



### APRIL LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN:** TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2026
- WHERE:** Pardini's Catering
- TIME:** BEC Mtg 1030 , 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25.
- GUEST ENT/SPKR:** TBA
- MENU:** Beef, 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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### BIG SIR APRIL MESSAGE

Happy April to all Sirs. The weather is getting better and better for golf and all other outings. The best message I can give all the Sirs our age is “keep moving”. With this weather, no excuses. Get up off that couch and go for a walk, do some yard work, exercise or anything that will get you outside moving.

I know this will sound ridiculous. That being said, someone somewhere was sued so lawyers want to protect their clients. As a result, the State Sirs want all of us to sign a release so your picture can be used in the publishing of the newsletter that Ted puts out every month. So, when your asked to sign a release, don't shoot the messenger, just sign the release. The alternative is to take no pictures and that will make the newsletter very, very boring.

The State Sirs is publishing the State Golfing Outings that will be e-mailed through Ed Dorn, our golf coordinator. Try some other golf outings and meet some new Sirs. I have personally done it and had a really good experience.

Don't forget that May will be our Mother's Day luncheon. So, when you get that call, let your caller know if you are bringing a date. The date will be Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. So, mark your calendar.

**Ernie Sopp**

**Big Sir Br 169**

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### TREASURES REPORT MARCH 2026

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,759.10</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,365.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,309.53</b>
<b>Ending Checkbook Bal</b>	<b>\$ 6,809.11</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,909.11</b>

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

### APRIL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**THERE WERE NO NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED LAST MONTH. PLEASE BRING A GUEST WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE MANY ACTIVITIES AND LUNCHEONS WE HAVE TO OFFER. STATE WIDE SIRS IS GOING TO BE TRACKING THE GROWTH OF SIRS MORE CLOSELY THIS YEAR. WE CAN ALL CONTRIBUTE.**

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## SECRETARY REPORT MARCH 2026

**SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**    **Date: March 10, 2026**

**Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:30 am**

**ATTENDING:** Frank Bavarro; Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian; Ray Escobar; Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Jackie Lovato; Bill Prince; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp; Roger Stewart (note: Larry Rowe unable to continue as Little SIR due to medical issues)

**Guest(s):** **Cliff Raley**

**BIG SIR REPORT:** 1) Introduced Cliff Raley who, at the invitation of the Board who apologized for his previous interaction with the members 2) Reported that State SIR is requesting candidates for the State Secretary. 3) Informed the Board of two new requests from the State SIR, for actions to be taken by each local chapter: a) Each Board member, and in fact each member of the Chapter, are required to sign an authorization to permit SIR to use and publicize his photographic image b) Each Chapter is (required?) requested to develop and implement a Marketing Plan.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC To approve and accept.

**LITTLE SIR REPORT:** On behalf of Little SIR Larry Rowe, who was unable to attend this meeting, Ray Escobar reported that: 1) Jordan Christensan will speaking to us re construction related issues at our April luncheon; 2 Ed recalled that Fresno State offers a program for Seniors. Some time ago, the Coordinator of that program provided us with an overview of what that program includes. Ed suggested that we have someone from the program as our luncheon speaker. Luis stated that we have not yet obtained a presenter for our June meeting of this year and suggested that we ask that someone from the Fresno State program be asked to fill in that spot.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Jim Forden deferred to the Registrar. Bill Prince, who, along with Treasure, Nick Lopez, report that to date, we have 104 members who are on the Active list, and have paid their dues for the year. Discussion followed with the Board members concluding that if there are members of the Chapter who have not paid dues for the year, and fail to do so by the end of this month, they will be dropped from and Active List, moved to Inactive status, and no longer eligible for participation in any of our activities. Big SIR will make an announcement to this effect at today's luncheon..

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of Income in the amount of \$3,853 for the month of February, with Expenses for the month totalling \$3,962., There is a balance of \$6,856.79, in the check book, including \$100 of petty cash.

