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# *The Grapevine*

SIR Branch #145 Monthly Meeting – Tuesday – January 14, 2014– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM

## **SPEAKER FOR JANUARY**

**Officer Mike Mantzouranis,  
Lodi Police K-9 Unit, will  
make a presentation and do  
a K-9 demonstration.**

**This one should not be  
missed!**

## **January 2014 Newsletter Branch 145 BIG SIR sez**

This begins my one year term as Big Sir. I am honored to hold that title and want to increase the participation of every branch member. I encourage each of you to get to know other members in our branch by moving around the room at each monthly meeting. You will note the newest members have a yellow smiley face on their name tags. Don't hesitate to get to know them by introducing yourself. This is a social club, so don't forget to be sociable.

The outgoing Big Sir, Al Furr, and board members did an outstanding job in 2013. Some of their hard work was demonstrated in putting together the annual picnic and Christmas events. They also compiled and put together our 2014 membership roster booklets with the help of several other members. The 2014 booklets will be available at our upcoming January meeting. If you check your information and find it not accurate, please let one of the board members know. The names and contact information for board members can be found in the booklet. Don't forget to sign up for "Dinner with Al" at the Stockton Yacht Club scheduled for January 29, 2014. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting outlining time, cost, etc. If you have a specific question re: the dinner, ask Al Furr.

We need to keep up the momentum initiated by the 2013 Big Sir and board. While other branches are having membership issues our branch continues to be stable. This is only because we continue to acquire new members at the approximate same rate as we lose others. This is about 10 percent or 20 new members each year. We need to continue or better that rate in order to continue to be a solid branch.

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Don't forget to use the SIR 145 business cards to hand out to prospective members or simply invite someone you know that has recently retired.

Attendance at our monthly meetings is good, but we do need to increase it. Normally, it is approximately 65 percent. I think 70 percent is a much better attendance number and is achievable.

It is the beginning of 2014 and already we must begin to think about and to plan for 2015. There will be Branch 145 Officer positions to fill and I encourage anyone not yet participating to get involved. If you think you might be interested in volunteering to be a board member, little sir, or a member of one of the many committees (listed in the 2014 booklet) let any board member know. Board member names and contact information are listed in the 2014 booklet. Our branch is only as good as its membership's participation.

As the new big sir, I am asking for input from one and all. Some things we do rather well while others may not be up to your expectations. Any and all input is welcome. All issues will be addressed. If we don't know about an issue we cannot address it.

Finally, let me end by reminding everyone that there will be a celebration of life for one of our recently departed members, Ray Meinel, who passed away on December 13, 2013. It will be at 1 p.m. on January 11, 2014, at the Casa De Lodi Clubhouse, 812 E. Turner Road.

See you at the next meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

Chuck Bennett, Big SIR

## JANUARY Golf News



First tournament is Feb 12th at La Contenta. 4 man 2 best balls.

If your name doesn't come up on the computer, You have not paid your NCGA dues.

Remember, your golf chairman is Bill Rutherford. contact him at (916) 776-9222.

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/>

## DECEMBER Financial Report

November Net Gain \$53.02 Balance \$3071.42

December Net Gain \$74.62 Balance \$ 3146.04



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paul Baumbach  
Howard Ferguson  
Victor Gillet  
Bryant Gannon  
Richard "Griff" Griffith  
Frank Daniels  
Doug Fritz  
James LaRoe  
Kent During  
Gary Linder  
George Cameron



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JANUARY 2014

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

**April 1 to April 8, 2014** Springtime in  
Savannah and Charleston Trip leaves  
from your house and is a guaranteed  
departure. Double occupancy per  
person \$2995 Contact Jerry Wisenor--  
Branch 145-209-334-5181

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).

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

John Bender  
Donald Clausen  
Jack Fiori  
Richard Leal  
John Gaugel  
Bruce Meyer  
John Smit  
Thomas Zane  
Phillip Schrock  
Walter Carpenter  
Kenneth Kramlich  
George Snider  
Kirby Quaschnick  
Charles Bennett  
Robert Carroll  
Leonard Belarmino





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<b>2014 OFFICERS</b>					
BIG SIR					
Charles Bennett	UL				
LITTLE SIR					
Jack Johnson					
SECRETARY					
Phil Schrock	333-1355				
ASST. SECRETARY					
Frank Peck	368-3075				
TREASURER					
Bob Gorbet	333-0425				
ASST. TREASURER					
Jerry Wsenor	334-5181				
<b>2013 Directors</b>					
George Cameron	952-7208				
Richard Baines	727-3908				
Neal W. Welsh	327-2068				
<b>open</b>					
John Korphage	369-4001				
<b>Area #14 Governor</b>					
Vacant					
<b>2014 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				
<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>					
Temple Gallagher	986-8367				
<b>CHAPLAIN</b>					
Howard Ferguson	368-4829				
<b>EMAIL COMPILER</b>					
Neal W. Welsh	327-2068				
<b>GREETERS</b>					
Conrad Kessell	367-1998				
Neal W. Welsh	327-2068				
<b>RECOGNITION</b>					
Dave Stennick	368-0437				
<b>GOLF</b>					
Howard Ferguson*	368-4829				
John Baker	334-2779				
<b>HISTORIAN</b>					
Jeff Lee	477-4389				
<b>MEMBERSHP RECORDS</b>					
Chester George	368-8212				
<b>NOMINATING</b>					
Chester George					
Richard Baines	329-1323				
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				
All Furr	2012-13				