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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

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

OCTOBER 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

Another month gone by, welcome to October. Our luncheon attendance has been holding steady over the year at around 50 plus or minus but we hope to improve on that. **The Branch 143 vaccination requirement to attend our indoor events has been lifted. You no longer need to provide proof of COVID vaccination to come to our lunch meetings.** This should be welcome news for our members who were unable to be vaccinated due to other medical issues. These members have continued to support our branch by maintaining their membership over the past years and I would like to personally invite them to come join us for lunch again.



Speaking of luncheons, we have something special for this month. **We are now meeting again at the Denair Community Center and our program this month is a very interesting presentation by the daughters of the Tuskegee Airman of WWII fame.** The Allies called these airmen "Red Tails" because of the distinctive crimson unit identification marking on the tail of the unit's aircraft and they had a spectacularly successful aerial combat record. This has been a wildly popular program at Rotary clubs

and other SIR branches throughout the area and you don't want to miss it. This lunch meeting will be open to members, spouses and their guests as well as the general public. Lunch will be catered by the famous Nicolau Farms catering. **Tickets are \$20 and attendance is by reservation only - no tickets will be sold at the door. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Big SIR Greg Back at 209-585-6862** and arrange to pick up your tickets. Please help spread the word about SIR and this special lunch meeting and remember that spouses, guests and the general public are welcome for this special event.

I hate to sound like a broken record, but SIR is not a secret society. If you enjoy the fellowship you get with your SIR membership please spread the word and invite a guest to attend a meeting with you and maybe they will enjoy it also. This is how we grow and keep our branch healthy. This month's lunch meeting with the Tuskegee Airman program is an excellent opportunity to do just that. Bring a friend and share your enjoyment of SIR.

That's all for now. I hope to see you all at lunch this month.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
NOVEMBER 1-2 and 3 of 2022

JOIN US IN OCTOBER

11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting OCTOBER 19th - WILL BE HELD AT Denair Community Center in Denair, doors open at 10:30. Tickets are by RSVP advance sale only and no tickets will be available at the door. The deadline for ticket sales is October 14.

RSVP to Big SIR Greg Back at 209-585-6862 to reserve and arrange to pickup your tickets.

8 am - BEC meeting OCTOBER 21st - Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE 8 am start time.



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



SCENIC IRELAND TRIP THROUGH IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND APRIL 14-27, 2023

Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy
Single \$6,195 - Air Included, Roundtrip

\$500.00 DEPOSIT TO HOLD YOUR PLACE
Final payment due on December 15, 2022

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip

\$50.00 Discount extended to November 30, 2022. Still room for the trip.

**Airfare and transportation to and from the airport is included
18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver**

Highlights: 12 nights in First Class Hotel Accommodations

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland,
Visit Cliffs of Moher, local farms, an Abbey, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience, Hillsborough Castle,
Belfast's O'Connell Street, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle
and the Kissing Stone, Garnish Island, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and much, much more.
Leisure time to explore most of the towns and villages.

AUTUMN COLORS TRIP TO EAST COAST INCLUDING A PRE-TOUR NIGHT IN BOSTON

10 Days, October 13 - October 22, 2023 Price: \$4,330 double occupancy, Single \$5325
Air Fare to be added in December 2022. 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 reservation form for any of the trips.**

NEWS & NOTES - SIR 143

SIR ACTIVITIES:

Here are a few of the activities offered by Sirs #143

POOL & BILLARDS - Ken Kajioka 602-8351

COMMERATIVE AIR FORCE -

Ken Kajioka 602-8351

BOCCE BALL - Mike Johnson 613-6801

CHESS - Kevin Storms 277-7644

RADIO CONTROL PLANES - Greg Back 585-6862

WINE TASTING - Russ Winton 394-8930

WALKING GROUP - Rock Libby 634-6508

ANTIQUE CAR GROUP - Jim Artrip 606-2177

BASEBALL DAY GROUP - Andy Elder 604-3010

BOWLING GROUP - Tom Mickelsen 632-2917

WALKING GROUP - Rock Libby 634-6508

AS PER THE BYLAWS for SIR #143 MEETINGS:

NO POLITICS OF ANY KIND IS TO BE
DISCUSSED AT LUNCHEON MEETINGS,
INCLUDING THE WEARING OF POLITICAL ATTIRE.

