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LUNCHEON INFORMATION

SEPT 2024

The Gateway Chapter 169

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SEPTEMBER Luncheon Information

WHEN; TUESDAY SEPT 10, 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 September. (Must attend to receive benefit)

SPEAKER: Gary Clemente, Speaking on Fathers History in the FBI

MENU: Pork, Beef 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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There are a few things to report on this month: (1) Most importantly, if you have not paid your dues to be a member of SIRS, you cannot participate in SIRS activities. Because we have to pay quarterly to the State SIRs for our active members, those who have not paid dues or participated in luncheons, **WILL BE DROPPED FROM SIRs**. (2) The State SIRs has been attempting to come up with a plan to gain more participation in SIRs state wide. The following ideas have been in discussion since June: (a) Change the logo to a more modern logo of a rooster, (b) Change the name of Sons in Retirement to something that would appeal to younger members, (c) Change the title of Big and Little Sir to President and Vice-President, (d) change from a 501 C(4) to a 501 C(3) to be eligible for grants and other sources of funding (e) hire a marketing/PR firm.

This seems to mostly be window dressing with the exception of hiring a marketing/PR firm, that will cost **MONEY**. Since SIRs doesn't have a product sold to the public to offset the cost of the marketing/PR firm, money will have to come from the Chapters, In discussing this with the BEC, we have determined that what the State SIRs wants to do will not change SIRs significantly enough to accomplish what the State SIRs would like to accomplish. **AND**, it just might cause some unintended consequences. I have a meeting in September in Lafayette and will report out after that.

Enjoy the cooler weather. I always look forward to fall. =

Big SIR Ernie Sopp



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TREASURERS REPORT

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AUGUST 2024 TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning CB Balance:	\$ 9,518.50
Income:	\$ 2,130.00
Expenses:	\$ 2,116.67
Ending CB Balance:	\$ 9,531.83
Petty Cash:	\$ 100.00
Ending Total Bal:	\$ 9,631.83



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DAY



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SECRETARY REPORT

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SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date::August 13, 2024

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

ATTENDING: Frank Bavarro; Manny Contino; ; Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian; Duane Evans; Jim Forden, Ted Fox; Roy Grijalva; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp.: Roger Stewart

Guest(s): None today

BIG SIR REPORT: Ernie summarized what he observed at the recent ZOOM meeting that was conducted by the State Office of SIR. Advertised to be a Town Hall type meeting to discuss the future of our SIR organization. the session appeared to be more of an informational session regarding what the current state officers of SIR believed to be the necessary future character and appearance of our organization. The moderator reported that throughout the organization the chapters were losing members and the consensus of the State leadership is that this is in major part due to our image was no longer viable in todays society, particularly among middle age and senior men. The solution that they posed was to change the character of the organization from one that focused on men in their retirement years to men (and potentially women) who were of any age. They posed that this could well be accomplished by changing the essential name of the organization to one akin to a social club and hiring marketing specialists to build and promote the brand. As a means to support the cost of such support, it was proposed that the corporate designation of the organization be legally changed to one which could legally seek out sponsorships and grants. These notions were discussed by our Board at today's meeting with limited support voiced. September the state leadership will be convening a meeting in Livermore, CA to discuss, consider and vote upon whether SIR should proceed with these and/or similar actions. As Big SIR, Ernie plans to represent our Chapter in these deliberations. In view of this, he asked for guidance from the BOEC as to what should be the response for SIR 169. MSC That our Chapter responds negatively to what the SIR State Leadership is considering and will not support actions that will in effect overhaul the current nature and focus or our organization.

LITTLE SIR. REPORT: John Eleazarian, reported: 1) There is some question as to whether we will have a program speaker for today's luncheon. (Dave Goodwin took this opportunity to tell us about a Group called NEW WRINKLES,) and his participation in this local song and dance for seniors. 2) The proposed slate of Chapter officers for 2025 will be offered for discussion under Old Business at our meeting next month.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve as submitted.



