



# SIR

SEPT 2025

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### SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN;** TUESDAY SEPT 9, 2025
- WHERE:** Pardini's Catering
- TIME:** 1000 BEC Mtg, 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25. No Charge to members celebrating their Birthday in July (Must attend to receive benefit).  
Branch Dues: \$20.00 are due ( if you have not paid)
- GUEST SPEAKER:** Jerry Dyer, Mayor, City of Fresno
- MENU:** Beef, Pork or Chef Salad. And if you have other Dietary requirement, please let your caller know so that arrangements can be made.

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## AUGUST TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,331.45
Income	\$ 2,071.00
Expenses	\$ 2,219.60
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 7,182.85
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 7,282.85

**Treasures report subject to final approval at the September BEC meeting**

## AUGUST MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:**

**AS AN INCENTIVE TO OUR MEMBERS, IF YOU BRING IN A GUEST/ NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBER AND HE FILLS OUT AND SIGNS OUR APPLICATION AND ATTENDS THE NEXT LUNCHEON FOR INDUCTION, BOTH YOU AS THE SPONSOR AND YOUR GUEST WILL RECEIVE A FREE LUNCH ON THAT DAY. ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT ME @ 559-307-9032**

**JACKIE LOVATO**

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL AT THE SEPTEMBER BEC MEETING.**

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## SECRETARY REPORT

### MINUTES OF AUGUST BOARD MEETING

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#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES    Date: August 12, 2025

**Ernie Sopp serving on behalf of Big SIR, John Eleazarian called the meeting to order at 10:00 am**

**ATTENDING:** Frank Bavarro, Ed Dorn,; Manny Contino,; Duane Evans. Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Roy Grijalva; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Jackie Lovato;; Roger Stewart; Ernie Sopp; Luis Rodriquez.

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Jim Forden introduced chapter member, Bill Prince who has assumed responsibility for the maintenance of our chapter membership records and the publication of the Roster. Bill will be attending future meetings of the BEC to report on the status of membership as well as serve as a resource to the Board.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC to approve.

**BIG SIR:** 1) Ernie reported that John Eleazarian could not attend today and Chair the meeting, so that he would be serving in that role; 2) Ernie shared with the Board that John had discussed with Bill Prince, the possibility of Bill also assuming responsibility for issuing, recording, and storing of the membership badges. Bill agreed to assume those tasks as well. With this in mind, Ernie called for a Motion that Bill be recognized as a participating member of the SIR 169 BEC. MSC to approve this recognition.

**LITTLE SIR:** 1) Manny Contino reported that the speaker at today's luncheon would be Mindy Casto, who is now serving as the Fresno Chief of Police; 2) Our slate of officers for 2026 has been set, with the exception of candidates for the positions of Big SIR and Little SIR. Discussion followed, with the matter to be addressed under Old Business and our September meeting.

**SECRETARY:** Jim Forden reported: 1): Currently our Chapter has 143 members; 2) Bill Prince, who is attending today's meeting as a Guest, has agreed to assume the maintenance of our Chapter membership records and the associated Roster. 3) Inasmuch as the Minutes of the more recent BEC Minutes did not reflect this fact, had the Board approved for induction, the new member inducted at our July meeting and the two men (who are scheduled to be inducted when they next attend a luncheon). By consensus, the members of the Board agreed that the required approval had been granted.

**TREASURER:** 1) Nick Lopez reported that in July, the receipts for our Chapter totaled \$2,253.50 and the expenses for the month were \$2,712.32. The Checkbook Balance at the end of the period totaled \$7,331.45 Total Cash Available, including Petty Cash of \$100.00, is \$7,431.45 2) Clarification was requested regarding the offer to provide a free luncheon when a new member is inducted. For future reference, when an existing member sponsors a guest who subsequently becomes an inducted member, at the next subsequent luncheon the sponsor's luncheon cost will be assumed by the Chapter. Beyond being an incentive to members to recruit new members, this practice will be also be a reimbursement to the sponsor if he had assumed the cost for the guest's introductory lunch

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**ACTIVITIES:** Ed Dorn reported::1} in the month of June, SIR Diners will be going to Georges Bar & Grill, Couples Night Out will be meeting at Maxs Bistro & Bar, and Date Night will be eating at the Piazza Del Penne. 2} The Poker group meets weekly at a members home with a buy in of 5\$..

**MEMBERSHIP:** As Membership Chairman, Jackie Lovato reported: 1) Two new applications have been received and one or both of the men previously approved for induction will be inducted at the next meeting that they attend.

**SUNSHINE:** Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) Lester Saywell is recovering from heart surgery and (to plans soon to return to active membership soon; 2} He has informed Pardini's that there will be 89 attending todays luncheon;

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business to address.

**NEW BUSINESS::** Acting in the place of Big SIR, John, Ernie requested that Bernie approach Pardini's about the catering contract for next year, specifically whether there will be any change in our luncheon pricing..

