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LUNCHEON INFORMATION

MAR 2024

The Gateway Chapter 169

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

March Luncheon information

WHEN; TUESDAY March 12, 2024

WHERE: Pardinis Catering

TIME: 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch

COST: Lunch \$25. Annual Dues \$25

SPEAKER: John Coyle, CENTER FOR LIVING

**MENU: Corned Beef, Pork, or Chef Salad,
(Alternative Diet options available
Please let your caller know)**



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BIG SIR COMMENTS

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I had a zoom conference with our area representative. Since there was not much on the agenda I brought up our concern over the way our quarterly dues to the state are determined. The BEC does not like the new way the quarterly dues are issued and I expressed our distain for their (the state's) method for determining our quarterlies. Our area rep will take my suggestion of determining our quarterlies based on the active members back to the state organization (or at least that is what he implied). We will see what happens.



I hope everyone enjoyed our speaker for Mother's Day. Especially since "Mr. Lincoln" had had a slight stroke the week prior. I guess the show must go on!



Hope everyone enjoys the month of March; more sunshine and golf, along with the St. Patrick's Day corned beef for lunch.



Ernie Sopp

Big SIR





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LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

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LITTLE SIR REPORT



I want to extend a big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln (aka Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Scott) for their excellent and informative presentation of our sixteenth President and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. I learned a great deal, not the least of which is that bad things happening when the entertainment industry gets involved in politics started long before our time.



We look forward to thin month's presentation by John Coyle of the Centers for Living. Once again, I have to thank Luis Rodriguez and Ernie Sapp for their work in lining up speakers for almost the entire year before I took office.



John Eleazarian





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TREASURERS REPORT

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FEBRUARY TREASURES REPORT

HAPPY

ST. PATRICK'S

DAY

Beginning CB Balance:	\$ 9,510.08
Income:	\$ 4,379.00
Expenses:	\$ 3,626.87
Ending CB Balance:	\$10,161.21
Petty Cash:	\$ 100.00
Ending Total Bal:	\$10,262.21



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SECRETARY REPORT

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SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: February 13, 2024

Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:06 am

ATTENDING: John Eleazarian; Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Jim Hiney; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Bernie Hollenbeck; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp

Guest(s): Roger Stewart

BIG SIR REPORT: 1) Ernie Sopp reported that via Zoom, he had contacted Bruce Corwin, our Regional Director, and conveyed that SIR 169 takes issue with the recently announced changes that the State SIR had implemented in the determination of assessments and the manner in which assessments will be calculated this year. Ernie explained that he told Corwin that our chapter objected to the changes in that we believe that they are not equitable and were implemented without reasonable consultation with the Chapters and their constituent membership. 2) Ernie praised Ted Fox for the outstanding work he has done in the publication of the Newsletter, as exemplified by its latest edition. 3) He further reported that a commitment had been secured with Scott & Linda Phillips to provide the program for our luncheon in July.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC Approve and accept the Minutes with the following corrections: Ed Dorn was not in attendance, so was removed from the list of those cited as having Attended and the reference to “John” Dehn in the Little SIR report, we corrected to “Paul”Dehn.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: Little SIR John Eleazarian: 1) Announced that in accordance with his responsibilities as Little SIR, he had located a qualified member to fill Paul Dehn’s position on the Board. Roger Stewart, who has been active in Chapter 169 since July of 2017, was introduced as our newest BEC member. 3) John then reported that there was still a need to secure a speaker for our October meeting this year, but will continue the search. Suggested was the head of the OSHA program at Fresno State. Some years ago, a person from this office spoke at one of our luncheons addressing issues and programs of particular interest to people who are in their senior years. .

SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Forden reported: 1) There are currently 163 members on the Roster. of our chapter. 2) The effort to obtain the necessary personal information from members for our Roster and Directory was approaching completion with only about 40 who have yet to provide the needed data.