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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

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SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Forden reported: 1) Currently, we have 157 inducted and Active Members. 2) There now a total of 18 members for which we still personal information for the Directory. This led to a discussion as to the validity of the data which we now have on file. Examples of incorrect information were given and discussed with the conclusion that even the data on file will need to be verified before a Directory is published. The Data is also quite important for other tasks (e.g. distribution of the Newsletter, attendance calling, luncheon check in)

TREASURE'S REPORT: Nick Lopez distributed our Treasury Statement for August 2024 which reported luncheon receipts of \$2,046.00 for the month of June. Expenses for the period totaled \$2,442.82, leaving a Total of \$9,618.50 which includes \$100.00 of Petty Cash.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn reported that the golf outing will be at Belmont Country Club this week, unusually in the same week as our luncheon, but required by the availability of the course. This was published earlier in an updating of our Golf Schedule. Ed reminded that the course requires that players wear proper country club attire while playing.

MEMBERSHIP: Substituting for Jim Hiney, who will not be attending today's luncheon, Ed reported that there are currently 2 approved applications on file, and these men will be inducted if present at today's luncheon. Discussion followed regarding how to address the significant list of members who have been non-participants in recent luncheons. Suggested that a letter be sent to these members seeking their intent re continued membership in the Chapter.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) He had called in a total of 86 for today's luncheon. 2) He then reported that there had been no recent information sent to him regarding medical related issues. 3) The wife of a member informed me that her husband could no longer drive to the meetings, so in the future would not be attending. She did say that she would bring him on guest days, when she could attend as well.. Brief discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS: Ted Fox reported that he had received an email from Dave Goodwin suggesting that members might be interested in participating in "New Wrinkles". Ted Fox suggested that if we find that we need someone to address the group today, we might want to ask Dave Goodwin, who is one of our members and is participating as a cast member in New Wrinkles.,

OLD BUSINESS: None to address today.

Adjourned at 10:57 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 Aug 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 Centine 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, Howard Jones 292-5410

Branch Website: SIR169.org

State Website: SIRINC.org



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IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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BIRTHDAYS

MARK ALKEMA
BOB BOGOSKI
RICK CHRISTL
ALAN FRY
FRANK GOMES
DAVID HOLMES
WILLIAM LOVOS
JERRY MACDONALD
ERICK MILLER
RAY MONTAG
ROD NOLL
DAVID WARREN

ANNIVERSARIES

ED AND HELEN DIAZ
DAVE AND MARGARITA DINSDALE
JOSE AND DOTTIE GARCIA
RONALD AND JUDY JOHNSON
JERRY AND WANDA LONG
WILLIAM AND NANCY LOVOS
BOB AND MARY ELLEN LUNG
KEN AND GLENDA MYERS
EARL AND JANICE THREFFALL



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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://sirgcarearea29br169.memberplanet.com>

September Schedule:

Cliff Raley is the host for September

September 3rd Tues 8:00 Dragon Fly 4man 2bb

September 17th Tues 8:00 Ridge Creek Cha Cha Cha

September 24th Tues 8:00 Riverside 4man 2bb

Thank You, Nick Lopez hosting in August

Sir State Golf

The State Sir Golf committee has events in 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 September 12th at 6:00 at the Steak and Anchor Restaurant located at 5115 E McKinley Ave.,



Sirs Diners: 3rd Wednesday Sept 18th

Antonio's Mexican Restaurant located at 7959 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno. Drinks at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Contact Don Laines to sign up.



Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday Sept 18th

Details Pending

AUGUST DATE NIGHT PHOTO— OVIDIO'S



Starting at the bottom left, around the table.

Tom Wider, Nancy Wider, empty chair- Randy Bushore, Susan Bushore, Carole Ewell, Richard Ewell, Helen Diaz, Jennifer (Helen's daughter), Ed Diaz, Manny Contino, Maxine Contino, Robert Henry, Rosa Maria Henry.



