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retired men devoted to the  
promotion of independence and  
dignity of retirement**

# *The Grapevine*

**SIR Branch #145 Monthly Meeting – Tuesday – August 13, 2013– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM**

## **SPEAKER FOR AUGUST**

The speaker for the August meeting is **Ron Russell**, a member of 145. Ron has an extensive background in electronics and will be speaking on T.V information, i.e., HD reception, digital signals and general trouble shooting issues including TV remotes.

Thanks, Chuck Bennett, Little SIR 145

## **Big SIR Sez:**

Summer is here and is fading to fall. We will have some very warm days ahead. My garden is finally producing some veggies especially the squash plants. The tomatoes are starting to slowly ripen. Many of the tomatoes are turning a light yellow with pink showing. The ripe tomatoes are very delightful to eat. I have been putting the pinkish tomatoes in the kitchen window and they ripen in a few days. Stop by and I shall share some veggies with you.

I am inviting all SIR members, wives and their friends to join me at the Stockton Yacht Club on Thursday, August, 22 at 6:15 pm for the *Dinner with Al* get together. Please call me before Monday evening, August, 20 so I can give the SYC caterers a head count.

Last month we had 8 guests including our SIR Branch #145 widows, Lida Mueller and Doris Mehlhaff. What a joy it was to share a

dinner and stories with these ladies and the other SYC members!

Chester George our Membership Records Chairman, received a call from Mrs. Bob Nickerson (Barbara) who advised him that Bob is now a resident at Arbor Nursing Center in Lodi. Following his stroke he suffered Parkinson's Disease and dementia. I had a pleasant chat with Barbara as she has a wonderful spirit and attitude. I will mail her a copy of our forthcoming *Grapevine* in order to keep her up to date on our branch.

A meeting was held with Al Furr, Big Sir; Chuck Bennett, Little Sir; and Directors Richard Baines and Neal Welsh to update our 2014 Roster. Chester George was sent a hand carried copy for his records. I have to give special recognition to Richard and Elmer Nichols for working diligently on this very detailed project. Neal has kept the e-mail directory up to date and has proofread *Grapevine* articles with Temple Gallagher who has succeeded Bob Gorbet as editor. Bob continues to work tirelessly for our branch, #145. Thanks to all of you for your dedication and hard work.

Little Sir, Chuck Bennett will be this year's liaison to the annual SIR state level meeting in Vallejo on August, 9. He will present an update to our members by way of our September, 2013 edition of *The Grapevine*. I attended this meeting the past two years.

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## NEW MEMBER ALERT:

At our August meeting Jonathan Bailey will be inducted as a member of our branch. His sponsor is member Andy Bailey and a little bird tells us that despite the identical last names, they are not related! And then there is the saga of former member, Raymond Hoh who is returning to the fold. He has indicated that he wants to rejoin us and thus he will be reinstated at the August meeting also. Welcome new member Jonathan and welcome back Raymond.

## New Committees

**Fishing** - Phil Loechner at 601-8943.

**Dinner with Al at the Stockton Yacht Club** - Be my guest on August 22 at 6:15 p.m. Prices to cover the food costs are \$7.00 per person. We need confirmation **on** or **before** August 20th.

**Visitation** - We have an informal fluid committee who visits any SIR member who cannot attend a meeting. We also attend member funerals and visit members' widows who seem to enjoy our visits!

**Recognition** - If you know of a member who might be ill or ailing in any way please notify Recognition Chairman, Dave Stennick at 368-0437.

**Transportation** - Those of you needing a ride to and from any meeting call me, Al Furr at 479-3124.

**Roster Committee** - Chairman, Elmer Nichols and past Big SIR, Richard Baines are working to complete the 2014 Membership Roster in January.

**State Office News** - The SIR organization's senior officers have set a minimum attendance goal of 70% for any regular meeting. Last month we had 114 attendees for a 57% attendance. July normally has a light attendance since folks tend to go on vacations this month.

## Lunch Menu - !

Pork chops  
!!! Fried chicken  
!!! Fresh Squash special donated by Al's lush garden  
!!! Scalloped potatoes  
!!! Fresh Salad Bar - Concoct your own  
!!! Bread pudding  
!!! Coffee and tea

Thank you,  
Al Furr, Big SIR

## AUGUST Birthdays

Frank Garcia  
Robert "Bob" Handel  
Neil Webb  
Lloyd H. Deffenbaugh  
Richard "Rich" Street  
Erv Hatzenbuhler  
Dick Duncan  
Wm "Bill" Shankles  
O. Keith Bohnet  
Jerry Workman  
Albert "Al" Clark  
Stephen Holmes  
Hugo Hess  
Frank Flores  
John JR Nunes  
Ken Cardwell  
Michael Parson  
Reuben Gomez



# AUGUST Golf News

The following men have qualified to move to the next step of the state medal play tournament at Rancho Del Rey in Atwater on August 23rd.