LUNCH THIS MONTH WILL BE HELD AT DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER...

The menu for the October meeting is:

- Chicken
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Green beans with bacon salad
- bread sticks

Tickets for our Tuskegee Airmen luncheon meeting are by reservation and advance sale only. Tickets will **not be sold at the door.** Bring a guest to enjoy the lunch and program and remember that the general public is also welcome for this meeting – help spread the word.

Lunch will be catered by the famous Nicolau Farms Catering.

Tickets are \$20 each and you may RSVP to Big SIR Greg Back at 209-585-6862 to reserve and arrange to pick up your tickets.

SIR Branch 143 October Lunch Meeting We are back to the Denair Community Center

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Time: Doors Open at ~10:30am

Place: Denair Community Center

Address: 3850 N. Gratton Rd., Denair

Luncheon this month will be catered by the famous Nicolau Farms catering.

Tickets are \$20 and attendance is by reservation only - no tickets will be sold at the door.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to Big SIR Greg Back at 209-585-6862 and arrange to pick up your tickets. **THE RSVP MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 14th** So we can provide the lunch numbers to the caters

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Please help spread the word about SIR and this special lunch meeting and remember that spouses, guests and the general public are welcome for this special event.

We hope to see you all there!



IT'S DINE-IN- DINE-OUT TIME

We will meet at **Rick & Judy Kindle's** house (3912 Eastgate Dr., Denair) for a **BBQ Potluck**, Thursday, October 13 meet at 5:30 pm. Please call Gary Toombs at 209-604-8406 to make a reservation.

The Potluck part is what YOU bring to this shindig. **We need: Salads, appetizers and desserts**, let Gary know what you will be bringing. **Price for this will be \$5.00 per person for Tri-Tip, Chicken, Ice Tea, Water or BYOB** for happy hour! Give money to Gary. Also bring plates and utensils.

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on -SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

Meeting called to order at 8:01 AM

Present: Greg Back, Big Sir, Rock Libby, Secretary, Leonard Zumstein, Treasurer, Joe Adams, Gary Toombs, Larry Hughes, Ed Darrah, Bill Stires, Bob Holly, and Kevin Byrne.

Absent: Fred Courter

Guests: Rick Kindle, SIR State President, Tom Pannier, and Mike Reed.

Secretary's Report: The report, as emailed and presented in the newsletter, was passed unanimously with a 1st by Joe Adams and 2nd by Bob Holly

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein reports an August expenditure of \$16 for our guest speaker lunch and a rebate of \$20 from Bob Holly for unused supplies for a net \$4 positive gain. The current bank balance is \$4215, and the Cash drawer total of \$295 = a total balance of \$4510. Reimbursement of \$50 to Larry Hughes was unanimously approved with a 1st by Ed Darrah and 2nd by Bob Holly. Reimbursement of \$15 for Leonard's 9/21 guest speaker lunch was approved, with 1st by Ed Darrah and 2nd by Rock Libby.

Membership Report: Larry Hughes reports our 9/21 luncheon had 44 members present, three guests, and our speaker for a total of 48 attendees. We received applications for membership from two of our guests, Richard Cross and John Cardoza. Both were unanimously approved with a 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Ed Darrah. In addition, there was a motion to make dues for new members paid after September credited to the following year. The motion passed unanimously with a 1st by Rock Libby and 2nd by Bob Holly.

Program: Our October 19th Luncheon and program, "Tuskegee Airmen," will be held at the Denair Community Center, as will the remaining lunch meetings for this year. The change of facility was unanimously approved, with a 1st by Rock Libby and a 2nd by Joe Adams. The October program will be open to guests and spouses. The cost of the Lunch will be \$20 for Members/Wives and guests of Members. Public guests will be \$25. Membership Chairman Larry Hughes will produce a letter with particulars to be sent to the membership regarding the October gathering.

