



# SIR

LUNCHEON INFORMATION

MAY2024

The Gateway Chapter 169

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**MAY Luncheon Information**  
**Ladies, Moms, and Partners**  
**Are invited to attend**  
**Celebrating Mothers Day**

**WHEN; TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024**

**WHERE: Pardinis Catering**

**TIME: 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch**

**COST: Lunch \$25. Annual Dues \$25**

**SPEAKER: Lisa Smittcamp, District Attorney**

**MENU: Fish, Chicken, or Chef Salad,**



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BIG SIR COMMENTS

## The Gateway Chapter 169

Welcome everyone to May, the weather is perfect for golf and almost anything outside. It is also the month of our Mother's Day luncheon. So, don't forget to let your caller know about your favorite gal joining you for lunch. Also, our speaker for the month is Lisa Smittcamp. She is one of our favorites.

There seems to be a question of the use of our member's directory. I brought this up at the last BEC meeting and after the discussion we voted to enact SIR Bylaw Article 7, Rule 32-4 and 32 ECC, which states "a membership list , or any part thereof, may not be used for any commercial purpose." It further states that a membership list may not be sold to or purchased by any person.

This is what separates us from other men's clubs like Rotary or Lions. In those organizations, it is expected that their membership list will be used for business contacts. Sirs is a men's social club and not one where the membership list can be used for drumming up business via mass e-mails. Thanks for your cooperation.

Ernie Sopp, BIG SIR






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## TREASURERS REPORT

### The Gateway Chapter 169

#### APRIL 2024 TREASURERS REPORT



<b>Beginning CB Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 10,265.91</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 2,448.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 2,378.38</b>
<b>Ending CB Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 10,235.63</b>
<b>Petty Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Ending Total Bal:</b>	<b>\$ 10,335.63</b>



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## SECRETARY REPORT

### The Gateway Chapter 169

**SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**    Date: April 9, 2024

**Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:05 am**

**ATTENDING:** Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian, Duane Evans, Jim Forden, Ted Fox; Nick Lopez; Bernie Hollenbeck; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp; Roger Stewart

**Guest(s):** Manny Contino

**BIG SIR REPORT:** 1) Ernie asked the members if they were comfortable with the increased balance of the Chapters resources. Consensus that prudent measures should be taken to reduce the balance to around \$6,000. Posed, discussed then MSC to increase the benefits to the membership by covering the luncheon cost of each member, who attends the meeting during the month of his birthday. This approach will begin with our meeting next month and will be in effect for one year, after which the approach will be revisited to determine whether it should be continued.

**LITTLE SIR REPORT:** Little SIR, John Eleazarian, reported that 1) Today's speaker is Liz Zemke, who works with Veterans to assure that they receive benefits available to them. For the May luncheon, which will be with our guests, District Attorney, Lisa Smittcamp will be the presenter. 2) The Nominating Committee for 2025 Officer candidates will be formed soon.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Jim Forden reported: 1) Currently, we have 158 inducted and Active Members. 2) In May, a topic on our Board agenda will be the potential for variety and depth of the Activities that we can support in our Chapter.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** Nick Lopez distributed our Treasury Statement for March 2024 which reported that with Luncheon Revenues, Dues collected and 50/50 proceeds there was a total of \$2,443.00.00 of Income for the month of March. Expenses for the period totaled \$2,378.28, leaving a Total (including Petty Cash) of \$10,235.63 Cash Available. MSC to accept the Report as submitted.





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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

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**ACTIVITIES:** Ed Dorn reported that: 1) Going forward, he will be receiving the details of all three dining out activities which are offered by our Chapter. 2) The statewide Golf Committee has become more active, including a tournament to be held here in Fresno in May. Tournament headquarters will be at the Table Mountain Resort, with two days of play. The first round at Brighton Crest and the second held the following day at the Dragonfly GC., sign up sheets for each of the three dining out groups will be available for members who wish to participate in one of more of these events. 3) There are now two opportunities for our members to play pool, one offered, at the Windham Senior facility and a second at ????

**MEMBERSHIP:** ,Filling in for Jim Hiney, who is away vacationing, Ed Dorn reported that we have received a membership application from John Freeman. Following Ed's brief bio on the applicant, the Board MSC to induct.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) He had called in a total of 94 for today's luncheon, with a request to Pardinis to waive the 100 meal minimum for this day. 2) He then reported that sadly, another of our long time members, Ed Hansen has passed away, and another member, Fred Bates has found it necessary to drop his membership.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No additional and continuing issues to address at this time. ).

