

SENIOR SIR TIMES



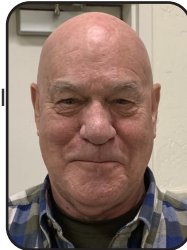
“ OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”

OCTOBER 2023 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143



Big Sir Message from Rock...

We begin the last quarter of 2023 this month and I know this because it is my turn in our rotating Big Sir format for this year. I sincerely hope it will be the last time we are without a full time guy to head our organization. My sincere appreciation to Past Big Sirs Greg Back, Mark Taylor and Gary Toombs for their service as part-time Big Sirs for the first nine months of this year. The coming year is in good hands with our friend the extremely capable Bob Holly at the Big Sir position ably supported by Roger (Swiss Army Knife) Jackson in the Little Sir position. Following this coming year of Big Sir Bob and the next with Roger in the position of Big Sir I hope we will have a new group of active SIR members step up and take positions of service. From what I see of our newly installed members I think that is just what we can expect.



For the moment though, while I have been busy travelling and contracting Covid, I am hearing our attendance has been lacking. I hope everyone is aware of our change in venue. We are meeting at the Black Bear Diner for both our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday and the BEC meetings, which I encourage everyone to attend, the following Friday. I am sure attending one BEC meeting will alleviate any concerns you might have about these meetings being too formal and business-like for your tastes. Nothing could be further from the truth. They are simply another gathering where we conduct some Chapter business and enjoy the camaraderie of the group. **Come, enjoy.**

As for the new meeting spot, our gathering at the Black Bear gives us the opportunity to order anything off the menu including some special "specials" offered just for us. All this at pricing we were unable to offer with the catered lunch and the rented meeting hall. So ... if you order lunch and you don't like it, you have nobody to complain to but yourself. It goes without saying that if you don't want to eat, don't order. Then it costs you nothing. If you go away hungry, again you have nobody to blame but yourself.

It would seem to me that with all these changes that we hope are for the better, our attendance should be picking up but that seems not to be the case. We are past Covid for the most part. At the very least reaching "herd immunity", lunch is cheaper or free if you aren't hungry, we still offer some of the most interesting folks one can spend time with, great programs both interesting and educational and our fine selection of activities. Sadly, these activities are also lacking in participation. I'm sure we can turn this trend around. I know we will. If you have any suggestion to help us achieve this change or if you have reasons for not attending the meetings or participating in the activities let me or any of the other Officers and Directors know. Better yet, come to a BEC meeting and be heard. Maybe we are missing something. We need your help.

**Please join us for lunch on the 18th at the Bear. We open at 10:30 with Lunch at 11:30.
Nice to be back, Rock**

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1-2 and 3 of 2023

JOIN US IN OCTOBER

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting OCTOBER 18th -
WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

**BEC meeting OCTOBER 20th 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
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sunday Board Crown Princess
- Monday at Sea, Tuesday at Sea
- Wednesday Katchikan
- Thursday Juneau
- Friday Skagway
- Saturday Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier
- Sunday At Sea
- Monday Victoria, Canada
- Tuesday at Sea, Wednesday at Sea
- Thursday Arrive San Francisco



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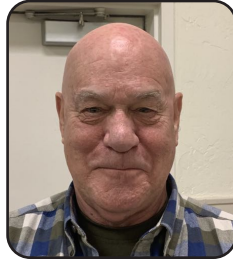
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SIR 143 - 2023 OFFICERS

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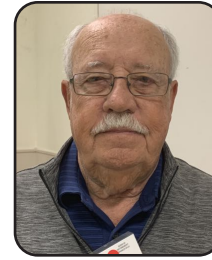
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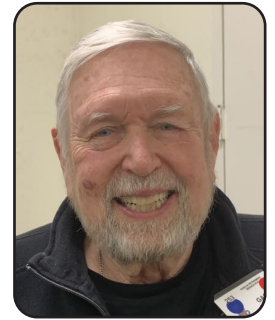
Mike Johnson
Membership



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

Pictures from our last Dine Out at Center Street Bar and Grill



BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on - SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2023

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Venue: Black Bear Diner

Present: Gary Toombs, Fred Courter, Rick Kindle *, Mark Taylor *, Kevin Byrne, Robert Holley, Roger Jackson, Leonard Zumstein, Vern Segars

Absent: Rock Libby *, Mike Johnson, John Cardoza, Greg Back

Agenda

Call to order: The Secretary announced that a quorum of BEC members was present. Big Sir, Gary Toombs called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM. Roger Jackson asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda, and hearing none, proceeded with the meeting.

Secretary – Roger Jackson

The Secretary requested approval of the Minutes for the August 20 BEC meeting. Gary Toombs put forward the motion and Robert Holly seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer – Leonard Zumstein

Leonard Zumstein (see Form 28) - reported the Turlock Branch's checking account balance at the end of August was \$ 3,442.69. The checkbook balance is \$3,167.69. Petty cash available is \$275.00. There was \$55.00 accrued from raffle proceeds, \$25.00 – spent for Denair Farm and Festival Fee, Rooster purchase \$105.25.