Activities:

Golf: Joe Adams reports that this coming Monday, September 26th is our year-end tournament at Creekside and will include tee prizes and feature lunch (free to those with sufficient rounds). There are currently 103 players registered. Joe reminds us golf dues are due 1/1/23, and if not paid before that date, golfers will not have an established handicap with the NCGA and cannot play in SIR tournaments. The dues remain at \$48 Annually. Joe has found a replacement as Golf Chairman, Tom Pannier. Thanks to

Joe for an outstanding job in this position for the last 15 years.

Travel: Bill Stires notes there is still some room for the Ireland Trip next April. See Bill.

Dine In/Dine Out: Gary Toombs reports our October Dine In/Out will be on the 13th, gathering at 5:30 PM at Rick and Judy Kindles. It will be outside, it is a potluck (please talk to Gary about what to bring), it is BYOB, and there is a \$5 fee (I know outrageous).

Bocce Ball is heading back to Dust Bowl. Time, likely on Fridays, to be announced.

R/C Flying: See Greg Back for information

For the most part, activities are on hold due to low participation.

Old Business: Form 20 has been submitted, and the recognition of HLMs with recognition pins was done at our 9/21 meeting. We have a few more HLM pins that will be delivered to the recipients, with Leonard Zumstein delivering to Brad Sleeper, Kevin Byrne to Carl Grubb, and Greg Back to Wes Peterson. We are closer to filling our open positions, including Assistant Secretary, Golf, and Travel Chairmen.

New Business: There are Honorary Life Members Emeritus available for those who qualify and are unable to attend Lunch Meetings. These do not count against our Branch allowance of two per 100 (membership) HLMs and will open us up to naming a few more. Two Branch HLMs, D. Bradford Sleeper and Duane Larson, will be requested to be converted to HLM Emeritus because they can no longer attend Luncheon meetings due to their failing health. A motion was made to the effect and was unanimously approved with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Gary Toombs. Big Sir Greg Bach will prepare a letter to the AG Richard Provost with this request.

There was a discussion of updating our Covid Branch protocols to align with our membership's opinions and desires. A show-of-hands vote at our lunch meeting indicated an overwhelming majority in favor of loosening our existing requirements. As a result, it was discussed and unanimously passed that we would adjust our protocols to follow the current State, County, and Local recommendations. 1st by Rock Libby and 2nd by Bob Holly.

There was a discussion of utilizing Facebook to increase our membership. Research will be conducted to determine costs, and further discussion will follow.

Additionally, we discussed our manning a booth at the Turlock Downtown Farmer's Market to increase our exposure.

Motion to adjourn, 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Joe Adams.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

Respectfully submitted by Rock Libby, Secretary, Branch 143



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
RV Chairman



BLACK OAK CASINO RV PARK TOULUMNE

APRIL 2 - April 7, 2023

More Info to follow



Sign-Up Procedure: Deadline December 31, 2022

Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351

1. Call Black Oaks RV Park for reservation 1-877-747-8777
2. **IMPORTANT:** Let them know you are with KEN KAJIOKA group
3. Call or text Ken Kajioka after registering
- 4 Reservation will ask for a credit card # but will not bill

BRING A GUEST!

This event is open to friends and relatives. This event will be cancelled if we don't have a minimum of 10 rigs.

Tuskegee daughters to speak in Turlock & Denair SIR #143

Turlock will be honoring the Tuskegee Airmen on October 18 th and 19 th . The daughters of Spanky Johnson will be providing informative presentations to the Turlock Rotary Clubs and the Turlock SIR Branch 143. Leigh Roberts and Michalyn Green will be making the presentation to honor the very famous first all-Black 99 th Fighter Squadron in World War II. The Ladies are from the Tuskegee Airmen Heritage Chapter of Greater Sacramento. Their Father was Colonel George S. "Spanky Roberts", the first Commanding Officer of the 99th in June of 1942. There was a movie about this Squadron, the "Red Tails," that flew the mighty P-51 Fighter as an escort with bombers flying into German-occupied countries. Bomber squadrons were known to request the Red Tails as an escort because they always protected their flights.

The Turlock Noon Rotary will host the Tuskegee Ladies at their meeting on Tuesday, October 18. Unfortunately, due to a recent fire that destroyed their regular meeting location, the Cafeteria at Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, the Noon Rotary meeting will be for members only because of limited space.

