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## LUNCHEON INFORMATION

DEC 2023

The Gateway Chapter 169

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# Christmas Greetings

### DECEMBER LUNCHEON: LADIES/PARTNERS/ SIGNIFICANT OTHERS DAY

- WHEN:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023
- WHERE:** PARDINIS CATERING, Shaw and Van Ness Ave
- TIME:** Social Hour 1100-1200, Lunch 1200
- COST:** Members/Guests: \$20.00 ,
- SPEAKER:** Bullard Talent Ensemble
- MENU:** Holiday Ham or Chef Salad





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BIG SIR COMMENTS

LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

## The Gateway Chapter 169

Just like all good books come to an ending, so too, to my year as Big Sir for 169. It has been an exciting year filled with lots of challenges, great speakers, strengthened friendships, renewed enthusiasm and I personally feel we are back to having a bit more fun, after all that's what we joined for, to meet people, develop friendships and have fun. I must call attention to the many people that made a contribution, Luis Rodriguez and Ernie Sopp, they coordinated our speakers this year and into the next, Ted Fox for production of a excellent newsletter, Ed Dorn and Mick Carrera for golf, Jim Forden for all the branch reports and website updates, Nick Lopez and Duane Evans Treasury, Bernie Hollenbeck for attendance and Sunshine. In closing I want to thank Don Laines, Manny Cantino, Ed Dorn, Tom Lean, Paul Dehn, Doug Nowlin for their participation in the task force to merge 169, 175 and 179 into one branch the new 169. All in all a great year for me as Big Sir, see you at the luncheon. Jim Hiney, Big SIR Br 169

As the December luncheon roles around, I, as well as others, look forward to having the kids from Bullard Talent entertain us. I am sure it is like seeing your grandchildren on stage.

I also am looking forward to taking the gavel from Jim Hiney. It has been a pleasure working with him and the BEC in making Sirs 169 stronger than ever. I am pleased, through Jim's leadership, to take over an organization in such good order. Membership is up and the treasury has never looked better I am looking forward to 2024. I hope you are as well. Ernie Sopp. Little SIR Br 169





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## TREASURERS REPORT

### The Gateway Chapter 169

Treasures Report: November 2023



|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning CB Balance:</b> | <b>\$ 8,340.82</b> |
| <b>Income:</b>               | <b>\$ 2,098.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>             | <b>\$ 2,176.21</b> |
| <b>Ending CB Balance:</b>    | <b>\$ 8,262.61</b> |
| <b>Petty Cash:</b>           | <b>\$ 100.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Balance:</b>        | <b>\$ 8,362.61</b> |



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## SECRETARY REPORT

### The Gateway Chapter 169

#### **SIR CHAPTER 169**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date 11/14/2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Big SIR, Jim Hiney called the meeting to order at 10:01 am

**ATTENDING:** Frank Bavaro; Manny Contino; Paul Dehn; Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian; Duane Evans;; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Jim Hiney; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp

**GUESTS:** None today

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC as submitted

**BIG SIR:** Jim Hiney: 1) Reported that beginning 2024, State SIR will be increasing the per person assessment to \$2.50/quarter. Additionally, the member count provided at the end of the first quarter will remain as a constant through the duration of the year. Discussion followed re the consequences of this new approach, particularly as it will impact growing vs. declining Chapters of our organization. By consensus, our Chapter concluded that the move taken by the State without normal consultation with the chapters needs to be directly addressed and instructed incoming Big SIR Ernie Sopp to invite our Area Representative, Bruce Corwin to our January meeting to discuss the topic. 2) As the next item on his agenda, Jim distributed Pardinis catering proposal for the upcoming year. If accepted by the Chapter, the per person luncheon cost will be increased to \$23/person. Discussion followed with MSC to accept the proposed contract. 3) Jim then raised questioned whether our Chapter dues structure should be revisited in to address the increased costs. Following a discussion of this issue, it was the consensus of the Board members that.....4) Jim reminded that our Board members for 2024 need to be inducted and suggested that the induction should be made at todays luncheon. MSC to induct the 2024 Board today.

**Little SIR:** Ernie Sopp gave the good news that together, he and Luis Rodriguez had secured program speakers for the majority of next year's meetings and today, Dr. Raul Sandoval, President of Fresno State will be the program speaker.

**Secretary:** Jim Forden reported: 1) Currently there are 167 members on the SIR 169 Roster. The total rose to 170 during the month, but two members passed away during the period; one was dropped due to non-participation, another for serious illness and one new number was inducted. 2) In a continuing effort to capture the missing personal data for our Roster, forms have been created that will be used to obtain the information from members as they sign in for todays luncheon.



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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

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**Treasury Report:** Nick Lopez reported that after addressing expenditures of \$2,479.70, and collecting income of \$10,870.52; there is a current balance in the Chapter's checking account of \$8,340.52. Adding in a Petty Cash amount of \$100, there is a total of \$8,440.52 of cash available for the operation of the Chapter. MSC to approve the report as submitted.