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:31 am**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary**



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## BRANCH INFORMATION

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#### SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman

SIR 169 Executive Board							
<b>Big SIR</b> John Eleazarian	<b>Little SIR</b> Manny Contino	<b>Secretary</b> Jim Forden	<b>Asst. Secty</b> Luis Rodriguez	<b>Treasurer</b> Nick Lopez	<b>Asst. Treas</b> Duane Evans	<b>Activities Chairman</b> Ed Dorn	<b>Newsletter Editor</b> Ted Fox
							
<b>Bernie Hollenbeck</b>	<b>Frank Bavaro</b> Director	<b>Jim Hiney</b> Director	<b>Bob Large</b> Director	<b>Doug Nowlin</b> Director	<b>Roger Stewart</b> Director	<b>Paul Dehn</b> Director	<b>Ernie Sopp</b> Director
							
<b>Sunshine Chairman</b>		<b>Membership Chairman</b>			<b>Advisory Council Rep</b>		<b>Big SIR 2024</b>

See January 2025 Newsletter for a complete listing of all committee chairmen and contact numbers.

**Branch Website:**  
[SIR169.org](http://SIR169.org)  
**State Website:**  
[SIRINC.org](http://SIRINC.org)

And yes Richard, this is the correct photo.

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HAPPY

Labor Day

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

MARK ALKEMA

ERICK MILLER

BOB BOGOSKI

RAY MONTAAG

RICK CHRISTL

RON NOLL

FRANK GOMES

MARK PORTILLO

JERRY MacDONALD

DAVID WARREN

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DAVE AND MARGARITA DINSDALE

JOSE AND DOTTIE GARCIA

RON AND JUDY JOHNSON

JERRY AND WANDA LONG

BOB AND MARY ELLEN LUNG

KENNETH AND GLENDA MYERS

EARL AND JANET THRE FALL



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## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

### GOLF

Current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcarearea29br169.memberplanet.com>

#### September Schedule:

September 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues 8:00 Dragon Fly  
4man2bb

September 16<sup>th</sup> Tues 8:00 Ridge Creek  
Cha Cha Cha

September 23<sup>rd</sup> Tues 8:00 Riverside  
4man2bb

September 30<sup>th</sup> Tues 9:00 River Creek-  
Oakhurst 4man2bb

Nick Lopez is the host for September.

Thank You, Cliff for hosting in August

### DATE NIGHTS

#### Couples' Nite Out: September 11th

Piazza Del Pane located at 8043 N. Cedar Ave. Dinner at 6:00. Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the September luncheon.

#### Sirs Diners: 3rd Wednesday September 17th

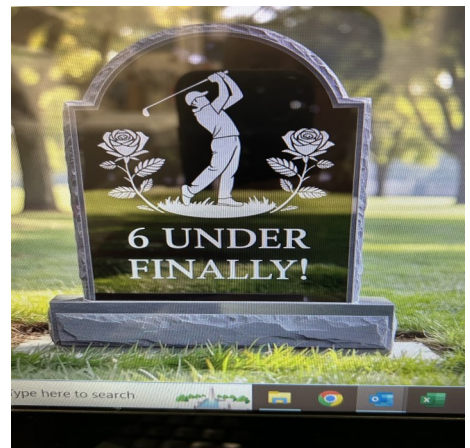
Elbow Room located in Fig Garden Village. Drinks at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00. Contact Don Laines for more information.

#### Date-Nite: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday September 17th

Mad Duck Craft Brewing Campus Pointe Pub located at 3085 E. Campus Pointe Dr. East of Chestnut Ave just north of Shaw Ave. Dinner at 4:30



Ed Dorn presenting Brian Ohde some replacements for some of the items lost last month.



Ponder This

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## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

### 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 snacks and beverages. Time 1200 pm to 300 pm. Contact Chairman Tom Wider at the meeting if you are interested.

### POOL

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.

A spin-off group has now established 8:00 am Monday mornings at the new Clovis Senior Center as another opportunity to meet and enjoy a couple of hours of friendly pool. Contact Ted Fox or Ed Dorn or Randy Bushore for information.

### PICKLE BALL

Pickle Ball returned, beginning April 15th at Break the Barriers ( located at Cedar and Teague Aves ) in Fresno. For an introduction to and beginning lessons our Pickle Ball experts Jackie Lovato and Larry Rowe will be offering a program to get you into the Pickle Ball era.

**Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8:30 - 12 am at the Break the Barriers indoor courts.**

No sign up, just show up, no cost to use the facility.



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## AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER



**Guest Speaker Mindy Casto, Fresno Police Chief.**

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## AUGUST WINE WINNERS



**Duane Evans**



**Mark Alkema**

I think there was another wine winner, except somehow I lost the information, apologies.



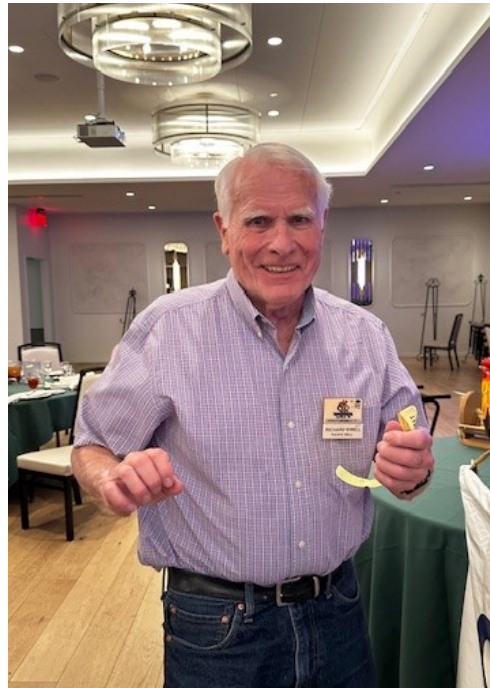
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50/50 winners

**Howard Jones**



**Ricjhard Ewell**



**Frank Gomes**