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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”

SEPTEMBER 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

What a hot spell we have been having - I hope everyone has managed to stay cool.



If you weren't at last month's meeting you missed a great lunch and an interesting program by Arnold Chavez, Director of the Great Valley Museum and Planetarium at MJC. Please try to join us this month for another great lunch and speaker. This month's program will be by Donna Linder, Stanislaus County Clerk Record and Registrar of Voters and should be very interesting.

We have 2 new members we plan to induct at this month's meeting... Roger Johnson and Marvin Scott. Come out and give them a big welcome to SIR and to our Branch.

Our branch has lots of activities you can participate in. Your fellow SIR members have volunteered their time and energy to organize and lead these activities for us, so please give them your support and join in or try something new.

Along those lines, as has been said before, SIR is not a secret organization. Invite a friend, neighbor or even a relative to one of our lunches or activities and introduce them to SIR. If each of our members brings just one guest to a lunch meeting or activity we can grow our membership and keep our branch healthy for years to come.

That's all for now, stay cool and hope to see you at our lunch meeting.

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

JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER

11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting SEPTEMBER 21st - WILL BE HELD AT CROSTINI'S in TURLOCK - 811 W. Hawkeye Ave. and doors open for us at 10:30am.

8 am - BEC meeting SEPTEMBER 23rd - 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 15-27, 2023

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

4 SPOTS LEFT FOR THIS TRIP

Final payment due on December 15, 2022

Bill will be out of country soon and will not be accessing phone calls or messages. He will be monitoring email so if anyone is interested in Ireland, send him an email (bstires46@gmail.com) to be sure your message is received.

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 \$995
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

ANTIQUÉ 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 CROSTINI'S RESTAURANT IN TURLOCK...

811 W. Hawkeye Ave. (across from the transit center at Hawkeye and Golden State) and doors open for us at 10:30am.

Everyone will order from a special menu and receive individual checks. They have a full bar as well as a coffee bar available for your adult beverage or caffeine enjoyment.

We will slightly change the table layout and hope to have a video hookup and PA system ready to go.

We will also make sure to have prices on the menu this time and remember that a 15% gratuity will be added to your check.

THE WALKING GROUP



The Walking Group will meet for the time being on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM. Next Tuesday we will meet at Crane Park on the corner of Berkeley and Yosemite and decide where we are heading. An option for the following Tuesday may be to meet at Starbucks on the corner of Johnson and Canal and walk to the Sales Yard/Flea Market. We can always take the canal bank as far out as we like and get away from town.

This is a new activity and we are always open to suggestions for improvement. Rock Libby



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 -AUGUST 19, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:55 AM**Guests:** None**Present:** Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein, Ed Darrah, Ken Edwards, Joe Adams, Fred Courter, Bill Stires, Kevin Byrne, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Gary Toombs and Rock Libby**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was unanimously approved as emailed to the BEC and printed in the Newsletter of August, 2022 with a 1 st by Ed Darrah and 2 nd by Leonard Zumstein.**Treasurer's Report:** Leonard Zumstein reports \$4,231 in checking and \$275 in cash for a total \$4,506.

Reimbursements for lunch for guest speakers in the amount of \$16 to Greg Back and \$17.32 to Rick Kindle were unanimously approved with a 1st by Joe Adams and 2 nd by Bob Holly.

Membership Report: Larry Hughes submitted the Form 27 which indicated membership at 108 with today's approval of applicant Marvin Scott. Our luncheon Wednesday had 54 in attendance. Marvin Scott's application was approved with a 1 st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Leonard Zumstein. Marvin and Roger Jackson will be inducted at our next luncheon meeting, September 21, at Crostini Restaurant. Gary Toombs, Little Sir, will provide the Orientation two our new members.**Activities:****Travel:** Chair Bill Stires notes there are but four slots left for his Ireland trip. Bill will be out of country soon and will not be accessing phone calls or messages. He will be monitoring email so if anyone is interested in Ireland, send him an email (bstires46@gmail.com) to be sure your message is received. We need a new Travel Chair effective 1/1/24.**Golf:** Joe Adams is still looking for a replacement as Golf Chair to be effective 1/1/23.**Dine In/Out:** Gary Toombs reports our next gathering will be a potluck at the home of Rick and Judy Kindle on 10/13.**Bocce Ball:** There will be no Bocce Ball in September.**Walking Group:** Rock Libby reports this activity is on Life Support as we only had two walkers show up for our last amble.**WINO:** Contact Russ Winton regarding the Indian Dinner Night, 209-394-8930.**Old Business:****The Slate of Officers presented on our Form 20 for 2023 will be voted on by the General Membership at our Lunch Meeting September 21st. We still have positions to be filled which include Assistant Secretary and Big Sir.** There was discussion of lunch options including locations and caterers.

There was a motion which passed unanimously to continue at Crostini for at least one more month. 1st by Larry Hughes and 2nd by Leonard Zumstein. Included in discussion was a Hamburger BBQ at the Park in Denair but there was little interest. The Denair Farm & Family Festival will be held September 10th. Our booth is located by the Old Bank Building on Main St. and we need volunteers to work the booth and provide information on our organization to attendees. If you are interested in helping call Rick Kindle at 209-652-8608. Bob Holly will retrieve the Brochures, cards, raffle tickets, etc from the Community Center. The brochures will go to Larry Hughes for minor editing.