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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

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TREASURE'S REPORT: Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of Income in the amount of \$3,959.00, and expenditures of \$2,894.70. there is a balance of \$9,410.08 in the SIR 169 checking account plus \$100.00 of Petty Cash. 2) Larry Zander completed his annual audit of the SIR169 accounts, with praise given to the Treasurer for a fine and accurate accounting of the chapter's finances

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn: 1) Announced that the Couples Night Out group will be meeting at the Palms Restaurant on Thursday of this week. A sign up sheet for this event will be on the resource table today, along with contact information regarding the SIR Diners and Date Night outings. 2) Ed expressed concern, first that some of the golfers who have been playing in our weekly outings, have not been participating in the luncheons and other activities of our Chapter. Further, he observes that there are others who use our golf system only to enjoy a lesser cost membership in the NCGA. He emphasized our continuing need to require those who want to participate in our golf outings and other recreational activities, be active participants in our luncheons, pay dues to the chapter. Ed offered to send a reminder re this requirement to those who have been participants in the golf outings. While endorsing the spirit of Ed's concerns and willingness to be proactive in its continuing application, Jim Hiney reminded that any disciplinary actions, particularly expulsion from the Chapter, remains the responsibility of the Board.

MEMBERSHIP: In the role of Membership Chairman, Jim Hiney once again reported that Dennis Beal, who attended the luncheon in November and has been approved for membership, will be inducted into the Chapter if he attends today's luncheon.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) There is now a team of 17 callers and it is anticipated that a total of 133 will be attending today's luncheon. 2) With a note of sadness, Bernie announced that Carl Hernandez has passed away. Ed Harris has medical issues which may prevent him from further participating in our activities; and Manny Contino, Dennis Soliday and Marshall Goodwin are being called upon to address serious medical issues.

NEW BUSINESS: In considering possible future topics of interest to our membership, some discussion ensued re the promotion of political views by persons who we invite to be presenters at our luncheons. We were reminded that there are provisions in the SIR Bi-laws which caution against inviting or supporting any political agendas in our programs.

OLD BUSINESS: No additional and continuing issues to address at this time.

Adjourned at 11:15 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 March meeting.



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BRANCH INFORMATION

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SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman

SIR 169 Executive Board

Big SIR Ernie Sopp	Little SIR John Eleazarian	Secretary Jim Forden	Asst. Secty Luis Rodriguez	Treasurer Nick Lopez	Asst. Treas Duane Evans	Activities Chairman Ed Dorn	Newsletter Editor Ted Fox
							
Bernie Hollenbeck	Frank Bavaro Director	Jim Hiney Director	Bob Large Director	Roger Stewart Director			
							
Sunshine Chairman	Big SIR 2023						

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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,
 Bernie Hollenbeck 291-7625, Brian Ohde 255-5249, Tom Wider 760-2669
 Ken Meyers 297-0567, Bill Prince 940-0779, Don Beauregard 431-4866,
 Gerald Stoltenberg 289-9287, Rob Saulsbury 285-7985, Les Saywell 434-4580,
 Keith Herzog 439-0986, Thomas Schab 960-9377

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 State Website: SIRINC.org



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IMPORTANT MARCH EVENTS

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday

GREG GEIS

FRANK BAVARO

ED HANSEN

RANDY BRESEE

STEVE FORTNER

RON LOTT

LEONARD LOVATO

ERNEST REYES

LUIS RODRIGUEZ

HOWARD TOGO

RONALD URAGAMI

DALE ZANOVICH

PAUL DEHN

MARSHALL GOODWIN

DONALD LAINES

RANDY BUSHORE

HERB PETERSON

☘ MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

ROBERT AND LIDIA McCOLLISTER

DEAN AND ANN PHILPOT

HOWARD AND CAROL TOGO

DALE AND CONNIE VANOVIK

ALL OTHER COUPLES CELEBRATING A

MARCH ANNIVERSARY



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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>

March Schedule:

Don Laines is the host for March

Mar 5, Tues	9:00	Airways	2 Man bb
Mar19 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles
Mar26, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha

Thank you to Dan Lindstrom for hosting in February.

Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be on March 14th at 6:00 at the Los Amigos Restaurant located at 5088 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the March luncheon for this fun event.



Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday

Contact Manny Contino for more information

Sirs Diners:

Wednesday March 20, 2024

P.F. Chang's

Drinks at 5:00. Dinner about 6:00

Contact Don Laines-908-5441



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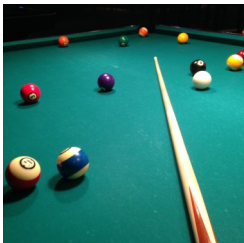
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Poker Groups

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 **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

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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
JANUARY					
Jan 2, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4 Man 2bb	Jackie Lovato 307-9032	jl_lovato@yahoo.com
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	
FEBRUARY					
Feb 6, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Dan Lindstom	dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com
Feb 20 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	4 Man 2bb	Dan Lindstom	
Feb 27, Tues	8:30	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dan Lindstom	
MARCH					
Mar 5, Tues	9:00	Airways	2 Man bb	Don Laines 908-5441	lainesf@comcast.net
Mar 19 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Don Laines	
Mar 26, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Don Laines	
APRIL					
April 2, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson 304-0100	jimmargpeterson@yahoo.com
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	
MAY					
May 7 Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Brian Ohde	ohdefamily@hotmail.com
May 21, Tues	9:00	Valley Oaks	Shambles	Brian Ohde	
May 28 Tues	9:00	Lemoore	2man bb	Brian Ohde	
JUNE					
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	kmyers654@aol.com
June 25 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Ken Myers	



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SIR 169 Golf Schedule

July thru Dec 2024

JULY

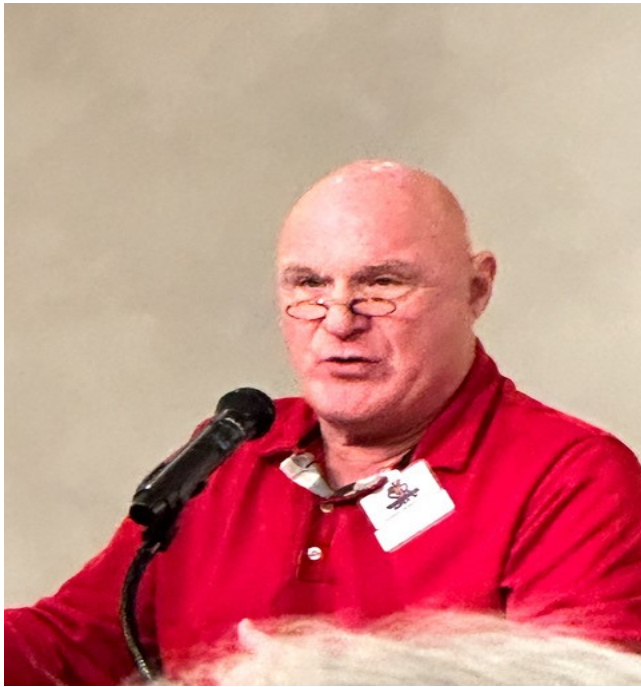
July 2, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Lone Ranger	Joe Russo	jrr.12@sbcglobal.net
July 16, Tues	8:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Joe Russo	
July 23, Tues	8:00	Pheasant Run	Straight golf	Joe Russo	
July 30, Tues	8:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Joe Russo	
AUGUST					
August 6, Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Nick Lopez	nicklopez741@yahoo.com
Aug 20, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Nick Lopez	
Aug 27 Tues	9:00	Lemoore	flighted	Nick Lopez	
SEPTEMBER					
Sept 3, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	d.oberquell@comcast.net
Sept 12, Thurs	8:00	Belmont	Scrambles		
Sept 17, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Duane Oberquell	
Sept 24, Tues	8:30	Riverside	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	
OCTOBER					
Oct 1, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Richard Lara	rlara0505@comcast.net
Oct 15 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Richard Lara	
Oct 22, Tues	10:00	Rivercreek-Oakhurst	4man 2bb	Richard Lara	
Oct 29 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Shambles	Richard Lara	
NOVEMBER					
Nov 5 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Roy Grijalva	roysgrijalva@msn.com
Nov 19, Tues	9:00	Airways	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	
Nov 26, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	
DECEMBER					
Dec 3, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Cha Cha Cha	Dave Dinsdale 301-4477	getover50@comcast.net
Dec 17, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dave Dinsdale	
Dec 31, Tues	9:00	Airways	Scrambles	Dave Dinsdale	
Branch Championship Best 3 our of 4 events					
Please check in 30 minutes prior to tee time					
Note: Belmont is tentative (waiting for their approval)					



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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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BIG SIR—ERNIE SOPP



JIM HINEY— COMMITTEE REPORTS



BERNIE HOLLENBECK— COMMITTEE REPORT



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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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Ed Dorn (above) giving his committee reports, golf and dining out, ed stressed that he needs a few of the younger golfers to step up and learn the golf system used to plan the monthly golf outings.