**OLD BUSINESS:** None to address

Adjourned at 10:50 am

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary,

Minutes of the Board meeting are not finalized until approved at the following Board Meeting. Corrections and Changes to the newsletter should be forwarded to Jim Forden prior to the May meeting.



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## BRANCH INFORMATION

### The Gateway Chapter 169

### SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman

**SIR 169 Executive Board**

<b>Big SIR</b> Ernie Sopp	<b>Little SIR</b> John Eleazarian	<b>Secretary</b> Jim Forden	<b>Asst. Secty</b> Luis Rodriguez	<b>Treasurer</b> Nick Lopez	<b>Asst. Treas</b> Duane Evans	<b>Activities Chairman</b> Ed Dorn	<b>Newsletter Editor</b> Ted Fox
							
<b>Bernie Hollenbeck</b>	<b>Frank Bavaro</b> Director	<b>Jim Hiney</b> Director	<b>Manny Contino</b> Director	<b>Bob Large</b> Director	<b>Roger Stewart</b> Director		
							
<b>Sunshine Chairman</b>		<b>Big SIR 2023</b>					

### 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,  
 Bernie Hollenbeck 291-7625, Brian Ohde 255-5249, Tom Wider 760-2669  
 Ken Meyers 297-0567, Bill Prince 940-0779, Don Beauregard 431-4866,  
 Gerald Stoltenberg 289-9287, Rob Saulsbury 285-7985, Les Saywell 434-4580,  
 Keith Herzog 439-0986, Thomas Schab 960-9377

**Branch Website: [SIR169.org](http://SIR169.org)**

**State Website: [SIRINC.org](http://SIRINC.org)**



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IMPORTANT MAY EVENTS

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

JIM CRANE

DAVID DIAZ

DENNIS ECKENROD

RON ELDER

WALTER ERNST

JIM FORDEN

RALPH HANDLEY

DANIEL KAISER

RICHARD LARA

BOB LARGE

VERGIE HAMBURGER

JOHN KNOLL

DUANE OBERQUELL

JIM PETERSON

CHARLES RATLIFF

MICHAEL SPENCER

GERALD STOLTENBERG

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Patrick and Patricia Dunning  
Ken and MaryAnne Lai  
Kevin and Tammy Cleland

Greg and Claudia Geis  
Arthiur and Marie Mock  
And any other couple celebrating a May Anniversary

James and Cheryl Hiney  
Anthony and Suzanne Noia



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## VERTERANS INFORMATION

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THE FOLLOWING POEM WAS PROVIDED BY SIR LUIS RODRIQUEZ, IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY THE AUTHOR, AFTER A RECENT HONOR FLIGHT. LUIS HOPES THAT YOU WILL ENJOY READING ONE PERSONS THOUGHTS.

**Subject: CENTRAL VALLEY HONOR FLIGHTS**

CENTRAL VALLEY HONOR FLIGHTS

Lost and hidden away are the scars and memories  
of the men and women who served our country.  
Lost but not forgotten are the brothers in arms  
that they stood side-by-side with.  
They all had one thing in common:  
They fought to preserve the freedoms  
that every one of us enjoys today.  
They all left their mothers and fathers,  
sisters and brothers, wives and children.  
Never knowing if they would ever  
come home to see them again.  
Some made it home,  
but many were left behind.  
Some could open up and talk about their experiences,  
but many keep it bottled up, never to be told.  
Returning home with little or no fanfare,  
some had things thrown at them;  
some were called baby killers,  
and protesters would do and say many other horrible  
things.  
Leaving some of our soldiers doubting  
if they had even accomplished anything.  
To the rescue comes The Central Valley Honor Flights,  
where countless volunteers give endless hours  
so that the servicemen and women  
receive the honor and respect they deserve.  
Weeks and months of preparation  
go into achieving this monumental task.  
Buses, planes, food, hotels, and medical care  
are just some of the many things they

Then, the plane leaves to take them to their destinations  
with a loud cheer as the aircraft parts from the runway.  
Arriving at the memorials of The Battle of 1812,  
World War 1, World War 2, Korea, and Vietnam Wall.  
Servicemen and women could pay tribute  
to the thousands of lives that were lost  
and honor everyone who unselfishly went to battle.  
After seeing the monuments, memorials, and names on the walls,  
many memories came flooding back to these men and women;  
many wept, some shared stories, and some found closure.  
Then, it was time to bring them all back home  
to a greeting not previously given them.  
Coming through the return tunnels, hundreds of people lined up,  
cheering and waving American flags, many with tears in their eyes  
giving them the welcome they deserved.  
Freedom is not free, and we thank all the men and women  
for their bravery and courage who risked and lost their lives.  
It has been our great honor;  
The Central Valley Honor Flights  
to praise and honor you.  
We will never be able to say it enough;  
Thank you for your service.  
May God bless every one of you.  
WELCOME HOME!

