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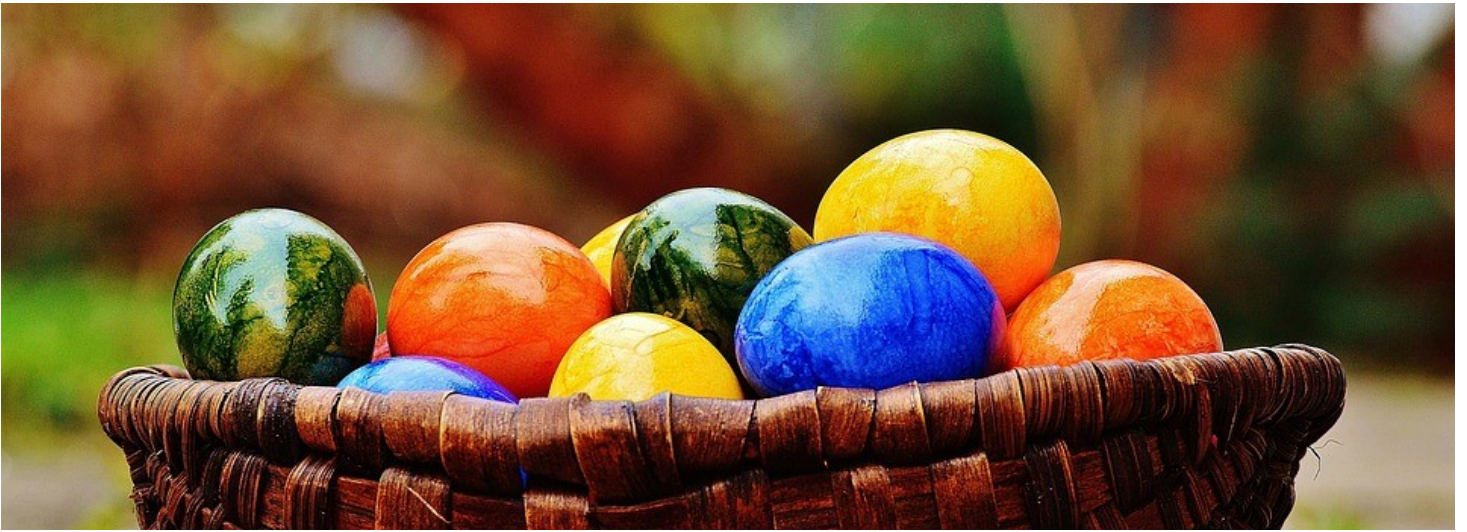
Happy Easter



APRIL LUNCHEON

- WHEN;** TUESDAY April 8, 2025
- WHERE:** Pardinis Catering
- TIME:** 1000 BEC Mtg, 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25. No Charge to members celebrating their Birthday in April (Must attend to receive benefit).
Branch Dues: \$20.00 are due.
- GUEST SPEAKER:** Robert Montano, California Highway Patrol
- MENU:** Beef, Chicken or Chef Salad. And if you have other Dietary requirement, please let your caller know so that arrangements can be made.

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MARCH TREASURES REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 10,233.29
Income	\$ 2,447.00
Expenses	\$ 2,461.74
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 10,218.52
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 10,318.52

Treasures report subject to final approval at the Apri. BEC meetingng.

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SECRETARY REPORT



SIR CHAPTER 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: 3/11/2025

Big SIR, John Eleazarian called the meeting to order at 10:03 am

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

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF Guests: No guests attending

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve

BIG SIR: John Eleazarian reported that Bruce Corwin asked that we submit a Form 63. Jim Forden to research and provide feedback as to its purpose and use.

LITTLE SIR: Manny Contino reported that: 1) The speaker scheduled for our April meeting will be Robert Montoya and a second person representing the CHP, cancelled. 2) Jennifer Schantz will be the speaker at our May meeting with the ladies and other guests. As a Legal Documents Assistant, she will be addressing Wills and Family Trusts. 3) Our new Fresno Police Chief may be providing the program for our meeting in July or August.

