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

# *The Grapevine*

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

## **SPEAKER FOR MARCH**

The March Speaker will be back  
by popular demand,  
Bill Maxwell, Bank of Stockton  
with Presentation 2.

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

Our last lunch was very successful. In fact, branch 145 had a record number of members in attendance. There were almost 70 percent of the membership present. We are starting to get to the point where we would like to be, but not quite yet. I believe that a 70 percent attendance rate is not out of the question. I suppose the real question on most members mind is...why? Who cares who comes to the lunch meetings and who is absent? The answer is simple. We care or all of us should be caring about each other. If you have noticed a regular at your table not attending meetings, you should be giving them a telephone call or emailing them or dropping by their homes to check on them. Some members are ill themselves, indisposed by family illness, in need of a ride, or passed-on.

That's what SIR Branch 145 needs to know. When you learn of such a dilemma please let one of the executive committee members know so that we may pass on condolences, help with personal needs, or get someone a ride. The executive committee also visits on occasion the widows of those members who have  
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## **MENU**

The March Menu  
will be the Irishman favorite in  
honor of St. Patrick's Day:  
Corned Beef and Cabbage,  
Potatoes, Carrots, Chicken and a  
yummy dessert.



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passed-on and inform them of what's continuing to happen in Branch 145 through our newsletter and inviting them to our annual picnic and Christmas events. In short we let them know we care.

There is a committee that is currently calling members who have not been to recent meetings for just those purposes stated above and to ensure that the SIR rule 100 concerning attendance is being enforced. Again, you may be asking yourself...why? And again the answer is simple. Branch 145 is required to pay the STATE SIR Inc. \$1.25 per member each quarter. The State SIR uses that fee to purchase insurance and for other administrative costs. The State SIR cost is factored into our meal cost and without the member attending the rest of us pay the absent members portion. Of course excused absences are the exception to rule 100. So if you need to be absent just tell someone on the executive committee or another member to tell us so that we can make certain your absence is counted as excused.

In the past Branch 145 has had some join the membership in order to participate in the outside activities in order to get the SIR price for the event, i.e., golf, etc., then not come to the meetings. As you all know Branch 145 does not have an initiation fee, a membership fee, etc., while some SIR Branches now do. The executive committee voted to not go that route and remain a fee free organization. So let's all do our part to get Branch 145's attendance into the 70+ percentile. Let's continue to break our attendance record each month with a real goal of 80+ percent.

Any member interested in learning how SIR Branch 145 operates is encouraged to attend one of the executive committee meetings that occur right after each monthly

meeting. I hope this information is helpful to understanding our need to keep the monthly meeting filled with as many members as possible.

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

Chuck Bennett, Big SIR

## **MARCH Golf News**



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.

Vist 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/>

## **FEBRUARY Financial Report**



Net Gain for February, \$93.50

Ending Balance \$2562.56

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TRAVEL CORNER



*MARCH 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 storetours.com.



**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

**John Guilfoyle**

**Roger McCormick**

**Charles Cromwell**

**Richard Neuman**

**David Mattheis**

**Coy Conner**

**Bob Shepard**

**James Grimes**

**Raymond Meinel**

**Ronald Mettler**

**Gary Pierson**

**Stephen Justice**

**Don Bettencourt**

**James Inman**

**Tony Canton**

**Bill Ward**





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Charles Bennett	UL			
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Phil Schrock	333-1355			
ASST. SECRETARY				
Frank Peck	368-3075			
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Bob Gorbet	333-0425			
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Richard Baines	727-3908			
Neal W. Welsh	327-2068			
<b>open</b>				
John Korphage	369-4001			
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Vacant				
<b>2014 Committees - *Chairman</b>				
<b>ANECDOTIST</b>				
Cliff Nitschke	968-6646			
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>				
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<b>CHAPLAIN</b>				
Howard Ferguson	368-4829			
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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			
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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			
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Paul Reiner	366-1811			
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Jack Johnson	369-0727			
<b>Photographer</b>				
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<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			