New Business:

We will have recognition pins for our HLMs (Honorary Life Members). We would like them to be able to join us for lunch (our treat) and the presentation. We will call them with an invitation and offer of transportation where necessary. If they cannot attend, we have volunteers to deliver the recognition. The motion to entertain them passed unanimously with a 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Kevin Byrne.

A motion to adjourn was passed with 1st by Bill Stires and 2nd by Kevin Byrne.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03.**Respectfully submitted by
Rock Libby Secretary, Branch 143, August 19th**



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.

STATE GOLF EVENT

Fellow Golfers,
Attached is the announcement for the final State golf event of the year which will be held at the Blue Rock Springs golf courses in Vallejo. The event will be held on September 14th and 15th. This is a 2 day event but if a golfer wants, they can play either of the days or both. I'd ask that you take a look at the attached flyer for additional information

as well as the State golf website at www.sirgolf.org. This event is open to all SIR members, their wives or significant other, and invited guests.

Many Thanks,
Mark Stuart, 2022 SIR State Golf
Committee Chair



DONNA LINDER

Speaker at September Luncheon

**Stanislaus County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters,
& Commissioner of Civil Marriage**

Ms. Linder is a long-time resident of Stanislaus County. She was born in Turlock and has lived in Modesto since the age of 15. She is a graduate of Beyer High School, Modesto Junior College and earned her Bachelor of Arts from Ashford University. She is a member of the California Association of Clerk and Election Officials (CACEO), County Recorder's Association of California (CRAC), chairs the Central Area of the California Association of Clerks and is a recipient of the Stanislaus County Dale Butler Equal Rights Award.

Ms. Linder was elected Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters in June of 2018 and took her oath of office January 7, 2019.



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



See You Soon, in Suisun!

The Navigator and I try to visit (and of course taste) in all the wine regions of California. We've talked about visiting Suisun Valley as far back as 1982, when it became an American Viticultural Area (AVA), just one year after Napa Valley. The valley is small and pastoral, dotted with family farms, produce stands, and a half-dozen family owned wineries. It's about 8 miles long and 3 miles wide, the climate is mid-region III, like next door Napa with warm days and cool nights. Suisun Valley grows 23 different grape varieties and is best known for **Petite Sirah** and aromatic whites.

We decided, only 40 years later, it was about time to pay a visit. Of course, this decision had nothing to do with Caymus (yes, that winery from Napa Valley) moving in. Well, just maybe. I contacted two wineries who have a history in the valley. I set up visits to learn more about Suisun Valley and their reactions to the Caymus-Suisun project.

We arrived a bit early and noticed the **Caymus-Suisun Visitors Center** was open. We took a brief 10 minute walk around. Just one word: **Unbelievable!** Next, we met Ron Lanza of the **Wooden Valley Winery**. We sat and enjoyed listening to the 85 year history of the winery, the Lanza family and how the third generation of four brothers have

taken over. Ron noted the wineries and the general public were overwhelming positive about the Caymus move.

We were right on time to meet Lisa Howard of **Tolenas Winery**. She and with her husband Cliff are producing about 2,000 cases with assistance from her parents who own the **Tenbrink Winery**. She is impressed and supportive of Charles and Jenny Wagner who are the co-owners with their dad, Chuck, of the **Caymus-Suisun Winery**.

We didn't have time to do an official tour or a tasting of the 2018 Caymus-Suisun Grand Durif (Petite Sirah). Which means we'll be taking another trip. We look forward to sampling more of the excellent wines of Suisun Valley. This time we won't wait 40 years. See you soon, in Suisun.... Cheers!

What's on Our Table

Are you looking for a **good deal** on Pinot Grigio? Track down the 2021 McManis Family Vineyards River Junction (\$11.99) or the 2020 Sand Point Family Vineyards (\$12). Both were big winners in the SF Chronicle Tasting and if sale priced, make a **super deal**. The 2018 Markham Napa Valley Vineyards' Merlot is a steal. It's a lush wine with a rich silky finish. The suggested retail price is \$29. It's under \$18 at Costco and yeah, that's a **steal**. Cheers!

Comments? Find me on facebook or at rgwinton@yahoo.com



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Dan Adams, Tom Bundy, Jack Miller, Gary Toombs



ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

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

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TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OFFICERS FOR 2022

This is the slate of Officers and Directors for the coming year OK'd by BEC, to be voted on at our September Luncheon meeting.

Big Sir: At present we will rotate 3 or 4 Past Big Sirs each month

Little Sir: Bob Holly
Past Big Sir:
Greg Back
Secretary:
Robert Lotspeich
Treasurer:
Leonard Zumstein

Directors:
Joe Adams
Kevin Byrne
Fred Courter
Ed Darrah
Bill Stires
Gary Toombs

Ass't Secretary:
Rock Libby
Ass't Treasurer:
Vern Segars

Any volunteers for the position of Big Sir Call me.

Big Sir/Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862
Little Sir	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Secretary	Rock Libby	634-6508
Assistant Secretary	OPEN	
Treasurer	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer	OPEN	
Membership	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership	Bob Holly	668-2786
Recruiting	OPEN	
Bowling	OPEN	
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	Mike Johnson	613-6801
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	OPEN	
Catering/Hall Set-Up	Earl Hamilton	606-4525
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

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Rick Kindle - 209-652-8608
State Vice President: Dave Gonzales - 408-398-1240
Regional Director: Dale Decker - 209-533-0455
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