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LUNCHEON INFORMATION

BIG SIR COMMENTS

AUG 2022

The Gateway Chapter 169

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AUGUST LUNCHEON

- WHEN:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022
- WHERE:** Pardini's Catering, 2275 W Shaw Ave
- TIME:** BEC Meeting 1000, Social Hour 1100-1200, Lunch 1200
- COST:** Members/Guests: \$20.00
- SPEAKER:** Jennifer Webb, Fresno/Madera County on Aging
- MENU:** Tortelloni Pasta w/Abruzzi, Chicken, or Chef Salad

BIG SIR ARTICLE 2022

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in a good place. I continue to wish all our members good health and happiness. We are taking in lots of new members to Branch #169 and that is fantastic. We also had a couple of visitors in July from branch #179 and #175. These gentlemen were there to watch our group in action and to begin discussions with their memberships to combine with ours at least for the near future. It's more difficult to maintain a branch when the numbers are low. I'll keep you posted as our dialog continues, especially if they indicate that this will become a real request on their part.



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I want to again thank Bernie and Nick for stepping up to take care of the callers, nametags, finances and pictures. Please add your appreciation when you see these two gentlemen. I hope everyone enjoyed Chief Master Sgt. Sheldon Yost and his granddaughter. They did an outstanding job and I really enjoyed sharing the head table with them both. We will be listening to Jennifer Webb from the Department of Aging this month. I've already heard very good things about her presentation. Lastly, I just want to encourage everyone to keep the great attitudes and look for the positive as we continue our journey in these most interesting times.

Daniel Lindstrom, Big SIR



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LITTLE SIR COMMENTS
TREASURERS REPORT

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STILL SEARCHING FOR A LITTLE SIR.

Treasurer's Report



Month of: Jul-22

Beginning Balance: \$ 2,947.34

Income: \$ 1,006.00

Expenses: \$ 866.80

Ending Balance: \$ 3,086.54



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SECRETARY REPORT

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Date: July 12, 2022

BIG SIR: Dan Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

ATTENDING: Dan Lindstrom, Bernie Hollenbeck, Ed Dorn, Jim Hiney, Ted Fox, Rick Lopez, Duane Evans, Scott Barcus, and Luis Rodriquez.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve as read.

GUESTS TODAY: Tom Lean and Don Laines from SIRs Branch #175 and Richard Ewell from SIRs Branch #179 came to observe our E- Board meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: MSC to approve as read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: MSC approve as read. Nothing to report from the Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP: Ernest Reyes, Dave Lopez, and Randy Lindquist to inducted today.

TODAY'S LUNCHEON ATTENDANCE: 46.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 90 with the new members.

PROGRAM OR SPEAKER TODAY: Chief Master SGT. Sheldon Yost and his granddaughter to talk about his recent Central Valley Honor Flight in May.

OLD BUSINESS: Try to find better ways to maintain the club. Dan reported that there was no feedback on last month's annual assessment of \$10 per person for lunch non-participation.

NEW BUSINESS: Jennifer Wade will be our speaker next month from the Department of Aging.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bernie reported that Ron Barns had passed away. Also, Dave Hoffman and his wife had tested positive for COVID-19.

ACTIVITIES: On Golf, Ed Dorn had an award to present today.

OTHER BUSINESS OR REPORTS: Bernie reported that lot of the members didn't get a call about the luncheon or returned their voice messages. Also we all need to return our name tags to the box after lunch to keep track of who came that day. He needs our support. Ted Fox reported that the members need to know who their caller is.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 11:03 AM



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SECRETARY REPORT, Con't

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RESPECTLY SUBMITTED: For Jim Forden Secretary

Luis Rodriquez

Assistant Secretary Recorder

BEC Minutes subject to final corrections, changes and approval at the next BEC meeting to be held prior to the next Luncheon:



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BRANCH INFORMATION

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SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman

Daniel OPEN Jim Luis Nick Duane



Big SIR Little SIR Secretary Assist Sect Treasurer Asst Treas

Ted Bernie Bob Jim Ed



Newsletter Sunshine/ At Large Membership Golf/Travel/Social
Callers



CALLERS

Dave Hoffman 374-5622, Bob Lung 252-1483, Ted Fox 298-3179,
Bob Large 227-7136, Anthony Noia 492-1848, Jim Peterson 897-5595
David Williams 275-9378