**Activities:** Ed Dorn reported: 1)The 2024 SIR 169 Golf Schedule has been finalized and is submitted for approval. MSC to approve the Schedule as submitted. 2) Participating golfers need to submit their annual NCGA dues by the end of December to keep their approved handicaps active. 3) The Couples Dine Out group will be meeting for dinner this month at BJs Restaurant and Brew House, located adjacent to the Fashion Fair Shopping Center.

**Membership:** In his role as Membership Chairman, Jim Hiney reported that while he has no new applications in hand, one approved candidate, Manny Perales will be presented for induction today.

**Sunshine Report:** Bernie Hollenbeck shared with the Board that Lloyd Snavelly had suffered a knee injury; Harvey Johnson was experiencing some issues with his back; and both Cletus Von Turk and Fred Bates were addressing medical concerns.

**Old Business:** Nothing to address at this meeting.

**New Business:** Nothing new on the agenda.

**Adjournment:** 11:06 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

### The Gateway Chapter 169

### 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](http://SIR169.org)

State Website: [SIRINC.org](http://SIRINC.org)





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IMPORTANT DECEMBER EVENTS

## The Gateway Chapter 169

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Mike Barabe
- Jeffrey Meyer
- Dan Nance
- John Tracy
- Marshall Garth
- David Mascherian
- Douglas Nowlin
- Peter Suddjian
- Thomas Wider
- Kevin Herzog
- Lawerence Johnson
- Robert Spain

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- MIKE AND CATHY BARABE
- FRED AND LINDA BATES
- ALFRED AND CONNIE MOLLO
- ROBERT ANE NORMA URAGAMI
- ALL OTHER COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER







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VETERAN/ MEDICARE/OTHER USEFUL NEWS

## The Gateway Chapter 169

# 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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VETERAN/ MEDICARE/OTHER USEFUL NEWS

## The Gateway Chapter 169

### Free Lifetime Pass to National Parks, Other Public Lands

Veterans and Gold Star Families are eligible for a free lifetime pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges and forests.



### Give the Gift of a Resort Vacation

From Dec. 13-22, Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC) is offering discounted seven-night resort stays to destinations worldwide. AFVC is a free membership travel club for all active, retired and Veteran military members.



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## ACTIVITIES

### The Gateway Chapter 169



**Golf:** Complete results and the current schedule can be found on the golf web page: <https://sirgcare29br169.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

**December Schedule:**

Dave Dinsdale is the host for December.

|              |       |            |             |
|--------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| Dec 5, Tues  | 8:00  | Dragon Fly | Cha Cha Cha |
| Dec 19, Tues | 9:00  | Riverside  | Lone Ranger |
| Dec 26, Tues | 10:00 | Airways    | Scrambles   |



### Couples Nite Out

This group will not be dining out at a restaurant in December. Contact Ed Dorn for more information

**Date-Nite: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday**

Contact Manny Contino for more information

**Sirs Diners: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

Contact Marshall Goodwin for more information



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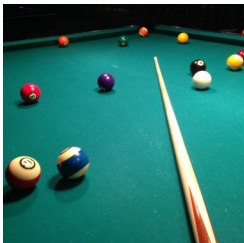
## ACTIVITIES

### The Gateway Chapter 169



#### 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](mailto:richarde37@gmail.com) if you are interested.



#### Pool Group

The pool players now meet for **BREAKFAST** at 9:00am 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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## BRANCH YEARLY GOLF SCHEDULE

### The Gateway Chapter 169

#### 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           |  | <a href="mailto:roysgrijalva@msn.com">roysgrijalva@msn.com</a>       |
| 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        |  | <a href="mailto:d.oberquell@comcast.net">d.oberquell@comcast.net</a> |
| 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           |  | <a href="mailto:rlara0505@comcast.net">rlara0505@comcast.net</a>     |
| 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             |  | <a href="mailto:nicklopez741@yahoo.com">nicklopez741@yahoo.com</a>   |
| 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 |  | <a href="mailto:getover50@comcast.net">getover50@comcast.net</a>     |
| 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 YEARLY GOLF SCHEDULE

