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LUNCHEON INFORMATION
BIG SIR COMMENTS

SEPT2023

The Gateway Chapter 169

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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

- WHEN:** Tuesday, September 12, 2023
- WHERE:** PARDINIS CATERING, Shaw and Van Ness Ave
- TIME:** BEC Meeting 1000, Social Hour 1130-1200, Lunch 1200
- COST:** Members/Guests: \$20.00 , Annual Dues (169 MEMBERS not previously paid, \$20.00,)
- SPEAKER:** Lauri King, CEO, Big Fresno Fair
- MENU:** Beef, Chicken or Chef Salad

BIG SIR ARTICLE—September 2023

It's hard to believe that summer has come and gone, school is back in session and hopefully we will see the temperature drop. Our summer of activity for Sirs business has been excellent, we are advancing the merging of our branch activities on all fronts. Our biggest accomplishment was developing a broad of officers and directors that will be presented at our September meeting for vote of approval. I will be attending the annual Sirs meeting later this month and I will be reporting and overall Sirs business. Until our meeting in September keep well.

Jim Hiney, Big SIR



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LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

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Sirs, the speaker for this September meeting is Lauri King, CEO of the Big Fresno Fair. Lauri has been a regular speaker and will bring information about new and exciting things happening at this years Fair,

Also, enclosed on the next page of the Newsletter you will find a slate of officers and directors for your consideration for the upcoming (2024) year. We will be conducting a voice vote at the next meeting, to approve the nominees.

Ernie Sopp

Little SIR



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2024 Slate of Officers and Directors

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The following is the list of nominees for your consideration for the 2024 Branch 169 Board: Anyone interested in being added to the list of nominees should contact Ernie Sopp prior to the September meeting,

Big Sir- Ernie Sopp

Little Sir-John Eleazarian

Treasurer- Nick Lopez

Secretary- Jim Forden

Activities/Golf- Ed Dorn

Membership- Jim Hiney

Sunshine-Bernie Hollenbeck (Mr. Sunshine himself)

Newsletter- Ted Fox

Sirs Board:

Ernie Sopp

John Eleazarian

Jim Hiney

Nick Lopez

Jim Forden

Ed Dorn

Bernie Hollenbeck

Frank Bavaro

Duane Evans

Dan Lindstrom

Luis Rodriguez

Bob Large

Ted Fox

1 representative from 179

(John Eleazarian will serve as Little Sir and rep from 175)



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TREASURERS REPORT

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Treasures Report: August 2023

Beginning CB Balance: \$ 5,684.48

Income: \$ 5,394.54

Expenses: \$ 2,396.09

Ending CB Balance \$ 8,782.93

Petty Cash: \$ 100.00

Total Balance: \$ 8,882.93

Treasures report subject to Board approval
at the September BEC meeting.

Income includes transfer of Br 175 treasury





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SECRETARY REPORT

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SIR CHAPTER 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date 8/8/2023

CALL TO ORDER: Big SIR, Jim Hiney called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

ATTENDING: Paul Dehn; Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian; Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Jim Hiney; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Dan Lindstrom; Nick Lopez; Ernie Sopp;

INTRODUCTION OF Guests: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC with “total of \$6,53.98 available” corrected to read: “total of \$6,253.98 available.”

SECRETARY: 1) Request that the efforts to fill in the missing Roster information be continued 2) A brief demonstration of the SIR169.org website will be offered at the end of this meeting.

TREASURY REPORT: Nick Lopez reported that in July there was a total income of \$2,210.00 and 2,679.50 of expenses. Expenses incurred during the month totaled \$2,679.50, leaving a balance of \$5,784 in the checking account. Including \$100 in Petty Cash on hand, there is a total of \$5,884.48 available in the Chapter 169 account. An additional transfer from the account of SIR 175 is pending. MSC to accept the Treasury Report as submitted.

BIG SIR: 1) Jim Hiney reported that the BEC Nomination Committee has completed its work and reminded that we must yet locate and designate a Photographer for our Chapter.

LITTLE SIR: 1) Ernie Sopp distributed a listing of the proposed slate of officers for 2024. Additional nominations will be invited from the members assembled at today's luncheon with the election of officers to be held during our luncheon in September. MSC to approve the proposed slate and election plan. 2) Ernie reported that today's luncheon speaker would be
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ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn reminded that following our merger, there are now three separate groups that meet monthly for dinner and requested that the organizers of each group provide him with timely information regarding location, time and who to contact so that this can be announced to the membership.