Tony Canton, Al Clark, Howard Ferguson, Bob Gorbet, Jack Johnson, John Mendonca, Ray Schramm, Phil Schrock, and Dave Stennick, Get your \$45 dollars to Greg Young right away if you plan to play.

There is still time to sign up for the mixed scramble on August 14th. I need a few more couples.

Get signed up for the two man scramble on August 30th at Van Buskirk.

**Howard Ferguson, Golf Chairman**

## Financial Report



Financial Report For July 2013

Net loss for the Month of July (\$193.27)

Ending Balance \$ 3352.14

Visit our Branch website at

[www.sir145.org](http://www.sir145.org)

There are connecting buttons on our site to put you in contact with the State website or visit <http://sirinc.org/>

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### TRAVEL CORNER

AUGUST 2013



BRANCH 145 Jerry Wisenor -808 Tehama Dr. Lodi, CA 95242 (209-334-5181)

#### September 29 - October 6, 2013

**Autumn in New England** Seven Nights - Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation -- One night in Boston-- Two in Ludlow, Vermont-- Two in Lincoln, New Hampshire-- Two in Portland, Maine. Price includes 13 meals with 14 tour stops, Home Pick-ups and Round Trip airfare. Double rate per person is \$2795. Please contact Jerry Wisenor 209-334-5181 Branch 145

#### October 18-23, 2013

**Branson--Autumn in the Ozarks** 5 nights at the Radisson Hotel, 12 meals, 10 shows and free times. Price includes Home Pick-up and airfare. Double package price is \$1895 per person. Please contact Jerry Wisenor 209-334-5181 SIR Branch 145

Put together your own group of SIRS for one or two day trips through [setness.com](http://setness.com) or [storertours.com](http://storertours.com).

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**ATTENDANCE RULES:** REGULAR MEMBERS MISSING THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THEIR ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, GIVING A VALID REASON, OR ATTENDING LESS THAN SEVEN (7) MEETINGS WITHIN THE LAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS, SHALL BE NOTIFIED BY FORM LETTER NO. 4 OF THEIR PENDING MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION. CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AT ANOTHER BRANCH MEETING WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A CREDIT TO THE ATTENDANCE RECORD.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

<b>2013 OFFICERS</b>			
BIG SIR		<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>	
Al Furr	368-6490	Temple Gallagher	986-8367
LITTLE SIR		<b>CHAPLAIN</b>	
Charles Bennett	UL	Howard Ferguson	368-4829
SECRETARY		<b>GREETERS</b>	
Phil Schrock	333-1355	Conrad Kessell	367-1998
ASST. SECRETARY		Neal W. Welsh	327-2068
Frank Peck	368-3075	<b>RECOGNITION</b>	
TREASURER		Dave Stennick	368-0437
Bob Gorbet	333-0425	<b>GOLF</b>	
ASST. TREASURER		Howard Ferguson*	368-4829
Jerry Wsenor	334-5181	John Baker	334-2779
<b>2013 Directors</b>		<b>HISTORIAN</b>	
George Cameron	952-7208	Jeff Lee	477-4389
Richard Baines	727-3908	<b>MEMBERSHP RECORDS</b>	
Neal W. Welsh	327-2068	Chester George	368-8212
<b>open</b>		<b>NOMINATING</b>	
John Korphage	369-4001	Chester George	
<b>Area #14 Governor</b>		Richard Baines	329-1323
John Mendonca	477-0743	Neal Welsh	327-2068
		<b>PICNIC</b>	
		Neal Welsh	327-2068
		Al Furr	
		<b>PROGRAM</b>	
		Al Furr	368-6490
		<b>SONG LEADER</b>	
		Paul Reiner	366-1811
		<b>Sargent at Arms</b>	
		Jack Johnson	369-0727
		<b>Photographer</b>	
		Leon Adamson	334-5128
		<b>TRAVEL &amp; TOURS</b>	
		Jerry Wisenor*	334-5181
		<b>Publicity Chairman</b>	
		Neal Welsh	327-2068
		<b>Past Big Sir</b>	
		Ruben Moser	1988-1989
		Al Baerwald	1990
		Bill Owen	1991
		Al Cooper	1992
		Earl Klapstein	1993
		Dave Stennick	1994
		Gus Armendariz	1995
		Jerry Kirsten	1996
		Bob McCaffrey	1997
		Tom Bandelin	1998
		Frank Garcia	1999
		Bob Handel	2000
		John Korphage (18)	2000-2001
		Jack Jackson	2001
		Bill Dauer	2002
		Ron Westerterp	2003
		Dave Hinchman	2004-2005
		Paul Reiner	2006
		Neal W. Welsh	2007
		John Mendonca	2008
		Bill Shankles	2009
		George Cameron	2010
		Richard Baines	2011-12
		<b>2013 Committees - *Chairman</b>	
<b>ANECDOTIST</b>			
Cliff Nitschke	968-6646		
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>			
Chester George	368-8212		
<b>AUDITOR</b>			
John Gail*	334-3418		
Tony Canton	334-9590		