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MARCH LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN:** TUESDAY MAR 10,, 2026
- 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:** Jordan Christensen, Constructuon Co. Owner
- MENU:** 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 MARCH MESSAGE

Moving from February to March marks the yearly line in the sand, where stepping over you go from winter to spring. The days will get better, golf will get better and it will be the annual time for new beginnings.

Received notice from the state Sir Inc., the board will be putting together a marketing plan for this year. The plan will have to include how we intend to make #169 grow in membership. Don't know if we will be doing anything more than we already do. The state organization wants to know what it is that we do. We will follow the new guidelines in the SIRS Manual and move forward. Other than the BEC having some work to do it should not incumber what we do as an organization. I am looking forward to a great year and hope to see you on the course.

DON'T FORGET THIS MEETING IN MARCH IS THE DEADLINE TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR THIS YEAR. IF YOU DON'T YOU WILL BE ON THE INACTIVE LIST AND CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN SIRS ACTIVITIES.

Ernie Sopp

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TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,869.83
Income	\$ 3,852.00
Expenses	\$ 3,962.73
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 6,756.29
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 6,856.79

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

MARCH 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 FEBRUARY 2026

SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date; February 10, 2026

Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

ATTENDING: Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian; Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Jackie Lovato; Bill Prince; Larry Rowe; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp; Roger Stewart

Guest(s): No Guests

BIG SIR REPORT: Ernie Sopp reported that: 1) The Board has received a letter of apology from Cliff Raley, who had appeared at the last Board meeting and had delivered a scathing indictment of how he perceived the Chapter was handling the payment of luncheon guests. Following significant discussion, and in consideration of Cliff's status as an active member of the Chapter, the Board MSC to invite Cliff to the next Board meeting to present his concerns and deliver the apology. 2) We have received a request from State SIR to complete and file with them, Form 64, a documentation of with whom and what purpose the Chapter has a contractual relationship. The Big SIR with help from the Secretary will complete and submit.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC To approve and accept.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: Little SIR Larry Rowe: 1) Announced that for today's meeting with guests, Valerie Salcedo, who has entertained us before with her singing, will again provide the program. 2) A suggestion was made that in the future, we provide some simple decoration of the luncheon tables at the Valentines Day, Mother's Day and Christmas luncheons where we are joined by guests,

SECRETARY REPORT: Per Jim Forden, nothing new to report.

TREASURE'S REPORT: Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of Income in the amount of \$9,765.71 for the month, and expenditures of \$2,895.88. There is a balance of \$6,869.83 in the SIR 169 checking account plus \$100.00 of Petty Cash.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn: 1) Announced that the Couples Night Out group will be meeting at the Maxs Bistro on Thursday of this week. A sign-up sheet for this event will be on the resource table today; the SIR Diners will be meeting on Wednesday, the 18th at Westwoods BBQ Restaurant, and the Date Night group will be dining on this same day at The Point Restaurant, on Willow Avenue at Nees.

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MEMBERSHIP: In the role of Membership Chairman, Jackie reported that he had not received any new applications, but has given one to NNN Castenada, who has expressed an interest in joining our group.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) The bar which Pardinis has been operating during our luncheons, it has not had sufficient patronage to make it at least a break even benefit. They have requested that we make an effort to increase our usage of this station, which will be discontinued if the level of patronage does not increase. 2) In order to give some additional relief to Bernie, Bill Prince has offered to take over supervision of the Callers; and this important function has been handed over to him.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to discuss.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary



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BRANCH INFORMATION

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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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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

RANDY BUSHORE

RON LOTT

RON URAGAMI

PAUL DEHN

LEONARD LOVATO

DALE ZANOVICH

STEVE FORTNER

ERNIE REYES

ROBERT HOLLENBECK

LUIS RODRIQUEZ

DON LAINES

HOWARD TOGO

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

HENRY AND NORMA BERUMEN

ROBERT AND MARCIA HOLLENBECK

ROBERT AND LIDIA McCOLLISTER

DEAN AND ANN PHILPOT

ROBERT AND HOLLY SPAIN

HOWARD AND CAROL TOGO

DALE AND CONNIE ZANOVICH

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MARCH ACTIVITIES

GOLF

Golf:

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

March Schedule:

Mar 3 Tues	9:00	Airways	2 Man bb
Mar17 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles
Mar 24 Tues	8:30	Riverside	Cha Cha Cha
Mar 31 Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	4man 2bb

Don Laines is the host for March

Thank You, Dan Lindstrom for hosting in February

DATE NIGHTS

Couples' Nite Out: March 12th

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 March luncheon.

Sir Diners: 3rd Wednesday, March 18th

The Lime Lite Restaurant located at 1054 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno. Drinks at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00 Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday March 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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FEBRUARY MEETING



GUEST , VALERI SALCEDO, ENTERTAINS THE LUNCHEON, ALSO SEEN POSING WITH MEMBES MIKE BARABE, AND UNFORTUNALY JACKIE LOVATO SNUCK IN THE BACK.



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FEBRUARY WINE WINNERS



FAYE SILVERMAN



DAN LOWE



GERARD SAUCEDA

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FEBRUARY 50/50 WINNERS



GEORGE PSCHING



FRANK GONZALES



ROD NOLL