The Turlock Sunrise Rotary will host the Tuskegee Ladies at their meeting on Wednesday, October 19. The meeting will be held at Toscano's Restaurant, and doors open at 6:45 am. Guests are welcome, but space is limited. To reserve a Breakfast at \$12.00, please call Gary Potter at 209-484-0819 before October 11.

The Turlock SIR Branch 143 will host the Tuskegee Ladies on Wednesday, October 19. The meeting will be held at the Denair Community Center, 3850 N. Gratton Road, Denair; doors open at 10:30 am, and lunch starts at 11:30 am. Guests are welcome. **Tickets are \$20, and attendance is by reservation only. No tickets will be sold at the door. If you would like to attend, RSVP to Big SIR Greg Back at 209-585-6862 and arrange to pick up your tickets before October 14. The lunch is a full buffet catered provided by Nicolau Farms.**



Maj. George S. "Spanky" Roberts at the controls of a P-51 Mustang. Roberts was the first African American accepted for U.S. Army pilot training. He later commanded the 99th Fighter Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Group (Photo courtesy of the U.S. Air Force).



Here are a few photos from our September Luncheon at Crostini's





THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



Central Coast Wine Competition Results

The California Mid-State Fair has released the winners of the 20th Annual Central Coast Wine Competition (CCWC). This year's event included 95 wineries with 572 wines entered. The blind tasting was held at the Paso Robles Event Center.

Here are the Best of Show winners. Red: Riboli Family Wines Paso Robles 2019 San Simeon Cabernet Sauvignon. White: Midnight Cellars, Paso Robles 2021 Aurora Reserve. Dessert: Halter Ranch, Paso Robles 2019 Vin De Paille. Rose': Cass Winery, Paso Robles 2022 Oasis. Sparkling: Vintage Wine Estates, Arroyo Grande Laetitia Brut Rose'.

The CCWC named Pear Valley Vineyards as the 2022 Winery of the Year. The Paso Robles winery had 22 entries with 2 Best of Class, 3 double golds and 9 golds. This is the second Winery of the Year honor for Pear Valley. For a complete list of winners go to centralcoastwinecomp.com.

Napa Valley Tastings Fees Rise

Esther Mobely, Senior Wine Critic for the San Francisco Chronicle, recently reported that Napa Valley basic tasting fees have doubled in the last six years. In 2016, the average was \$20. Today, a basic tasting of 5-6 tastes is now \$40.82. The elevated or reserve tasting, which might include food pairings or only tasting exclusive reserve wines,

was \$30 in 2016. Today it is averaging \$82.26.

Increased costs due to inflation, labor shortages, wild-fires (fire insurance), supply chain disruptions and farming costs are being passed on to consumers. Even with these increased fees, wineries reported that business is not slowing down but actually increasing. This might be due to the exclusive one-on-one private table service and the ease of advanced reservations. The report concludes that small wineries have modestly raised their basic fees in the \$5-\$10 range. If you need a Napa fix, my advice is to go on-line, find out what is being offered, if reservations are required and the cost. Napa Valley attracts 4 million tourists yearly and a day in Napa Valley is still an awesome experience.

What's on our Table

How many 100+ degrees days have we had this summer? How many nights did those Delta breezes let us down and the AC ran all night? To maintain our coolness and our sanity, we look for light crisp white wines and chilled dry roses'. The Alma de Cattleya wines from Sonoma County met our needs. Alma means "soul" in Spanish and Cattleya is the national flower of Columbia, which is the native country of owner/winemaker, Bibiana Gonzalez Rave. Her 2021 Sauvignon Blanc and the 2021 Rose' of Pinot Noir helped us win the battle. Both are a deal, sale priced under \$20. The Alma de Cattleya label is beautiful and so are her wines. Happy hunting. Cheers!

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



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

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



ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Edward Friedberg, Kavin Byrne,
Bernie Mailloux, Paul Lytle

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Assistant Secretary	OPEN	
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Assistant Treasurer	OPEN	
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Bowling	OPEN	
Travel	Bill Stires	544-2684
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Chaplain	Earl Hamilton	606-4525
Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair	Rock Libby	634-6508

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

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