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LUNCHEON INFORMATION

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Happy Thanksgiving!



NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

- WHEN:** Tuesday, November 14, 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:** Dr Saul Jimenez Sandoval, President, CSU Fresno
- MENU:** Traditional Turkey Dinner or Chef Salad



NOVEMBER BIG SIR COMMENTS

Hello fellow Sirs, it's hard to believe Halloween has passed and we are a few short weeks away from Thanksgiving. I have many things to be thankful for this year and one of them is how we successfully merged our branches to become a vibrant enthusiastic branch that can take advantage of our strength given our size. We brought on nine new members. We managed to stay together and conduct our luncheon at the Picadilly Inn for four months while Pardini's was being renovated. The next year is already on it's way with a new slate of Officers and Board members ready to be sworn in during an upcoming general luncheon. That's it for now see you at the next luncheon.

Jin Hiney, Big SIR





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BIG SIR COMMENTS (CONT)

LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

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Good morning fellow Sirs, our next board meeting is on Tuesday November 14th at 10:00 am. I hope to see you all there, we have a couple of important topics to finalize annual dues, catering contract and installation of officers. We need the decision on all these topics because our December meeting is going to be a short one because ladies are invited to our luncheon and program.

Jim Hiney, Big SIR

Happy Thanksgiving to all Sirs. For the month of November, we will be hearing from the President of Fresno State, Dr. Sandoval.

Dr. Sandoval is a native of Fowler and is committed to the region for higher education. His personal mission is to promote the region's economic and cultural ascendancy.

His story is one of hard work and success. I am sure he will be inspirational.

Ernie Sopp, Little SIR



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TREASURERS REPORT

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Treasurers Report: October 2023

Happy



Thanksgiving



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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Beginning CB Balance: | \$ 8,822.52 |
| Income: | \$ 2,048.00 |
| Expenses: | \$ 2,479.70 |
| Ending CB Balance | \$ 8,340.52 |
| Petty Cash: | \$ 100.00 |
| Total Balance: | \$ 8,440.52 |

Treasurers report subject to final approval
at next BEC meeting.



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SECRETARY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date 10/10/2023

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

ATTENDING: Paul Deh; Ed Dorn; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Jim Hiney; Bernie Hollenbeck; Nick Lopez; Douglas Nowlin; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp

GUESTS: Scott Hollenbeck

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC as submitted

BIG SIR: Jim Hiney: 1) Reminded that the Board will soon need to negotiate a catering contract with Pardinis for the upcoming year. Bernie Hollenbeck offered to handle that effort. 2) Jim then raised questioned whether our Chapter dues structure should be revisited in the expectation that the State offices of SIR may be increasing our quarterly assessment rate along with a potential increase in the luncheon cost. Following a brief discussion of this issue, it was the consensus of the Board members that any future consideration of the dues structure should be deferred until we have a more accurate understanding of these costs.

LITTLE SIR: Ernie Sopp reported: 1) Bernie Hollenbeck will be providing the program at today's luncheon. They will be sharing with us, the sensitive elegance of the interment in the Washington National Cemetery of Bernie's brother Neil, who had served with remarkable recognition in the Army. Bernie will be assisted in the presentation by Scott, another one his sons. 2) Dr. Saul Sandoval, President of Fresno State University will be the speaker at next month's meeting and Bullard Talent has agreed to perform once more at our luncheon in December to which the ladies will be invited.

SECRETARY REPORT: The project to create a single detailed Roster for SIR 169 is progressing with personal data on 110 of 167 members now entered into the file. Additionally, Bernie has been able to assign ID numbers to all of our Active Members and an effort is underway to secure photos of all for the Directory. A big thank you to all who have been working on the project.

TREASURY REPORT: Nick Lopez reported that after addressing expenditures of \$ 2,284.41 for the month, against an accumulated income of \$ 11,106.93, there is a balance of \$ 8,722.52 in the Chapter account. Together with the Petty Cash on hand, there is a total of \$8,822.52 available to the Chapter. MSC to accept the Treasury Report as submitted.



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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

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ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn reported: 1) The Golf Championship for our Chapter has been completed with the following results: Low Gross was won by Michael Carrera at a score of 223 with 2nd place won by Leonard Lovato at 237. Tied for 3rd low net were: Jackie Lovato, Ray Montag and Cliff Rayley. In the Low Net competition, there was a 1st play tie at 211 shot by Dave Dinsdale and Duane Oberquell. These men were followed in 2nd place by James Crain and Jackie Lovato. Leonard Lovato scored 214 and placed 3rd. 2) The SIRS Diners meet on 10/11 and will be at Yosemite Falls Restaurant. Couples Night Out is going to do something quite different this month by going to the Table Mountain Casino for Sunday buffet brunch on the 15th. Date Night will be going to the 5 Restaurant on the 18th.

