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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Gary Del Nero

First of all thanks for allowing me to be your Big Sir for the 2nd go around in 2017. I will try my hardest to fulfill my duties for this upcoming year. With that said we have some good news on the home front. As of February our lunches will be down to \$16. There was a bit of confusion and our lunches are at \$15 plus tax to the \$16 rate, so hopefully that is a bit better to swallow (A pun there) for everyone. We are still on an ongoing search for other options in the future.

Still in need of a member to assist with Merchandising. Very easy, bring in box with hats, pins, forms to fill out. Put on table and assist with questions on how to purchase. Inquire with a board member or me at the next meeting.

I went through where and what our donations were for so I hope everyone had a better idea why we put in our money for dues. If you have not contributed yours please complete as soon as possible. We ask for \$20 but more is always appreciated.

Legacy of one means that you came into our SIR, then bring in another member.



Executive Committee

By Don Rowe, Secretary

Attendance: Big Sir Gary Del Nero, Little Sir Richard Provost, Secretary Don Rowe, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer Don Eaton. Directors: Dennis Imhoff, Don Reed, John Reedy, John Johansen, Marion Roberts, and Bob Kredit.

Absent: Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard
Committee Representative present: Don Reed (Bulletin), Murle Webbl (Membership), Gary DelNero (Sunshine), Tom Evans (programs)
Call to Order: Big Sir Gary DelNero called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Dec. minutes: motion: Rowe, 2nd Kredit, PASSED
Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$3,404.22. Deposit: donations-\$1,617, lunch \$1,836, Logo sales \$57, raffle \$100. \$3,610.00 total receipts. Checks written: \$1,920 Lunch, \$32.10 Don Reed postage, \$ \$11.84 UPS store, \$32.20 John Reedy- golf supplies, \$120.67- Robery Bishop supplies. Balance, \$4,612.91 Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Johansen- PASSED.

Tim also presented The Audit Committee Report. The report stated: "The records we reviewed are in good order and consistent with acceptable accounting principles and practices." It also commended Treasurer Tim Anglim "for the outstanding efforts managing the Branch's financial data and reporting the Branch's financial status to the Branch Executive Board." motion: Rowe, 2nd Provost, PASSED

Membership: Murle Webb reported that we have 226 members. We added 1 new member- James Dean by Wesley Rash, dropped 2 members Robert Salaiz (deceased) and Phil Teets (resigned). Motion to accept report: Rowe, 2nd Anglim, PASSED.

New applicants: Steve Holy from Branch 144, Terry McChesney by Murle Webb, and Richard Walke by Gary Del Nero. Motion to accept new applicants: Reedy, 2nd Kredit.

Charles Fox is 90 years old. We will honor him with appropriate material.
Luncheon: The food was good, but the serving was disorganized- plates, late dessert, etc. The price will be \$16 from now on. Jim Pastorelli will look into The Airport Hanger as a possible luncheon site.

Correspondence: na

Program: Tom Evans reported the Feb. program will be the Stanislaus State Athletic Director, Mike Mittosa will speak. Our speaker in March will be County

Feb. Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker for the February luncheon will be Michael J Matoso, who was named Stanislaus State's Director of Athletics on May 21, 2012.

Matoso came to Stanislaus State after serving as Senior Associate Athletic Director at the University of San Diego (USD) with five focus points to elevate the Warriors: academics, athletics, branding, communication and community.

Mike is a California native. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education (1993) from Cal Poly, SLO and earned his Masters of Arts in Education and Counseling (1995) from Cal Poly, SLO with academic honors. He was selected as the only representative from USC to attend the prestigious Sports Management Institute program at the University of Notre Dame and University of South Carolina (1998). He was a pitcher for Cal Poly, SLO and participated in the Division II College World Series.

Mike and his wife Kelly reside in Oakdale with their children, Abigail (16), Cole (13), and Brody (9).

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., Feb. 27 – Creekside, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., March 6 – Dry Creek, 8:30
a.m. SG, \$42 (cart incl.) Host
164.

Mon., March 13 – Creekside (MP),
9:00 SG, \$29(cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., March 20 – Swenson, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$26 (cart optl.) Host 143.

Mon., March 27 – Lockeford, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$38 (cart incl.) Host 144.

The website for our golf club is:
[http://www.sirinc2.org/
area22golf/](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 New-
man, 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 re-
quired 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.

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

By Bill Stires

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 Ital-
ians (Classic Baseball Week). Din-
ner at the top of the tram in Palm
Springs and the always popular Rus-
tler'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

San Francisco Gardens on the
Roof Tour –
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Sirs and Friends will be traveling to
San Francisco for a guided tour of
the beautiful and unique Gardens
on the Rooftops. Will meet a step
on guide, Craig Smith, who will be
directing the tour. During the
course of the day there will be a
stop at an old favorite. A quaint
family restaurant, Pompei's Grotto,
for a delicious hosted lunch. After-
wards, board the coach for return
ride home.

\$147 per person

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 Atha-
basca Glacier. Many more adven-
tures along the way.

A valid, thru December 2017, pass-
port is needed for the trip which
includes all ground and air travel
with VIP entry to many sights. 6
breakfast and 3 dinners. \$500 de-
posit p/p and final pymt. by March
1, 2017. See brochure for all the

details.
\$2850 p/p/dble. Add \$650 sgle.