Our branch website: sir169.org
The state organization's website: sirinc.org



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IMPORTANT JULY EVENTS

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

TOM BLOWERS

STANLEY BUSCH

ROBERT GARCIA

JIM HINEY



BERNIE HOLLENBECK

JEFFREY McGRATH

PATRICK O'SULLIVAN

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Les & DanitaKay Bittle

Tom & Bobbie Blowers

David & Raquel Lopez

Daniel & Barbara Lindstrom



Gregory & Betty Merrill

Eric & Beverly Miller

Michael & Mary Panella

Bill & Connie Prince

Tom & Sandra Williams



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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>

August Schedule:

Ken Myers is the host for August

August 2nd 8:00 Riverside 4man2bb (Note 3rd leg of the Branch Championship)

August 17th 8:00 Sherwood Lone Ranger

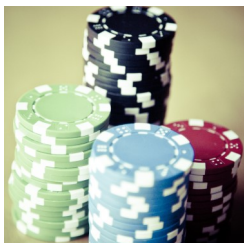
August 23rd 8:00 Madera Muni Cha Cha Cha

August 30th 8:00 Lemoore Flighted



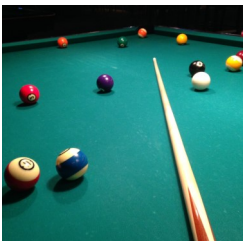
Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be on August 11th at 5:30 at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant located at 625 O Street, Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the August 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. Meet at Yosemite Falls for breakfast at 1000, then pool at "The Rack" at 1100.



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STATEWIDE INITIATIVES

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Dear BEC members:

This being “The Year of the Branch,” State SIR is dedicated to helping you reopen all Branch activities and increase your membership. Membership is of particular concern given that many Branches have been losing members over the last decade and find it difficult to recruit Branch leaders.

Facebook promises to be a tremendous resource for us. Facebook reaches potential SIR members effectively - of those 50-64 years old, 73 percent use Facebook; of those 65 and over, 50 percent use Facebook.

Facebook will also help your Branch communicate with your membership. In addition, Facebook offers benefits to the members themselves. Members can get news, find other local events, support additional organizations, and keep up with friends around the world. And Facebook allows us all to be more involved in our children’s and grandchildren’s lives wherever they live.

Facebook is easy to learn and easy to use!

Your State SIR offers resources to help you activate a Branch Facebook page and educate your membership on using Facebook. **A step-by-step tutorial is available on the SIR website** (<https://sirinc.org/wp-content/uploads/Creating-a-SIR-Facebook-Business-Page-3-25-22.pdf>). It also lists a YouTube video that you can watch (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=trBA7xGgzjk>).

Additional help for you and your branch is offered by State SIR in the form of a Facebook workgroup that will meet monthly; you and your members can learn more about using Facebook. There you can ask questions and get immediate answers.

NOW is the time to identify your members who want to use Facebook and join your Branch Facebook team. **Ask them to attend the Zoom session on Friday, May 13th from 1:00-2:30 p.m.!** This first meeting will focus on starting a Facebook page for the Branch or Area



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The Zoom link is:

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87458843482?
pwd=aXgwc1dXOGhCOS85YkkvcmluWmhNQQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87458843482?pwd=aXgwc1dXOGhCOS85YkkvcmluWmhNQQT09)**

If required, use Meeting ID: 874 5884 3482 and Passcode: 549880.

You can also join the meeting by phone, call 669-900-6833

If you need other assistance regarding Facebook, please contact State Growth and Membership Chair Tony de Losada at tonydelosada@gmail.com or (510) 566-2661 for more information.

With kind regards,

Rick Kindle, SIR President



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JULY LUNCHEON PICTURES

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Guest Speaker Sheldon Yost





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Wine Raffle Winners



Guest: Robert Henry



Patrick Dunning



Dan Kaiser

Leonard Lovato



Ernest Reyes



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BIRTHDAY BOYS



Tom Good

Scott Barcus

Dan Lindstrom



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50/50 WINNERS



Richard Lara

Leonard Lovato





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AWARDS



Mick Carerra– Feather in Cap Award for shooting his age in Golf... Pays to get old.

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED



Sponsor Duane Evans

Ernest Reyes

David Lopez

Sponsor Robert Garcia