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DECEMBER LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN:** TUESDAY DEC 9, 2025 (Spouses, Partners, and other Guests
Cordially invited to attend)
- WHERE:** Pardini's Catering
- TIME:** BEC Mtg (TBA), 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25. No charge to members celebrating their
Birthday in the current month (Must attend to receive benefit).
- ENTERTAINMENT:** Bullard Talent Ensemble
- MENU:** Braised Beef, Ham 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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DECEMBER BIG SIR REPORT

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I still have trouble believing that another year will end soon, but here we are. Our next meeting, on December 9 at Pardini's, will conclude the year. As before, this meeting will be one of our Ladies' Days, and we can look forward to an enjoyable show by the Bullard Talent students. It will be a fitting program to follow Jim Hiney's excellent presentation of his experience on the recent Honor Flight. Jim's talk and pictures made for a meaningful Veterans Day meeting.

Since this marks my last column as Big Sir as well, at least for now, I want to say how much I appreciate everyone involved in making Branch 169 work so well. I particularly appreciate the work everyone on the BEC put in to help cover my rather significant shortcomings,

We should all thank those who volunteered to serve as officers next year: Ernie Sopp (Big Sir); Larry Rowe (Little Sir); Jim Forden (Secretary); Luis Rodriguez (Assistant Secretary); Nick Lopez (Treasurer); and Duane Evans (Assistant Treasurer). I look forward to their formal installation in our December meeting.

I hope all of you will provide the same encouragement and support to the new officers that you gave me, and particularly to Ernie, who not only filled in for me this year when I was sick, but who volunteered (as opposed to being voluntold) to reup as Big Sir.

In addition, I want to thank Bernie Hollenbeck, Jackie Lovato and Bill Prince for their work with Membership and Sunshine, Ed Dorn for his work with Activities, Ted Fox for putting the Newsletter together, and Roger Stewart for being our representative on the state Board Advisory Committee this year. I'm sure I forgot some people who also deserve thanks and praise for their work. I certainly had no intention to forget you.

I wish you all the merriest of holidays and the happiest of new year's. See you and your significant others on December 9.

John Eleazarian

Big Sir

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NOVEMBER TREASURE REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,649.13
Income	\$ 1,920.00
Expenses	\$ 2,237.51
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 6,331.62
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 6,431.62

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

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NOVEMBER BOARD MINUTES

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: November 11, 2025

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

ATTENDING: Frank Bavarro, John Eleazarian; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Bill Prince; Luis Rodriquez; Roger Stewart

GUEST: No Guests

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve with correction under Activities, changing "August" to read "November"..

BIG SIR: 1) Big SIR, John Eleazarian: 1) Reported that he has received the signed Senior Service certificates from the SIR State President and will be issuing them to the recipients at today's meeting 2) Our proposed slate of Chapter officers for 2026 include: Ernie Sopp as Big SIR; Larry Rowe for Little SIR;; Nick Lopez as Treasurer; Jim Forden, Secretary; Luis Rodriques, Asst Secretary; Jackie Lovato, Membership Chairman; Ed Dorn, Activities Chairman; and Bernie Hollenbeck as Sunshine Chairman. The slate will be offered for a vote of the membership at today's luncheon. 3) John announced that he will be assuming the role which Roger Stewart has been serving on the Statewide Advisory Council.

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

SECRETARY: Jim Forden reported that he had purchased items to be use as center pieces at the December Christmas luncheon with the ladies.

TREASURER: 1) Nick Lopez reported that in October, the receipts for our Chapter totaled \$2,092.00 and the expenses for the month were \$2,556.62. The Checkbook Balance at the end of the period totaled \$6,649.13. Total Cash Available, including Petty Cash of \$100.00, is \$6,749.13. MSC to accept the report.

ACTIVITIES No Report as the Activities Director, Ed Dorn, was not able to attend today's meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: No report as the Activities Director, Ed Dorn, was unable to attend today's meeting.

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DECEMBER SECRETARY REPORT

SUNSHINE: Bernie Hollenbeck reported that while there may be a few more attending, Pardinis has been given 92 as the expected attendance today.

OLD BUSINESS: None for discussion today

NEW BUSINESS:: No New Business today..