### The Gateway Chapter 169

#### SIR 169 Golf Schedule

#### 2024 January thru June

Ed Dorn, Golf Chairman  
edorn@att.net 977-0779

#### SIR 169 Golf 2024 Schedule

Mick Carrera, Pairing  
mick\_carrera@hotmail.com 291-207

| Date            | Time  | Course               | Format      | Chairman/Phone         | E-Mail Address   |
|-----------------|-------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| <b>JANUARY</b>  |       |                      |             |                        |  |
| Jan 2, Tues     | 8:00  | Dragon Fly           | 4 Man 2bb   | Jackie Lovato 307-9032 | <a href="mailto:jl_lovato@yahoo.com">jl_lovato@yahoo.com</a>               |
| Jan 16, Tues    | 9:00  | Riverside            | Flighted    | Jackie Lovato          |  |
| Jan 23 Tues     | 10:00 | Ridge Creek          | Cha Cha Cha | Jackie Lovato          |  |
| Jan 30 Tues     | 10:00 | Madera CC            | Scrambles   | Jackie Lovato          |  |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b> |       |                      |             |                        |  |
| Feb 6, Tues     | 9:00  | Airways              | Cha Cha Cha | Dan Lindstrom          | <a href="mailto:dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com">dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com</a> |
| Feb 20 Tues     | 9:00  | Madera Muni          | 4 Man 2bb   | Dan Lindstrom          |  |
| Feb 27, Tues    | 8:30  | Riverside            | Lone Ranger | Dan Lindstrom          |  |
| <b>MARCH</b>    |       |                      |             |                        |  |
| Mar 5, Tues     | 9:00  | Airways              | 2 Man bb    | Don Laines 908-5441    | <a href="mailto:lainesf@comcast.net">lainesf@comcast.net</a>               |
| Mar 19 Tues     | 9:00  | Madera CC            | Scrambles   | Don Laines             |  |
| Mar 26, Tues    | 9:00  | Madera Muni          | Cha Cha Cha | Don Laines             |  |
| <b>APRIL</b>    |       |                      |             |                        |  |
| April 2, Tues   | 9:00  | Ridge Creek          | 4man 2bb    | Jim Peterson 304-0100  | <a href="mailto:jimmargpeterson@yahoo.com">jimmargpeterson@yahoo.com</a>   |
| Apr 16, Tues    | 8:00  | Riverside            | Cha Cha Cha | Jim Peterson           |  |
| Apr 23, Tues    | 9:00  | Pheasant Run         | 4man 2bb    | Jim Peterson           |  |
| April 30, Tues  | 8:00  | Dragon Fly           | 4man 2bb    | Jim Peterson           |  |
| <b>MAY</b>      |       |                      |             |                        |  |
| May 7 Tues      | 8:00  | Airways              | Lone Ranger | Brian Ohde             | <a href="mailto:ohdefamily@hotmail.com">ohdefamily@hotmail.com</a>         |
| May 21, Tues    | 9:00  | Valley Oaks          | Shambles    | Brian Ohde             |  |
| May 28 Tues     | 9:00  | Lemoore              | 2man bb     | Brian Ohde             |  |
| <b>JUNE</b>     |       |                      |             |                        |  |
| June 4 Tues     | 8:00  | Madera Muni          | Cha Cha Cha | Ken Myers              |  |
| June 13, Thurs  | 8:00  | Belmont              | Scrambles   | Ken Myers              |  |
| June 18, Tues   | 9:00  | River Creek-Oakhurst | 2man bb     | Ken Myers              | <a href="mailto:kmyers654@aol.com">kmyers654@aol.com</a>                   |
| June 25 Tues    | 8:00  | Dragon Fly           | 4man 2bb    | Ken Myers              |  |





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#### SIR 169 Golf Schedule

#### July thru Dec 2024

#### JULY

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| July 16, Tues  | 8:00  | Madera CC           | Scrambles     | Joe Russo              |  |
| July 23, Tues  | 8:00  | Pheasant Run        | Straight golf | Joe Russo              |  |
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| Sept 12, Thurs   | 8:00  | Belmont             | Scrambles     |                        |  |
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| Dec 31, Tues   | 9:00  | Airways             | Scrambles     | Dave Dinsdale          |  |
| <b>Branch Championship Best 3 our of 4 events</b>              |       |                     |               |                        |  |
| Please check in 30 minutes prior to tee time                   |       |                     |               |                        |  |
| <b>Note: Belmont is tentative (waiting for their approval)</b> |       |                     |               |                        |  |





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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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**Jim Hiney inducts the 2024 Board Officers and Directors**



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**Jim Hiney inducts a new member: Manny Perales**



**Sponsor: Leonard Lovato**

**New Member Manny Perales**



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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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**November Guest Speaker**

**Dr Saul Sandoval, President CSUF**



**DR Sandoval gave a very impactful talk about the future of Fresno State. He was very inspiring in his thoughts and actions he has personally taken to improve the success of Fresno State. Thousands of Fresno State graduates stay in the community and become the future of Fresno and all aspects of the various communities they live in. He sees a very powerful role for the University, to make Fresno County a leader in the economy of the State and Country.**





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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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## WINE WINNERS



**ALFRED MOLLO**



**LES SAYWELL**



**ERIC MILLER**



**STEVE FORTNER**



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OCTOBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

## The Gateway Chapter 169

### 50/50 WINNERS



**GERALD STOLTENBERG**



**BERNARD SANKEY**



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NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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### November Birthday Boy



Ernie

**Ernie Sopp, the Little SIR won the free lunch drawing for the November Birthdays.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL SIRS  
MEMBER CELEBRATING A NO-  
VEMBER BIRTHDAY**