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LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Dec 2024

**The Gateway Chapter 169**

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**December 2024**



## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Our Annual Christmas Luncheon is an opportunity to invite Spouses, Partners, and other Friends and Guest to this annual tradition.**

- WHEN;** TUESDAY December 10, 2024
- WHERE:** Pardinis Catering
- TIME:** 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25. No Charge to members celebrating their Birthday in December. (Must attend to receive benefit)
- ENTERTAINMENT:** Bullard Talent Group
- MENU:** Braised Beef, Ham, 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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Hello Sirs. I hope this message finds everyone enjoying the Thanksgiving Holiday and getting ready for Christmas. As usual just when I think I don't have anything to say, something happens I think everyone needs to know.

Wednesday morning I received an e-mail from my bank saying they were processing my request for a new credit card with the same last 4 digits. The only problem was that I hadn't called them to replace my card.

Upon inquiring with the fraud department, I found out that the bank had received a call from New York at 7:40 AM. I told the gentleman that 7:40 eastern time is 4:40 pacific time and I assured him I was asleep. He immediately put a stop on the request and had to issue me another card with a new number. When I asked him how they could have processed the call he said they had to give the 3 digit SECURITY NUMBER on the back. I also asked what address the card was being mailed to. He said to the address on the account. I told him isn't that kind of stupid to have it sent to my home address. He said they probably would try to get the mail before I had.

I say this because with the buying season upon us and with the rash of cards being used to "get those points" anything can happen. So please be careful!!!! I wouldn't want anyone to have this happen to them.

Have a great holiday. See you at the Christmas Luncheon.

Ernie Sopp

Big SIR, Branch 169



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### NOVEMBER 2024 TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,802.73
Income	\$ 2,024.00
Expenses	\$ 2,069.11
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 8,675.12
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 8,757.12

Treasurers report subject to final approval at the following months BEC Meeting.





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## SECRETARY REPORT

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**SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES    Date: November 12, 2024**

**Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:01 am**

**ATTENDING: Frank Bavaro; Manny Contino; ; Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian; Duane Evans; Jim Forden, Ted Fox; Roy Grijalva; Jim Hiney, Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Ernie Sopp.**

**Guest(s): None today**

**BIG SIR REPORT: Ernie Sopp: 1) On behalf of the Little SIR, who was not in attendance today, reminded that today's speaker would be Paul Ogden from Fresno State, who developed the Silent Garden, a program that addressed the needs and support of persons who are hearing impaired. 2) Further, he sought advice re the correct time to induct our slate of officers for 2025, and who should perform that duty. Brief discussion followed with the decision to perform this rite at the Christmas luncheon when the guests will be in attendance as well. Ed Dorn offered to officiate at the induction.**

**LITTLE SIR REPORT: Little SIR was not in attendance today**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve as submitted.**

**SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Forden reported that following the removal of non-participating members, we have 139 inducted as Active Members**





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**TREASURE'S REPORT:** Nick Lopez: 1) Distributed our November 2024 Treasury Statement, which reported luncheon receipts of \$1,845.00 and \$90.00 in 50/50 receipts during October. Expenses for the period totaled \$2,439.82, leaving a checkbook balance off \$8,802.73 and an additional \$100.00 of Petty Cash. 2) Form 28 for October 2024 was filed with the Asst State Treasurer of SIR on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTIVITIES:** Ed Dorn: 1) Submitted the draft Golf Schedule for 2025 for approval by the BEC. MSC for approval. 2) Regarding the dining out groups:, Couples Dine Out will be going to the Cosmopolitan Restaurant this Thursday; Next Tuesday Date Night will be going to the Outback Steak House; and SIR Diners will be going to Ovidios Restaurant this month.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jim Hiney reported that he has an application for membership from Rick Garcia, who was approved for induction at our last meeting and that, if he is in attendance today, he will be inducted.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) He had called in a total of 84 for todays luncheon, and that we must sustain that amount of luncheon attendance to retain access to the larger meeting room. 2) Sadly, he then reported that Ed Diaz and Tom McPherson have passed away since our last meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None to discuss

