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LUNCHEON INFORMATION

BIG SIR COMMENTS

SEPT 2021

The Gateway Chapter 169

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September Luncheon

When: September 14, 2021

Where: Pardini's Catering, 2275 W Shaw Ave

Time: Board Meeting 930, Social Hour 1100-1200, Luncheon 1200

Cost: Members/Guests: \$15.00, Annual Dues: \$15.00

Speaker: Kevin Meikle, Director of Aviation, FYI

Menu: Choices: Beef, Chicken, or Che

BIG SIR ARTICLE FOR SEPTEMBER.

"2020 Creek Fire"

It has been said: "A picture is worth a thousand words." So, a rather "wordy" article for the September newsletter.

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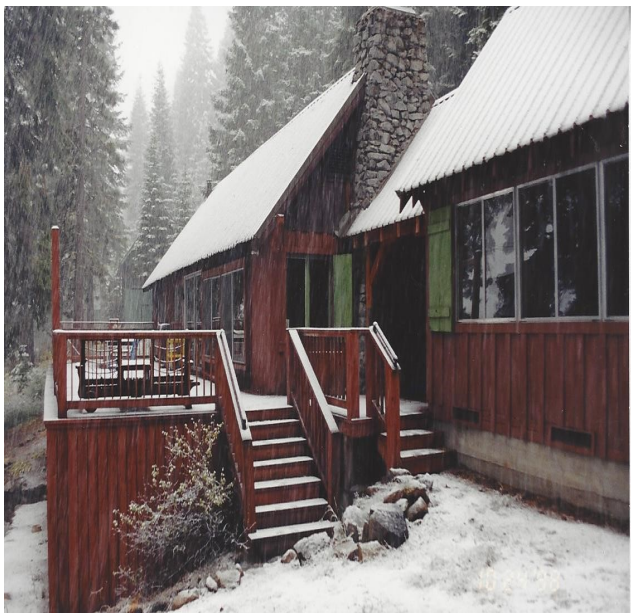
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**Friday, September 3, 2020-about 6:30 pm
Fire at Camp Sierra as seen from Big Creek**



**Saturday, September 4, 2020-about 9:30 am
Fire at West end of Huntington Lake**



Before...



After...

A documentary of the 2020 Creek Fire is being prepared by Valley PBS. A date of release for viewing has not been announced but based upon preliminary information the documentary will provide extensive detail related to the 2020 Creek Fire. Check your local listings for more information.



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SIR BRANCH COVID PROTOCOLS

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BRANCH PROTOCOLS FOR MINIMIZING COVID-19 LIABILITY In view of the deletion by SIR's insurance carrier, effective May 1, 2021, of coverage for pandemic diseases and the likelihood that other carriers are also not providing such coverage, the following requirements are necessary to protect the health and safety of SIR members and minimize SIR's exposure to possible claims related to pandemic diseases:

1. The branches are required to strictly observe corporate formalities, such as annual election of officers and keeping corporate minutes in a timely and orderly manner.
2. The branches are urged to encourage all branch members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to help those branch members who need assistance in finding vaccination centers and getting vaccinated.
3. Beginning May 1, 2021 and until further notice to the contrary, branches shall require branch members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others ("Attendees") to be fully vaccinated (2 shots, if required) as a condition of being allowed to attend branch activities which are conducted wholly or partially indoors. In the alternative, unvaccinated Attendees can attend such activities if they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered within 3 days prior to an event they want to attend.
4. To ensure compliance with the requirements of item 3, branches shall require Attendees to show the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of their vaccination record cards or test result documentation.
5. Branches shall maintain an updated list of members who have submitted proof of vaccination and use it to check them in for branch activities involving any indoor components. Branches need not require members who are on the vaccinated list to show proof of vaccination thereafter.
6. Branches shall require all Attendees participating in SIR activities to comply with all then-current state and county requirements related to COVID-19 protection, such as wearing masks and social distancing.
7. Branches shall require all Attendees attending SIR indoor or outdoor activities, to execute the attached waiver prior to allowing a member to attend such activities. Such waiver need only be executed once by a member, and the branch shall maintain the originals of such executed waivers for inspection by State SIR representatives.



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SIR EVENT WAIVER FORM

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SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

Branch Name and Number: _____

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above ("Branch") is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated ("State Sir") to agree to the following:

1. In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.
2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.
3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.
4. The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

**THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE,
UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE
VOLUNTARILY.**

Attendee's Name (print): _____ Attendee's

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

TREASURERS REPORT

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LITTLE SIR ARTICLE FOR SEPTEMBER

I want to start by thanking everyone for making me feel welcome as I attempted to stand in for Scott. Thanks Bernie for filling in for our speaker who had to cancel. I very much appreciated you stepping in. At our September luncheon we will have Kevin Meikle who is the Director of Aviation for our Fresno Yosemite International Airport. He has spoken to other SIR groups and comes highly recommended. There have been changes at the airport and my understanding is that there are more to come. Kevin will be updating us and answering any questions you might have. I'm also glad to report I've got speakers and some entertainment lined up for the rest of 2021.

