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OCTOBER LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN;** TUESDAY OCT 14, 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 the current month (Must attend to receive benefit).
- GUEST SPEAKER:** Tyler Hergenrader, Director & Outreach Coordinator
"Break the Barriers" Progrsm
- MENU:** Penne Pasta w/meatballs, Chicken 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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OCTOBER BIG SIR REPORT

I just got back in town too late after attending the annual SIR meeting in Lafayette on August 26, 2025, to get my Big Sir Report into last month's newsletter, so I am spending some extra effort in this report to tell about that meeting.

This was my first in-person statewide SIR meeting, and I expected the usual, boring, organizational business meeting, but instead found myself learning much, some of which I would like to share here.

First, I was glad to hear headquarters recognize that the branches often feel ignored in decision-making. They formed the Branch Advisory Committee, of which our Roger Stuart is a member, to help have better two-way communication between branches and headquarters. They have also started sending a statewide newsletter to the Big Sir, Little Sir and Secretary of each branch. I guess I was supposed to share that. Sorry.

Not surprisingly, we spent much of the time dealing with bringing in new members. We took one small, but in my opinion important step to help in that regard. In today's economy, men in their 70's and 80's may still work on occasion, but still be essentially retired. We unanimously amended the Articles of Incorporation of SIR, Inc. to eliminate the word "retired," but retain everything else to make it clear that we are an organization of senior men who had careers that are behind them.

I did not know that SIR had a geographic restriction to northern California and areas of Nevada around Lake Tahoe. The founders placed this restriction because they wanted an organization where the branches were close enough to allow every branch representative to attend the annual meeting. We now have some former members who moved to southern California, but miss SIR. Now that we can hold meetings via Zoom, that geographic restriction seems unnecessary, so we unanimously voted to amend the By-Laws to eliminate that restriction.

We also had presentations and discussions regarding the state of marketing, computer/technology, new management tools, training, changed policies and the treasurer's report. I will discuss these more at our forthcoming BEC meeting, so I won't need to bore you with details here.

Our last meeting, on September 9, made me proud to be a SIR. Mayor Dyer spoke, and our members who dressed in red to set forth our displeasure with the City's decision to shut down all or a portion of Airways golf course conducted themselves respectfully and, in my opinion, effectively. Bravo to Ed Dorn who presented the case for Airways quite well, and to everyone else who spoke on the subject.

I don't expect quite the same drama this month when our speaker will tell us about Break the Barriers and all the good work they do. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on October 14.

John Eleazarian

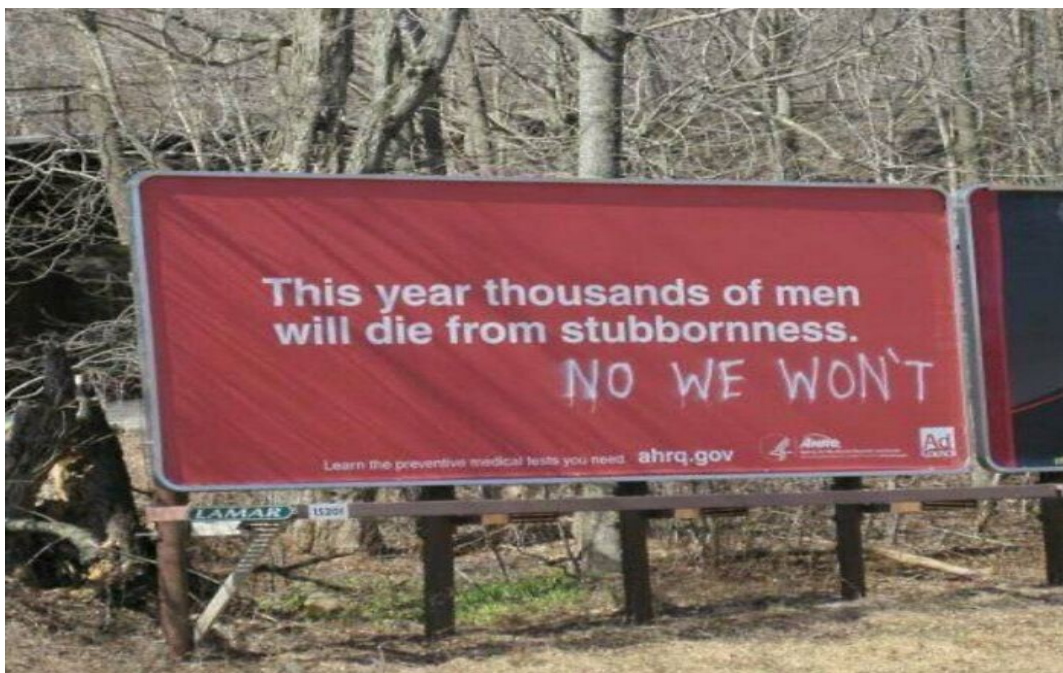
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SEPTEMBER TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,331.45
Income	\$ 2,517.00
Expenses	\$ 2,586.10
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 7,113.75
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 7,213.75

