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Happy Valentine's Day!

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN:** TUESDAY FEB 10,, 2026 (Spouses, Significant Others, your Special Valentine are invited)
- WHERE:** Pardini's Catering
- TIME:** BEC Mtg 1030 , 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25. (Annual Dues of \$20 are due beginning January 2026, and must be paid during the first quarter.) Those members celebrating a birthday during the current month and attend the meeting, receive a free luncheon.
- GUEST ENT/SPKR:** Valerie Salcedo
- MENU:** Fish, 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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FEBRUARY BIG SIR REPORT

I hope this message finds you recovered from the holidays and enjoying the new year 2026. This next meeting in February will be the first meeting this year that your better halves can come for Valentine's Day luncheon, so I hope to see you AND your better halves there.

I have received an update from Glenn Breslin, travel chair. He has indicated that the trips that have been sold out for the multi-branch trips are Vietnam, Australia, Japan and Cuba. It is now time to plan for the later trips in 2026 and into 2027. Glenn would like to know answers to the following questions:

- 1) Where do you want to travel to?
- 2) What duration?
- 3) Do you prefer a land trip or cruise?
- 4) What are your preferred Land Tour or Cruise companies?
- 5) If your preferred trip(s) turn out to be candidates for future SIR Travel, then I would like to learn more about how you like to travel.
Please list your contact information and include your Name, Email and phone number.

Glenn Breslin's email is glennbreslion@gmail.com. If you are interested, please contact him.

Ernie Sopp

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JANUARY TREASURES REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,616.71
Income	\$ 4,149.00
Expenses	\$ 2,895.88
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 6,869.83
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 6,969.83

Treasures report subject to final approval at the next monthly BEC meeting.

FEBRUARY MEMEBERSHIP REPORT

Recruiting new members:

As an incentive for bringing in a new member: If you invite a guest to a luncheon and pay for their lunch, if and when they join and are inducted, you as the sponsor will receive a complimentary lunch the month (or following month) that the new member is inducted.

Any questions may be directed to Jackie Lovato, Membership Chairman at a meeting or call him at 559-307-9032

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JANUARY SECRETARY REPORT

SIRS BRANCH 169

E – BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: January 13, 2026

Big Sir Ernie Sopp called the meeting to order at 10:30am

ATTENDING: Ernie Sopp, Luis Rodriquez, Frank Bavarro Ed Dorn, John Eleazarian, Ted Fox Bob Large, Rodger Stewart, Bernie Hollenbeck, Larry Rowe, Ray Escobar, Bill Prince Nick Lopez, Jackie Lovato.

Introduction of New Board member Ray Escobar: MSC to approve new board member.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve the minutes.

BIG SIR: Ernie spoke that we need to get new young members to join the club and train them to some day take our places. Ernie also said that he needed a headcount of those attending the Celebration of Life for Jim Hiney on Thursday from 1:00-3:00 as requested by Cheryl Hiney.

LITTLE SIR: Larry Rowe reported he had Paul Bodella speaking about his Veterans experiences. And that he has speakers for the next few months.

TREASURER'S REPORT: 1) Nick reported that in December, the receipts for the Chapter totaled \$3100.00, expenses for the month were \$4194.91, Check book balance \$5616.71, which includes \$100.00 Petty cash \$100.00. A month's end Total Cash Available \$5716.71.

MEMBERSHIP: Jackie reported that he had two new members to be inducted today and a transfer from another SIRs Club Geraldo Salcedo. MSC to approve them all'

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bernie reported the Jim Forden fell an hurt his leg.

ACTIVITES: Ed Dorn reported that some Golf Members had not paid their dues.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEETING AJOURNED AT: 11:15AM

**RESPECTED SUBMITTED BY: Luis Rodriquez,
Assistant Secretary Recorder for Jim Forden**



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BRANCH INFORMATION

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SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman

2026 Board Members

Big SIR: Ernie Sopp

Little SIR: Larry Rowe

Secretary: Jim Forden

Treasurer: Nick Lopez

Membership: Jackie Lovato

Activities: Ed Dorn

Bill Prince: Roster

Ted Fox: Newsletter

Luis Rodriquez: Asst Secretary

Duane Evans: Asst Treasurer

Bernie Hollenbeck: Sunshine/Callers

Bob Large: Director

Roger Stewart: Director

Frank Bavaro: Director

Branch Website:

SIR169.org

State Website:

SIRINC.org

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

RICHARD EWELL

JOE RUSSO

GRANT SHARP

BRIAN OHDE

MICHAEL PANELLA

Larry Zander

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

MICHAEL AND LISA CARRERA

GEORGE AND CAROL FINNEY

ERNIE AND GRACE REYES

JOE AND KATHY RUSSO

ROBERT AND TEDDY SALSURY

WAYNE AND COLEEN SCHWARTZ

GERALD AND SHIRLEY STOLLENBERG

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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

GOLF

Golf:

Hosts: Due to some recent changes in membership, hosts are needed for April and August. Please consider volunteering.

February Schedule:

Feb 3rd Tues 9:00 Airways Cha Cha Cha

Feb 17th Tues 9:00 Madera Muni 4man2bb

Feb 24th Tues 8:30 Riverside Lone Ranger

Dan Lindstrom is the host for February

Thank You, Ken Myers for hosting in January

DATE NIGHTS

Couples' Nite Out: February 12th

Max's Bistro and Bar located at 1784 W. Bullard Ave., Fresno. Dinner at 6:00. Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the February luncheon.

Diners: 3rd Wednesday, February 18th

Westwoods BBQ Restaurant located at 8042 N. Blackstone Ave., Fresno. Drinks at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00 Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday February 18th

Contact Manny Contino for more information

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ONGOING 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/OTHER ACTIVITIES

Pickle Ball/ Badminton, Cornhole or Ping Pong

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Break the Barriers (Cedar and Teague)

Time 8:30 to 10:00

Contact Jackie Lovato, Don Laines or Larry Rowe for more information

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JANUARY MEETING



LITTLE SIR: LARRY ROWE



GUEST SPEAKER: PAUL BEDOLLA



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WINE WINNERS



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ROD NOLL



**GERARD SAUCEDA- NEW MEMBER,
TRANSFER FROM Br 159**

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50/50 WINNERS



JERRY MACDONALD



JEFF SILVERMAN



PAUL DEHN

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NEW MEMBERS



TWO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED IN JANUARY

TERRY MALANG

BOB PAPAZIAN