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MAY 2026

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MAY LUNCHEON INFORMATION

MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

- WHEN:** TUESDAY May 12, 2026
All Wives and Mothers are invited
- WHERE:** Pardini's Catering
- TIME:** BEC Mtg 1030 , 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25.00, Guests \$25.00
- GUEST ENT/SPKR:** Dan Lindstrom and Band will be performing
- 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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BIG SIR MAY MESSAGE

Hello to all Sirs. April showers bring May flowers. So I am looking forward to seeing all the flowers the April showers will bring. As May is the middle of spring, the great golf weather is coming, if not already here. I hope all take advantage of the golf outings for 169 as well as the state tournaments by State Sir. I have personally played in the tournament in Napa and enjoyed every moment. The Sirs in Napa were very welcoming.

Don't forget that May is Mother's Day month, and Sirs 169 will host the wives of Sirs 169 at the May meeting. So make sure you tell your caller if your wife will be joining us.

In last month's letter, I said that the State Sirs wants us to get signatures of approval for using pictures of Sirs in our newsletter (since it is released to the public). Rather than getting everyone's signature, if there are any Sirs that don't want their picture used in the newsletter, just let us know and we will not take or use your picture.

Also, John Eleazarian will be the new representative on the President's advisory council. Also, the state organization is looking for a Secretary and Assistant Secretary at the State level, so if anyone is interested, just let me know and I will pass on your name.

See you at the May meeting.

Ernie Sopp

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TREASURERS REPORT 4/2026

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,809.41
Income	\$ 2,038.00
Expenses	\$ 2,494.66
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 6,352.75
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 6,452.75

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

APRIL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NEW MEMBER MICHAEL HAINES WAS INDUCTED IN MARCH ,BRINGING OUR PAID MEMBERSHIP TO 127 ACTIVE MEMBERS. 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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APRIL 2026 BEC MINUTES

SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES **Date: April 14, 2026**

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

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

Guests: No Guests

BIG SIR REPORT: 1) Reported that Area Representative, Bruce Corwin has requested that our Chapter has been requested to complete and forward Form 28 to State SIR, and he is requesting that we send to him a copy of the Minutes of our Board Meetings; 3) As Big SIR, Ernie has submitted the contact information of John Eleazarian, who will be our representative on the Statewide Advisory Board. A4)ndidates for the State Secretary. 3) Informed the Board of two new requests frm the State SIR, for actions to be taken by each local chapter: 4) 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;. We will respond, only with authorizations from the members of our Board.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC with correction to remove the name of Ted Fox who was incorrectly shown to have attended the March meeting of the Board..

L)TTLE SIR REPORT: 1) While Little SIR, Larry Rowe recovers from his current medical issues, Ray Escobar will temporarily be serving as Little Sir. Ernie suggested that we appoint Ray to the position of Assistant Little SIR to facilitate the transition. 2).Ed. Dorn suggested that at a future luncheon, we invite Lisa Bell from the OLLI program at Fresno State, to serve as our speaker. 3) It was reported that Dan Lindstrom and his band will be playing for us at the May Mothers Day themed luncheon, when we are inviting guests. There was some possible confusion as it was recalled that another speaker had been booked for the luncheon. Big SIR offered to determine if there was indeed a conflict and attempt to resolve it.

SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Forden distributed a schematic which suggested a plan for essential membership information sharing among the leaders and functions of our chapter. Following discussion, which included an addition to the plan to include timely inclusion of the Activities function in the information flow, MSC to install the information distribution system.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of Income in the amount of \$2,565.00 for the month of March, with Expenses for the month totalling \$2,314.99., there is a balance of \$6,909.41, in the check book, including \$100 of oetty cash.

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ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn: 1) Invited additional players to the weekly meetings of the Poker Group; 2) Couples Night Out will be going to the PF Changs for its monthly get together, Date Night will be going to the Elbo Room this month, and SIR Diners will be enjoying a meal at the 500 Club in Clovis..

MEMBERSHIP: Jackie Lovato reported that Vince Castenada, a prospective member of our Chapter, and who previously was approved for induction by the Board, will be inducted today if he is at the luncheon.