ADJOURNMENT: 10:23 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary



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BRANCH INFORMATION

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SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman

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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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Merry Christmas

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

KEITH HERZOG

ROBERT SPAIN

BILL COIT

TOM WIDER

DAN NANCE

MARSHALL GARTH

JOHN TRACY

JEFFREY MEYER

MIKE BARABE

TOM THOMAS

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

FRED AND ANN KETCHAM

KENNETH AND SHIRLEY BEAL

REGGIE AND STELLA TREVINO

RAY AND DEEANNA MONTAG

ALFORD AND CONNIE MOLLO

MIKE AND CATHY BARABE

RONALD AND NORMA JEAN URAGAMI

TOM AND NANCY WIDER

GEORGE AND CLAIRE PISCHING

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DECEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

GOLF

Golf:

NCGA Dues of 55.00 are now due: You can pay at the December luncheon or send your check to Ed Dorn, 10418 N. Sinclair Cr., Fresno, CA 93730. Make the check out to: "Sirs 169 golf"

Current schedule can be found on the golf web page:

<https://sirgcare29br169.memberplanet.com>

December Schedule:

Dec 2nd Tues 9:00 Dragon Fly Cha Cha Cha

Dec 16th Tues 9:00 Riverside Lone Ranger

Dec 30th Tues 9:00 Airways Scrambles

Dave Dinsdale is the host for December

Thank You, Jackie Lovato for hosting in November

DATE NIGHTS

Couples' Nite Out:

No event due to the Christmas Holiday Season

Sir Diners: Wednesday, December 10th

Dinner at 6:00 at a private residence. Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday December 17th

No event scheduled for December due to the Holiday

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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

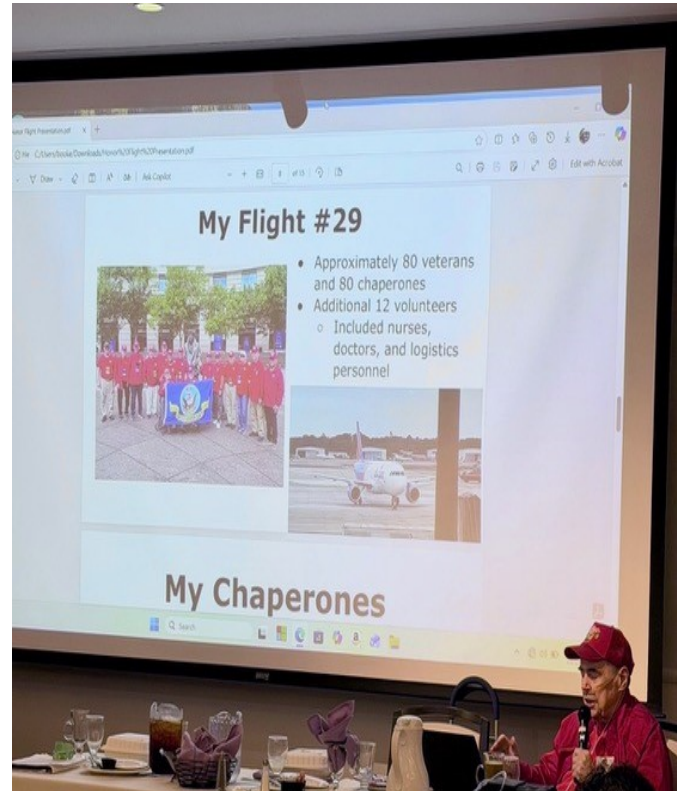
Pickle Ball returned, beginning April 15th at Break the Barriers (located at Cedar and Teague Aves) in Fresno. For an introduction to and beginning lessons our Pickle Ball experts Jackie Lovato and Larry Rowe will be offering a program to get you into the Pickle Ball era.

Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8:30 - 10 am at the Break the Barriers indoor courts.

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

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NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER



We were honored to have our member Jim Hiney give a presentation on his recent Honor Flight. Very appropriate for the veterans Day event.

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CLIFF RALEY



JIM PETERSON (LUCKY DAY)



BILL BIGGS

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NOVEMBER 50/50 WINNERS

KEN MEYERS



JOHN KNOLL



JIM PETERSON