**OLD BUSINESS:** At the October meeting of the BEC, it was concluded that in the interest of protecting member information privacy, SIR 169 would not be publishing a Membership Directory again. At todays meeting of the Board, Ted Fox raised the further question, how should the BEC respond when asked by members to provide address, phone number, etc. of other members. Following a brief discussion, , it was concluded that if and when this issue arises, the person whose information was being sought should be first given the opportunity to approve or disapprove the release,

Adjourned at 10:20 am

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





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## BRANCH INFORMATION

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#### 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 Centino</b> Director	<b>Bob Large</b> Director	<b>Roger Stewart</b> Director	<b>Roy Grijalva</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, Howard Jones 292-5410

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

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



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I have frequently been told that members have not been contacted about the upcoming meeting and the menu choices, I have therefore tried my best to assemble a list featuring the current callers (highlighted) and the members they have been assigned to call, (subject to change). Currently we have 139 active members. So if you are not receiving a monthly call, text, email etc. from your caller. Call him. This is very important as Bernie needs an accurate count for the luncheon attendees. Caller phone numbers are on the preceding page.

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Donald	Beauregard	Howard	Jones	Anthony	Noia	Robert	Saulsbury	Bernard	Hollenbeck	
Mark	Alkema	Ed	Dorn	Don	Laines	Michael	Panella	Robert	Hollenbeck	
Robert	Amato	Dennis	Eckenrod	Richard	Lara	Manny	Perales	John	Tracy	
Stephen	Arceneau	Ron	Elder	Thomas	Lean	Herb	Peterson	Ronald	Uragami	
Amos	Bagdasarian	John	Eleazarian	Daniel	Lindstrom	Dean	Philpot	David	Warren	
Mike	Barabe	Walter	Emst	Gerald "Jerry	Long	George	Pisching	David	Wear	
Frank	Bavaro	Duane	Evans	Nick	Lopez	Les	Saywell	Woodie	Wilk	
Kenneth	Beal	Richard	Ewell	Brian	Ohde	Cliff	Raley	Larry	Zander	
Theodore	Fox	Bob	Large	Ron	Lott	Ernest	Reyes	Dale	Zanovich	
Sam	Beglin	George	Finney	Jack	Lovato	Luis	Rodriquez	Howard	Togo	
Gary	Bengel	James	Forden	Leonard	Lovato	Larry	Rowe	Joe	Salazar	???
Henry	Beruman	Steve	Fortner	Michael	Luckin	Joe	Russo			
Robert	Boehringer	Jose	Garcia	Jerry	MacDonald	Bernard	Sankey			
Robert	Boguski	Robert	Garcia	Jim	Martin	Gerald	Stoltenberg			
Daniel	Brown	Marshall	Garth	Ronald	McClaine	Wayne	Schwartz			
Stanley	Busch	Greg	Geis	Jim	Peterson	Grant	Sharp			
Randy	Bushore	Bob	Lung	Robert	McCollister	Ron	Silva			
Keith	Herzog	Bill	George	Bill	McKee	Stanley	Skiba			
Marvin	Carrera	Frank	Gomes	Gregory	Merrill	Nick	Smirnov			
Michael	Carrera	Frank	Gonzales	Jeffrey	Meyer	Ray	Smith			
Mike	Castle	David	Goodwin	Erick	Miller	Dennis	Soliday			
Greg	Chinn	Roy	Grijalva	Arthur	Mock	Thomas	Wider			
Rick	Christl	Vergie	Hamburger	Mert	Mock	Ernie	Sopp			
Kevin	Cleland	Ralph	Handly	Alford	Mollo	Robert	Spain			
Bill	Coit	Robert	Henry	Bill	Prince	Roger	Stewart			
Victor	Collins	Kenneth	Myers	Raymond	Montag	Tom	Thomas			
Dave	Hoffman	Eric	Hermansen	Russell	Mott	Earl (Chick)	Threlfall			
Emmanuel	Contino	James	Hiney	Dan	Nance	Michael	Tolbert			
Michael	Cirinciave	Harry	Johnson	John	Noll					
Jim	Crain	Kevin	Jones	Rod	Noll					
Nicholas	Davis	Ronald	Johnson	Douglas	Nowlin					
Paul	Dehn	Daniel	Kaiser	Patrick	O'Sullivan					
Dave	Dinsdale	Fred	Ketcham							
Joseph	Doherty	Ken	Lai							



