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Happy Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN;** TUESDAY NOV 11, 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:** Jim Hiney, (His Honor Flight Experience) Subject to change
- MENU:** Turkey, 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 TREASURERS REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 7,113.75
Income	\$ 2,092.00
Expenses	\$ 2,556.62
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 6,649.13
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 6,749.13

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

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NOVEMBER SECRETARY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: October 14, 2025

Big SIR, John Eleazarian called the meeting to order at 10:14 am

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

GUEST: Larry Rowe

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve.

BIG SIR: 1) Big SIR, John Eleazarian: 1) Upon gaining approval on the home front, Ernie Sopp has offered to be on the 2026 slate of officers, serving a second term as Big SIR. 2} Roger Stewart has requested to be replaced aa our designee on SIR statewide Advisory Committee..

LITTLE SIR: Little SIR, Manny Contino, has nothing new to report.

SECRETARY: Jim Forden has nothing new to report, but defers to our Registrar, Bill Prince for an update. Bill reported that with the assistance of Roger Stewart, he has taken on the task of reconciling information given to him by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter editor to develop a validatable roster of our chapter membership. This task is necessary because we will soon need to give this information to the State SIR, to be used as basis for the calculation our 2026 quarterly assessments. Given that the Treasurers membership list is directly based on meeting attendance and the collection of dues, MSC to use this list in our membership reporting to the State.

TREASURER: 1) Nick Lopez reported that in September, the receipts for our Chapter totaled \$2,517.00 and the expenses for the month were \$2,586.10. The Check-book Balance at the end of the period totaled \$7,113.75. Total Cash Available, including Petty Cash of \$100.00, is \$7,213.75. MSC to accept the report.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn reported that in the month of August, SIR Diners will be going to the Lime Light Restaurant tomorrow evening, also on that evening Date Night will be meeting at the Helens Gourmet Chinese Restaurant. On Thursday evening, Couples Night Out will be dining at Georges Bar & Grill.

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SUNSHINE: Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) While there may be a few more attending, Pardinis has been given 86 as the expected attendance today. The figure 86 is safe amount that we report to meet the expected minimum. 2) Callers continue to have difficulties reaching some members because of changed or otherwise incorrect phone numbers. Discussion followed with the consensus that rather than attempting to reach members via a telephone call, email or messaging would be an easier and more effective way for making contact for the purpose of determining luncheon attendance..

OLD BUSINESS: None for discussion today

NEW BUSINESS:: No New Business today..

ADJOURNMENT: 10:39 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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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

AMOS BAGDASARIAN

MICHAEL LUCKIN

ED DORN

JIM MARTIN

TED FOX

CLIFF RALEY

DAVID GOODWIN

DEAN PHILPOT

HARRY JOHNSON

DENNIS SOLIDAY

KEN LAI

ERNIE SOPP

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN AND ADELE ELEZARIAN

RAY AND ELLA SMITH

RICK AND SANDRA GARCIA

ERNIE AND PAM SOPP

MARSHALL AND ROBIN GARTH

ROGER AND ARLANA STEWART

ERIC AND ANNE HERMANSEN

LARRY AND RAMONA ZANDER

DAVE AN CAROLINE HOFFMAN

HOWARD AND JEAN JONES

RONALD AND MARY JAN MCCLAIN

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NOVEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

GOLF

Golf:

Current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcare29br169.memberplanet.com>

November Schedule:

November 4th Tues 9:00 Madera Muni Flights

November 18th Tues 8:30 Riverside 4man 2bb

November 25th Tues 9:00 Pheasant Run 4man 2bb

Jackie Lovato is the host for November

Thank You, Cliff Raley for hosting in October

DATE NIGHTS

Couples' Nite Out: November 14th

Ovidio Italian Restaurant located at 3097 W. Bullard Ave., Fresno. Dinner at 6:00. Fresno. Contact Ernie Sopp or sign up at the November luncheon.

Sirs Diners: 3rd Wednesday November 19th

La Kebrada Restaurant located in Fort Washington Shopping Center, Fresno. Drinks at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00. Contact Don Laines for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday November 19th

Unless otherwise changed, Date Night will be Postponed during the next two Holiday months

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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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OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER



JACKIE LOVATIO INTRODUCES OUR OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER, TYLER HERGENRADER, DIRECTOR AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR "BREAK THE BARRIERS" ORGANIZATION. TYLER REVIEWED THE HISTORY AND GROWTH OF BREAK THE BARRIERS AND THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE. ALSO INVITED ALL SENIORS AND VETERANS TO COME BY FOR A TOUR AND SEE WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE.

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OCTOBER COMMITTEE REPORTS



Jackie Lovato, Membership Chairman inducts three new member, Jeff Silverman, (sponsor Roger Stewart) Clayton Mott, (sponsor Ron Uragami) and Bert McMillan (sponsor Larry Rowe) (Roger and Larry not pictured)



George Pisching, requests donations of Christmas cards to send to or take to Veterans at the Hospital



Bernie, with the Sunshine Report



Ed Dorn with the Activities Report and introducing some of the Golf Club Members who were the winners of various awards for the 2025 Club Championship, with Mike Carrerra winning the top award of Club Champion.

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OCTOBER WINE WINNERS



MICK CARRERRA



ROBERT GOMES



DAVE WEAR

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OCTOBER 50/50 WINNERS

JOE SALAZAR



MICHAEL PANELLA



JEFF MEIYER