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The Gateway Chapter

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A Non-Profit Organization for Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity in Retirement



LUNCHEON: 10-13-2020 @ Yosemite Falls
 BOARD MEETING: 10:30 SOCIAL HOUR: 11:00 LUNCH: 12:00
 Paid Members/ Guests: \$15, \$18 for members who pay monthly
 SPEAKER: - ? MENU: - Stuffed chicken or Tri Tip Sandwich



BIG SIR JACKIE LOVATO

Hello fellow members of branch 169, Happy Halloween
 My wishes are when you receive this newsletter that it will find you in good health.
 As our community begins to slowly reopen, I am optimistic that we be gathering for our luncheons soon. In the meantime please continue to social distance and wear your mask. I've said this before and I will say it again, if you or someone you know needs assistance in any way, please, contact me or any one of our committee members. I would like to announce and introduce our incoming Little Sir for next year, Daniel Lindstrom. Also, it's with sadness that I inform you that our friend and treasurer Ben Hager is in the processing of moving to Texas. We appreciate your dedication and service to our branch Ben. We are in need of a new treasurer to take Ben's position. No experience necessary and you will be trained by the best. If interested please contact me or Duane Evans.



IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM BIG SIR JACKIE LOVATO:

There will be a luncheon on October 13th at the Yosemite Falls Restaurant
 Ashlan and 99. The address is 4248 W. Aslan Ave.

This luncheon is voluntary, not mandatory, if you are uncomfortable or
 concerned in anyway please do not attend. If you have any symptoms of
 any kind again, please do not attend. We will have safety measures in
 place, please wear a mask!

Sponsors of prospective new members are requested to review the applications completed by their guests to make sure that the information provided is both complete and legible. Thank you for helping with this.

SIRS BRANCH 169 E-BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 10, 2020 at Yosemite Falls Café on Cedar Ave.

BIG SIR: Jackie Lovato called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

ATTENDING: Jackie Lovato, Luis Rodriquez, Duane Evans, Jim Hiney, and Bernie Hollenbeck.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No Minutes to read available.

TREASURER REPORT: MSC to approve as read.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim reported that we had Larry Rowe, Bob Kishi, Nick Lopez, to install. It was reaffirmed that also have Michael Panella, and Joe Salazar to install also.

TODAY'S LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE: No lunch.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: No report today.

PROGRAM OR SPEAKER TODAY: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Jackie reported that he had a State Zoom meeting and it was suggested to start a SIRs walking group.

NEWS BUSINESS: We need to recruit a new Treasurer because Ben Hagar is moving to Texas. Duane Evans will temporarily fill in until a we find a new Treasurer.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bernie reported that he had nothing new to add.

OTHER BUSINESS OR REPORTS: We need to have a SIRs gathering at the VFW Park on Ashlan and Blythe Avenues in October if we enough SIRs and the ladies attending voluntarily.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 10:37AM.

RESPECTLY SUBMITTED: For Jim Forden, Secretary

Luis Rodriquez

Assistant Secretary Recorder



HELP US KEEP BRANCH 169 VIABLE AND STRONG. Attending the monthly luncheon is important, it helps us maintain our venue, plus you get a really good meal and fellowship with friends. Hope to see you all there!

SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairmen



CALLERS

**Mike Torigian - 439-2300 Dave Hoffman - 3745622 Gary Gregory - 674-5820
Bob Lung - 252-1483 Ted Fox - 298-3179 Bob Large - 227-7136 Anthony Noia - 492-1848
Ray Smith - 294-7696 John Kascht - 674-5123 Jim Peterson - 897-5595**

TREASURER REPORT Ben Hager

Balance as of 4-1-20: \$3,800.29
Income during 4-1-20 - 6-1-20: 0
Expenses during 4-1-20 - 6-1-20: 0
Balance as of 6-6-20: \$3,800.29

MEMBERSHIP

Since the shutdown we have had several members suffer health issues and have accidents. As a group we have not done a very good job keeping up with them. We have discussed it and it will be a priority going forward. Here are a few members that I heard need support. John Kascht recently fell and had to get stitches in his head. He's home being cared for by family. Mike Torigian fell too and has had leg problems since his heart surgery. He's home also. I heard that long time member Bill Marvin had a stroke and is not doing well at all. Please contact these people and let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. If you hear of anyone with an issue, let us know so we can get the word out.