All the reservation forms are
available on the SIR Area 22 web-
site for printing:
[http://sirinc2.org/branch144/
travel](http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel)

Note that friends, neighbors,
family, etc. can go on these trips,
they do not need to be SIR mem-
bers to enjoy the trips.
Contact Bill Stires for detailed

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

Please join your hosts, Jim and Connie
Tanquary at La Parillia, February 25 at
5 p.m. Reservations are needed 1
week in advance.
Call Jim at 571-1143 or e-mail
jchuckleberry@yahoo.com
La Parilla is located in McHenry Vil-
lage Center, behind See's Candy
Store.

State SIR Happenings

State Sons In Retirement publishes a
newsletter every quarter. The State
President usually keeps branches
posted on new information plus news
from other branches.
The latest edition of SIR Happenings
has been posted on the SIR website:
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>



Richard Kindie, Area 22 Gover-
nor, presented Gary Del Nero
with his certificate from State
SIR for being Branch 103 Big Sir
for the year 2016.

Computers

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

New Members



103 Big Sir Gary Del Nero, left, and Bob Kredit, right, presented James Dean with his new membership certificate. This took place at the January 25 luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Modesto.

Jim is a resident of Hughson, where he resides with his wife Sharon. He was sponsored by Wes Rash and he is a baseball and football fan. Also interested in travel, dining, wines and Veterans.

Membership

By Bill Axtell and Murle Webb

NEW MEMBERS:

Steve Holly (Pam) Badge #21

2213 Monticello Ave.
Modesto, CA 95350-2105 209 521-6145

steveholly@prodigy.net
Bowling, Golf, Softball

Terry L. McChesney (Judith) Badge #53

395 Flavorcrest Ct.
Oakdale, CA 95361-3270 209 840-0322

mollybeargirl@comcast.net
Bowling, Bridge, Golf

Richard L. Walke (Cathy) Badge #32

13406 Emma Ln.
Hickman, CA 95323-9677 209 480-7139

walke3359@sbcglobal.net
Football, Golf, Travel

RESIGNED;
Philli Teets Badge #53

PHONE # CORRECTION:
Joe Massey (Peggy) Badge #73

1531 Goldenwood Dr.
Modesto, CA 95350-3864 527-8189

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:
Charles Fox Badge #144

cbfox1012@gmail.com
Russell Jackson Badge #36

JamesJackson1191@att.net



game-series Don Binney 295-707. Week 23: scratch game-series-handicap series John Sharrard 264-720-732, handicap game Jerry Melvin 272. Week 24: Scratch game-series Gary Pattee 247-636, handicap game Lor Salvi 267, handicap series Clark Pearson 659, Week #25:

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. 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!

Birthdays of the Month

By Murle Webb

George Crites	2/24/1948	#6
Gilbert Moss	2/20/1943	#31
Mike Alves	2/9/1943	#50
John Medrano	2/18/1944	#52
Earl Glenn	2/21/1942	#126
Larry Owens	2/4/1943	#129
Faustino Saldivar	2/15/1952	#148
Daniel Stevens	2/2/1948	#158
Salvatore Basile	2/15/1948	#174
Roger Smith	2/23/1952	#180
Don N. Rowe	2/19/1949	#216



League Bowls 1 p.m. Tuesdays

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Week 21: Scratch-handicap game-series

John Sherrard 256-262 706-723. Week

22: Scratch game John Schamante 277,

scratch series Dave Brown 683, handicap

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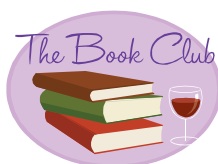
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Branch 103 Website

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



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

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 Jim Pastorelli406-8156

Bowling Dominic Genova523-1663
 Golf Chair, John Reedy.869-6888
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman579-7747
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott602-2910
 Golf Co-Chair, Chuck Bommarito 529-3271
 Golf Handicap Barry Meiselman574-9301
 Book Exchange, JP Canabou576-7705
 Travel Area 22 Bill Stires544-2684
 Merchandise Sales, Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Sales Asst., Kerry Newman579-7747
 Lunch Menu, Gary Del Nero681-1100
 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
 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 Caldwell52-4125
 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 7:30 a.m.
MARIE CALLENDER'S
 3500 Coffee Rd., Modesto

If you are unable to attend the Monthly Luncheon, please call Bill Axtell at 863-2915 billbus10@att.net

NEXT MEETING
Wed., Feb. 22
Elks' Lodge
 645 Charity Way
 Modesto
 Phone 544-3157
FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Supervisor, Vito Cheisa.
 Sunshine: Bill Axtell is ill.
 Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the new Directories are available . He reported that there were 32 hardy players for the Thursday round.
 Merchandising: No report. We need someone to volunteer to take this over. In the meantime, Bob Kredit will take care of pins. We will also need to order hats for Birthday winners.
 Travel: Bill Stires said the Spring Training trip is March 5. Apr. 25 a trip to the San Francisco roof top gardens. Tomorrow is the Golden Gate trip. The Canadian Rockies trip is June 6-12.
 Computers: John Johansen will provide instruction in Word and Excel in Feb.
 Photo Club: Bob Kredit has 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: Dennis Imhoff and John Johansen will research information provided by Richard Provost for the Board concerning purchasing a power point projector.
 New Business: Marion Roberts will repair wheels on the storage units. Motion: Reimburse Marion for the cost of the repairs. Anglim, 2nd Kredit- PASSED
 Other: Bob Kredit reported on the State Membership Committee meeting. They are reviewing ways to increase membership. Some ideas mentioned to get prospective members attention were license plate covers and posters.
 Marrion Roberts is interested in woodworking and would like to see if others would perhaps, like to start a club.
 Adjournment: 8:42 A.M.

SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

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