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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Crows By Gary Del Nero

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to the challenges in the New Year. As everyone may know by now the lunch price is \$17 a person. After exhausted searches, meetings, phone calls we went with the Elks for 2017. With a vote of 9-0 the Executive Board for our SIR 103 decided to stay with the Elks. On a sad note we lost one of our past Big Sirs Robert Salaiz. He was the Big Sir in 2008, he will be missed. For 2016 I would like to thank all who helped run SIR 103. From the committee chairman (Golf/Bowling) to our secretary, bookkeeper (Retired CPA Tim), to our Little Sir and all in between a big Thank You again, awesome job guys. Especially thanks to our outgoing membership chairman Murle Webb, what an awesome job he has done during the years. Gary Del Nero Big Sir.



Jan. Program

By Tom Evans

Big Sir Gary DelNero will present the officers of Branch 103 to the membership. He will also explain the workings of SIR and where and when our finances are spent. The need for your membership dues to be able to function and do things to benefit every Sir, each and every month of the year.

Membership

By Bill Axtell



Past Big Sir for Branch 103 (2008), Bob Salaiz, passed away Sunday, Dec. 18. He had been in failing health and had a heart attack at home. A service was held Wed., Jan. 4.

Executive Committee

By Don Rowe, Secretary

Attendance: Big Sir Gary DelNero, Little Sir Richard Provost, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer Don Eaton. Directors: Don Reed, John Reedy, John Johansen, Mari-on Roberts, and Bob Kredit.
Absent: Director Dennis Imhoff
Committee Representative present: Don Reed (Bulletin), Bill Axtell (Membership), Gary Del Nero (Sunshine), Tom Evans (Programs)
Guests: None
Call to Order: Big Sir Gary Del Nero called the meeting to order at 7:45 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.
Reports: Secretary: Minutes were offered for modification: None made. Motion to accept Nov. minutes: motion: Rowe, 2nd Anglim, PASSED
Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance \$5,639.94
Deposit: Ladies day lunch \$266 and donations-\$20. \$286.00 total receipts.
Checks written: \$2,220.00-Lunch, \$37.51-Don Reed, supplies, \$200.00 Greg Camp entertainment, \$56.61 Richard Provost -Ladies Lunch gifts, \$7.50 Tim Anglim supplies. Posting error, check #2022-\$0.10 Balance, \$3404.22 Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Kredit- PASSED.
Correspondence: None
Membership: no report
Luncheon: The Ladies Day luncheon food was good. Big Sir Gary reported that the new cook is receptive to new ideas.
Program: Big Sir Gary will give the state of SIR Branch 103 in Jan. In Feb., Richard Riddell will discuss coffee. The Stanislaus State Athletic Director will speak in March.
Sunshine: Murle had both knees operated on. Barry Meiselman is using a walker. George Crites' mother died. Bob Manning's mother suffered a stroke. Gilbert Moss is ill.
Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the new Directory will be available next month. He reported that there were 12 hardy players for the Thursday round.

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GOLF

By John Reedy



Mon., Jan. 9 – Manteca, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$30 (cart optl.) Host 164.
Tues., Jan. 17 – Creekside, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 103.
Mon., Jan. 23 –

Atwater, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$40 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., Jan. 30 – Swenson, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$26 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., Feb. 6 – Reserve, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$45 (cart incl.) Host 164.

Mon., Feb. 13 – Micke Grove, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$33 (cart incl.) Host 103.

Tues., Feb. 21 – Diablo Grande, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

The website for our golf club is:
<http://www.sirinc2.org/area22golf/>

Last Tuesday of Every Month – Mt. Springs, 9:30 a.m. SG, \$33 (cart incl.) Host 136. Pay at course. Jeff Phillips at 209 588-2977 or jeffphillipsq@yahoo.com

Golf chairman for Branch 103 is John Reedy. Mail your checks (made out to SIR Golf) to John at 4637 Webster Rd., Oakdale, CA 95361-9327, 209 869-6888, e-mail: jrbaldeagle@sbcglobal.net
John's co-chairmen: Kerry Newman, 579-7747 and Jerry Hott, 602-2910.

All Golfers Welcome to Play -- Modesto Muni 9-holes of golf Thursdays at 8 a.m., every week, except holidays and if it rains to hard. NCGA membership not required to just golf and take part in closest to the hole contest. Sign-ups start at 7 a.m. on a first come first served basis. We have coffee and \$1 donuts for those wishing to purchase on a first come first served basis. Call Don Reed at 524-5374 or Bob Kredit at 275-9530.

