

# SENIOR SIR TIMES

SIR  
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

**“ OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”**  
**SEPTEMBER 2019 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**

## THE BIG SIR SAYS...

From  
Mark Taylor



This month I am going to deviate from Ed Benson's guidelines to cover an issue of extreme importance. I have good news and bad news. The good news is that overall our club membership numbers have been holding steady (in fact going up a little) at 184 SIR members. This is remarkable as statewide SIR membership is down 3.14% and our region is down 3.41%. I want to thank those members who have brought in friends as potential recruits. I also want to encourage all of us who have not brought in someone new to a meeting to do so in the next four months. Remember, every one of us is a recruiter. The bad news concerns our lunch attendance rate. From talking to other Big SIRs, I have found that their monthly luncheon attendance rate is roughly around 60%. Traditionally our rate has hovered around 50%. That means our regular attendance is around 90+ members. We contract to purchase 100 lunches. Since we give away a few lunches as prizes and incentives we are usually pretty close to breaking even. However, over the last two months our lunch attendance has been slipping dramatically. We only had 41% (75) of our members show up for our August

luncheon. We still had to pay for 100 lunches, which meant the club lost \$300!!! Obviously we can't keep doing that and survive as a lunch club. The BEC is alarmed at these numbers and is prepared to take steps and actions (none of which is extremely palatable) should our lunch attendance continue to falter. **The best and easiest choice is for our members to simply attend our monthly lunches. So I am respectfully asking that all our members mark the dates on their calendars and make a concerted effort to show up for our future luncheons.**

**LUNCH MENU  
for SEPTEMBER**

**BAKED  
CHICKEN**

**Salad with fixin's,  
Rolls, Dessert, plus  
all the usual suspects**

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

# NEW MEMBER



**NEW MEMBER DARRELL LEAMAN** with sponsor **KEN KAJIOKA**

## **SIRs 143 IS IN NEED OF A CATERER**

At our last meeting, Connie informed us that she will be retiring and moving at the end of December. This means we need to have a new caterer in place before our January meeting. If you know or have someone in mind who would like to serve as our caterer, please have them call or text their information (name, cell number) to either:

**Mark Taylor 209- 620-6013**

**Rock Libby 209-988-8396**



**August 21 Speaker was  
Monica Patterson  
Vector Biologist**

## **PROGRAMS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR**

**Oct. Denise Skidmore Hilmar Cheese.**

**Nov. Don Smith Turlock Fruit.**

**Dec. Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista**

### **198 DAYS OF JURY DUTY**

**SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IS -**

## **ERIC JULIEN**

Graduated from Turlock High School in 1969

Attended the University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus (in Honolulu, Oahu Island) for one year as a Biology major. Transferred to the University of California, San Diego (Roger Revelle College) for three years and graduated in Biology.

Attended California State University, Stanislaus for 18 months, awarded a Teaching Credentials at the Secondary level in Biological Sciences and in Physical Sciences.

Hired to teach Earth Science at Turlock High School in 1975. I taught the full spectrum of science during my 37 years teaching, including Earth Science, Physical Science, Basic Physical Science, Basic Biology, Biology, Honors Biology, Chemistry, and Honors Chemistry. I was Department Chair in Science for 19 years.

Currently retired for 6 years with the exception of 198 days of jury duty.

**Our SIR 143 Web page was finally brought up to date but could still use some help... Many members do not know it even exists... if you have time I suggest you open it up and look around.... Click on:**

**<http://www.sirinc2.org/branch143/>**

Save under your favorites or put it on your main page.... If you have a prospective member and give them an invitation card, tell them the web page address is on the card and they can find out more about what we do on it... I apologize for some of the pictures of the new members and we are working to improve them. In the future, if you have pictures of SIR activities, please get them to either Fred Courter or Larry Hughes...



# SIR TRAVEL

**BILL STIRES**  
**TRAVEL CHAIRMAN**



**August 29- September 9, 2020**  
**Switzerland, Austria,**  
**and Germany. Stay in**  
**Oberammergau,**  
**Germany**  
**for the Passion Play**

**(only performed once every 10 years,**  
**performed since 1634)**

The play is a staging of Jesus' passion, covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem and leading to his execution by crucifixion.

