

SENIOR TIMES

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

OCTOBER 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR SAYS...

BY ROCK LIBBY

With the unanimous vote at our regular (Zoom) meeting on 9/15/21, our slate of Officers and Directors were approved for the 2022 year. They are as follows:

Big Sir: Greg Back

Little Sir: Gary Toombs

Secretary: Rock Libby (Past Big Sir)

Treasurer: Leonard Zumstein

Board of Directors: Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, Joe Adams and Ed Darrah

And, with that completed you have one full year to consider stepping up to a position of leadership because as you can tell from the above list of retreats, we are ready for some new blood. Think about it, please.

For our October 20th meeting, we will be having lunch at Crane Park, Section B, which is large with lots of tables to allow for adequate distancing in our seating. It is located on the Yosemite St. side of the park.

Crust & Crumb will be providing "Red Steer" Hof Brau style sandwiches with Roast Beef, Turkey or Pastrami to choose from. Our phone tree callers will be in



touch with you shortly to check in on you, find out if you will be attending the Luncheon as we hope you will and if so, which of these sandwiches you prefer. A side dish will be included along with drinks (non-alcoholic at the park). The cost of lunch is the usual \$15. We are expecting an informative presentation by Josh Weimer of the Turlock Irrigation District.

The usual Covid protocols will apply here including proof of vaccination, signed waiver, masking and social distancing. We appreciate your compliance as it serves to promote the health and safety of our members.

For the time being, we will plan on holding our October BEC Meeting on the 22nd at My Garden Cafe. Breakfast at 7:00 and meeting at 8:00 AM.

If anyone is interested in a "Walking" Group which will likely consist of meeting somewhere and walking well, somewhere else, for coffee, lunch or whatever, give me a call. The weather is about to cool off and should be ideal for what I have in mind. 209-634-6508/209-988-8396.

Stay well,

Rock

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

JOIN US IN OCTOBER

11:30 am - Regular lunch meeting October 20th - WILL BE HELD AT CRANE PARK and is being catered by Crust and Crumb (Red Steer sandwiches your choice of Beef, Turkey or Pastrami)

**8 am - BEC meeting October 22nd - Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE
8 am start time.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83965148832?pwd=RFh5dFBobFR1c2lWZjBpRURMTFp1Zz09>



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.

Sign up now to reserve your spot for this great trip

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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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**

CURRENT PRICES EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Deposit \$650 per person

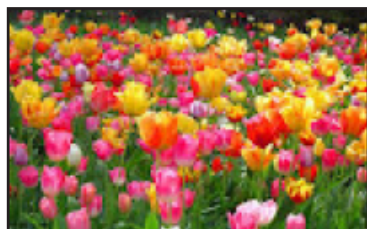
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January 10, 2022



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.

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BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING at Zoom Meeting - SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

Call to Order/Welcome @ 10:00 a.m.

by Big Sir Rock Libby.

It is determined a Quorum is present.

Attendance Officers: Big Sir Rock Libby, Little Sir Greg Back, Secretary Ken Edwards, Treasure Leonard Zumstein.

Directors: Gary Toombs, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes,

Committee Representatives: Gary Toombs, Larry Hughes, Bob Holly.

Guests: Rick Kindle Sirs Vice President, Richard Provost Area Governor.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve report for 8/20/2021.

Motion to Approved 1st Greg Back, 2nd Bob Holly, approved unanimous.

Treasures Report: By Leonard Zumstein

Checking	\$4161.54
Cash	\$375.00
Total	\$4536.54

A motion was presented to pay Rock Libby for stamps in the amount of \$33.60 and also approve the Treasure's report.

Motion to approve 1st Bob Holly, 2nd Kevin Bryne, approved unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Membership: By Larry Hughes:

Meeting Attendance for this month's meeting:

A Zoom meeting was held this month.

•Present	17
•Absences	87
•Excused	0
•Guest(s)	1
•Speaker	1
•Visiting SIR members	0

Current Membership will stand at 108 with the following actions:

3 members need reinstatement: Roy Klevmyr, Lance Anderson, and Greg Mirandapaid their dues and need to be reinstated.

An application for membership has been received from Philip Franco, he will be voted on at the BEC on Friday September 17th.

Motion to accept Membership report and reinstate members and approved new member.

1st Bob Holly 2nd Larry Zumstein approved unanimous.

Dine In/out: By Gary Toombs: Nothing planned at this time.

RC Flying: By Greg Back: Group is ready to go and waiting for participants.