SECRETARY: 1): Currently 140 members. 2) Still need to obtain Service Certificates for our 90 and older members, preferably with original signatures from the SIR State President.

TREASURER: 1) Nick Lopez reported that the receipts for February totaled \$3,878.00 and the ex-

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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

SUNSHINE: Bernie reported: 1) Jerry Byrd, a former member of SIR 169, then 179 and returning to our chapter as a result of the merger, has passed away. Over the entire time that he has been very active, including a year as Big SIR and will be missed. Additionally, Bernie asked that we keep Bob Bugosky (flu) as well as the wife of Kevin Jones (medical issues) in our thoughts and prayers..2) Pardinis was given a projected attendance of 86 for today's luncheon. Subsequently received information suggests that the actual number of participants may be as much as 90.

OLD BUSINESS: Roger Stewart asked what we have been doing, if anything, to inspire and reward existing members for bringing new members into our SIR chapter. Discussion ensued with the recollection that at one time, we paid for the lunch of any member who brought in a guest. If the guest, subsequently joined the chapter. To be discussed at the next meeting of our BEC.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was initiated addressing the suggestion that our Chapter ought to be paying a stipend for those performers who, like Valerie Saucedo, share their talents with us. . Bullard Talent perform for us at our December meeting and received a nominal stipend for doing so. Consideration was given to the significance of this as a precedent for future speakers, with consensus that a distinction should be made between our use of speakers as opposed to those who perform. Consensus was that it may be more appropriate to provide some form of compensation for those who share their talent as performers. MSC to table for further discussion at our next BEC meeting. Relative to Ms. Saucedo, it was suggested that she might be uncomfortable in receiving such payment, therefore prior to the next meeting, Luis Rodriques will discuss the matter with her before any offer of payment is made.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 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							
Big SIR John Eleazarian	Little SIR Manny Contino	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	Bob Large Director	Doug Nowlin Director	Roger Stewart Director	Paul Dehn Director	Ernie Sopp Director
							
Sunshine Chairman		Membership Chairman			Advisory Council Rep		Big SIR 2024

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See January 2025 Newsletter for a complete listing of all committee chairmen and contact numbers.

Branch Website: SIR169.org
State Website: SIRINC.org

At my last colonoscopy I had the doctor write a note to my wife stating that my head was NOT up there...

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

MICK CARRERA

ANTHONY NOIA

RAY SMITH

MICHAEL CARRERA

JOE SALAZAR

WOODIE WILK

MICHAEL CIRINCIONE

RON SILVA

DENNIS ECKENROD

EARL (CHICK) THREFFALL

FRED KETCHAM

LARRY ZANDER

ANNIVERSARIES

RICK AND LYNN CHRISTL

RON AND SILVIA LOTT

WALTER AND CHERYL ERNST

JERRY AND JUDY McDONALD

JIM AND NANCY FORDEN

RONALD AND TESS MOTT

ROBERT AND JEANEAN GARCIA

DAN AND DEBBE NANCE

RICJARD AN ELLEN LARA

JOHN AND JUDY NOLL

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ACTIVITIES

Golf:

Current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcarearea29br169.memberplanet.com>

April Schedule:

April 1st Tues 9:00 Ridge Creek 4man 1bb

April 17th Thurs 8:00 Riverside Lone Ranger

April 22nd Tues 9:00 Pheasant Run 4man 2bb

April 29th Tues 8:00 Dragon Fly 4man 2bb

Jim Peterson is the host April

Thank You, Don Laines for hosting in March

CONGRATULATIONS:

Dave Warren had a hole in one at

Madera Muni, March 25th. Nice going Dave.

DATE NIGHTS

Couples' Nite Out: April 10th

La Kebrada Mexican Restaurant located in Ft Washington Shopping Center. Dinner at 6:00. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the April luncheon.

