the power of perseverance.

Minh has spoken at educational and community programs, including the Modesto Institute for Continued Learning (MICL) at Modesto Junior College, where her story deeply moved audiences. Today, she continues to share her message to remind others of the human cost of freedom and the enduring spirit of those who seek a better life.



IT'S DINE-IN-DINE OUT TIME
Check Back in
January 2026



BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Rockford Libby, Kevin Kollmeyer, Kim Castro,
 Greg Miranda, Ed Boyle, Gary Potter

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

John Cardoza, Rick Kindle, Tom Mickelson





**Covenant
Living**



**2125 Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA
Parking is limited...PLEASE Carpool**

**SIR Annual Ladies Day
Luncheon and Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.P.**

LUNCH

Provided by Covenant Living of Turlock

Presentation by YES COMPANY

**Send a check payable to SIR
\$20 / person**

**To: Leonard Zumstein
2645 Mira Flores
Turlock, CA 95380**

No Later Than December 1st



**PRIZES
and
RAFFLE**



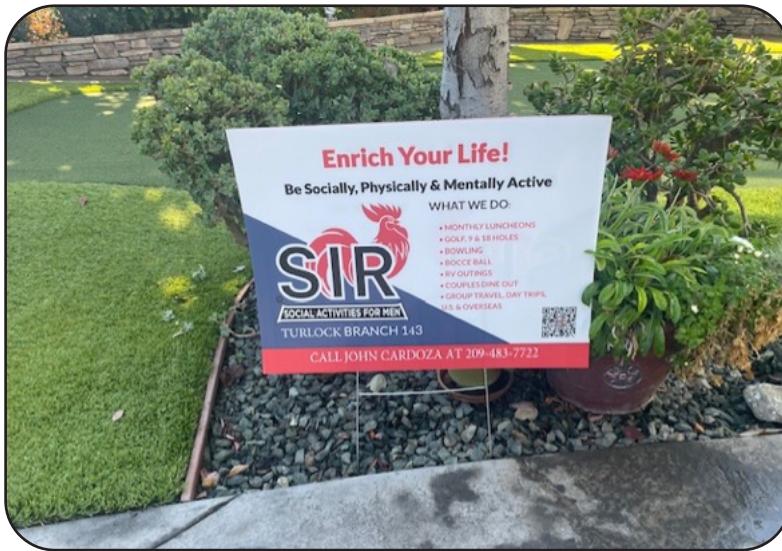
Honoring our Veteran's will be Rick Kindle

I will be highlighting our great military for those who served in honor of Veteran's Day at November Luncheon.



Our new yard signs have arrived, and we are looking for some volunteers:

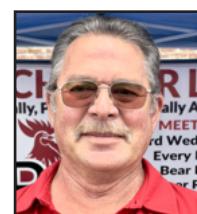
We need 4-5 members who will be in charge of 10 signs each. These can be placed in member's yards, preferably in high traffic areas, like Seniors walking routes, shopping centers, etc. and then keep track of the signs and move them every 30-60 days for maximum exposure.



Members who are willing to place signs in their yards. If you are willing drop an email to Rick at rick@kindleandassoc.com or call 209-652-8608

and we will get a sign to you. I am proud of how the signs came out and we are hopeful we can gain some exposure to welcome in some new members.

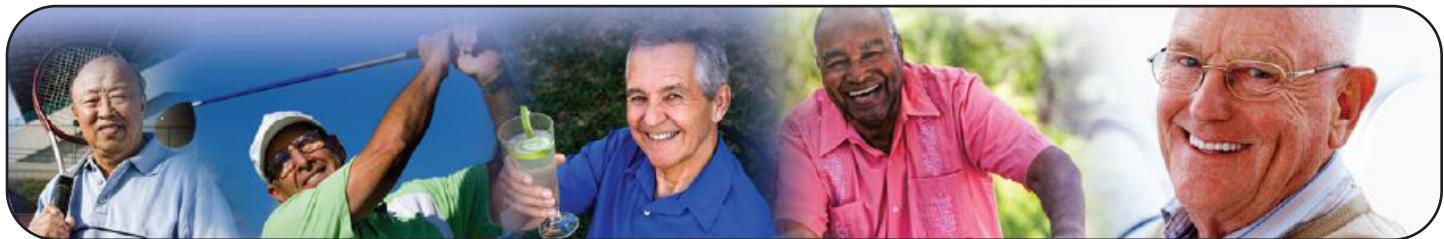
**COMING - FRIDAY,
MAY 22, 2026**
Castle Noz Dinner Activity
More Info To Come



**FROM
THE
BOCCE
BALL
COURT**



Join us for a funtime of Bocce Ball 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday's 10am at Dust Bowl Contact Mike Johnson 209-613-6801



TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2025

Big Sir	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Little Sir	Dan Gorman	404-3799
Secretary	Greg Back	585-6862
Assistant Secretary	Rock Libby	634-6508
Treasurer	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer	OPEN	
Membership	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Assistant Membership/Mailing	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Recruiting	Rick Kindle	652-8608
Bowling	Tom Mickelson	632-2917
Travel Chairman	John Cardoza	483-7722
Travel Assistant	OPEN	
Golf	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Assistant Golf	OPEN	
Sunshine	Kim Castro	613-5111
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courier	202-1926
Bocce Ball	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Chaplain	Kim Castro	613-5111
RV Chairman	Roger Jackson	658-2673
Assistant RV Chairman	Ken Gomes	620-9420
Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862
Nominating Com. Chair	Bob Holly	688-2986
Directors:	Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Fred Courier, John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Bob Holly	

STATE OFFICERS

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