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OCTOBER LUNCHEON INFORMATION

WHEN: TUESDAY October 13, , 2026

WHERE: Pardini's Catering

TIME: BEC Mtg 1030 , 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch

COST: Lunch \$25.00, Guests \$25.00

GUEST SPEAKER: Michele Di Budo, Valley Teen Ranch

MENU: Penne Pasta w/Meatballs, Chicken, or Chef's Salad.

If you have other Dietary requirement, please let your caller know so that arrangements can be made.

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OCTOBER BIG SIR REPORT

Happy October, fall is finally here with some cooler weather. Great news for golfers. Not a lot to report on yet. Will let you know in Big Sir remarks at the meeting.

As you all know from the last luncheon, Bernie's wife is ill; so, in order for Bernie to concentrate on taking care of his wife, I will be taking over Sunshine until Bernie can resume his position. If you know of any Sirs that are sick or hospitalized, please contact me at (209) 986-5271.

However, there is something I need to tell you about. We have received information from Pardini's that people are changing their orders AFTER telling the callers what they want. There will be a meeting after our luncheon with the callers to determine how to address this problem. It will take some time to figure it out so please be patient. We will be hearing about a system that will keep track of WHAT you are ordering, and you will receive from Nick at check-in the card of what you ordered.

The problem with changing your order at check-in, is that Pardini has made the lunches based on the information received from the callers. If people change their order at check-in then Pardini's has to make more of one order and have too many of the original order and Sirs is stuck paying for the lunches not used.

Will let you know in the future what decisions the BEC has made.

See everyone at Lunch

Ernie Sopp

Big SIR

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SEPTEMBER TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,498.20
Income	\$ 2,178.00
Expenses	\$ 2,265.18
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 4,411.02
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 4,511.02

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

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SEPTEMBER SECRETARY REPORT

SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: September 8, 2026

Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:28 am

ATTENDING: Frank Bavarro; Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian; Ray Escobar; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Jacie Lovato;. Nick Lopez; Jackie Lovato;; Bill Prince;; Ernie Sopp; Roger Stewart;

Guests: No guests

BIG SIR REPORT: 1) Big SIR Ernie Sopp reported that he had represented our Chapter at a State level meeting of SIR leaders in Lafayette, CA.. Again one of the issues addressed at the session was whether or not to invite women to join the organization. Again the issue was presented, discussed and left without resolution. Previously, this idea was addressed at a meeting of the SIR Chapter and 169 universally rejected. 2) At our meeting last month, the idea of paying a gratuity to Pardini's staff was raised for discussion and rejected as being too costly for accommodation in our Chapter budget.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: On behalf of Larry Rowe, Ray Escobar reported: 1;) Today's luncheon speaker will be NNNNN, who will be making a presentation regarding the organization and services of American Ambulance Services. 2) The speaker at our October meeting will be Michele Dibudio, who will be addressing a program which focuses on the rehabilitation of troubled youth. 3. Big SIR Ernie reported that the Bullard Talent Group, which has presented entertainment at our Christmas luncheons for the past several years may not be able to do so at this year's December luncheon. If this is the case, a suitable replacement for the last meeting of this year will have to be found. As a result, the Little SIR will have the task for locating program presenters for both November and December.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC including a wording correction of \$\$\$\$ to \$30.00 under the New Business report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Nothing new to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick Lopez: Reported that after posting of Income in the amount of \$2,120.00 for the month of August 2026, with Expenses for the month totaling \$2,309.06, there is a balance of \$4,498.20, in the check book. The Total Cash Available is \$4,598.20, which includes \$100 of Petty Cash.

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ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn: 1) Announced that the next Golf Outing will be at Ridge Creek GC in Dinuba..2) The buy in at our golf outings is being increased from \$5 to \$10 per round to increase payouts. 3) This Thursday evening, the Couples' Night Out group will be going to DiCicco's Italian Restaurant at Cedar and Nees, and Date Night will be enjoying a meal at AAAAA.

MEMBERSHIP: 1) The sign up for today's luncheon is 82. 2) Jackie Lovato reports that there are still some fellows who have submitted applications, but as yet have not shown up at the luncheons, as such have not been inducted. In these appear today we will induct.

SUNSHINE: Bernie Hollenbeck reports that this month has been a particularly difficult one for several of our members, In addition, an increasing number of wives have been afflicted with illness and accompanying disability.

OLD BUSINESS: The Nominating Committee needs to be convened. Membership Chairman, Jackie Lovato and Little SIR Ray Escobar and will face some new challenges due to an unfortunate shift in the availability of some of men who previously intended to serve.

NEW BUSINESS: At some point during the past year, the Chapter abandoned the practice of each month recognizing the members who were having birthdays during the period. Once the birthday recipients were identified and called forward to the podium, one of the men was chosen by lot to receive a gift. It was proposed that we resume this practice, with the lucky honoree be given a free lunch at the following month's meeting. MSC to resume this practice

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:25

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:

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

STEPHEN ARCENEAU

GARY BENGAL

DANIEL BROWN

RICK GARCIA

ALFRED MOLLO

RANDY MUNZY

KENNETH MYERS

ROBERT SAULSBURY

ROGER STEWART

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

MICK AND SUNNY CARRERA

FRANK AND RITA GONZALES

DAN AND KAREN LOWE

ADAM AND ELISA RODRIQUEZ

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OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

GOLF

DATE NIGHTS

Golf:

Branch Championship:

1st Place: Michael Carrera

2nd Place Randy Muzny

3rd Place: Red Arceneau & Cliff Raley

Low Net:

1st Place: Dan Laines and Gerard Saucedo

3rd Place: Red Arceneau & Randy Muzny

October:

Oct 6th Tues 9:00 Airways Cha Cha Cha

Oct 20th Tues 9:00 Madera Golf CC Scrambles

Oct 27th Tues 8:00 Dragon Fly Lone Ranger

Thank You, Nick Lopez for hosting in September

Couples' Nite Out: October 15th

Old Spaghetti Factory located at 1610 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno. Dinner at 6:00. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the October luncheon.

Sir Diners: 3rd Wednesday, October 21th

Four Season's Chinese Restaurant located at 342 N. Clovis Ave., Clovis. Drinks at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00 Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday October 21th

Tahoe Joe's for October 21 at 4:30 pm.
Contact Manny Contino, at 559-906-9050.

or email at mancon@att.net

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POKER GROUPS

1. Formerly Br 169 group. Contact Ed Dorn 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 free to provide light snacks and beverages, however it is a BYOR. 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
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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September Photo Gallery

WINE WINNERS



JERRY MACDONALD



PAUL DEHN



JIM FORDEN

50/50 WINNERS



RON URAGAMI



RANDY BUSHORE



JIM PETERSON

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September Birthday Winner



Raymond Montag, winner of the Free Birthday Lunch.

We have reestablished this award and will be drawing each month from the present members celebrating a birthday, so make sure you show up for the meeting