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IMPORTANT DECEMBER EVENTS

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### BIRTHDAYS

MIKE BARABE

GREG CHINN

BILL COIT

MARSHALL CARTH

KEITH HERZOG

JEFFREY MEUYER

DAN NANCE

ROBERT SPAIN

TOM THOMAS

JOHN TRACY

TOM WIDER



### ANNIVERSARIES

MIKE AND CATHY BARABE

KEN AND SHIRLY BEAL

FRED AND ANN KETCHAM

ALFRED AND CONNIE MOLLO

GEORGE AND CLAIRE PSCHING

TOM AND NANCY WIDER

WOODIE AND DEBBIE WILK







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ACTIVITIES

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### Golf:

**NCGA Dues:** The NCGA Dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**\$55.00** make the check payable to: "Sirs 169 Golf" Bring the check to the luncheon or mail it to Ed Dorn. An email with the address will be sent to the golfers.

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

<https://sirgcarearea29br169.memberplanet.com>

### December Schedule:

Dave Dinsdale the host for December

December 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 8:00 Dragon Fly Cha Cha Cha

December 17<sup>th</sup> Tues 9:00 Riverside Lone Ranger

December 31<sup>st</sup> Tues 9:00 Airways Scrambles

Thank You, Richard Lara for hosting in November



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**Couples' Nite Out: Thursday, December 12th**

PF Chang's 7894 N. Blackstone Ave. Dinner at 5:30. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the December luncheon.



**Sirs Diners: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday December 11th**

Contact Don Laines for more information.



**Date-Nite: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday December 18th**

Contact Manny Contino for more information



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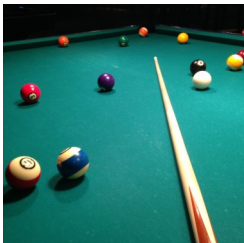
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### Poker Groups

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

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
<b>JANUARY</b>					
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	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>					
Feb 6, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Dan Lindstom	dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com
Feb 20, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	4 Man 2bb	Dan Lindstom	cancelle due to rain
Feb 27, Tues	8:30	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dan Lindstom	6
<b>MARCH</b>					
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	
<b>APRIL</b>					
Apr 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	
Apr 30, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson	
<b>MAY</b>					
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	
<b>JUNE</b>					
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	
<b>JULY</b>					
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	
<b>AUGUST</b>					
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	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					
Sept 17, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	d.oberquell@comcast.net
Sept 19, Thursday	8:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Duane Oberquell	
Sept 24, Tues	8:30	Belmont	Scrambles	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	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	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>					
Nov 5, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Roy Grijalva	rovgrijalva@msn.com
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	getover50@comcast.net
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					
Link to State events: <a href="https://www.golf.sirinc2.org/">https://www.golf.sirinc2.org/</a>					



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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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Ernie calling the meeting to order (or holding a wine auction), pledge, song and invocation. Dining and gathering .





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NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

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**Guest Speaker:**

**Paul Ogden, Professor , and a leading educator in the Field of Deaf Education.**



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NOVEMBER COMMITTEE REPORTS

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**Ed Dorn– reporting on activities, changes to golf schedule, date night opportunities, pool, poker and pickleball.**



**Bernie Hollenbeck– reporting on attendance, callers, and Sunshine matters concerning members.**





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### WINE WINNERS



PAUL DEHN

### WOODIE WILK



TOM WIDER





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**50/50 WINNERS**

**MANNY CONTINO**



**MARK ALKEMA**



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**That's enough exercise for one day.**



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