



**A non-profit organization for  
retired men devoted to the  
promotion of independence and  
dignity of retirement**

# *The Grapevine*

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

## **SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY**

**William Maxwell**, Archives Manager  
of the Bank of Stockton's Historical  
Photograph Collection.

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

What are the differences between a volunteer and an employee? Employees are paid to do a task while volunteers are not. An employee does a task because of compensation, orders, directions and/or delegation by another while volunteers may do the same task without compensation because they want to help out for the good of others or to just be of service to others. The key component to getting volunteers is to simply ask for help. SIR Branch 145 is a non-profit social club for men operated by volunteers. The volunteer force we now have is outstanding; however, there comes a time when others must step-up to the plate and take a short turn helping out. That's why I'm asking for volunteers to serve on the executive committee or serve as one of next year's vacant officers. There is no compensation, but rather a good feeling for serving others. Perhaps you might be interested, but  
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## **MENU**

The February Menu  
is pork chops, apple sauce,  
mashed potatoes with  
gravy, fried chicken, carrots  
and mystery dessert.



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don't quit know how or where to volunteer. The best thing one can do is to attend the branch executive meeting which meets right after our monthly lunch. The executive meeting is open to any member and is a terrific way to find out what's going on in SIR branch 145. If you attend an executive meeting you are not obligated to help out or assume a vacant officer position. As one of the objectives of our one year strategic plan, the branch is putting together how-to-do-it booklets for Big SIR and Little SIR offices in order to make the tasks normally carried out by those two offices easier to follow for future volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers I had the honor of attending the Liberty Fire Department's volunteer service retirement dinner on Jan. 25, 2014. Three branch 145 SIRs were recognized for their years of service: Ted Leventini, Jr for 41 years; Louis Abba for 51 years; and, Ted Leventini, Sr. for 66 years. Don't forget to congratulate them at the upcoming meeting for jobs well done.

The monthly speaker each month is a volunteer from the community. If you know of a good topic or of someone who has a presentation that is appropriate for SIR, please contact Little SIR Jack Johnson or me or any member of the executive committee listed in the 2014 membership booklet. Perhaps you have

an expertise or experience you'd like to present at a meeting. A presentation only has to be 20-30 minutes long. Many of our best speakers were from branch 145 membership. Let us know if you'd like to present something.

It's now official that there is a drought, so begin checking those leaking faucets, toilets, pipes, etc. around the house. We are trying to get an area expert on gardening to make a presentation at our March meeting on ways and means each of us can get through the drought without losing valuable plants or what plants are the best drought tolerant replacements.

See you at the next meeting, Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Chuck Bennett, Big SIR

## **FEBRUARY**

### **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/>**

# **JANUARY**

## **Financial Report**

1st.qtr expense to the State  
SIR \$238.75  
Micke Grove Reservation for  
the June picnic \$335.00  
Printing costs for roster book  
\$132.00  
Net Loss For Jan. (\$676.98)

Ending Balance \$ 2469.06

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TRAVEL CORNER



*FEBRUARY 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 or  
storertours.com.



# **FEBRUARY**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

***Millard Fore Jr.***

***Valdemar Olson***

***George Richards***

***Ron Scott***

***Kenneth Bingaman***

***Arthur Moso***

***Clifford Nitschke***

***Chester George***

***Benjamin Stroh***

***Dwain Prickett***

***David Hinchman***

***Weldon Moss***

***Ronald Russell***

***Jeffrey Lee***

***Fran Forkas***

***Gary Greider***

***Raymond Hoh***





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<b>2014 OFFICERS</b>		<b>BULLETIN EDITOR</b>		<b>TRAVEL &amp; TOURS</b>	
BIG SIR		Temple Gallagher	986-8367	Jerry Wisenor*	334-5181
Charles Bennett	UL	<b>CHAPLAIN</b>		<b>Publicity Chairman</b>	
LITTLE SIR		Howard Ferguson	368-4829	Neal Welsh	327-2068
Jack Johnson		<b>EMAIL COMPILER</b>			
SECRETARY		Neal W. Welsh	327-2068	<b>Past Big Sir</b>	
Phil Schrock	333-1355	<b>GREETERS</b>		Ruben Moser	1988-1989
ASST. SECRETARY		Conrad Kessell	367-1998	Al Baerwald	1990
Frank Peck	368-3075	Neal W. Welsh	327-2068	Bill Owen	1991
TREASURER		<b>RECOGNITION</b>		Al Cooper	1992
Bob Gorbet	333-0425	Dave Stennick	368-0437	Earl Klapstein	1993
ASST. TREASURER		<b>GOLF</b>		Dave Stennick	1994
Jerry Wsenor	334-5181	Howard Ferguson*	368-4829	Gus Armendariz	1995
<b>2013 Directors</b>		John Baker	334-2779	Jerry Kirsten	1996
George Cameron	952-7208	<b>HISTORIAN</b>		Bob McCaffrey	1997
Richard Baines	727-3908	Jeff Lee	477-4389	Tom Bandelin	1998
Neal W. Welsh	327-2068	<b>MEMBERSHP RECORDS</b>		Frank Garcia	1999
<b>open</b>		Chester George	368-8212	Bob Handel	2000
John Korphage	369-4001	<b>NOMINATING</b>		John Korphage (18)	2000-2001
<b>Area #14 Governor</b>		Chester George		Jack Jackson	2001
Vacant		Richard Baines	329-1323	Bill Dauer	2002
		Neal Welsh	327-2068	Ron Westerterp	2003
<b>2014 Committees - *Chairman</b>		<b>PICNIC</b>		Dave Hinchman	2004-2005
<b>ANECDOTIST</b>		Neal Welsh	327-2068	Paul Reiner	2006
Cliff Nitschke	968-6646	Al Furr		Neal W. Welsh	2007
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>PROGRAM</b>		John Mendonca	2008
Chester George	368-8212	Al Furr	368-6490	Bill Shankles	2009
<b>AUDITOR</b>		<b>SONG LEADER</b>		George Cameron	2010
John Gail*	334-3418	Paul Reiner	366-1811	Richard Baines	2011-12
Tony Canton	334-9590	<b>Sargent at Arms</b>		All Furr	2012-13
		Jack Johnson	369-0727		
		<b>Photographer</b>			
		Leon Adamson	334-5128		