Shane Petersen





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ACTIVITIES

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### Golf:

A very huge thank you to Joe Doherty for his many, many years of service as the golf treasurer.

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

<https://sirgcarearea29br169.memberplanet.com>

### May Schedule:

Jim Peterson is the host for April

May 7<sup>th</sup> Tues 8:00 Airways Lone Ranger

May 21<sup>st</sup> Tues 9:00 Valley Oaks Shambles

May 28<sup>th</sup> Tues 9:00 Lemoore 2man bb

Thanks you to Jim Peterson for hosting in April

### Sir State Golf

The State Sir Golf committee has events in June, August, September and October.

For Additional information go to: <https://www.golf.sirinc2.org>



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### Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at Saison Restaurant located at Willow and Shepherd Ave. Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the May luncheon for this fun event.



### Sirs Diners: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday May 15th

Tahoe Joes Restaurant located at Cedar and Herndon in Fresno. Drinks at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Contact Tom Lean to sign up.



### Date-Nite: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

We will be dining at New Great Wall Chinese Cuisine (n/w corner of Herndon and Fowler) at 4:30 pm. New members are welcome.

**Manny**



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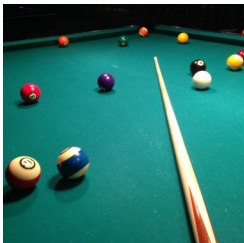
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### Poker Groups

1. Formerly Br 169 group. Contact Ed Dorn, Jim Hiney or Ted Fox if you are interested in joining this poker group. We currently play once a month, the Wednesday following the luncheon, rotating houses. Light snacks and beverages supplied by the host. Time: 1 pm to 4 pm . Contact us at the monthly luncheon.
2. Formerly Br 179 group, aka. The SIR George Lane Memorial Poker Group usually plays once a month, on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We rotate houses and the host is responsible for providing a light lunch, snacks and beverages. Time 1200 pm to 300 pm. Let Chairman Richard Ewell know at [richarde37@gmail.com](mailto:richarde37@gmail.com) if you are interested.



### Pool Group(s)

The pool players now meet for **BREAKFAST** at 9:00am on Thursdays at the Windham Retirement Home, followed by a few brisk rounds of pool at the same location. All members are welcome, skilled or novice. For more details, call Chairman Richard Ewell at 432-7601.

A spin-off group has now established 8:00 am Monday mornings at the new Clovis Senior Center as another opportunity to meet and enjoy a couple of hours of friendly pool. Contact Ted Fox or Ed Dorn or Randy Bushore for information.



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### PICKLE BALL

Pickle Ball returned, beginning April 15th at Break the Barriers ( located at Cedar and Teague Aves ) in Fresno. For an introduction to and beginning lessons our Pickle Ball experts Jackie Lovato and Larry Rowe will be offering a program to get you into the Pickle Ball era.

Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 10-12 am at the Break the Barriers indoor courts.

No sign up, just show up, no cost to use the facility.

Jackie Lovato



Larry Rowe





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## BRANCH YEARLY GOLF SCHEDULE