Old business: October meeting to be held at Crane Park, catering by Crust and Crumb, Speaker from T.I.D. Start at 11: AM Oct 20, 2021 cost \$15.00

New Business: Rick Kindle suggested sending out self addressed envelopes for next year's dues. It was agreed upon and membership chairman to accomplish.

The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee has been endorsed by a majority vote of the BEC (6 yes votes and 4 no response). The slate can be presented to the membership for a vote at our regular meeting on Wednesday as the BEC endorsed slate for 2022.

Greg Back - Big SIR
Gary Toombs - Little SIR
Rock Libby - Secretary
Len Zumstein - Treasurer
Bob Holly - Director
Larry Hughes - Director
Kevin Byrne - Director
Fred Courter - Director
Joe Adams - Director
Ed Darrah - Director

@ Ken Edwards, here is the voting tally for the record (please file or include in the minutes of our next BEC meeting):

Rock L. – yes
Greg B. – yes
Leonard Z. – no response
Ken E. – yes
Mike S. – no response
Gary T. – yes
Larry H. – yes
Kevin B. – no response
Bob H. – yes
Fred C. – no response

Motion was presented to pay dues for life for Wes Peterson due to his standing and age

1st Bob Holly 2nd Mark Taylor approved unanimous.

Rick Kindle asked to be able to purchase new promotional materials, in various forms such as banners and leaflets. Permission granted and appreciated.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 A.M. by Big Sir Rock Libby
 Respectfully Submitted 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

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

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.

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

SIRs Personalized Hats, Shirts and Jackets

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.





WINE TASTING

Russ Winton



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

Uncork and Unwind in Santa Maria Valley

The Navigator and I have passed through Santa Maria Valley several times. The Visitors Center claims that a two night stay here in wine country can be had for only \$500 or less. That's a deal. But it's only one full day. A three night stay would allow for two full days with stops for interesting lunches and wine tastings. Santa Maria, here we come!

We would book a moderately priced hotel that includes breakfast, Friday thru Sunday. We'll ask if some wineries still waive tasting fees by showing our room key card or if they have any discount tasting coupons. I'll make online or phone call appointments which is now the standard procedure because of COVID.

Day One. Leave early on Friday and stop at Avila Beach. We'll taste the wines of Peloton and/or Sinor-LaVallee. Lunch on the water at Mersea's on the Port San Luis Harbor Pier. Check into our hotel @ 3:00, unpack and take a nap. Drive to Main and Broadway Streets for Santa Maria's Downtown Friday Festival. Live music, vendors, food trucks and a very interesting/inexpensive dinner.

Day Two. Wake up, have breakfast and drive to Old Town Orcutt to pick up wine picnic supplies for lunch. Call the Costa de Oro tasting room to reserve a table tonight for

live music and dinner. Drive out to the wineries on the Foxen Canyon Wine Trail. This is one of the prettiest wine roads in the world. Return to the hotel and take a much needed nap. Before heading out, make a dinner reservation for Sunday's Santa Maria Barbecue. Plenty of choices, the Far West Tavern in Orcutt or the Hitching Post in Casmalia or Jocko's in Nipomo. Now, on to Costa de Oro for good food, music and great wines.

Day Three. After breakfast, drive to the Oso Flaco Lake Trail in the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. It's a 75 acre lake with 200+ species of birds. Walk across on a boardwalk/bridge that ends at the Pacific Ocean with views of the entire San Luis Bay. The afternoon is open for shopping, more local wine tasting or beer tasting at The Naughty Oak or Blast 825. Lunch is casual from the 19 taquerias on the downtown Taco Trail Map. It's time to rest for this evening's Santa Maria Barbecue.

Day Four. Sleep in, check out is 11:00 am. Paso Robles has 20+ downtown tasting rooms, Pianetta and Arroyo Robles on 13th street are good picks. A tasty and walking distance lunch spot is Roots on Railroad. Leave by 1:30 pm, home by 4:30. The perfect affordable weekend. Cheers! For information go to santamariavalley.com.



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Larry Date, George Soles, Thomas Sliger



ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Kevin Byrne, Edward Friedberg, Paul Lytle,
Bernie Mailloux, Robert Rearick, Michael Sakaguchi

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Little Sir/Web Master.....	Greg Back	585-6862
Secretary	Ken Edwards	620-9532
Assistant Secretary	Larry Date	632-7287
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	Mike Sakaguchi	602-5740
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership.....	Ted Thorne	874-2249
Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling	Tony Ferro	634-8377
Travel	Bill Stires	544-2684
Roster/Mailing	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Golf.....	Joe Adams	632-8197
Assistant Golf	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine	Ted Thorn	535-8696
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball	Tom Bundy	668-5163
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	

STATE OFFICERS

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