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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

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MEMBERSHIP 1). In the role of Membership Chairman, Jim Hiney reported that he now has a number of membership applications in hand. Of these, most have attended at least one of our prior meetings. MSC that Mike Luckin; Ronald Uragami Alkena be approved for induction. If Nicholas Davis and Michael Talbert, who were approved in July also are in attendance today, they too will be inducted. 3) A brief discussion followed regarding the need to make certain that the new members need to be greeted and introduced to others when they attend the luncheons. It was recalled that there have been instances where this has not occurred and some new members have been lost due to a lack of being brought into the fold. It was shared that some of the Chapters have members designated as "Ambassadors", who have the responsibility of assisting new members in their efforts to become acquainted and to provide support to the new members as they seek to participate in activities. 4) A count of 100 was submitted for today's lunch,

SUNSHINE REPORT: 1). Sunshine Chairman, Bernie Hollenbeck, reported that currently there are a number of members who are being burdened with medical issues, among these are Marshall Goodwin; Scott Barcus; Randy Bresee; Louis Rodriguez and Howard Togo. James Knapp has informed us that due to health problems, he will no longer be able to participate in our Chapter.

OLD BUSINESS: None on today's agenda

NEW BUSINESS: Big SIR, Jim Hiney will reported that the Statewide Annual meeting has been set and will be conducted via ZOOM technology. An annual event which in past years covered a He also noted that the date for the Statewide Annual meeting has been set and will be conducted via ZOOM technology. An annual event which in past years covered a period of 2 or 3 days, now is conducted in a span of 2 hours. period of 2 or 3 days, now is conducted in a span of 2 hours.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:05 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary

Minutes of the Board meeting are not finalized until approved at the following Board Meeting. Corrections and Changes to the newsletter should be forwarded to Jim Forden prior to the August meeting.

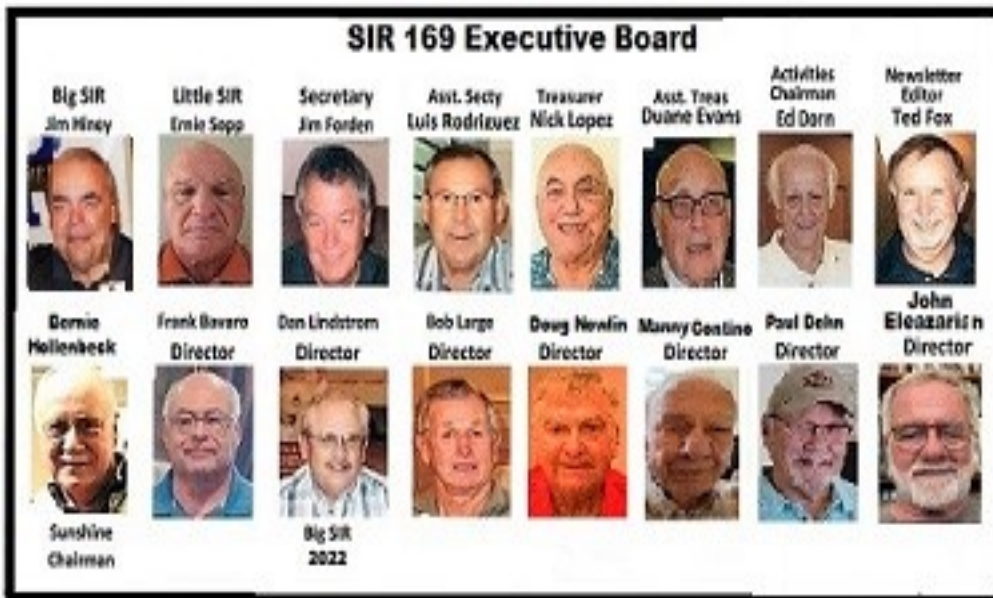


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BRANCH INFORMATION

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SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman



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CALLERS



Dave Hoffman 374-5622, Bob Lung 252-1483, Ted Fox 298-3179,
 Bob Large 227-7136, Anthony Noia 492-1848, Jim Peterson 897-5595
 David Williams 275-9378

Branch Website: SIR169.org

State Website: SIRINC.org



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IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER EVENTS