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#### SIR 169 Golf Schedule

#### 2024 January thru June

Ed Dorn, Golf Chairman  
edorn@att.net 977-0779

#### SIR 169 Golf 2024 Schedule

Mick Carrera, Pairing  
mick\_carrera@hotmail.com 291-207

Date	Time	Course	Format	Chairman/Phone	E-Mail Address
<b>JANUARY</b>					
Jan 2, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4 Man 2bb	Jackie Lovato 307-9032	<a href="mailto:jl_lovato@yahoo.com">jl_lovato@yahoo.com</a>
Jan 16, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Flighted	Jackie Lovato	
Jan 23 Tues	10:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Jackie Lovato	
Jan 30 Tues	10:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Jackie Lovato	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
Feb 6, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Dan Lindstom	<a href="mailto:dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com">dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com</a>
Feb 20 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	4 Man 2bb	Dan Lindstom	
Feb 27, Tues	8:30	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dan Lindstom	
<b>MARCH</b>					
Mar 5, Tues	9:00	Airways	2 Man bb	Don Laines 908-5441	<a href="mailto:lainesf@comcast.net">lainesf@comcast.net</a>
Mar 19 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Don Laines	
Mar 26, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Don Laines	
<b>APRIL</b>					
April 2, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson 304-0100	<a href="mailto:jimmargpeterson@yahoo.com">jimmargpeterson@yahoo.com</a>
Apr 16, Tues	8:00	Riverside	Cha Cha Cha	Jim Peterson	
Apr 23, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson	
April 30, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson	
<b>MAY</b>					
May 7 Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Brian Ohde	<a href="mailto:ohdefamily@hotmail.com">ohdefamily@hotmail.com</a>
May 21, Tues	9:00	Valley Oaks	Shambles	Brian Ohde	
May 28 Tues	9:00	Lemoore	2man bb	Brian Ohde	
<b>JUNE</b>					
June 4 Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Ken Myers	
June 13, Thurs	8:00	Belmont	Scrambles	Ken Myers	
June 18, Tues	9:00	River Creek-Oakhurst	2man bb	Ken Myers	<a href="mailto:kmyers654@aol.com">kmyers654@aol.com</a>
June 25 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Ken Myers	





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BRANCH YEARLY GOLF SCHEDULE

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### SIR 169 Golf Schedule

#### July thru Dec 2024

#### JULY

July 2, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Lone Ranger	Joe Russo	<a href="mailto:jrr.12@sbcglobal.net">jrr.12@sbcglobal.net</a>
July 16, Tues	8:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Joe Russo	
July 23, Tues	8:00	Pheasant Run	Straight golf	Joe Russo	
July 30, Tues	8:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Joe Russo	
<b>AUGUST</b>					
August 6, Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Nick Lopez	<a href="mailto:nicklopez741@yahoo.com">nicklopez741@yahoo.com</a>
Aug 20, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Nick Lopez	
Aug 27 Tues	9:00	Lemoore	flighted	Nick Lopez	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
Sept 3, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	<a href="mailto:d.oberquell@comcast.net">d.oberquell@comcast.net</a>
Sept 12, Thurs	8:00	Belmont	Scrambles		
Sept 17, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Duane Oberquell	
Sept 24, Tues	8:30	Riverside	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	
<b>OCTOBER</b>					
Oct 1, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Richard Lara	<a href="mailto:rlara0505@comcast.net">rlara0505@comcast.net</a>
Oct 15 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Richard Lara	
Oct 22, Tues	10:00	Rivercreek-Oakhurst	4man 2bb	Richard Lara	
Oct 29 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Shambles	Richard Lara	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Nov 5 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Roy Grijalva	<a href="mailto:roysgrijalva@msn.com">roysgrijalva@msn.com</a>
Nov 19, Tues	9:00	Airways	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	
Nov 26, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	
<b>DECEMBER</b>					
Dec 3, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Cha Cha Cha	Dave Dinsdale 301-4477	<a href="mailto:getover50@comcast.net">getover50@comcast.net</a>
Dec 17, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dave Dinsdale	
Dec 31, Tues	9:00	Airways	Scrambles	Dave Dinsdale	
<b>Branch Championship Best 3 our of 4 events</b>					
Please check in 30 minutes prior to tee time					
<b>Note: Belmont is tentative (waiting for their approval)</b>					





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APRIL LUNCHEON PHOTOS

## The Gateway Chapter 169



Treasurer separating members from their money



Big Sir greeting guest speaker Liz Renke



Very important table talk before luncheon -



Ernie, Liz and Sam Begin, chatting prior to lunch.



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APRIL LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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**Big SIR Ernie Sopp calling the April meeting to Order**





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**New Members inducted:**

**Michael Panella –sponsor**

**Kevin Cleland– New Member**



**Bernie Hollenbeck-  
sponsor**

**Kevin Hollenbeck—new member**



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MARCH LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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WINE WINNERS

Alfred Mollo

Keith Herzog



Vergie Hamburger





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APRIL LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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## 50/50 WINNERS





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## APRIL BIRTHDAY LUNCH WINNER



**WOODY WILK**

**REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS , BEGINNING IN MAY . ALL (MUST BE PRESENT) MEMBERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY, IN MAY, WILL BE TREATED TO A COMPLIMENTARY BIRTHDAY LUNCH. AGAIN YOU MUST ATTEND THE MEETING, THERE ARE NO CARRYOVERS**





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APRIL LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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**Guest Speaker Liz Renke, Speaking about various programs that most veterans don't know about.**