Sirs Diners: 3rd Wednesday April 16th

Elbow Room Restaurant in Fig Garden Shopping Center. Drinks at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00. Contact Don Laines for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday April 16th

April Date Nite restaurant, DiCicco's Restaurant located on the northeast corner of Cedar and Nees. Their address is 1530 E. Nees. Their telephone number is 559-321-0544. My cell phone is 559-906-9050. Please let me know asap whether you will be joining us. I need to give the restaurant an accurate count.



March Date Night at Red Robin Restuarant

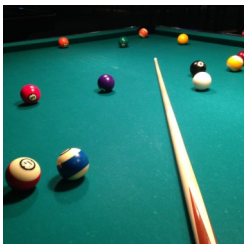
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ACTIVITIES (CON'T)



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.

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.



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Guest Speaker Paul Loeffler, sharing his journey in the Fresno area, where he has risen to become a very well known commentator in the area. He currently serves as the voice of the Fresno State Sports teams, and is very key in the local area Honor Flight.. Paul then went to the audience and did some impromptu interviews with some well known sports legends from the Fresno State Family. Paul also provided some Fresno State T-Shirts that were used as raffle items: Mert Mock, Joe Russo and Kevin Cleveland



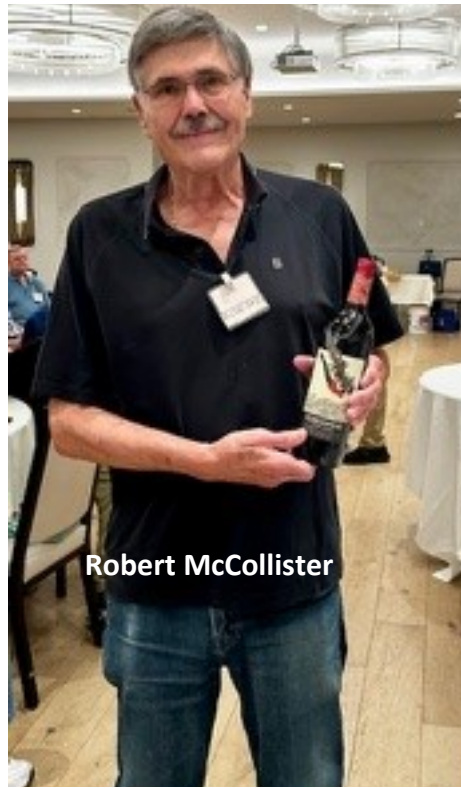
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MARCH LUNCHEON PHOTOS

WINE WINNERS



Gerald Stoltenberg



Robert McCollister



Mick Carerra



Tom Wider



Sam Beglin

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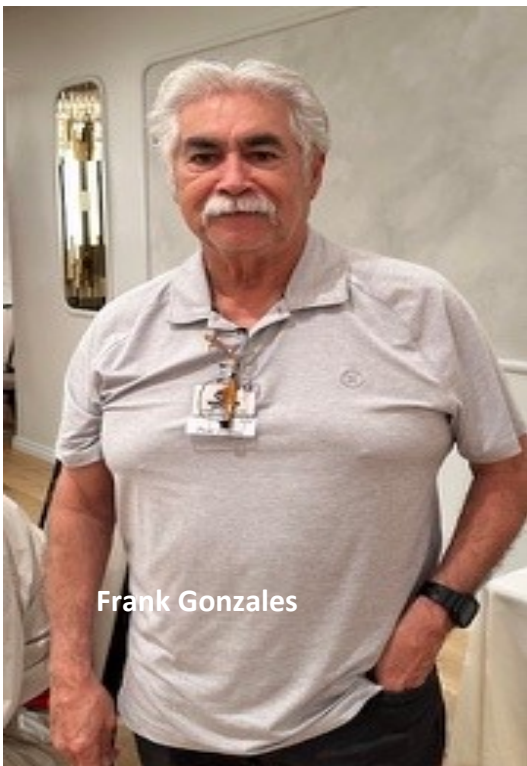
50/50 Winners



Gerald Stoltenberg



JACKIE LOVATO



Frank Gonzales