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



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SEPTEMBER SECRETARY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES **Date: September 9,2025**

Big SIR, John Eleazarian called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

ATTENDING: Ed Dorn, John Eleazarian;.Jim Forden; Ted Fox;; Jim Hiney; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Jackie Lovato; Luis Rodriquez; Roger Stewart; Ernie Sopp;.

GUEST: Larry Rowe; George Pishing

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: 1) Jackie Lovato introduced chapter member, Larry Rowe, who expressed interest in being on our 2026 slate if Chapter Offices as a candidate for the position of Little SIR. MSC to approve. In addition, Jackie expressed that if needed, he would be a candidate for the position 2026 Big SIR 2) George Pishing attended the meeting. He observed that during this time of the year, there are organizations who distribute blank Christmas cards to potential customers and donors as an means to gain favorable support for their products and programs. As a potential source of goodwill and support for our men and women who are in the Armed Services, George offered to collect the blank cards which have been received by members of our Chapter sign on our behalf and send them out to the men and women who are serving our country.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve.

BIG SIR: 1) Big SIR, John Eleazarian: 1) Reported that he had attended the recent State SIR meeting in Lafayette at which the Big SIRs in attendance expressed an opinion that their input and recommendations been ignored by the State leadership.2) Further, at the meeting there was a review and discussion ,of the state charter of SIR which resulted in the removal of "retired" from the name of the organization, as well as broadening the reach of the organization by elimiating "Northern California from it title. 3) Addionally discussed at the meeting was the a potential change in the legal status of SIR, which now includes both the corporation "SIR Inc." (the umbrella statewide legal designation of SIR, which in some sense is redundant with the separate corporate identities of each of the Chapters who are also, incorporated individually. 4) John noted that there was brief discussion at our August meeting regarding ,our 2026 catering contract with Pardinis. We have been notified that the per meal cost, with applicable taxes will be increased to \$25.94 per plate. It was noted that our current policy of providing a free lunch to each member on their birthday month will expire in May of 2026. This was discussed with the conclusion that the budgetary saving which the Chapter will enjoy after the birthday luncheon reimbursement ends will more than cover 2026 catering contract. MSC to approve the proposed catering contract for 2026 while keeping our luncheon price to members unchanged.

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LITTLE SIR: Reporting for Little SIR, Manny Contino who could not attend the luncheon today, Big Sir informed the Board that Mayor Jerry Dyer, who is our speaker today, will be here as confirmed by the mayor's secretary. Further, our schedule of speakers for the remainder of this year has been set.

