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The Grapevine

SIR Branch #145 Monthly Meeting – Tuesday – April 8, 2014– Moose Lodge -11:30 AM

SPEAKER FOR APRIL

The April speaker will be Barbara Butterworth, rancher and local artist, who will be speaking about raising Thoroughbred horses and life on the farm at West 12 Ranch.

MENU

The April Menu

**will be Rigatoni with meat sauce,
Brussels Sprouts, salad, chicken and
cake dessert.**

APRIL 2014 Newsletter Branch 145 BIG SIR sez

I want to thank all those who gave the executive committee members feedback. I discussed last month's lunch issue with the cook. This month's menu promises to make up for the issues brought to our attention last month. Thanks again to those giving us feedback.

It was brought to our attention that several members wished to all be seated together at one table. If that is your choice, it is best to arrive early or earlier to reserve a table for that purpose. Otherwise, a second solution is to simply go around the room of already set tables and ask to use those settings where no one is sitting to make up your table for the number you require. The staff will not be setting up additional places at an additional table unless all of the places at the set-up tables are being occupied.

Requesting the staff to set up additional tables takes them away from their most important duties which include managing the lunch meal. We ask the staff each month to set up table places for 135 members. As an example the March meeting had 122 members in attendance. Therefore, there was no reason to ask them to do the extra duties that they performed in setting up another complete table. If you think there are not enough empty place settings already available, please ask me or the little sir so that we can accommodate your request and coordinate with the staff. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

I know that Tuesday, June 10th is a ways away, but it's time to get ready for our annual picnic at Mickey Grove. Tickets will
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be on sale starting at our April meeting. Remember this is a coed event as well as an opportunity to bring family members and friends. The menu will be BBQ Rib dinner or Chicken dinner, salad, ice cream, soft drinks and water (BYOB & snacks). Start time is 1pm, bingo 1:30pm, raffle 3:00 pm and dinner 4:00 pm. Little Sir Jack Johnson will be selling the tickets. The cost will be \$15.00 single or two for \$25.00. Two single members can get together and buy two tickets at a better price. Don't wait until the last minute. If you've never attended the picnic you've been missing a great time.

The speaker this month will be doing a presentation on horse breeding which I know will be of high interest among you. We are always looking for subject matter and/or speakers for future meetings. Again anyone who has any ideas can let one of the executive committee members know. We try to schedule our speakers two to three months ahead of time.

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.

Let's continue to keep the monthly meetings filled with as many members as possible. We are doing well in this area; however, I believe 70 to 75 percent is not out of the question.

See you at the next meeting, Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

Chuck Bennett, Big SIR

APRIL 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.

Visit our Branch website at

www.sir145.org

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

MARCH Financial Report



Net Gain for March
\$50.50

Ending Balance: \$2613.06



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



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BIRTHDAYS
BOYS**

Silas Suits

Charles Vieira

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John Korphage

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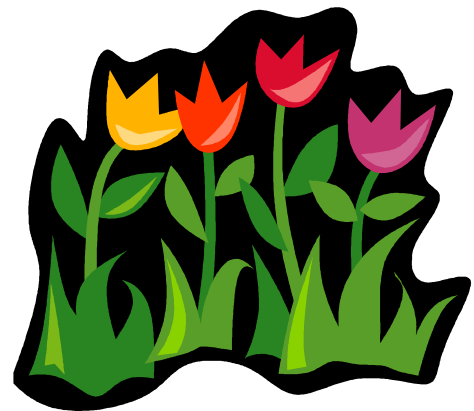
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