Our branch website: sir169.org

The state organization's website: sirinc.org (everything you'd want to know and more!)

SIR HAPPENINGS is the organization's newsletter that's on the website.

You can also get to any other branch's website from there.

State President: Ed Benson - ebensonwa@aol.com

Regional Director: Rick Kindle - rick@kindleandassoc.com

Area Governor: Lee Moy - leehealthstudio@gmail.com

 **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS MONTH** 

Mike Brooks
Ron Miller
Ron Nyberg
David Williams



Gregory Merrill
Alfred Mollo
Roger Stewart

 **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH** 

Mick/Sunny Carrera
Lee/Susan Nichols
Adam/Elisa Rodriguez



 **COUPLES NIGHT OUT** 

Nothing scheduled due to restaurant restrictions from COVID 19
Dinner is usually at 6:30
Sign up at the luncheons or contact Ed Dorn at 433-0670

 **BOWLING** 

A small number of avid bowlers venture out every Tuesday afternoon and hit the lanes. Currently there are no active 169 members participating. This event is open to all SIR and is an excellent way to have some fun and get some exercise. Contact Ted Fox @ 559-298-3179 for additional information.

 **POOL** 

Join the weekly Pool outing (no not swimming). Breakfast at 10:00 am at Yosemite Falls Restaurant then play starts at 11:00 am at "The Rack" just south of Shaw on Blackstone Ave. Currently there are 8 active members of SIR participating but we are looking for new members. Contact Ted Fox at (559) 298-3179

 **TRAVEL** 

ON HOLD DUE TO COVID 19



Belmont 10 – 1

- 1 Nichols, Lee + Lovato, Leonard + Bates, Fred + Oberquell, Duane 64
- 2 Strid, Steve + Lean, Tom + O'Connell, Mike + Dinsdale, David 66
- 3 Barcus, Scott + Nowlin, Doug + Lopez, Nick + Connors, Tom 68

CTPs

#2	Carrera, Michael	3'2	Threlfall, Chick	11'9
#8	Castle, Mike	4'11	Montag, Raymond	7'2
#11	Lean, Tom	3'6	Russo, Joe	12'3
#13	Lovato, Leonard	7'0	Montag, Raymond	8'2



Riverside 9 – 22

- 1 Carrera, Michael + Kishi, Bob + Togo, Howard + Connors, Tom -23
- 2 Anderson, Russell + Ohde, Brian + Lopez, Nick + Bl[Connors, Tom] -18
- 3 Herz, Steve + Lean, Tom + Lai, Ken + Evans, Duane -17

CTPs


#2	Garth, Marshall	5'7	Carrera, Mick	10'2
#5	Lopez, Nick	2'8	Henricksen, Larry	6'3
#8	Herz, Steve	4'5	Anderson, Russell	6'2
#11	Oberquell, Duane	15'0	Lai, Ken	15'11

Ridge Creek 9 - 15


- 1 Anderson, Russell + Laines, Don + Lopez, Nick + Hager, Ben -20
- 2 Lindstrom, Daniel + Kishi, Bob + Dorn, Ed + Bl[Oberquell, Duane] -12
- 3 Montag, Raymond + Carrera, Mick + Soliday, Dennis + Oberquell, Duane -8

CTPs

#3	Anderson, Russell	10'3	Dinsdale, David	11'2
#7	Laines, Don	17'3	Lung, Bob	24'0
#13	Lindstrom, Daniel	1'4	Russo, Joe	8'5
#16	Boguski, Bob	10'11	Panella, Michael	12'11