The Gateway Chapter 169

MARK ALKEMA

JAMES BATTEN

BOB BOGOSKI

RICK CHRISTL

ALLEN FRY

FRANK GOMES

KENT HAMES

DAVID HOLMES

WILLISM LOVOS



JERRY MCDONALD

ERIC MILLER

RAY MONTAG

ROBERT NEWTON

AARON TAYLOR

MARK VESTOR

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



DAVE AND MARGARITA DINSDALE JOSE AND DOTTIE GARCIA

BOB AND MARY ELLEN LUNG, PLUS ALL COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES from Branches 175 and 179



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VETERAN NEWS BRIEFS

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IMPORTANT! Do you know a Veteran who deployed to a combat zone but never signed up for VA health care? There's a special enrollment period right now. But act fast—the deadline is September 30.

IMPORTANT! The PACT Act is here to stay, and Veterans and survivors can apply anytime for the benefits they've earned. File [your PACT Act claim](#) or submit your intent to file (takes minutes) today at VA.gov/PACT.

Due to high traffic on VA.gov, some Veterans and survivors are receiving error messages when submitting their intent to file PACT Act claims. If you receive one of these messages, don't worry! We have logged your intent to file and saved your effective date for benefits. No Veteran or survivor will miss out on a single day of benefits due to this issue.

The vast majority of Veterans and beneficiaries receive VA benefit payments through electronic funds transfer, also known as direct deposit. But if you're still receiving a paper check, changes are coming. Watch and learn how to sign up for EFT payments or how to request a waiver to keep receiving a paper check.



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ACTIVITIES

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Golf:

Complete results and the current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcare29br169.memberplanet.com>

September Schedule:

Duane Oberquell is the host for August

September 5th 8:00 Dragon Fly 4man 2bb

September 19th 8:00 Ridge Creek Cha Cha Cha (Final leg of the Branch Championship)

September 29th 8:30 Riverside 4man 2bb

Thank you to Nick Lopez for hosting in August

Note: Need a host for November. This is a great opportunity for a new host to learn the process.



Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be on September 14th at 6:00 at the Bobby Salazar's Restaurant located at Champlain and Perrin, in Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the September luncheon for this fun evening.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday

Contact Manny Contino for more information

Sirs Diners: 2nd Wednesday

Sir Diners are having dinner on September 13th at Los Amigos Restaurant located at 5088 N. Blackstone. Social hour begins at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00. Contact Don Laines at 908-5441. Currently there are 30 diners signed up.



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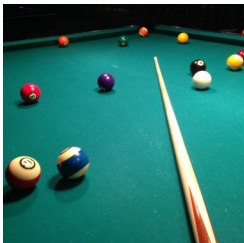
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Poker Groups

1. Formerly Br 169 group. Contact Ed Dorn, Jim Hiney or Ted Fox if you are interested in joining this poker group. We currently play once a month, the Wednesday following the luncheon, rotating houses. Light snacks and beverages supplied by the host. Time: 1 pm to 4 pm . Contact us at the monthly luncheon.
2. Formerly Br 179 group, aka. The SIR George Lane Memorial Poker Group usually plays once a month, on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We rotate houses and the host is responsible for providing a light lunch, snacks and beverages. Time 1200 pm to 300 pm. Let Chairman Richard Ewell know at richarde37@gmail.com if you are interested.



Pool Group

The pool players now meet for lunch at 11:00 am on Thursdays at the Windham Retirement Home, followed by a few brisk rounds of pool at the same location. All members are welcome, skilled or novice. For more details, call Chairman Richard Ewell at 432-7601.



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Lunch and Movie Outing



Lee Moy anticipates using this lunch and activity format in the future for other popular movies or sporting events. Stay tuned for his future announcements. As of the date this newsletter was published, I have received no information for a September outing, If anything comes in It will be sent out separately.. Stay tuned.

Horse Racing Outing



Lee Moy is providing a second flyer of the SIR Day at Golden Gate Fields horse race track on the shoreline of San Francisco Bay. This event will take place on September 25th and is open to couples or single attendees. A noon lunch at the famed Turf Club Buffet is planned. The "per person" cost will be \$76. Lee would like a single check from the branch based on how many people plan to attend. Lee has set a cutoff deadline of September 20th to have all funds collected.

