

SIR BRANCH NEWSLETTER

GATEWAY CHAPTER 169

November 2026



NOVEMBER LUNCHEON INFORMATION

WHEN:	Tuesday, November 10, 2026
WHERE:	Pardini's Catering
TIME:	BEC Meeting 1030 Social Hour 1100-1200 Luncheon 1200
COST:	Members/Guests \$25.00
GUEST SPEAKER:	Bill Goodreau, Central CA Honor Flight
MENU:	Turkey, Chicken or Chef Salad. Individuals with special dietary needs must inform their caller so the meal can be prepared.

BIG SIR INFORMATION

Hello to all #169 Sirs. I love November, the fall nip in the air along with the leaves turning colors reminds me that Christmas is right around the corner.

After our Meeting in October, I went to the Pardini's office to make sure we have the large room for our December meeting. Much to my chagrin, I was informed that we in fact did not have the room reserved as usual. Instead we are scheduled for a smaller room with will be insufficient because of the Bullard Talent Students AND I was going to get a singing group as well. So, we definitely won't have enough room in a smaller venue. So our options are to keep the smaller room with the possibility of cancelling both shows, or change the date of the December meeting. The options we are being given are December 1,7,14 or 15. We will take a vote on this at our November meeting.

If you are interested in observing a great tournament, the final State Golf Event of the year is on November 10th and 11th at Black Horse and Bayonet. Two great courses on the Monterey Peninsula. Sign-ups will have passed by the time you get this message, but it would be a great get-away for a couple of days to Monterey.

Not a lot to report on. November will be when we vote as a club on the officers for next year. Just to remind you, the following are the people the club will be voting on:

Big Sir—Ray Escobar
Little Sir-Larry Rowe
2nd Chair Little Sir- Roger Stewart
Board Members- Frank Bavaro Bob Large
Secretary/Data Processing- James Forden
Assistant Secretary- Louis Rodriquez

Ancillary Positions:
Caller Supervisor- Bill Prince

Big Sir Emeritus- Ernie Sopp

John Eleazarian goes off the
BEC as ex-Big SIR Emeritus

Treasurer- Nick Lopez
Membership- Jackie Lovato
Sunshine- Bernie Hollenbeck
Activities- Ed Dorn

SECRETARY REPORT

SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: October 13, 2026

Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:31 am

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

Guests: No guests

BIG SIR REPORT: 1) Big SIR Ernie Sopp reported that he had missed 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, and discussed... Upon advice from legal counsel, it was advised that in referring to membership, the organization should change its reference from "Men" to "Senior Citizens". The determination as to whether its membership is to be co-ed will remain a local chapter decision.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: On behalf of Larry Rowe, Ray Escobar reported: 1;) Today's luncheon speaker will be Michele DiBudio, who is a leader of the Valley Teen Ranch, a , residential facility for troubled youth. In November, Bill Goodreau will be sharing some additional information regarding the Honor Flight. 2) Again this year, Bullard Talent will be entertaining us at our Christmas luncheon with our guests

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC including a wording correction regarding the buy in for golf; from:": Is being increased" to: " will be surveyed."

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jim Forden briefly reported that State SIR's new system for annually providing information regarding each Chapter's leadership appears to be less difficult than previously thought and he has finished the report for 2026 and will be completing the section for 2027 shortly.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick Lopez: Reported that after posting Income in the amount of \$2,178.00 for the month of September 2026, with Expenses for the month totaling \$2,265.18, there is a balance of \$4,411.02, in the check book. The Total Cash Available is \$4,511.02, which includes \$100 of Petty Cash.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn: 1) Announced that the next Golf Outing will be at Sherwood Forest GC in Sanger.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 The Spaghetti Factory, , the Date Night group will be dining at and Tahoe Joes on October 21st and on that same night Sir Diners will be enjoying a meal at the Four Seasons restaurant in Clovis.

MEMBERSHIP: 1) The sign up for today's luncheon is 82. 2) Jackie Lovato reports that there is one new member, Christopher Gainey, to be inducted today.

SUNSHINE: Ernie reported that Dave Goodwin's son had undergone heart surgery and asked that both Dave and son be kept in our prayers.