**Price: Approximately \$5700 per person.**

Air Fare to be determined in Oct. 2019.  
Price includes all transportation, hotels, gratuities for tour manager, and more.  
\$500.00 deposit per person holds spot.  
Final payment not due until March 1, 2020

**11 days that includes airfare,**  
**transfers, hotels, some meals,**  
**along with tour guide and bus driver.**

**Minden – Reno –**  
**Apple Hill**  
**Overnight stay at**  
**Eldorado**  
**October 9-10, 2019**

Prices: \$286.00 Per Person,  
Double Occupancy, Single \$319.  
24 Passengers needed by September 6, 2019  
or trip will be canceled

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- Deluxe Storer Coachways Motorcoach Transportation
- Free time gambling at the Carson Valley Inn Casino
- Accommodations in Reno at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino
- Dinner & The Illusionists Experience Show at the Eldorado Showroom
- Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffet coupon
- Free time for gambling and lunch at Nugget Casino
- High Hill Ranch Apple Fritter with free time for browsing
- \$17.00 total in Casino Bonus Packages (subject to change without notice)
- Driver Gratuity plus coffee & donuts upon departure

***(SIR TRAVEL continued on page 5)***

**If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684,**  
**cell phone 209-988-5445 or email [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)**  
**to receive a reservation form.**  
**Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.**

## ***SIR TRAVEL Continued from page 4***

SIR Area 18, and Friends Presents\*

# **A Holiday Celebration!**

## **Reno Overnight Tour December 11-12, 2019**

### TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Deluxe Storer Coachways Motorcoach Transportation

Coffee & donuts will be provided morning of departure

Accommodations at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino, Reno

Private Group Cocktail Party + Dinner Buffet  
Santa's Christmas Extravaganza at the Eldorado Show Room

Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffet Coupon

Free time for gambling at The Nugget Casino  
\$10.00 total in Casino Bonus Packages (subject to change)

Driver Gratuity

COST PER PERSON: \$292.00 Per Person,  
Double Occupancy. \$322.00 Per Person,  
Single Occupancy

Full payment due upon booking Minimum of 24  
passengers needed by November 8, 2019 or  
the trip will be cancelled.

## **HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR FEATURING MACKINAC ISLAND'S GRAND HOTEL May 7- 14, 2020**

Price: \$3,365 Double Occupancy

\$4,415 Single

Airfare price is

\$249 per person has been

extended to

September 15, 2019

Please RSVP to Bill at 544-2684 or 988-5445.

### Tour Includes:

Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit  
Airport transfers, 2 nights in Holland Michigan,  
visit Tulip Gardens and a working Windmill, at-  
tend the Festival along with the Music Parade.  
2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel on  
Mackinac Island with horse-drawn carriage tour  
A tour of the Ford factory and watch a F150  
pickup truck being built

Plus optional tours and much, much more.

\$40 in Mayflower Money all gratuities for Tour  
Guide and Bus Driver

**Remember that the price will go up on  
September 15, 2019.**

\$500 deposit per person by September 15,  
2019 to hold these great prices.FINAL  
PAYMENT DUE ON JANUARY 15, 2020.

**TO SAVE 15% on TICKETS to the GALLO CENTER  
USE CODE SIRS1920 (This Code is Good Thru SEPT. 2019)**



# SIR GOLF SCHEDULE Thru DECEMBER 2019



	MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GR	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
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<b>Sep</b>	3	<b>Tue</b>	8:00	SG	144	Elk Horn	\$35	\$9	\$44	Carts Included
	9	Mon	8:00	SG	164	Micke Grove	\$29	\$9	\$38	Carts Included
	16	Mon	8:00	SG	103	Creekside	\$22	\$9	\$31	Carts Optional \$15
	<b>23</b>	Mon	8:00	SG	143	Diablo Grande	\$35	\$9	\$44	Carts Included
	30	Mon	8:00	SG	All	<b>Manteca</b>	\$35	\$0	\$35	Carts Included