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. The Board recognizes this and officially designates Bill as Supervisor of the Callers.

NEW : BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

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

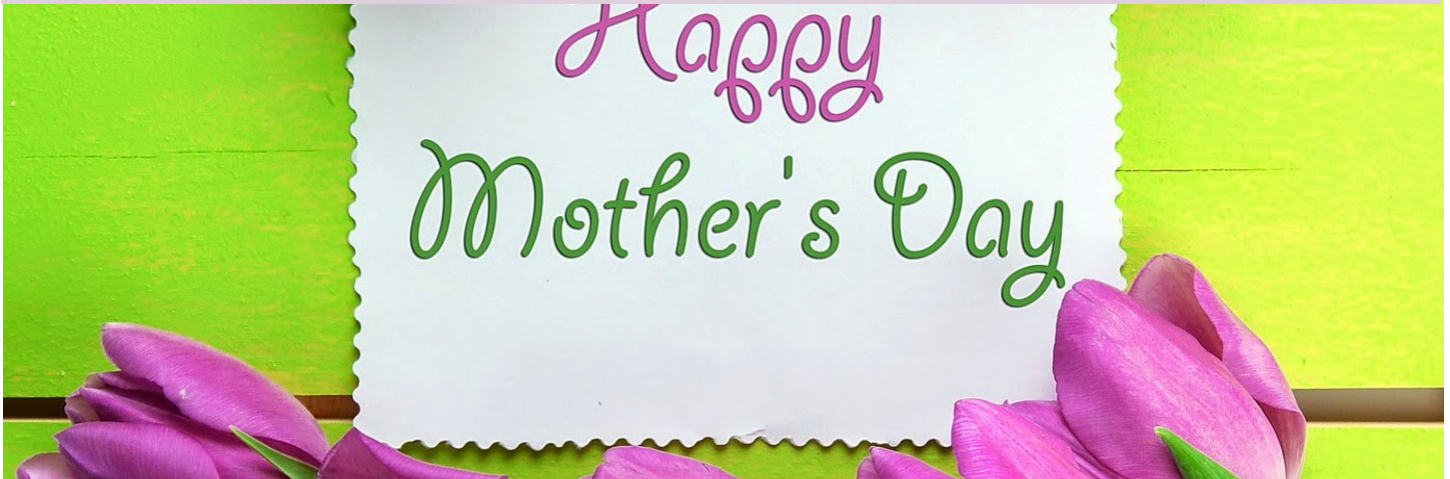
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State Website:

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

BILL BIGGS

DANIEL KAISER

JIM CRAIN

BOB LARGE

JIM FORDEN

CLAYTON MOTT

Larry Zander

VERGIE HAMBERGER

JOHN NOLL

RALPH HANDLEY

JIM PETERSON

GERALD STOLTENBERG

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

GREG AND ROSEANNE CHIN

KEVIN AND TAMMY CLELAND

ED AND JEAN DORN

FRANK AND EYVONNE GOMES

TERRY AND DONNA MALANG

JEFFREY AND CAROLYN MEYER

ARTHUR AND MARIE MOCK

ROD AND SHERI NOLL

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MAY ACTIVITIES REPORT

GOLF

DATE NIGHTS

Golf:

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May 5th Tues 8:00 Airways Lone Ranger
May 19th Tues 9:00 Valley Oaks Shambles
May 26th Tues 9:00 Lemoore 2man2bb

Brian Ohde is the host for May

Thank You, Dave Warren for hosting in April

Couples' Nite Out: May 14th

Red Lobster at 1460 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno. Dinner at 6:00. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the May luncheon.

Sir Diners: 3rd Wednesday, May 20th

La Kebrada at Fort Washington Shopping Center, Fresno. Drinks at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00. Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday May 20th

Contact Manny Contino for more information



Bob Large and Mick Carrera, recognized for shooting a score less than there age.

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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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APRIL 50/50 WINNERS



Ron Lott

Jackie Lovato

Ed Dorn

APRIL WINE WINNERS



Don Laines

Nick Smirnov

Stephen Arceneau

Dave Dinsdale