OLD BUSINESS: Big SIR Ernie reminded that this month we need to send a listing of our slate of officers for 2027 to SIR. He will present the new slate to the membership at today's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Given some medical challenges, Larry Rowe has decided to withdraw from his position of Little SIR this year, Ray Escobar has been filling in for Larry as temporary Little SIR. Big SIR, Ernie proposed that for the remainder of the current term, Roger Stewart be recognized as an understudy to Ray become Little SIR in 2027.MSC. 2) For the Christmas luncheon last year, Ted Fox' wife, Kathy, graciously provided the centerpieces for the tables. Ted says that she would be willing to do that again for the luncheon this December. All agreed that this would be a wonderful idea and Big SIR Ernie proposed that \$250 be allocated for her expenses. MSC

MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:05 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jackie Lovato installs new member

Christopher Gainey, sponsored by Gerard Saucedo



BRANCH INFORMATION

2026 Board Members

Big SIR: Ernie Sopp	Bill Prince: Roster/Callers	Roger Stewart: Director
Little SIR: Larry Rowe (LOA)	Ted Fox: Newsletter	Frank Bavaro: Director
Secretary: Jim Forden	Luis Rodriguez: Asst Secretary	Ray Escobar: Interm Little SIR
Treasurer: Nick Lopez	Duane Evans: Asst Treasurer	Membership: Jackie Lovato
Bernie Hollenbeck: Sunshine	Activities: Ed Dorn	Bob Large: Director

Branch Website: SIR169.org

State Website: SIRINC.org

TREASURES REPORT

Treasurers Report for October 2026 Submitting for Board Approval on

November 10, 2026

Balance Forward, Aug 2026	\$ 4411.02
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Income:

Luncheon Receipts	\$ 2275.00
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50/50	\$ 151.00
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Total	\$ 2426.00
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Expenses

4th Qtr Assessment	\$ 404.70
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Pardini's	\$ 2594.28
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Total expenses	\$ 2998.98
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Checkbook Balance	\$ 3837.34
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Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
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Total Cash Available	\$ 3937.34
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SPECIAL OCCASSIONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTOPHER GAINEY

KEN LAI

TED FOX

DEAN PHILPOT

DAVID GOODWIN

DENNIS SOLIDAY

HARRY JOHNSON

ERNIE SOPP

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

JOHN AND ADELE ELEZARIAN

RICK AND SANDRA GARCIA

ERIC AND ANNA HERMANSEN

HOWARD AND JEAN JONES

WAYNE AND COLLEEN SCHWARTZ

RAY AND ETIA SMITH

ERNIE AND PAM SOPP

ROGER AND ARIANA STEWART

LARRY AND RAMONA ZANDER

ACTIVITIES

DATE NIGHTS

Couples' Nite Out: November 12th

Namikaze Restaurant located at 1134 E. Champlain Dr., Ave., Fresno. Dinner at 6:00.
Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the November luncheon.

Sir Diners: 3rd Wednesday, November 18th

La Kebrada Restaurant located at 9415 N. Fort Washington Rd., Fresno. Drinks at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00 Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday November 18th

Contact Manny Contino for more information.

Golf:

Based on the survey, the golf buy-in will remain at \$5.00.

November:

Nov 3rd Tues 9:00 Madera Muni Flighted

Nov 17th Tues 8:30 Riverside 4man2bb

Nov 24th Tues 9:00 Pheasant Run 4man 2bb

Thank You, Frank Bavaro for hosting in October

Marshall Garth is hosting in November

State Golf Web page: <https://sirgolf.org>

Pickle Ball:

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

POKER:

There are two ongoing poker group, each playing once a month, on the Wednesday after the meeting and the other group meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Contact Ed Dorn, Ted Fox or Tom Wider for additional information.

POOL:

There are two ongoing groups playing. A group meets at the Clovis Senior Center on Monday mornings at 8:00am. The other Groups meets at the Wyndham Residents Community at 900am for breakfast followed by pool in the resident's activity room. You may contact Ted Fox, Ed Dorn, Tom Wider for more information.

PICKLE BALL:

If interested contact Jackie Lovato. Group plays at the Break the Barriers Facility on Cedar Ave.

OCTOBER LUNCHEON WINNERS

ALFRED MOLLO, BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON DRAWING WINNER

JOE RUSSO 50/50 WINNER

ED DORN 50/50 WINNER

LEONARD LOVATO 50/50 WINNER

MARSHALL GARTH WINE WINNER

MANNY CONTINO WINE WINNER