Rick Kindle - \$363.74, Gary Toombs \$21.71 flag. Leonard Zumstein \$48.16 lunches, Mike Johnson Laminating \$70.17

A motion was made to accept the report: 1st by Bob Holly and a 2nd. by Fred Courter. The motion carried unanimously.

Gary Toombs -a Flag has been purchased and use of the pole and location within restaurant was discussed NO applications for new members at this reporting time.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership – Mike Johnson (absent)

Rick Kindle – reported (Mike and he are working on the new membership cards)

Golf – Rick Kindle reported about the upcoming golf activities.

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.

Bocce Ball – Next Bocce Ball is at 10:00 a.m. on October 6th at Dust Bowl on Fulkerth Road. See Mike Johnson if you are interested.

R.V. Ken Kajioka - (absent) Rick Kindle mentioned the next RV trip is to Pismo Beach October 22 – 27, 2023.

Big SIR – Gary Toombs – reported on Dine out. The next dine out will be at Center Street Grill – 36 attendees are confirmed.

Gary mentioned the Air Force Tour at the Modesto Airport on September 23. Let Gary know if you are interested in attending. Little SIR – Robert Holley

Branch Schedule of Operations – Roger Jackson

The Secretary indicated that there were two important items on the September Schedule of Operations: (1) Verify that the Form 28 is sent to the Recipient@sir-inc.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.

Honorees – None mentioned.

Recruitment & Publicity – Rick Kindle -mentioned he was going to call past members to check in on them and encourage them to return to SIRS.

Sunshine – Ted Thorn

Let Ted know if there are members that need to receive a card or phone call for a special need.

Old Business

We need a sound system. \$200 has been approved for the purchase. Gary Toombs is trying to research (Best Buy? Online?) Commercial grade?

Membership numbers are a concern: Rick Kindle to call on older members to check in. Discussion about where to recruit: Senior Citizens, Lyons, Kiwanis, etc.

New Business

A motion was made for the addition of pastries for the December Luncheon at the Fruit Yard, as well as for Poinsettias @\$200 / each. A motion was made by Bob Holly 1st, Fred Courter 2nd .

Adjourn – Gary Toombs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 9:33 AM Next meeting– October 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Jackson, Secretary, Branch 143

SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER: AMANDA FORTADO

Amanda Fortado was born and raised in Turlock. She is a graduate of California State University Stanislaus and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration. Amanda has been working for the City of Turlock collectively for over sixteen years. She began her career working in Development Services, but has spent a majority of her time in the Police Department holding several positions including Records Technician, Public Safety Business Analyst, Business Unit Supervisor and is now the Police Support

Operations Manager where she oversees the 911 Communications Center, the Records Unit, Business Unit and the Police Department budget. Amanda and her husband of ten years, who also is a member of the Turlock Police Department are raising their two young boys on a small ranch in Turlock. They spend their free time raising cattle, watching their sons play youth sports and enjoying everything the Turlock community has to offer.



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Larry Date, Phil Franco, Ladd Hackler, Tom Pannier, George Soles



ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Kevin Byrne, Ed Friedberg, Bernie Mailloux, Marvin Scott



SIR Branch 143 October Lunch Meeting SEE YOU THERE AT OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION!



Date: Wednesday, OCTOBER 18th, 2023

Time: Doors Open at ~10:30am - Place: Black Bear Diner

Address: 3050 N Tegner Rd, Turlock

GREAT TIME AT CASTLE AIR MUSEUM

Everyone who attended the tour of Castle Air Museum on September 29th experienced a great time learning about aircraft the museum has to offer. After having a tour led by Rusty Winn, most of the people enjoyed a Mexican lunch at Isabella's in Atwater. Picture on right shows the group in front of the largest plane every made, the B-36 Bomber, 6 engines, 4 jet assist engines to get this huge aircraft airborne.



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

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THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



Find a Wine That You Like....

September is California's Wine Month and also 'Wine Line's' 16th birthday. I'm pretty sure this is #384 and sure the wine glass is still half full. So on to year seventeen.

'Wine Line' tries to take a consumer friendly approach to wine, yet too many folks are still intimidated by wine. This really bugs me. Here are some suggestions to overcome the mystique of wine.

Wine is simple. Wine is just fermented grape juice, not rocket science. Your homework is to taste lots and lots of wine.

Enjoy wine. Wine is supposed to be fun. Enjoy it, go ahead, put ice in your red wine. There are no rules.

Ignore wine snobs or wine geeks and their mumbo-jumbo. Wine-speak is super boring so run away or lock the door.

Trust your palate. Develop you own taste and the enjoyment of wine. Your opinion here is all that matters.

Drink what you like, with whatever you like. Food and wine pairings are just suggestions. If you like a Petite Sirah with tuna noodle casserole, bon appetite!