MEMBERSHIP: As Membership Chairman, Jim Hiney announced that he has a new application for Michael Tolbert, who was a professor at Fresno State. MSC to approve for induction. Brief discussion followed with the recognition that with today's induction of Tolbert, we will have brought in 8 new members since our merger.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bernie reported that Ed Hansen is recuperating at the San Joaquin Rehab facility and that Board Member Ted Fox is on the mend following shoulder surgery.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS: To give the Board a better basis for dealing with our current financial health, Big SIR, Jim Hiney requested that our Treasurer, Nick Lopez, develop a summary of the previous 12 months financial statements. Nick will do this for review at our next meeting

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 November 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 NOVEMBER EVENTS

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

ED DORN

TED FOX

DAVID GOODWIN

KEN LAI

MICHAEL LUCKIN

JIM MARTIN

DEAN PHILPOT

ERNIE SOPP

DENNIS SOLIDAY

AMOS BAGDASARIAN

ANDREW EVANKO

LELAND HOUSE

Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

ED AND JOANN HANSEN

DAVE AND CAROLYN HOFFMAN

JEFFREY AND JUDY MCGRATH

RAY AND ETTA SMITH

ERNIE AND PAM SOPP

ROGER AND ARIANA STEWART

DAVID AND RAMONA WILLAIMS

AND ALL OTHER SIR MEMBERS AND SPOUSES/PARTNERS

CELEBRATING A NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY



Happy Thanksgiving Day



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VETERAN/ MEDICARE/OTHER USEFUL NEWS

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Medicare.gov

Did you know you have choices in your Medicare prescription drug and health coverage? Medicare's Open Enrollment Period (October 15 - December 7) is your chance to think about what matters most to you. **Plans can change from year to year, and your health needs may change, too.** So it's important to know your options.

You have 2 main ways to get your Medicare coverage — Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage (Medicare-approved plans from private companies). It's important to understand the **differences between the 2 options.**

Start at [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov), your official source to find the type of coverage that fits you best. If you need more help comparing options:

- **Call us at 1-800-MEDICARE** during Open Enrollment.

Contact your local **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**. Visit [shiphelp.org](https://www.shiphelp.org) to get the phone number for your state.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT | OCT. 15-DEC. 7

**OPEN ENROLLMENT
STARTS HERE:
MEDICARE.GOV**





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Medicare.gov

Medicare drug plans aren't "one size fits all." You have options. In fact, there are **23 Medicare drug plans** available in your area (**93720**).

Now's the time to compare all your coverage options, and find one that best fits your needs and budget for 2024. [Log in to \(or create\) your Medicare account](#) — and add your prescription drugs if you haven't already — to get more personalized recommendations.

Keep these things in mind as you compare:

1. The option with the lowest monthly premium may not always be the best fit for your needs
2. Check that your specific prescription drugs are covered by the plan before you enroll in it.

Look at the plan's deductible and other out-of-pocket costs, including the estimated "Yearly Drug & Premium Cost," that factor into your total costs.

By comparing all of your coverage options this Open Enrollment, you could save money, find better coverage, or both!

Sincerely,

The Medicare Team



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Free Meals, Discounts and Offers for Veterans Day

Veterans Day 2023 is Saturday, Nov. 11. Check out this year's list of free meals, retail discounts and other ways businesses and organizations are showing appreciation for Veterans this Veterans Day and year-round.



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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://sirgcarearea29br169.memberplanet.com>

NCGA Dues: Your NCGA dues are now due. If you are renewing, the cost is \$55 payable to "Sirs 169 Golf". You can bring a check to the luncheon or mail it to Ed Dorn at 10418 N. Sinclair Cr., Fresno, CA. 93730

November Schedule:

Ed Dorn and Mike Panella are the hosts for November

November 7th 9:00 Madera Muni Flighted

November 21st 9:00 Airways 4man 2bb

November 28th 9:00 Pheasant Run 4man 2bb

Thank you to Richard Lara for hosting in October.



Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be on November 16th at 6:00 at BJ's Restaurant at 725 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the November luncheon for this fun event.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday

Contact Manny Contino for more information

Sirs Diners: 2nd Wednesday

Contact Marshall Goodwin for more information



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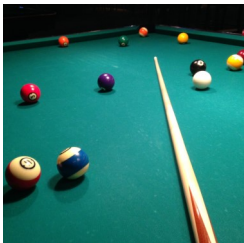
ACTIVITIES

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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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ACTIVITIES: GOLF 2023 BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP

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BRANCH 169 LOW GROSS AND LOW NET CHAMPIONS

LOW GROSS



1st Michael Carrera 223

2nd Leonard Lovato 237

3rd Jackie Lovato 247

3rd Cliff Raley 247

3rd Ray Montag 247

LOW NET (Picture Not available)

1ST Dave Dinsdale 211

1st Duane Oberquell 211

3rd James Crane 213

3rd Jackie Lovato 213

5th Leonard Lovato 214



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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**

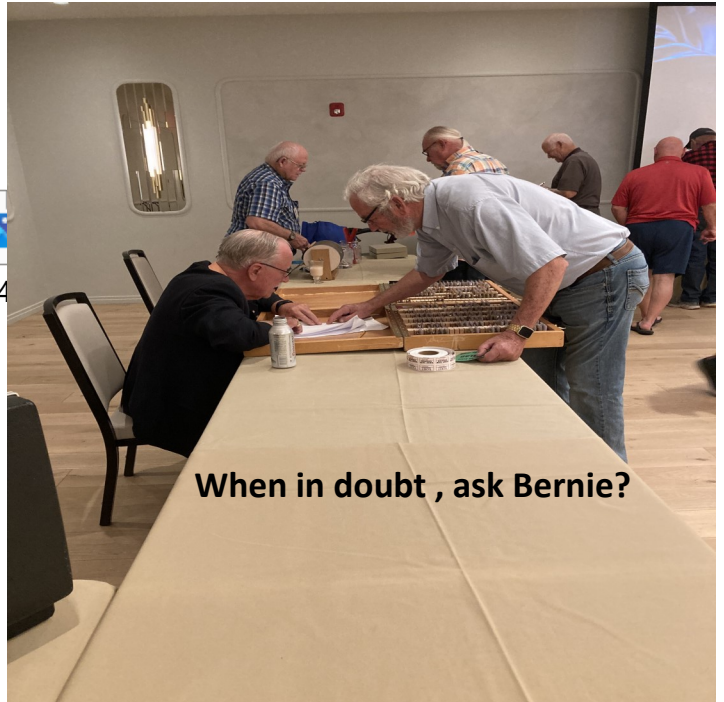
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OCTOBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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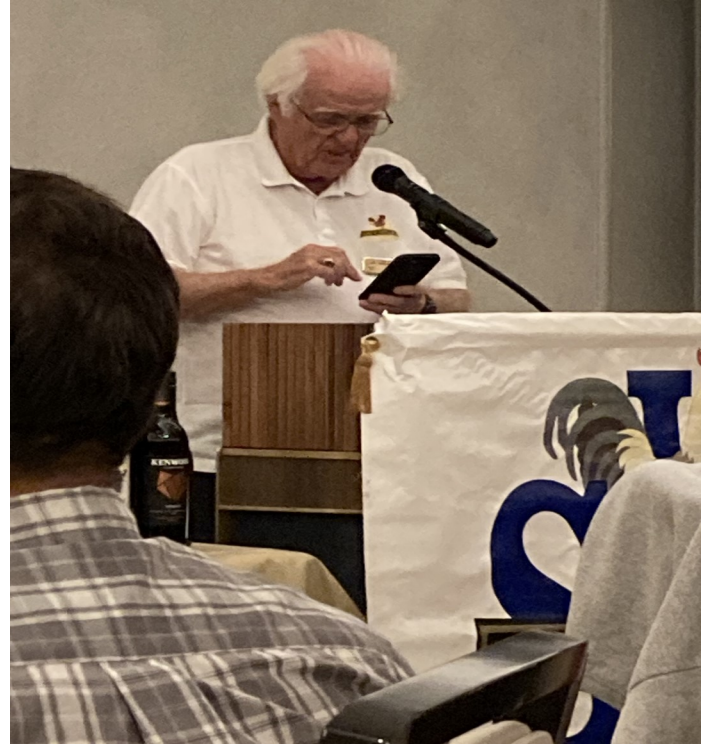




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Central Valley Honor Flight



SIRs Club Branch 169 member John Noll in the red jacket arriving in Baltimore Maryland today. he is one of 68 Veterans that left Fresno Monday morning for the three day trip of Washington DC on Central Valley Honor Flight #27.

Congratulations John, and welcome home.





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October Guest Speaker

Bernie Hollenbeck



Sir member Bernie Hollenbeck making his presentation, concerning the outstanding service and dignity provided his brother as he was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

We even gave him a free bottle of wine





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OCTOBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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WINE WINNERS



JEFFREY MCGRATH



CLETE VON TERSCH



TOM WIDER



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OCTOBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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50/50 WINNERS



Leonard Lovato



Don Laines



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SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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October Birthday Boy



**HIROSHI YAGURA, the Lone October
Birthday Boy, therefore the lucky winner
Of next months free luncheon.**

**Not sure what happened to the other 6-7
members with October birthdays who were
at the meeting and did not come forward to**