Travel

By Bill Stires

SIR Area 22 & Friends Presents Day at the Races! A Golden Gate Fields Turf Club Experience!!
January 28, 2017 * Saturday
The SIR Area 22 & Friends will be traveling to beautiful Golden Gate Fields Race Track for the day. Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing. Afterwards, board the coach for our return ride home to Modesto / Turlock.
COST PER PERSON: \$118.00 Per Person

Scottsdale Spring Training Tour (Adult Spring Break) Featuring Palm Springs March 5 - 10, 2017

This is an exciting year as many new activities are planned as SF Giants vs. Dodgers and A's vs Italians (Classic Baseball Week). Dinner at the top of the tram in Palm Springs and the always popular Rustler's Rooste in Scottsdale. Plus many extras. Read the brochure for all the details. Sign up early as we can only take 44 passengers.
\$1450 Per Person, Double
\$1950 Per Person, Single

TULIPS & WINDMILLS – April 2-10, 2017. Amsterdam River Cruise 7 days The Netherlands. Aboard the AmaCerto. All inclusive – includes air fare, fine dining (including wine & beer), daily excursions, on board entertainment.
Category D \$4175 dble./sgle
Category C \$4750 dble.
Category BB \$5450 dble.
\$800 deposit + insurance if you want it.
Final payment due Dec. 1, 2016

CANADIAN ROCKIES June 6-12, 2017

Fly to Calgary for 1 day and night. Then on to Jasper for 2 nights with a stop at the beautiful Lake Louise and other beautiful sightseeing. Then it is 3 nights in Banff with stops at Columbia Icefield with a trip on an Ice Explorer to the Athabasca Glacier. Many more adventures along the way.
A valid passport is needed for the trip which includes all ground and air travel with VIP entry to many sights. 6 breakfast and 3 dinners. \$2850 p/p/dble. Add \$650 sgle.

All the reservation forms are available on the SIR Area 22 website for printing:
<http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel>

Note that friends, neighbors, family, etc. can go on these trips, they do not need to be SIR members to enjoy the trips. Contact Bill Stires for detailed Flyers and Applications for all SIR travel at 544-2684. Mail to Bill at 241B Leveland Lane, Modesto, CA 95350.

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

Please join your hosts Richard & Betty Provost call 209 577 8219. e-mail r_provost@comcast.net
Reservations are needed 1 week in advance in order for the restaurant, to have a private room available for our entire party.
<http://www.georgessteakhouse.biz/>
Sat., Jan 28th 2017. @ 5:00 PM
Georges Steak house
Kansas & Emerald Ave. Modesto



Don and Bette Locke, who live in Modesto, were recognized by Big Sir Gary Del Nero as the longest married couple at the Ladies Day Luncheon Wednesday, December 14. They had celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on July 27 (1946). Don has been a member of Branch 103 since 2000.

Computers

The computer classes before the January luncheon will have John teaching Microsoft Word and Excel 2013.
Any member wanting help with their computer problems are encouraged to contact John Johansen at 545-8992 or e-mail thejohansens@comcast.net

Remember your \$20 Br. 103 Membership dues for 2017 With check to SIR 103



Jerry Strain, State SIR President for 2017, far right, preformed the obligation to the Branch 103 officers for the year 2017. L-R: Marion Roberts board member, Don Rowe secretary, Coe Banard assistant secretary, John Johansen board, Tim Anglim treasurer, Don Eaton assistant treasurer, Don Reed board, Gary Del Nero Big Sir. Back row Bob Kredit board and kneeling, Richard Provost Little Sir and John Reedy Jr. board. Not pictured was Dennis Imhoff board.



This picture represents the Sirs attending the December 14 Branch 103 Ladies Day Luncheon. From front left to right and around the table: Helen and Bill Gard, Vern and Rose Mary Cowan, Bernadine and Art Long and Carole and Arthur Larry Long.



Earl Glenn and JP Canabou open and close the book cabinet – take and bring books. There are usually some good and entertaining books available.

Branch 103 Website

The new Branch 103 Website can be found at www.sirinc2.org/branch103

Birthdays of the Month

By Murle Webb

Robert Fachner	1/27/1953	#11
Joe Terra	1/14/1948	#19
Marion Roberts	1/16/1933	#46
Donald Reed	1/13/1935	#57
Julian Andona	1/7/1939	#67
Claude McMillen	1/9/1939	#76
Gary McManus	1/19/1947	#83
Nick Casucci	1/21/1947	#94
Jeff Bowman	1/13/1948	#96
Keith Thurston	1/1/1925	#103
Gene Morgan	1/27/1946	#104
Mick Hendrix	1/25/1950	#124
Charles Fox	1/14/1927	#144
Robert Allendorf	1/4/1948	#199
Ken Haub	1/1/1945	#205
Tony Lopez	1/24/1960	#209
Richard Armstrong	1/29/1953	#214
Jim Waterman	1/14/1947	#217
Stan Ross	1/13/1942	#219
Emiliano Perez	1/21/1936	#220
Larry Sallee	1/29/1952	#221
Francis Flaim	1/3/1944	#232