**Individual Championships Location And Date To Be Announced**

<b>Oct</b> **	7	Mon	9:00	SG	144	Creekside	\$22	\$9	\$31	Carts Optional \$15
	14	Mon	<b>8:30</b>	<b>SG</b>	164	Dry Creek	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Included
	21	Mon	9:00	SG	103	Manteca	\$35	\$9	\$44	Carts Included
	28	Mon	9:00	SG	143	Atwater	\$34	\$9	\$43	Carts Included

<b>Nov</b>	4	Mon	9:00	SG	144	Creekside	\$22	\$9	\$31	Carts Optional \$15
	12	<b>Tue</b>	9:00	SG	164	Manteca	\$35	\$9	\$44	Carts Included
	18	Mon	9:00	SG	103	Micke Grove	\$29	\$9	\$38	Carts Included
	25	Mon	9:00	SG	143	Swenson	\$18	\$9	\$27	Carts Optional \$14

<b>Dec</b>	2	Mon	9:00	SG	144	Creekside	\$22	\$9	\$31	Carts Optional \$15
	9	Mon	9:00	SG	164	Reserve	\$42	\$9	\$51	Carts Included
	16	Mon	9:00	SG	143	Atwater	\$34	\$9	\$43	Carts Included

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# Next Dine-in Dine-Out will be at Rick & Judy Kindle's



The next dinner will be at the Kindle's home, 3912 Eastgate Drive, Denair on Thursday, September 19th. Social Hour from 5-6 and Dinner at 6. It is a Pot-Luck, bring a dish, Last names: A-F Appetizers, G-M Salads, N-Z Desserts... .



Disposable Plates and silverware provided..

**BBQ TRI-TIP and CHICKEN to be provided. \$5.00 CHARGE per person (cash).**

**Wine will be provided, but you could also bring your favorite to share with others.**

## NEW PROGRAMS

We are starting or restarting a few new programs for SIR members. Please contact the following club members and get in on the ground floor if any of these programs interest you:

**CRIBBAGE:** Gary Potter 667-8516

**GIN RUMMEY:** Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351

**PICKLEBALL:** Bob Lotspeich 485-6225 (cell) or 535-1748 (home)

**RC AIRPLANES:** Larry Date 632-7287 or Greg Back 585 6862

**PINOCHLE:** Wayne Rickey 634-7644

**COMMEMORTIVE AIR FORCE:**  
Breakfast at Hanger 1-S Modesto Airport on 2nd Saturday of each month.  
Contact Gary Toombs 604-8406

**CHESS:** Kevin Storms ( a brand new member) 277-7644

Please join me in supporting these programs.  
**Gary Toombs**  
Activities Chairman



## Dine In Dine Out:

Please RSVP to Gary no later than meeting on September 18 or call Gary at 604-8406... We need a head count for extra tables and chairs and to purchase the meat. Also bring your putters for the putting contest.

## Bocce Ball:

Bocce Ball in September will be Thursday, September 19th at the Dust Bowl from **9:00 to 11:00,**

If you can, let's have lunch at the Dust Bowl after our game. They are letting us use the courts at no charge! **If you have any questions call Tom Bundy at 209-668-5763**



# RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka



## SIR #143 & Guests 2019 Wine Country Resort October 20th – 25th, 2019

Wagon Master, Don Nordell, 209-606-0505  
Trail Boss, Ken Kajioka, 209-602-8351

TENTATIVE AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**Sunday 20th** 1:00PM arrive, Get setup & meet your neighbors (Hosts) Ken & Don

5:30PM Hot dogs & makings

**Monday 21st** 9:00AM light breakfast (Hosts) Freddie Graham

5:30PM Pot luck dinner & Crew  
(A-M cold dish) (N-Z Hot Dish)

**Tuesday 22nd** 9:00AM breakfast  
(Hosts) Dave Nordell

5:00PM bring your meat to BBQ

**Wednesday 23rd** 9:00AM breakfast  
(Need a Host)

5:30PM dinner (Need a Host)

**Thursday 24th** On your own all day

**Friday 25th** On your own all day

(Host) Meals will be prorated

Bring your own table service to all meals

RESERVATIONS

DEPOSIT OF \$60.00 PAYABLE TO:

Trail Boss KEN KAJIOKA 209-602-8351

2240 Polyview Dr., Turlock, CA 95382

WE HAVE ONLY 25 SITES....SO YOUR DEPOSIT RESERVES YOUR SITE!!!