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## SECRETARY REPORT MARCH 2026

**ACTIVITIES:** Ed Dorn: 1) Announced that this Thursday at 6:00 pm, Couples Night Out will be going to the Georges Bar & Grill for its monthly get together. The restaurant is located near the corner of Bullard and Marks Aves. On Wednesday, the 18th at 6:00 pm, Sir Diners are meeting for dinner at the Lime Light Restaurant. At 4:30 pm on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>, the Date Night group will be dining at the Social Eatery, which is located at 80 w. Shaw Ave. in Clovis. 2) The Golf group needs a host for the outings to be held next month would welcome any player who could volunteer for that simple, but essential role

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jackie Lovato reported that he is holding membership applications for Vince Castenada and Michael Haines and requests that each of these men be approved for induction. MSC While currently no inductions are planned for this meeting, if either or both of these men attend the luncheon today, an induction will be conducted.

**SUNSHINE:** Bernie Hollenbeck 1) Confirmed that Little SIR, Larry Rowe has been unexpectedly hospitalized for a serious condition and requests that he be offered support from his colleagues on the Board as he recovers from this setback.

2) Bernie reported (with what appeared to be a sense of relief), that Bill Prince has assumed the oversight and scheduling of the Callers.

**NEW : BUSINESS:** Ted Fox's wife, Kathy, has offered to obtain the table decorations for our Mothers Day luncheon theme in May. It was proposed that \$250 be allocated and approved for her project, MSC

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1) Under consideration is the reinstatement of Cliff Raley. To be on the March meeting agenda. 2) Also at the next meeting, the Board will discuss, consider and take what ever action is deemed necessary to address the member privacy and marketing plan requests being made by the State SIR. 2) Roger Stewart reminded that the position of Chapter 169 representative on the SIR Advisory Committee need to be addressed. Immediate past Big SIR, John Eleazarian has volunteered to serve in that capacity. MSC to approve John's appointment to that position.. 3) Continued discussion of the free lunch for birthdays with the decision to end the practice after the April meeting. MSC

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary



# SIR

BRANCH INFORMATION

**THE GATEWAY CHAPTER 169**

**SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee**

### 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**

**Ray Escobar: Director**

**Branch Website:**

**SIR169.org**

**State Website:**

**SIRINC.org**

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### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**MICK CARERRA**

**FRED KETCHAM**

**CJICK THREFALL**

**MICHAEL CARERRA**

**MATEO MACIAS**

**WOODY WILK**

**MICHAEL CIRRINCIONE**

**JOE SALAZAR**

**LANRRY ZANDER**

**KEVEN CLELLAND**

**RON SILVA**

**DENNIS ECKENROD**

**RAY SMITH**

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

**RICK AND LYNN CHRISTL**

**JERRY AND JUDY MacDONALD**

**WALTER AND CHERYL ERNST**

**RUSSELL AND TESS MOTT**

**JIM AND NANCY FORDEN**

**DAN AND DEBBE NANCE**

**RICHARD AND ELLEN LARA**

**JOHN AND JOLL NOLL**

**RON AND SILVIA LOTT**

**DOUG AND LISA NOWLIN**

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## APRIL ACTIVITIES REPORT

### GOLF

### DATE NIGHTS

**Golf:**

**Hosts:** A host is still needed for August. Please consider volunteering.

**April Schedule:**

Apr 7 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Lone Ranger
Apr 21 Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb
April 28 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb

**28<sup>th</sup> Note:** April is the first leg of the Branch Championship

**Dave Warren and Ed Dorn are hosts for April**

**Thank You, Don Laines for hosting in March**

**Couples' Nite Out: April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Pf Chang's at Riverpark. Dinner at 6:00. Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the April luncheon.**

**Sir Diners: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, April 15th**

**500 Club Grill and Bar at 500 Clovis Ave., Clovis. Drinks at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00 Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.**

**Date-Nite: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday April 15th**

**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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## MARCH 50/50 WINNERS

Bill George

Ralph Handly

(Did not know if there was a third winner)

## MARCH WINE WINNERS

Mick Carerra

Randy Bushore

(Did not know the name of the third winner)

## MARCH NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

NEW MEMBER : MICHAEL HOLMES

SPONSOR: FRANK GONZALES