League Bowls 1 p.m. Tuesdays

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Week #16: Scratch-handicap game Jay Faughn 256-264, Scratch-handicap series Larry Sallee 682-691. Week #17: Scratch game-series 243-662 handicap series 710 Joe Miceli, handicap game Steve Hughes 275. Week #18: Scratch-handicap game-

series 278-278 738-738 Gary Pattee. Week # 19: Scratch-handicap game-series 243-259 655-703 Joe Bradley. Week #20: Scratch-handicap game Joe Bradley 276-289, scratch series John Sherrard 656, handicap series 700 Wes Rash. Week 21:

SIR BOWLING – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: **Make an effort to participate in some of these tournaments.** – Scheduled are: Tues. & Wed., Jan. 24-25, Napa Bowl, Napa. Tues.-Wed. Feb. 14-15, Granada Bowl, Livermore. Tues., Feb. 21, Pacific Bowl, Stockton (no tap). Contact bowling chairman **Jim Pastorelli** at 406-8156 for applications.

Lots of fun bowling. For entry forms or for joining a team, call bowling chairman **Jim Pastorelli** 406-8156.

It is never too late to start bowling. We have bowlers well into their 80's and even their 90's. Meet bowlers from the four Branches of Sons In Retirement (Area 22).

The league is always looking for experienced or new bowlers. Come join in!

STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Jerry Strain 209 551-8220
 Reg. 8 Director B. Allen Baxter ...559 434-1037
 Gov. Area 22 Richard Kindle209 668-0658

BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Little Sir Richard Provost577-8219
 Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard 572-1937
 Treasurer Tim Anglim578-4593
 Asst. Treasurer Don Eaton551-8372
 John Reedy, Jr.869-6888
 Bob Kredit.....275-9530
 Marion Roberts 538-0197
 Dennis Imhoff892-3355
 John Johansen545-8992
 Don Reed524-5374

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Bill Axtell863-2915
 Assistant Dennis Imhoff892-3355
 Program Chair Tom Evans551-1836
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit275-9530
 Public Relations Bob Kredit275-9530
 Bowling 103 Jim Pastorelli406-8156

Golf Chair, John Reedy.869-6888
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman579-7747
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott602-2910
 Golf Handicap Barry Meiselman574-9301
 Book Exchange, Earl Glenn.....537-7254
 Book Exchange, JP Canabou576-7705
 Travel Area 22 Bill Stires544-2684
 Merchandise Sales,
 Sales Asst., Kerry Newman579-7747
 Lunch Menu, Tom Evans551-1836
 Data Processing Murle Webb526-6511
 Computer Club John Johansen545-8992
 Special Events Richard Provost577-8219
 Photography Club Bob Kredit275-9530
 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff892-3355
 Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Sunshine Co-Chair: Earl Glenn537-7254
 Chaplain Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
 Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman578-0848
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe634-0100
 Raffle Don Eaton551-8372
 Table Setup, Don Rowe634-0100
 Table Setup, Bill Caldwell529-4125
 Lead Singer, Ed Davis522-4080
 Backup Singer, Gary Goodman578-0848
 Audit Committee: Russ Jackson and Joe Stackhouse

Nominating Committee: Dennis Imhoff, John Johansen and Bob Kredit
 Honorary Life Members: Bill Caldwell, Lon Loudermilk and Don Reed

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Don Reed sir103_57@yahoo.com 524-5374

**EXECUTIVE
 COMMITTEE MEETING**
 Friday following each Regular
 Branch Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
MARIE CALLENDER'S
 3500 Coffee Rd., Modesto

**If you are unable to attend the
 Monthly Luncheon, please call
 Murle Webb at 526-6511
 murlewebb@gmail.com**

**NEXT MEETING
 Wed., Jan. 25
 Elks' Lodge**
**645 Charity Way
 Modesto
 Phone 544-3157**
**FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
 LUNCHEON: 11:15 AM**

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Golf: John Reedy reported that Sir golf will have 4 rounds at Pheasant Run on Tuesdays.
 Bowling: na
 Merchandising: no report. We need someone to volunteer to take this over.
 Special Events: NR
 Travel: Bill Stires is checking out new motels for Spring Training.
 Computers: John Johansen will resume computer in-services in Jan.
 Photo Club: Bob Kredit will also start up again in Jan. and will set up a table.
 Dining Club: Richard Provost will host dinner at George's Steakhouse Jan. 28. Jim Tanquary will host Feb. at Asian Fusion.
 Old Business: Motion: Stay at the Elks Club through 2017 Kredit, 2nd Provost. Discussion was had considering alternative sites, (Seasons), but it was determined to stay at the Elks. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
 Big Sir Gary will develop an announcement about the price increase, and Don Reed will email it to members.
 New Business: NA
 Other: The Board discussed reminding members that they must attend at least 6 meetings per year.
 Adjournment: 9:01 A.M.

SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

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