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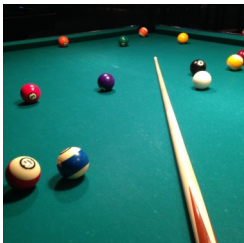
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Poker Groups

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. One of our members (Nick Smirnoff) participated in a recent tournament at the Senior center and with his partner game in first place, Congratulations.



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Top payment scams you need to know

Fraudsters are getting tricky with payment methods.

They may try to get you to send them money using these payment methods because they're hard to trace or cancel. When using any of these, be sure you know the person you're sending to. Otherwise, you may never get your money back.

Wire transfer

Tells you to wire money to them.

Gift card

Asks you to put money on a gift card and give them the number.

Peer-to-peer payment

Wants you to pay digitally.

Other disguises

Ever see "quick and easy" ways to earn money? Thieves may try to send you a check from stolen funds, ask you to deposit it and send part of the money to someone else. Authorities call this illegal activity "money muling." If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.



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ACTIVITIES

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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	cancelle 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	kmyers654@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	Schambles	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	roysgrijalva@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 our of 4 events					
Please check in 30 minutes prior to tee time					
Link to State events: https://www.golf.sirinc2.org/					



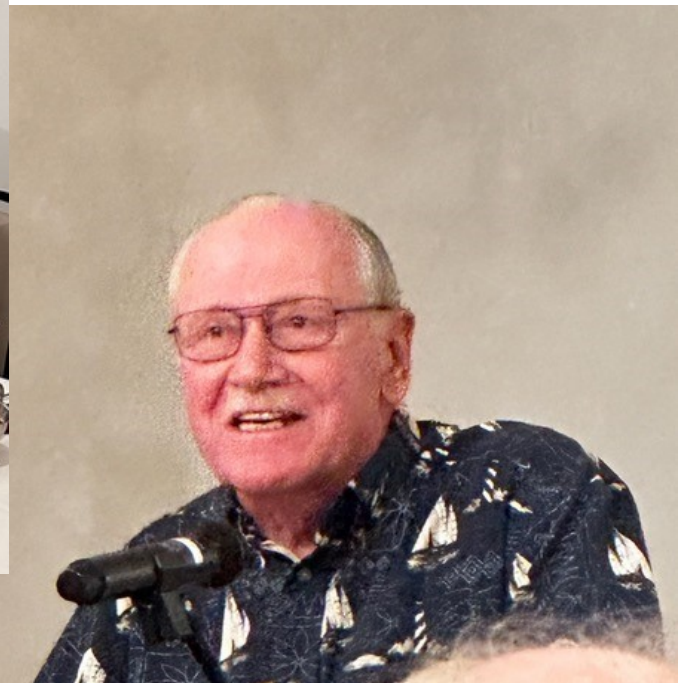
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AUGUST LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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Little SIR John Eleazarian reporting and introducing guest speaker. Big Sir Ernie Sopp looks on.



Bernie giving his committee reports, attendance, sunshine, and of course a bit of his comedy routine.



Ed giving his committee reports, activities, and filled in for membership, later on he will induct a new member.



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NEW MEMBER INDUCTED



SIRS MEMBER- MARK ALKEMA

NEW MEMBER: MICHAEL CIRRINCIONE



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The members get together





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AUGUST LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER

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Dave Goodwin (not the original guest speaker), gave a brief presentation about a group that he recently became a part of. Dave recently joined the group called “NEW WRINKLES”, this is a group of seniors who take classes and practice/rehearse performances for presentation to the public. The group is always looking for new seniors who like to sing and dance to join them. If you have any interest, please contact Dave at any meeting. He’d be happy to give additional information.



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WINE WINNERS

RANDY BUSHORE



RON JOHNSON



LEONARD LOVATO



MARSHALL GARTH





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50/50 WINNERS

The 50/50 event took a brief break, but will return in September, Bring your money.



Provided by George Pisching, and he has a few more of these you will be seeing.