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LUNCHEON INFORMATION

JULY 2024

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JULY Luncheon Information

WHEN: TUESDAY JULY 9, 2024

WHERE: Pardinis Catering

TIME: 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch

COST: Lunch \$25. Annual Dues \$25 (if required)

No Charge to members celebrating their
Birthday in July.

SPEAKER: Scott and Linda Phillips

MENU: Beef Lasagna, Chicken or Chef Salad, If you have
other Dietary requirement, please let your caller
know so that arrangements can be made.



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BIG SIR COMMENTS

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HAPPY

FOURTH OF JULY



On Thursday, 6/26, I participated in a state zoom meeting that was centered on the direction of SIRs as an organization. Rather than give a report at this time, I will wait to get slides of the presentation and combine that with my notes to have a report in the next newsletter. Suffice to say, the organization appears to be at a crossroads; needing to grow the organization while maintaining local autonomy to do what is in the best interest of the local. I've talked with John Eleazarian and the subject will come up at the BEC with information to go out to the membership for input.

I will be out of the country for the month of July (so don't call me Bernie) and the Little Sir, John Eleazarian will take my place for the BEC and luncheon meeting. Have a great 4th. I'll be thinking of the ol' USA while I am overseas.

Ernie Sopp

Big SIR, Branch 169



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LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

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Here's a little history on the July's Guest Speakers,

Lieutenant Colonel Linda Phillips and Colonel Scott Phillips U.S. Air Force retired. Both were KC-135 air refueling pilots with over 7000 flying hours between the two of them to include combat and combat support mission time. Linda was among the first 50 female Air Force pilots when that career field reopened to women in the 1970s. Both served in Europe and the Pacific theaters. Linda commanded two flying squadrons in England. Scott commanded a flying squadron in England and was an acting Wing Commander in North Dakota; he also served in Iraq and Afghanistan. After retirement, Scott taught Junior ROTC at Duncan and Clovis East High Schools. Scott and Linda became members of the Central Valley Honor Flight's board of directors after they served as travel guardians to five World War II and Korean War veterans. They have also been volunteers at Castle Air Museum since 1981.

Scott

This bio was provided by Scott Phillips, and sent to Luis Rodriquez, who forwarded it to me for possible inclusion in the newsletter. Thank you Luis.

John Elezarian, Little Sir



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TREASURERS REPORT

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JUNE 2024 TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning CB Balance:	\$ 10,288.60
Income:	\$ 2,005.00
Expenses:	\$ 2,378.28
Ending CB Balance:	\$ 9,912.32
Petty Cash:	\$ 100.00
Ending Total Bal:	\$ 10,015.32

Treasurer report is subject to corrections and approval at July Board Meeting





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SECRETARY REPORT

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SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: June 11, 2024

Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

ATTENDING: Frank Bavarro; Ed Dorn; Manny Contino; Duane Evans; Jim Forden, Jim Hiney; Ted Fox; Nick Lopez; Bob Large; Bernie Hollenbeck; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp.

Guest(s): None today

BIG SIR REPORT: 1) Ernie reported that on 6/20, State SIR was convening a meeting via Zoom regarding changes forthcoming in the SIR organization. All are invited to attend, 2) He futured shared that there is some concern among members of the BEC, that some of our members have not been receiving information due to the possibility that the phone numbers that we have been in our files are either missing or no longer valid. Howard Jones had raised this issue from his experience in attempting to contact members to obtain missing Roster data. Bernie reported that this has not been the case and that all of the members on his lists have been called and they all seemed to have been contacted successfully. Discussion ensued with the suggestion that we explore sending out meeting and other information via email, an approach which both Ed Dorn has successfully used in this communications with golfers and dine out participants, and Ted Fox has employed in the distribution of the Newsletter. Big SIR proposed that we test this approach by using email to gain the July luncheon counts from a third of the membership, then determine how best to go forward based on our experience with this approach. Approved by consensus.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: On behalf of Little SIR, John Eleazarian, who was not able to be present at today's meeting, Luis Rodriguez reported: 1) Today's program will feature Valerie Salcedo, who is an alumna of Sunnyside High Schools and Fresno States Music Programs. She is a very talented singer who has performed on stage as lead cast member of a major musical program; sang with the Fresno Opera; performs at military presentations and is significantly involved in the Honor Flight Program. 2) Several men who have been significantly involved in the development of the Castle Air museum will be providing the program.

SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Forden reported: 1) Currently, we have 155 inducted and Active Members. 2) Out of personal curiosity, Jim reported that he had scanned all of the membership applications that we now have on file, to take a sampling of the kinds of activities that are of greatest interest to our members. A summary of this data was distributed to the BEC.



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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

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TREASURE'S REPORT: Nick Lopez distributed our Treasury Statement for May 2024 which reported that with Luncheon Revenues, Dues collected and 50/50 proceeds there was a total of \$3,561.00 of Income for the month of May. Expenses for the period totaled \$3,400.94, leaving a Total of \$10,188.60 Cash Available. Less \$100.00 of Petty Cash. Checkbook balance at month end \$10,128.54 MSC to accept the Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn reported that: 1) Details of all three dining out activities which are being offered by our Chapter will be found on the back table. 2) Golf is now halfway through the outings scheduled for this year and similarly halfway through the championship series for our Chapter. 3) Regarding the establishment of a broader array of activities available to our membership, it has been our experience in the past that finding persons to organize and drive these efforts is difficult.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Hiney reported that he now has several applications from persons who have been approved for induction. Today, an application was received from Rod Noll, who is being sponsored by his father, John Noll. Jim proposed that Rod Noll be approved for induction, and will so be inducted if present at the luncheon today. MSC to approve Rod Noll for induction and his induction and that of the others who have been approved will take place when next present at a luncheon.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) He had called in a total of 100 for today's luncheon. 2) He then reported that Dave Dias is now experiencing some medical difficulties at this time and requested that we keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

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

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SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman

SIR 169 Executive Board

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

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

State Website: SIRINC.org



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IMPORTANT JJULY EVENTS

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Scott Barcus Joe Doherty Patrick Dunning George Finney
 Bill George Tom Good Dan Lindstrom Robert McCollister
 Adam Rodriguez Bernard Sankey Donald Beauregard Ronald Boehinger
 Larry Zander
 Richard Emerson Andrew Johnson Ronald Johnson

Duane and Sharlene Evans

Jim and Connie Crane

Ted and Kathy Fox

♥ Ronald and Susan Bresee

♥ Stan and Nancy Busch

anniversaries

Bernard and Sandra Sankey

Michael and Becky Spencer



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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>

July Schedule:

Joe Russo is the host for July

July 2nd, Tues 9:00 River-Creek (Oakhurst) 2man bb

July 16th Tues 8:00 Madera CC Scrambles

July 23rd Tues 8:00 Pheasant Run Straight golf

July 30th Tues 8:00 Riverside 4man 2bb

Sir State Golf

The State Sir Golf committee has events in 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 July 11th at 6:00 at Bear Club Restaurant located at 1695 E. Manning Ave., Reedley. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the July luncheon.



Sirs Diners: 3rd Wednesday July 17th

Piazza Del Pane located at Cedar and Nees Ave., Fresno. Drinks at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Contact Don Laines to sign up.



Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday July 17th

Our guests for July will be Tom and Nancy Wider. They chose The Windham for dinner. So, on July 17th, at 4:30 pm we will be dining at The Windham. It is located at 1100 E. Spruce. (Go north on Cedar Ave. Take a left at the second traffic light north of Herndon. Your destination will be approximately 1 mile on the right)

If you get lost call Tom Wider at 760-2669, or me at 960-9050.

We must park in front of the building, enter through the front door, and pay for our dinner at the front desk. It will be \$17 per person.

Please call me 559-322-8698 or 559-906-9050, or E-mail me if you plan on attending.



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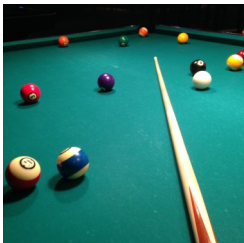
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Poker Groups

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 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

