

SENIOR TIMES

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

SEPTEMBER 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR SAYS...

BY ROCK LIBBY

This has indeed been a long and trying year for all of us in SIR. We continue to walk the fine line between resuming the in-person gatherings and activities and providing for the health and safety of all. This month we will again meet via Zoom for both our regular meeting Wednesday, Sept 15th and the BEC meeting Friday the 17th. The links for these meetings are included in this newsletter and an email reminder will go out prior to the meetings. Watch for it. We plan to make our October Luncheon meeting a BBQ at Crane Park, Turlock. More details will follow as arrangements are made. If all goes well, we will meet at the Denair Community Center in November for an in-person, catered luncheon. All of these plans will of course, be subject to the SIR and County protocols in place at the time. Trust me, we are trying. We will be employing our phone tree calls shortly to touch base with our membership, check on their well-being, see if we may be of assistance in any way and to try to get a number of expected attendees to help us plan our BBQ on October 20th. We have an interesting program coming up and if we have enough members planning to join us at the BBQ we may arrange to have the presentation there. Otherwise, we will save it for November for our proposed luncheon.



The BEC has elected to nominate Richard Provost for another term as Area Governor. Richard has served admirably in the position attending countless General and BEC meetings and his efforts are much appreciated. I might add that Branch 143's very own Rick Kindel was elected State President at our Annual State Meeting recently. Kudos to Rick. We all know first-hand just how much he puts into this organization.

Speaking of putting energy into SIR, the nominating committee needs to find candidates to fill the positions of Little Sir and Secretary. Gentlemen, this is the time to step up and serve. These are not 40 hour per week positions and do not require a lot of effort. It would be very nice to see some new faces and some fresh blood in leadership roles. Please, don't crowd We will find room for everyone. If you volunteer to assume one of these positions, I promise you it will be a gratifying experience. The people you get to know and the friendships that go along with that are extremely rewarding. And as a bonus we will stop talking about you at the BEC meetings. We can also use your help at our Denair Farm & Family Festival booth on September 11th from 9-3. Come and spend an hour or two providing information to prospective members. Call or email me if you can help us and what times will be convenient for you. I sincerely hope this finds everyone and their families well and keep the faith, we will return to normal. Stay safe.

Rock

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

JOIN US ON ZOOM

11:30 am - Regular meeting September 15th

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85346781730?pwd=aGgyRXI4dW9ac2NOTisxRWxKV0U4Zz09>

10:00 am - BEC meeting September 17th

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



SIR TRAVEL

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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.**

**MORE TRIPS ON
NEXT PAGE**

This trip was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and is rescheduled.



Holland Tulip Festival Tour



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**Price: \$3,895 Per Person Double Occupancy
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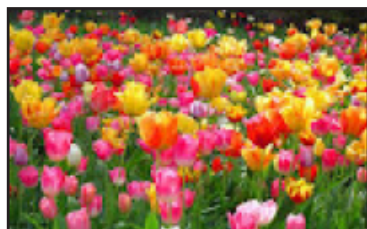
CURRENT PRICES EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

**Deposit \$650 per person
Final Payment
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 - AUGUST 20, 2021

Call to Order/Welcome @ 10:11 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,
Assistant Treasure Mike Sakaguchi.

Directors: Gary Toombs, Larry Hughes, Bob Holly,
Kevin Bryne, Fred Courter,
Mike Sakaguchi, Larry Hughes,

Committee Representatives: Gary Toombs,
Mike Sakaguchi, Kevin Bryne,
Larry Hughes, Bob Holly, Bill Stires.

Guests: Rick Kindle Sirs Vice President.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve report for
7/23/2021.
Motion to Approved 1st Greg Back, 2nd Bob Holly,
approved unanimous.

Treasures Report: By Leonard Zumstein

\$4207.54 checking
\$375 Cash on hand
\$ 4582.54 Balance total

A motion was presented to pay Larry Hughes for stamps in the amount of \$55.00 and also approve the Treasure's report. 1st Bob Holly, 2nd Kevin Bryne, approved unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Membership: By Larry Hughes:
Membership stands at 104 with the reinstatement of seven members Lyle Geghring, Ed Friedberg, Jerry Degraff, William Nixon, Larry Date, Ken Veitch,

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

Travel: By Bill Stires:

Both Planned trips are going as planned.

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.

Bocce Ball: Had a good turnout will announce next
date soon.

Old business: None at this time.

New Business:

Need to fill the following positions for the upcoming
year, Little Big Sir and the Secretary position.

Need people to work the booth at the Family Farm
Festival on 9/11/2021.

A discussion was held as to when the next in person
monthly meeting will be held possibly Oct depending
on the COVID situation.

Looking into Various Senior awards and the
suggestion was made to hand out at the next
in person meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 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.)

Cool Wines for Hot Nights

Here are three award winning Roses' you might want to track down; the 2020 Lange Twins Family Winery and Vineyards Aglianico Rose' from Lodi, \$22, the 2020 Roaming Dog Cabernet Sauvignon Rose' from Washington, \$15, and the 2020 SEAGLASS Monterey Rose, \$12. All were Best of Class, Double Gold medal winners in the Sunset International Competition. The Best of Show Rose went to Roaming Dog Rose with a 98 point score. Chilled Roses' or Pinot Noirs, Beaujolais or Zinfandels are perfect with about 20 minutes in the fridge before dinner. If the meal is ready too soon, like magic, the Ice-Cube Fairy appears.

More Cool Wines

I wanted to buy more of the 2019 Dixie & Bass Rose' but couldn't find it. The Turlock and Merced Grocery Outlets were completely sold out. I did find the French 2020 La Vieille Ferme Rose' at Raley's for just \$5.99. It's now my current house pinkie. I wrote about the Red Blend Por-

tugal by Casa Santos Lima (the one with the pretty label) months ago from the Grocery Outlet. Costco now carries it and it is sale priced at \$4.49. We recently hosted a party of 30 and served Mexican food. We iced down this red and it was the beverage of choice.

What's On Our Table

The 2017 Silent Oak Red Blend from Portugal is this week's steal. It is full bodied, with black fruits, soft tannins, 13.5% alcohol and with a chill, a perfect Monday wine. It is \$4.95 at the Grocery Outlet. **The deal** is the 2019 Castle Rock Winery Russian River Valley Pinot Noir Reserve at Trader Joe's. It has plum, cherry and spice flavors with a long soft finish and is under \$10. It's also a Sunset Double Gold/92 point winner. **The splurge** this week is the 2018 Limited Edition Hall of Fame Cabernet Sauvignon (SRP \$150) produced by Charles Woodson's Intercept Wines. Only 6,500 bottles are available, an homage to his 65 interceptions in his 18 years in the NFL. Purchase is only online, cwinterceptwines.com. Put a chill on your reds. **Cheers!**

BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER



Dan Adams, Jack Miller, Gary Toombs,
Tom Bundy, Charles Newsome,

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER



Fred Courter, Curt Green, Tom Bundy,
Ladd Hackler,
Ernie Scheuber, Luis Duron

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|---------------------------------|--|----------|
| Big Sir..... | Rock Libby | 634-6508 |
| 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 | |

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 State Vice President: Rick Kindle - 209-652-8608
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