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# The Grapevine

SIR Branch #145 Monthly Meeting – Tuesday – September 11, 2012– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM

## Speaker of the Month

**E. Robert Wright**  
Senior Counsel For  
Friends of the River  
“ History of the Water Project”

### Big Sir Sez...

Now we are in the election season. I don't want to endorse any one as we are a social club. If anyone wants to talk politics with me I will be happy to share my views. Also I get another chance to “get it right” since this month we are having a second speaker about the plans for a cross Delta conveyance to ship water to southern California and the lower San Joaquin valley.

We heard from Ron Forbes who spoke of the environmental effects of diversions through two 33 foot diameter tunnels of up to 15,000 cubic feet per second. The delta and our county would experience grave damages if this project is completed. (I had misread the e-mail I received from Al Furr and told you that Mr. Forbes was an attorney who was fighting the diversions).

At this Luncheon Meeting our speaker will be E. Robert Wright, Senior Counsel for the Friends of the River. He will explain the history of the water project to bypass the Delta and efforts to stop the project. Mr. Wright has been in government and private service, concentrating on environmental issues. Bob Graduated from Berkely in Business

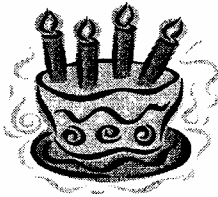
Administration and after serving as a Captain in the Army he obtained a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1971 Bob was also Adjunct Professor of Environmental Law at San Joaquin College of Law in Fresno from 1990 to 2003. He has successfully argued cases against the US Corps of Engineers and the US Forest Service. He joined the Friends of the River in 2011. Bob loves backpackin, running, bicycling, river rafting and beautiful natural scenery. His wbsite is [bwright@friendsoftheriver.org](mailto:bwright@friendsoftheriver.org)

Again, we are inducting up to six new members this meeting. Use those welcome cards passed out last meeting. Bring a friend or a neighbor. And be sure to attend the meetings. Our attendance was down a little last month, probably summer trips.

We have openings for Historian, Sergeant-at-arms and assistants to help keep our new web site running smoothly. Please contact me or any of our officers if you would be willing to serve.

Speaking of our web site you can visit it at [www.sir145.org](http://www.sir145.org). The web site is not complete, but we would like you to look and make any comments and suggestions for things you would like to see. SIR Jim Grimes is our webmaster and has done all the technical work in setting up the pages and links.

**Richard Baines, Big Sir**



### September Birthdays

<b>Rich Abel</b>	<b>Leon Adamson</b>
<b>Lee bias</b>	<b>B. J. Bell</b>
<b>Walter Bergstrom</b>	<b>William Brinson</b>
<b>Steve Cole</b>	<b>Jim Frey</b>
<b>John Gail</b>	<b>Tony Oliveira</b>
<b>George Galatsatos</b>	<b>Joe Olivieri</b>
<b>Frank Pleterski</b>	<b>Bill Rusher</b>
<b>Harold Rohrbach</b>	<b>Mel Streyle</b>
<b>Vern Schlotthauer</b>	<b>Ron Westerterp</b>
<b>Leo Simpfenderfer</b>	<b>Ron Williams</b>
<b>Steve Zajec</b>	



### September Golf News

Get signed up for the 4 man 2 best balls tournament at Lockeford Springs on September 12<sup>th</sup>. You can call me if you can't get to the golf course. Please do so by Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our tournament on September 28<sup>th</sup> will be a two man scramble at Van Buskirk. Gary Calhoon is in charge.

I will start collecting the \$38.00 N.C.G.A. Renewal fee on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the d4adline is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Make checks out to SIRS Golf

### Luncheon Menu

Roast Chicken  
 String Beans w/bacon and onions  
 Roasted Potatoes  
 NO FRIED CHICKEN  
 Salad Bar  
 Bread and Butter  
 Dessert

View the State Newsletter to see what is happening in the SIRS organization.

The Summer 2012 edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

**Howard Ferguson (368-4829)**  
Golf Chairman,

**Sick or in Distress,**  
Know of anyone call Dave Stennick  
368-0437

**Financial Report**  
Net Gain for August \$ 93.63  
Balance \$ 3363.20