I NEED TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TO WINE COUNTRY RV RESORT BY AUGUST 24, 2019

## SIR #143 & GUESTS 2020 JACKSON RANCHERIA RV OUTING

**MARCH 29 - APRIL 3**

Trail Boss: KEN KAJIOKA 209-602-8351

TENTATIVE AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**SUNDAY** - Arrive 3 pm Get set up and meet your neighbors

5:30 pm HOT DOGS and FIXINGS

**MONDAY** - 9:00 am BREAKFAST

5:30 pm DINNER POTLUCK (A-M Hot Dish, N-Z Cold Dish)

**TUESDAY** - 9:00 am BREAKFAST

5:00 pm DINNER Bring your own meat

**WEDNESDAY** - 9:00 am BREAKFAST

5:30 pm DINNER, Spaghetti

**THURSDAY** - On Your Own

**FRIDAY** - Drive Safe - HAPPY EASTER!

*People going to this event have to make their own reservations at Jackson Rancheria. Please advise Ken after making your reservation.*

**IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS AN RV & Wants to Go  
On Any of these events Call Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351**





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Dan Adams, Tom Bundy, Mike Gutierrez, Carl Hillberg, Jack Miller, Abe Robert, Alan Serpa, Bernard Souza, Talt Thompson, Gary Toombs, Lester Tyson



# ANNIVERSARIES

## IN SEPTEMBER

Tom Bundy, Fred Courter, Luis Duron, Jim Fisher, Curt Green, Ladd Hackler, Marty Healy, Carl Hillberg, Jim Lackey, John Schali, Ernie Scheuber,



# DENAIR FARM & FAMILY FESTIVAL

10th Annual Festival  
 Saturday, September 14, 2019

**SIRs WILL HAVE A BOOTH**

Looking for volunteers

# BEC MINUTES

## BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### BLACK BEAR DINER, TURLOCK

**AUGUST 23, 2019**

Attendance: Little Sir Greg Back, Secretary  
Larry Date, Treasurer Bob Holly, Big Sir Mark Taylor (arrived late).

Directors: Ken Kajioka, Mike Sakaguchi, Ken Edwards

Absent: Directors, Rock Libby, Brad Sleeper, Gary Toombs, Wardee Bruce, Jim Mann  
Committee Representatives Present: Joe Adams, Golf; Kevin Byrnes, Membership; Ken Kajioka, Trail Boss.

Guests: Rick Kindle Regional Director;  
Larry Hughes

Call to Order/ Welcome: 8:07 a.m. by Little Sir, Greg Back

**Secretary's Report:** Larry Date – approved,  
1st Bob Holly, 2nd Ken Kajioka

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Holly – balance: \$1,619.56. We need to raise our lunch cost. (to be discussed further at next mtg.) Approved, 1st Ken Edwards, 2nd Ken Kajioka

#### Committee Reports:

**Kevin Byrnes, Membership:** 184 members. Larry Hughes transfer from Sirs #144 accepted. Note: speakers need to be turned up at lunch.

**Joe Adams, Golf:** Year end tournament will serve pork lion for lunch. Dues will stay at \$48.00 for paid Sirs members.

**Tony Ferro, Bowling:** Not present.

**Travel, Bill Stires:** Not present – Travel Event: Santa Christmas Extravaganza show & dinner, December 11 and 12, 2019. 1st. Mark Taylor, 2nd Joe Adams.

**Travel R/V: Trail Boss ; Ken Kajioka:** Don Nordell to retire from Wagon Master. Paso Robles wine country October 20 -25th. 25 sites reserved.

**Bocce Ball: Gary Toombs;** not present.

**Sunshine, Jack Miller:** Not present.

**Dine in/Dine out:** Gary Toombs was absent. but our next Dine in/Dine Out will be Rick Kindles Pot Luck. 1st; Bob Holly, 2nd, Mark Taylor.