SECRETARY: Jim Forden reported that currently we have 149 members

TREASURER: 1) Nick Lopez reported that in August, the receipts for our Chapter totaled \$2,071.00 and the expenses for the month were \$2,219.60. The Checkbook Balance at the end of the period totaled \$7182.85 Total Cash Available, including Petty Cash of \$100.00, is \$7,282.85. 2) Clarification was requested regarding the offer to provide a free luncheon when a new member is inducted. For future reference, and through the end of May 2026, 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

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn reported: 1) in the month of June, SIR Diners will be going to the Elbow Room next Wednesday, also on that evening Date Night will be meeting at the Campus Pointe location of the Mad Duck Café. This Thursday evening, Couples Night Out will dine at Piazza Del Penne.

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: we have just learned of the passing of one of our fellow Board Members, Roy Grijalva. On the back table, there are condolence cards to sign, which will be sent from us to his family 2) Earl (Chick) is recovering from a heart related procedure and plans to be actively back with us soon.; 2) He has informed Pardini's that there will be 90 attending today's luncheon;

OLD BUSINESS: At our August meeting, the subject of our 2036 catering contract with Pardini's was posed for discussion, then deferred to the meeting today. The subject was addressed above in the Big SIR section above.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business today.

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							
Big SIR John Eleazarian	Little SIR Manny Contino	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	Doug Nowlin Director	Roger Stewart Director	Bill Prince Registrar	Ernie Sopp Director
							
Sunshine Chairman		Membership Chairman			Advisory Council Rep		Big SIR 2024

See January 2025 Newsletter for a complete listing of all committee chairmen and contact numbers. Other active Board member are: Jackie Lovato, and Larry Rowe.

Branch Website:
SIR169.org

State Website:
SIRINC.org

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
STEPHEN ACRENEAU	KENNETH MYERS
GARY BENGAL	ROBERT SALSBUURY
GREGORY MERRILL	ROGER STEWART
ALFRED MOLLO	RONALD Mc CLAINE
RUSSELL MOTT	

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OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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MICK AND SUNNY CARRERA

FRANK AND RITA GONZALES

ROBERT AND ROSE MARIE HENRY

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OCTOBER ACTIVITY REPORT

GOLF

Current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcare29br169.memberplanet.com>

October Schedule:

October 7th Tues 9:00 Airways Cha Cha Cha

October 16th Thurs 8:00 Sherwood Forest
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October 21st Tues 9:00 Madera CC Scrambles

October 28th Tues 8:00 Dragon Fly Lone Ranger

Richard Lara is the host for October.

Thank You, Nick Lopez for hosting in September

Branch Championship Final Standings:

Gross Score:

1st Michael Carrera 220

2nd Joe Salazar 236

3rd Cliff Raley 238

4th Richard Lara 250

Net Score:

1st Joe Salazar 211

2nd Dan Lindstrom 215

3rd Michael Carrera 216

4th Mick Carrera 216

DATE NIGHTS

Couples' Nite Out: October 16th

George's Bar and Grill located at 6680 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno. Dinner at 6:00. Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the October luncheon.

Sirs Diners: 3rd Wednesday October 15th

Lime lite Restaurant located at 105 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno. Drinks at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00. Contact Don Laines for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday October 15th

Helen's Gourmet Chinese, located at 7444 N. Fresno St, Fresno CA, across the street North of Kaiser Hospital. Dinner at 430 pm, Contact Manny Contino for more information or sign up at October luncheon.

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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 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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SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER



Guest Speaker Mayor Jerry Dyer (top left)

Mayor Dyer with the Lovato Brothers (top right)

Members listening to the Mayors presentation, (the numerous red shirts were not supporting the Bulldogs, but were thereto be heard about the closing or reduction of the Airways glf course. Several members from the audience voiced the majority opinion of the group.as not being in favor of the closure)

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SEPTEMBER WINE WINNERS



Robert Hollenbeck



Daniel Kaiser



Fred Ketcham

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SEPTEMBER 50/50 WINNERS

Mark Alkema



Leonard Lovato



Larry Rowe