2020 GOLF SCHEDULE



Date	Time	Course	Format	Chairman/Phone	E-Mail Address
JANUARY					
Jan 9, Thurs	10:00	Belmont CC	4 Man 2bb	Ernie Sopp 209-986-5271	ernie.sopp@gmail.com
Jan 21, Tues	10:00	Airways	Flighted	Ernie Sopp	
Jan 28, Tues	10:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Ernie Sopp	
FEBRUARY					
Feb 4, Tues	10:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Mike Castle 936-275-6189	m61castle@att.net
Feb 13, Thurs	9:00	Eagle Springs	Cha Cha Cha	Don Laines	lainesf@comcast.net
Feb 18, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	4 Man 2bb	Mike and Don	
Feb 25, Tues	9:00	Dragon Fly	Lone Ranger	Mike and Don	
MARCH					
Mar 3, Tues	9:00	Airways	2 Man bb	Fred Bates 779-6921	fjr7652@sbcglobal.net
Mar 19, Thurs	9:00	Belmont CC	Scrambles	Fred Bates	
Mar 24, Tues	9:00	Madera CC	4man 2bb	Fred Bates	
Mar 31, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Fred Bates	
APRIL					
Apr 7, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	4man 2bb	Steve Strid 393-1798	strid9266@att.net
Apr 21, Tues	8:00	Riversde	Cha Cha Cha	Steve Strid	
Apr 28, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	Arizona shuffle	Steve Strid	
MAY					
May 5, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Ron Miller: 456-1918	carronmir@aol.com
May 14, Thurs	9:00	Eagle Springs	Flighted		
May 20, Wed	9:00	Sherwood	Lone Ranger	Ron Miller	
May 26, Tues	9:00	Valley Oaks	Shambles	Ron Miller	
JUNE					
June 2, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Brian Ohde	ohdefamily@hotmail.com
June 16, Tues	8:00	Pheasant Run	9/9/	Ken Myers	
June 23, Tues	9:00	River Creek-Oakhurs	Scrambles	Brian and Ken	
June 30, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Brian and Ken	
JULY					
July 7, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	Lone Ranger	Jackie Lovato 307-9032	jl_lovato@yahoo.com
July 21, Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Jackie Lovato	
July 28, Tues	8:00	Airways	2man bb	Jackie Lovato	
AUGUST					
Aug 4, Tues	8:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson 897-5595	jimargpeterson@yahoo.com
Aug 13, Thurs	8:00	Eagle Springs	Scrambles	Jim Peterson	
Aug 19, Wed	8:00	Sherwood	Lone Ranger	Jim Peterson	
Aug 25, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Jim Peterson	
SEPTEMBER					
Sep 1, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Scrambles	Ron Elder: 299-9667	rkelder47@gmail.com
Sep 15, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Ron Elder	
Sep 22, Tues	9:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Ron Elder	
OCTOBER					
Oct. 1, Thurs	9:00	Belmont CC	Scrambles	Ben Hager 519-4610	bhager1948@gmail.com
Oct 6, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Ben Hager	
Oct 20, Tues	10:00	Rivercreek-Oakhurst	4man 2bb	Ben Hager	
Oct 27, Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Shambles	Ben Hager	
NOVEMBER					
Nov 5, Thurs	9:00	Belmont CC	4man 2bb	Scott Barcus: 855-8877	ruthless2@netptc.net
Nov 17, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Scott Barcus	
Nov 25, Wed	9:00	Sherwood	Scrambles	Scott Barcus	
DECEMBER					
Dec 1, Tues	9:00	Dragon Fly	Cha Cha Cha	Dave Dinsdale 301-4477	getover50@comcast.net
Dec 15, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dave Dinsdale	
Dec 29, Tues	10:00	Airways	4man 2bb	Dave Dinsdale	
Branch Championship Best 3 out of 4 events					
Please be considerate of the monthly Chair and sign in 30 minutes prior to tee time.					



Photo Gallery



One of a kind.... Ben Hager



Scott's Photos



Creek Fire at Camp Sierra – Fri., Sept. 4 - about 4 pm.
Picture taken from Helicopter pad at Big Creek.



Creek Fire – Sat., Sept. 5 – about 10 am
west end of Huntington Lake at dams.



Creek Fire – Sat. Sept. 5 – about 12 noon
picture taken from Lake Shore marina
looking west.

2020...One reference to 2020 relates to vision. If you have 20/20 vision you can see clearly at a distance of 20 feet. However, I confess I don't see anything clearly which is related to the year 2020. Almost everything from January to October 2020 is a blur. However, (in October, 2020) I have found a few things which are very clear. Since our last newsletter our mountain community in north eastern Fresno and Madera counties has been ravaged with fire and enveloped in daily smoke. Some days it is thick and lingers all day.

My thoughts for this article focused on “2020”
“Vision”...clarity and the
uncertainties we have shared.

Scott Barcus, Little Sir-2020

