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JUNE 2026

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JUNE LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN:** TUESDAY June 9, 2026
- WHERE:** Pardini's Catering
- TIME:** BEC Mtg 1030 , 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25.00, Guests \$25.00
- GUEST ENT/SPKR:** Lisa Bell, Executive Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- MENU:** Fish, Beef, 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 JUNE MESSAGE

I hope this news letter finds everyone having had a great Memorial Day weekend. For all of our vets I know it is a day of celebration and remembering of a past life serving this great country. A time of being involved in something bigger than ourselves. I salute all those who wore a United States uniform, and, may have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

For me, June marks the beginning of summer, having seen graduation, commencement and promotion ceremonies. Weather will begin to warm, so get your sun screen out and protect that sensitive skin. And, remember always wear a hat! Announcements will be coming out at the luncheon like always. Hope everyone is in the process of making plans to get away for a relaxing time with family.

See everyone at the luncheon in June.

Ernie Sopp

BIG SIR

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Treasures Report

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,875.11
Income	\$ 3,397.00
Expenses	\$ 3,736.78
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 5,535.37
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 5,635.33

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

Membership Report

NEW MEMBER , VINCE CASTENADA INDUCTED IN MAY



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SECRETARY REPORT

SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES **Date: May 12, 2026**

Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:31 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: Big Sir, Ernie Sopp:10 Informed that State SIR if organizing a number of opportunities for Recreational Travel for which information has been posted on the Slrinc.org. website; 2) State SIR,has issued Form 28 Information,; and forms to be completed by members, authorizing the taking and use of personal photographs in SIR activities. In SIR 169, we will be requiring each of the Board members to review, approve or disapprove of the taking of his photos and sign the form. An announcement will be made at the meeting today, with a request that any member who objects to having his picture taken, notify the Big SIR and will receive a copy of the form to sign.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve as submitted.

L)TTLE SIR REPORT: 1) Dan Lindstrom has invited a musical group to perform at totays Mothers Day themed luncheon. 2)Next month will include a presentation by Lisa Bell, who is the coordinator of the Seniors Program at Fresno State. 3) 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) Additionally, Ed suggested that we consider inviting Michelle Dibudio to speak at a luncheon. She is associated with a program that is involved which is providing rehabilitative support to trouble youth.

SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Forden distributed an updated copy of the work flow schematic which at last month's meeting was approved for implementation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of Income in the amount of \$2,018.00 for the month of April 2026, with Expenses for the month totalling \$2,494.66., there is a balance of \$5,875.11, in the check book. The Total Cash Available is \$5,975.11, which includes \$100 of Petty Cash.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn: 1) Announced that the Golf Outing at Eagle Springs has been cancelled as the Course was unable to offer us a suitable start time; 2 On Wednesday, May 20th, Date Night will be going the Spaghetti Factory this month, on this same night SIR Diners will be enjoying a meal at the La Kebrada, which is located in the Fort Washington Shopping Center. Thursday of this week, Couples Night Out will be dining at the Red Lobster Restaurant on Shaw Avenue. ...

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SECRETARY REPORT, cont'd

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.

SUNSHINE: Bernie Hollenbeck 1) Reported that Little SIR, Larry Rowe is scheduled to come home from the hospital today; 2) Dave Hoffman is having some heart related issues; and 3) Sad news, Jerry Long has passed away.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNED 11:01 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary

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Branch Information

2026 Board Members

Big SIR: Ernie Sopp

Little SIR: Larry Rowe (LOA)

Secretary: Jim Forden

Treasurer: Nick Lopez

Membership: Jackie Lovato

Activities: Ed Dorn

Bill Prince: Roster/Callers

Ted Fox: Newsletter

Luis Rodriquez: Asst Secretary

Duane Evans: Asst Treasurer

Bernie Hollenbeck: Sunshine

Bob Large: Director

Roger Stewart: Director

Frank Bavaro: Director

Ray Escobar: Interm Little SIR

Branch Website:

SIR169.org

State Website:

SIRINC.org

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HAPPY
Father's
DAY

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

DAVE DINSDALE

JOHN ELEZERIAN

DUANE EVANS

ERIC HERMANSEN

HOWARD JONES

THOMAS LEAN

JACKIE LOVATO

BOB LUNG

LARRY ROWE

LES SAYWELL

WAYNE SCHWARTZ

STANLEY SKIBA

REGGIE TREVINO

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

DANIEL AND CHRIS BROWN

RANDY AND SUSAN BUSHORE

MIKE AND MARY CASTLE

DENNIS AND CINDY ECKENROD

BILL AND SUNNY GEORGE

VIRGIE AND DEE HAMBERGER

TOM AND CATHY LEAN

MERT AND KATHY MOCK

LUIS AND LINDA RODRIQUEZ

JOHN AND DONNA TRACY

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JUNE ACTIVITIES REPORT

GOLF

DATE NIGHTS

Golf:

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June 2nd Tues 8:00 Madera Muni Cha Cha Cha

June 16th Tues 8:00 Ridge Creek Lone Ranger

June 23rd Tues 8:00 Dragon Fly 4man 2bb

June 30th Tues 8:00 Sherwood Forest

Note: June 2nd is the second leg of the branch championship

Thank You, Brian Ohde for hosting in May.

Ed Dorn Brian Ohde are the hosts for June.

Couples' Nite Out: June 11th

Phoenician Garden's Restaurant located at 1025 E. Herndon Ave., Fresno. Dinner at 6:00. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the June luncheon.

Sir Diners: 3rd Wednesday, June 17th

Dinner will be at a private residence. Drinks at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00 Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday June 17th

Contact Manny Contino for more information.

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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/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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May Photo Gallery



May Mothers Day Entertainment.

50/50 winners



Richard Ewell



Paul Dehn



Jackie Lovato

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MAY WINE WINNERS



Ralph Handly



John Tracy



Dennis Soliday