Please see the 2nd flyer on the following page



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Yes! **WE'RE BACK**
Come in, we've missed you

SIR Day at the Races
GGF-9/25/23; noon
\$76/buffet/TurfClub

Wonderful scenery!
Excellent food + drinks.
Plenty of smiles and lots
of laughter. Memories.



Lee Moy

Address/mail check to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis 93612;
Leehealthstudio@gmail.com; Text (559) 709-9851
Deadline 9/20/23. \$76/per person



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Another SIR Event, spearheaded by Lee Moy.. Anyone interested, please contact Lee directly at the address on the flyer.



Fresno State Football vs Nevada
Sept 30, 2023; Saturday TBD
Section 5, Row 25-27, Seats 1-6
While seats remain available
\$ 40 per person

Write/Mail check to: Lee Moy
127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis 93612

Carpool from Lee's—3pm (if it's a 7pm game)
Share parking cost + printing fee

Deadline: Wed, 9/20/2023 3pm





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BRANCH YEARLY GOLF SCHEDULE

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SIR 169 Golf Schedule

2023 July through December

JULY						
July 6, Thurs	8:00	Ridge Creek	Lone Ranger	Dennis Soliday	931-220-8577	
July 18, Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Dennis Soliday		
July 25 or 27	8:00	Belmont CC	Shambles	Dennis Soliday		
AUGUST						
Aug 1, Tues	8:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	roysgrijalva@msn.com	
August 15, Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Roy Grijalva		
Aug 22, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Roy Grijalva		
Aug 29 Tues	8:00	Lemoore	flighted	Roy Grijalva		
SEPTEMBER						
Sept 5, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	d.oberquell@comcast.net	
Sept 19, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Duane Oberquell		
Sept 26, Tues	8:30	Riverside	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell		
OCTOBER						
Oct 3, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Richard Lara	rlara0505@comcast.net	
Oct 19 Thurs	9:00	Belmont CC	Scrambles	Richard Lara		
Oct 24, Tues	10:00	Rivercreek-Oakhurst	4man 2bb	Richard Lara		
Oct 31 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Shambles	Richard Lara		
NOVEMBER						
Nov 7 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Nick Lopez	nicklopez741@yahoo.com	
Nov 21, Tues	9:00	Airways	4man 2bb	Nick Lopez		
Nov 28, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb	Nick Lopez		
DECEMBER						
Dec 5, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Cha Cha Cha	Dave Dinsdale 301-4477	getover50@comcast.net	
Dec 19, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dave Dinsdale		
Dec 28, Tues	10:00	Airways	Scrambles	Dave Dinsdale		
Branch Championship		Best 3 out of 4 events				

Please check
in 30 minutes
prior to tee
time



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BRANCH GOLF INFORMATION

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AS THE FOURTH LEG OF THE BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP APPROACHES, KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE ELUSIVE BIRD ,THE SANDBAGGER.

A HELPFUL TOOL TO HELP SPOT THEM FOLLOWS

WHAT ARE THE ODDS

THE FREQUENCY THAT A GIVEN HANDICAP SHOULD SHOOT A CAREER SCORE

0-HANDICAP

65 24 YEARS
70 6 MONTHS

5-HANDICAP

68 132 YEARS
72 5 YEARS
75 6 MONTHS

10-HANDICAP

72 194 YEARS
75 18 YEARS
77 4.4 YEARS
80 6 MONTHS

15-HANDICAP

78 32 YEARS
80 12 YEARS
82 3.4 YEARS
85 6 MONTHS

20-HANDICAP

80 1,100 YEARS
82 62 YEARS
85 12 YEARS
87 3.4 YEARS
90 6 MONTHS



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AUGUST LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Sujay Martinez, HICAP



Laura Robinson, HICAP





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WINE RAFFLE WINNER



Bob Bogoski

BERNIE HOLLENBECK & (NAME NOT PROVIDED)

(APOLOGIES)



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50/50 WINNERS



Robert Henry



Ralph Handy



George Finney



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August Birthday Boys



Jeffrey McGrath

Jim Hiney

Nick Smirnov

Bernie Hollenbeck

Stanley Busch

Not sure who won the Birthday Lunch



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AUGUST LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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Induction of new members



Nick Davis

Mike Luckin

Ronald Uragami

Mark Alkema

Sponsor of Mike

Sponsor of Ron and Mark

Ralph Handly

Frank Gonzalez