It comes down to just one simple statement, 'Find a wine that you like, one that you can afford, open it, drink it, and enjoy it'. That's all there is folks.

The Big Crush

It's not too late to get your tickets to the Amador Vintner's Big Crush Harvest Wine Festival, October 6th- 8th. With over 45

wineries participating, you can expect to see the actual crush in operation along with barrel tasting, winery tours, food, music and of course plenty of award winning wines. Tickets include wine tasting and harvest experiences at six different wineries each day. You can purchase a walk-in passport and you can choose the wineries the day of the event or a reservation passport where each winery stop is scheduled ahead of time. You can buy a single day, or a 2 day or a 3 day passport. This is a fantastic opportunity to pass on your go-to faves and try some new wineries. The Big Crush is reasonably priced, well organized and Amador Wine Country hospitality is unbelievable. Go to www.amadorwine.com for tickets.

What's On Our Table

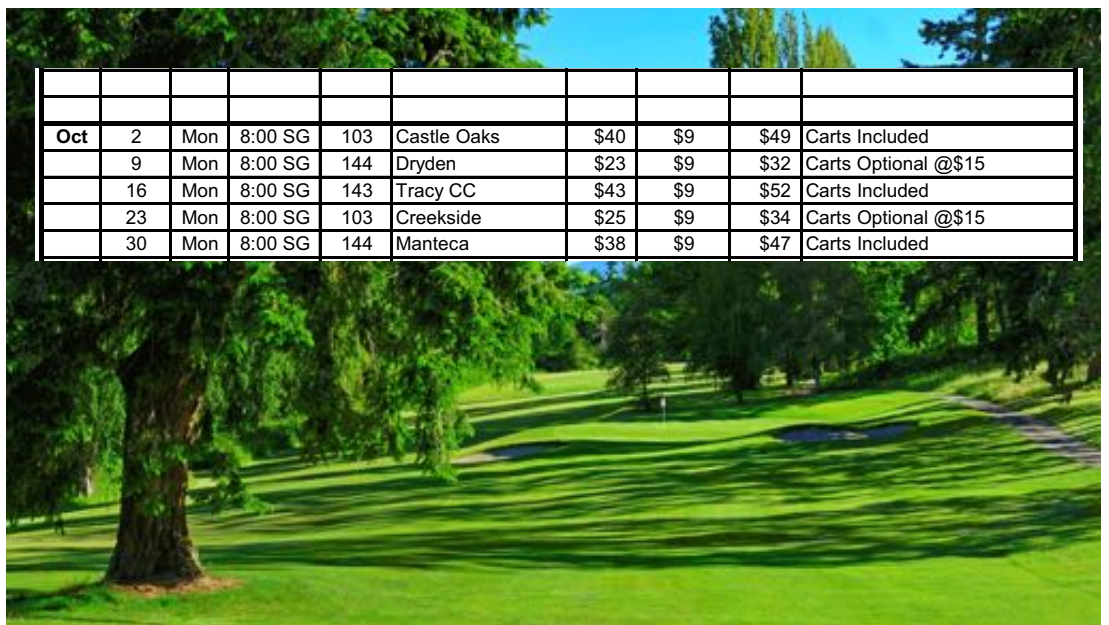
The Lagosta Vinho Verde DOC wine from Portugal is light, slightly fruity, a bit spritzy and low 9% alcohol. It's definitely a steal at \$4.49. Now, look around for a bright red label with just the letter 'G' in the middle. You've found Francis Ford Coppola's Grazie Mille, a smooth 2017 Red Blend deal, only \$5.39. Both are available at your Grocery Outlet. Looking for some gold medal winning red wines for under \$10? Try Bogle Family Vineyards 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon (95 points), 2021 Zinfandel (94 points) and the 2020 Merlot (94 points). Scores are from the 2023 California State Fair Competition. **Cheers!**

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



GOLF

Joe Adams, Chairman



Month	Day	Time	Location	Cart Fee	Green Fee	Cart Fee	Notes
Oct	2	Mon 8:00 SG	103 Castle Oaks	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included
	9	Mon 8:00 SG	144 Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15
	16	Mon 8:00 SG	143 Tracy CC	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included
	23	Mon 8:00 SG	103 Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
	30	Mon 8:00 SG	144 Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included



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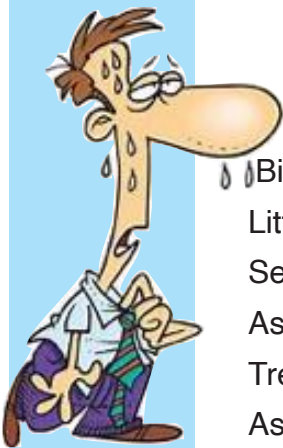


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Sunshine	Ted Thorn	535-8696
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball.....	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	OPEN	
Catering/Hall Set-Up.....	OPEN	
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Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
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