**New Programs:** Anyone interested in playing cards after our monthly lunch meeting, contact Ken Kajioka 667-6588.

**Program, Gary Potter:** Gary was absent.

**New Business:** Rick Kindle, Have two new banners for Denair Farm Festival. Need 5 – 6 volunteers. Bob Holly needs tickets printed and numbered. Larry Hughes will help.

**Unfinished Business:** Bob Holly needs signatures for checking account. #1 Bob Holly, #2 Mark Taylor, #3 Gregg Back, #4 Mike Sakaguchi, #5 Leonard Zumstein, #6 Ken Kajioka. 1st. Ken Edwards, 2nd, Larry Hughes.

**Officer positions filled: Membership: Ken Veitch, WebMaster: Larry Hughes, Asst. Secty., STILL OPEN.**

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:25 am by Little Sir: Greg Back  
Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Date Secretary  
Branch 143



# WINE TASTING

Russ Winton



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

The August 28th WINO event at Toscana's was moved into a back room as a young crooner sang to a standing room only crowd in the Atrium. This disruption was not a bit upsetting to the 10 SIR members and wives as they tasted through nine wines in record time. They loosened up their taste buds with a CAVA, Spanish for Champagne, and then on to Pinot Grigio. They tasted an Italian Pinot Grigio in glass #1 and an Oregon Pinot Gris in glass #2. It's the same grape but totally different viticulture, weather, wine making, and aging affects the taste, body, acidity, alcohol and finish. Half liked the racy acidity of the Grigio and the others liked the elegance and style of the Gris. It's called Gris because the ripe grapes are a bluish-grey color. Next we compared an un-oaked Chardonnay with a full blown oaky Chardonnay, again the Winos were split on their favorite style. Half liked the #2 with the rich oaky buttery 2x4 taste vs the green apple crisp acidity in glass #1. At this point, I had to re-

mind tasters that glass #1 was on their left and #2 was on their right. We took a break to order food before the red wines. If we didn't order now, we would have had to order off the breakfast menu. Red Blends are now in the #2 spot of favorite red wines. We tasted the Apothic Red Blend, a multi million case seller for Gallo versus Marietta's Old Vine Red Lot #68. A few like the sweet Apothic but more enjoyed the non-vintage #68, a typical Italian Field blend. In the Cabernet Sauvignon tasting we pitted the Trader Joe's Velvet Moon (the best value wine in California) against the 2016 Columbia Crest. Again, the vote was split between the lighter style Velvet Moon vs. the medium bodied, a bit tannic Columbia Crest. The food appeared and all was quiet. We had a great time with only one spilled water, two spilled wines, a confession of an acid freak and one great young server. Thank you Toscana's Restaurant!

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

**IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A LUNCHEON PLEASE CALL Kevin Byrne, Membership Chairman...648-2374**



**TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143  
OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN  
OFFICERS FOR 2019**

Big Sir.....	Mark Taylor	620-6013
Little Sir .....	Greg Back	585-6862
Secretary .....	Larry Date	634-6508
Assistant Secretary.....	Tom Baldwin	668-2483
Treasurer .....	Bob Holly	668-2786
Assistant Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Membership.....	Kevin Bryne	648-2373
Assistant Membership.....	Ted Thorne	874-2249
Recruiting .....	Wardee Bruce	634-6304
Bowling .....	Tony Ferro	634-8377
Travel .....	Bill Stires	544-2684
Roster/Mailing .....	Brad Sleeper	620-2620
Golf.....	Joe Adams	632-8197
Assistant Golf .....	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine .....	Jack Miller	632-4294
Newsletter Editor/Photographer .....	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball.....	Tom Bundy	668-5763
Program .....	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program.....	Ernie Peters	581-3187
Catering/Hall Set-Up .....	Earl Hamilton	632-1101
Wagon Master.....	Don Nordell	606-0505
Trail Boss .....	KenKajioka	667-6588
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Directors	Gary Toombs, Wardee Bruce, Larry Date, Larry Hughes, Ken Kajioka, Rock Libby	

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Ed Benson - 925-943-7011  
 Regional Director: Rick Kindle - 652-8608  
 Area 18 Governor: Patrick Reed - 289-3314