Dan Lindstrom

Little Sir, Branch 169

TREASURER REPORT

Month of: August '21

Beginning Balance: \$ 3,309.52

Income: \$ 955.00

Expenses: \$ 842.26

Ending Balance: \$ 3,422.26



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SECRETARY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: 8/13/2021

Little SIR, Dan Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 9:40 am

Attending: Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Ted Fox;; Jim Hiney; Bernie Hollenbeck; Dan Lindstrom;; Jackie Lovato; Luis Rodriguez; Ed Dorn

Guest(s): Lee Moy, Assistant Secretary State SIR

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC

BIG SIR (provided by Little SIR): Dan shared with the Board that he and Scott Barcus discussed the role of the Big SIR with the consensus that the expectations of the State SIR have been and continue to be frustrating to the leadership of our Chapter. Dan will provide

LITTLE SIR: 1. Dan observed that he had received generally favorable feedback regarding the performance of the band at our June meeting that included the ladies. Further, he feels that he is in a position to bring in other musical groups whenever the Board feels that this type of program would be appropriate at future luncheons. 2. Additionally, he reported that this morning he had received a call from the person who has been scheduled to provide today's program informing us that he would not be able to be with us today. The unexpected increase in COVID cases is placing a strain on medical response personnel in our local area and our speaker oversees the staff who provide meals for these people. Bernie offered to step in as a substitute presenter which was welcomed by all.

SECRETARY; Jim reported that he had been unsuccessful in his efforts to get one of the two intended recipients of the Life Award to be at today's meeting. The second remaining recipient continues to be recovering from medical issues and will also not be at today, so conference of the two awards will need to be deferred.

TREASURER: MSC to approve. Most of our members have paid their annual dues along with luncheon purchases

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn reported that golf outing signups continue to increase, as is the participation in Couples Night Out. This month's dinner is scheduled for this Thursday at Max's Bistro.



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SECRETARY REPORT (Continued)

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MEMBERSHIP: Jim Hiney reported that we have received applications for membership from Mark Vesler and [Ron Silva](#). . [MSC for induction. Silva to be inducted at the meeting today](#)

SUNSHINE: Bernie stated that he was pleased to report that there have been no new medical or other issues brought to his attention this month. He did request that if the Callers or any of the Board members become aware of situations which call for Sunshine support, he needs to be contacted so that assistance and support can be offered.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Jackie Lovato informed the Board that a Memorial Service for Steven Iller will be held on 8/29 and that he would attend on our behalf. 2. A SIR Statewide Meeting has been scheduled for August 25th and will be accessible via Zoom. Members are encouraged to participate. 3. Dan and Scott have discussed the matter of our responsibility to submit and distribute all of the periodically required SIR reports and have been given specific instruction as to how and to whom such reports need to be sent. Two websites have been set up for this purpose: Form 27.com and Form 28.com. 4. Nick Lopez has agreed to perform the duties of Photographer for our Chapter and David Williams will assume the role of Chaplain. Our continuing quest for candidates for Little SIR, Treasurer and [Newsletter](#) Editor was again discussed with Ted Fox making the observation that in addition to one-on-one requests there should be a general call made to the Chapter to promote interest. 5. As the State Asst Secretary and representing the State SIR, Lee Moy thanked Jackie Lovato for his service as the 2020 Big SIR of our Chapter and presented him with a ceremonial badge.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MTG: Any items on this month's agenda, but due to time constraints not addressed will be included on the agenda for the meeting next month.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:48 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary

Board minutes are subject to final approval at next board meeting.



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IMPORTANT JUNE EVENTS

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Leslie	Bittle
Robert	Boguski
Rick	Christl
Jerry	MacDonald
Eric	Miller
Raymond	Montag
Pete	White



Dave and Margarita Dinsdale
Newell and Estelle Dodd
Jose and Dottie Garcia
Bob and Mary Ellen Lung
James and Toni Miller
Michael and Susan O'Connell
Earl (Chick) and Janice Threlfell
Pete and Norma White



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ACTIVITIES

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Golf:

Complete results and the current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcare29br169.memberplanet.com>

September Schedule:

Duane Oberquell is the host

Sept. 7th: 8:00 Dragon Fly 4man 2bb

Sept. 21st: 9:00 Ridge Creek Cha Cha Cha

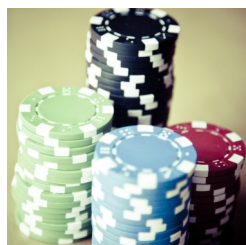
Sept. 28th: 9:00 Riverside 4man 2bb

Thank you to Steve Strid for hosting in August!



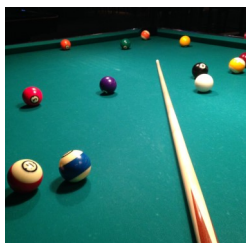
Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be on September 16th at 6:30 at the Limelite Restaurant located at 1054 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the September luncheon for this fun evening.



Poker Group

Contact Ed Dorn, Jim Hiney or Ted Fox if you are interested in joining the poker group. We currently play once a month, the Wednesday following the luncheon, rotating houses. Contact us at the monthly luncheon.



Pool Group

Contact Ted Fox (298-3179) if you are interested in joining the pool group. Group meets every Tuesday for breakfast then pool. Temporary arrangements until the pool hall we were using reopens.



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ACTIVITIES (cont)

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Pickle Ball

Contact member Larry Rowe: 559 623-8670, or at the meeting.. Group he is involved with plays most mornings at a local park.

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.



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AUGUST LUNCHEON PICTURES

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Information and pictures not available at time Newsletter sent, sorry, maybe next month.

50/50 winners

Steve Strid



Jim Hiney (not pictured)

Birthday Boys

Bernie Hollenbeck



Stanley Busch—winner of free lunch

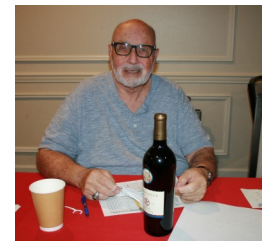


Bob Lung

Wine Raffle winners:



Luis Rodriquez



Duane Evans



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AUGUST LUNCHEON PICTURES

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Lee Moy, State Director, Sharing some of his observations and insights into SIR statewide.



Dan Lindstrom and his new member Ron Silva, following Ron's induction into the branch, Welcome to the branch.