REVISED AS OF June 1, 2024

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

SIR 169 Golf 2024 Schedule

Mick Carrera, Pairings
mick_carrera@hotmail.com 291-2073

Date	Time	Course	Format	Chairman/Phone	E-Mail Address
JANUARY					
Jan 2, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4 Man 2bb	Jackie Lovato 307-9032	jl_lovato@yahoo.com
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	
FEBRUARY					
Feb 6, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Dan Lindstrom	dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com
Feb 20 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	4 Man 2bb	Dan Lindstrom	cancelled due to rain
Feb 27 Tues	8:30	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dan Lindstrom	6
MARCH					
Mar 5, Tues	9:00	Airways	2 Man bb	Don Laines 908-5441	lainesf@comcast.net
Mar 19 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Don Laines	
Mar 26, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Don Laines	
APRIL					
April 2, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson 304-0100	jimmargpeterson@yahoo.com
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	
MAY					
May 7 Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Brian Ohde	ohdefamily@hotmail.com
May 21, Tues	9:00	Valley Oaks	Shambles	Brian Ohde	
May 28 Tues	9:00	Lemoore	2man bb	Brian Ohde	
JUNE					
June 4 Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Ken Myers	
June 17, Monday	8:00	Ridge Creek	Lone Ranger	Ken Myers	kmymers654@aol.com
June 25 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Ken Myers	
JULY					
July 2, Tues	9:00	River Creek-Oakhurst	2man bb	Joe Russo	jrr.12@sbcglobal.net
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	
AUGUST					
August 6, Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Nick Lopez	nicklopez741@yahoo.com
Aug 15 Thur	8:00	Belmont	Shambles	Nick Lopez	
Aug 20, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Nick Lopez	
Aug 27 Tues	9:00	Lemoore	flighted	Nick Lopez	
SEPTEMBER					
Sept 3, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	d.oberquell@comcast.net
Sept 17, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Duane Oberquell	
Sept 19, Thursday	8:00	Belmont	Scrambles	Duane Oberquell	
Sept 24, Tues	8:30	Riverside	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	
OCTOBER					
Oct 1, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Richard Lara	rlara0505@comcast.net
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	
NOVEMBER					
Nov 5 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Roy Grijalva	roygrijalva@msn.com
Nov 19, Tues	9:00	Airways	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	
Nov 26, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	
DECEMBER					
Dec 3, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Cha Cha Cha	Dave Dinsdale 301-4477	getover50@comcast.net
Dec 17, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dave Dinsdale	
Dec 31, Tues	9:00	Airways	Scrambles	Dave Dinsdale	
Branch Championship Best 3 out of 4 events					
Please check in 30 minutes prior to tee time					
Link to State events: https://www.golf.sirinc2.org/					



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CHECK-IN BEGINS



ERNIE

VALERIE

LUIS

ED- ACTIVITIES REPORTS



JIM- MEMBERSHIP REPORT





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BERNIE GIVING HIS ATTENDANCE AND SUNSHINE REPORTS, ALSO BRIEFLY INTRODUCED A REVISION TO THE CALLER SYSTEM.,



NEW MEMBER INDUCTED:

**ROD KNOLL (ON THE LEFT)
NEW MEMBER,
JOHN KNOLL (ON THE RIGHT)
SPONSOR**



LUIS ASSISTING VALERIE IN SETTING UP THE EQUIPMENT FOR HER PERFORMANCE.



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VALERIE SALCEDO, GUEST SPEAKER/ENTERTAINER.

VALERIE GAVE AN EXCELLENT BIO OF HERSELF AND HER JOURNEYS THRU THE ENTERTAINMENT FIELD. AVID SUPPORTER OF VETERANS AND THE HONOR FLIGHT PROGRAM





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JUNE LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER

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A very nice thank you note Luis Rodriquez received from Valerie after the meeting, Thanks you for sharing this Luis.

Luis,

Thank you again for having me at the SIRS luncheon. It was an honor for me to be there as well. I almost never get to speak at events because I'm always singing and I wasn't sure if anyone was even interested in hearing my story

I'm so happy it was well received. All I kept telling myself was just to be authentic. I'm glad I was. I was so happy to be there.

Yes, I can plan on being there for Feb 11 the Valentine's Day celebration. I have a whole Valentine's Day set list of music I can sing and entertain for a few songs. Of course, with my job I could get called to go somewhere any second so please like Ernie said, we can plan for backup!

I love the honor flight and my veterans. Thank you again for letting me share my story at SIRS.

Valerie Salcedo



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WINE WINNERS



BOB SPAIN



FRED KETCHUM



JOHN KNOLL



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50/50 WINNERS



LEONARD LOVATO— UPPER LEFT

HARRY JOHNSON—UPPER RIGHT

JERRY MCDONALD—LOWER LEFT