Ed (to the right) presenting a feather in the cap award for golf to Bob Large for shooting his age.





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WINE WINNERS

TOM THOMAS



**BOTH JIM AND NANCY
FORDEN WERE WINNERS
IN THE WINE DRAWING**





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50/50 WINNERS



MARY McCLAINE

SORRY DID NOT GET THE NAMES OR PICTURES OF THE OTHER TWO WINNERS



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS



Roy Grijalva

Brian Ohde

Joe Russo

Richard Ewell

Ernie

**Winner of the Free
Lunch Drawing**



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Great turnout for the February meeting. Approximately 140 members and guests, enjoyed a very good meal and talks by our guest speakers.



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Guest Speakers : Mr and Mrs Wayne Scott, portraying and speaking on the life and times of Mary Todd Lincoln , and President Abraham Lincoln.

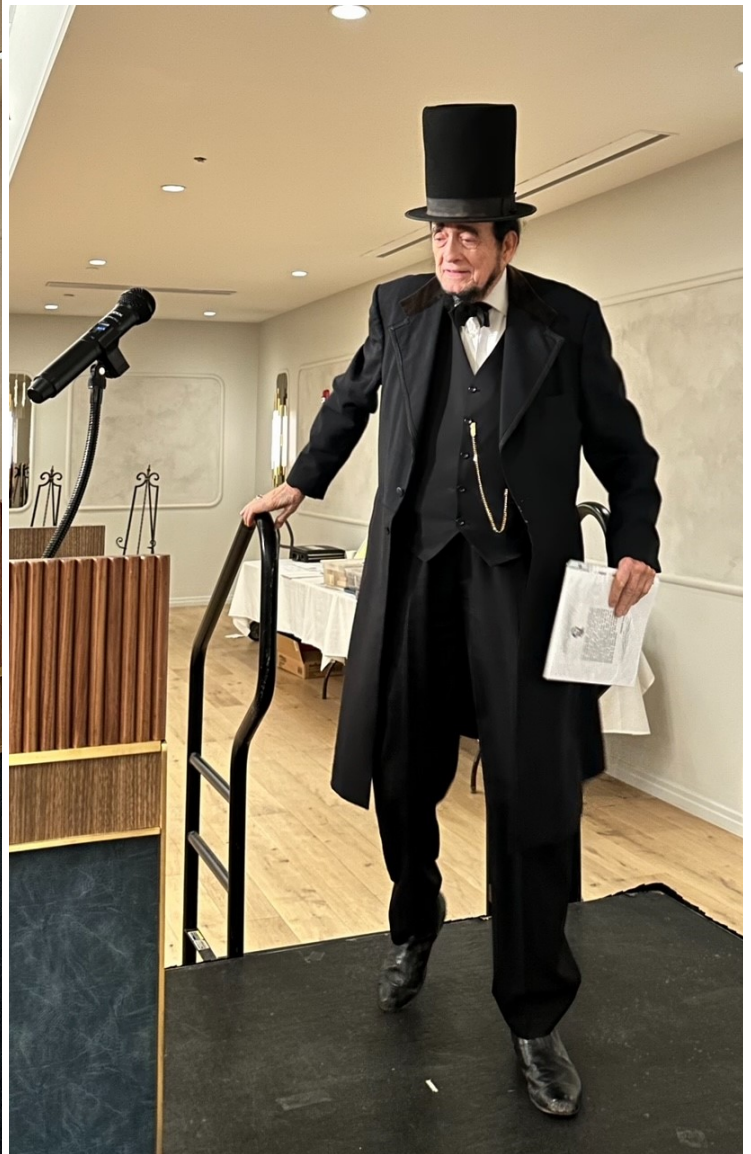




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