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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

It is St Patrick's time again. We will have a contest who wears the best St Patties day theme as I will have a few prizes for the winner. Break out that green. Bowling is going on even if the weather is bad but the golfers have had a tough time in February cancelling most of the tournaments. Hopefully better weather ahead.

Many of us wear multiple hats and as your Big Sir I am also the Sunshine Chair. If you know of a loss in one of our member's family, a fellow members operation, sickness, etc., let me know so I can send a card/visit/phone call or email. Garydelnero73@gmail.com .

A special thanks to Paul Bender for his help with the golf administration as Barry was out for a few months. (As a side note awesome to see Barry Meiselman at our meeting). Lots of time put in by both men with little thanks. As always leave a "Legacy of One," someone brought you in SIR's 103, so try to bring someone else in.



Executive Committee

By Don Rowe, Secretary

March Program

By Tom Evans

The March speaker was born and raised in Modesto. He has worked in law enforcement for 15 years and currently work for the Modesto Police Department.

His current assignment is in the Modesto Narcotics Enforcement Team (MNET). Has been a member of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department Air Support Unit since 2004 and currently hold my commercial helicopter pilots license.

In May 2016 the Modesto Police Department created an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) team, or as people like to call them, drones. They have four DJI Phantom 4's and one DJI Inspire. Flight time on these machines is about 20 minutes. So far these have been successfully used during high risk search warrants, missing persons, and perimeter searches.

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, and Bob Kredit.

Absent: Directors Marion Roberts and Dennis Imhoff
Committee Representative present: Don Reed, (Bulletin), Bill Axtell (Membership), Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs)

Guests:

Call to Order for February 23 Board Meeting: Big Sir, Gary DelNero called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

• **Secretary:** Minutes were offered for modification: Corrected spelling - Robert in Treasurer's report, and changed name to Fox in membership report. Motion to accept Jan. minutes: motion: Rowe, 2nd Provost- PASSED

• **Treasurer:** Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4,614.91. Deposit: donations-\$576, lunch, \$1,824, raffle, \$99, \$2,499.00 total receipts. Checks written: \$1,840-Lunch, printing, \$11.84 UPS store, \$19.60- postage to Don Reed, \$23.60 supplies, Document covers- Bob Kredit. Total deductions-\$1,895.04 Balance, \$5,218.87. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Eaton- PASSED.

• **Membership:** Bill Axtell reported that we have 226 members. We added 3 new members- James Dean by Wesley Rash, Steve Holy, transfer from Branch 144 and Terry McChesney by Murle Webb. No members were dropped. Motion to accept report: Rowe, 2nd Kredit-PASSED.

New applicants: William Gagon by Jim Haub. Motion to accept new applicants: Kredit, 2nd Anglim.

Charles Fox is 90 years old. We will honor him with appropriate material.

• **Luncheon:** The food was good, Big Sir Gary talked with the Elk's staff and iced tea and water pitchers will be placed on the tables. The lunch price will be \$16 for 2017.

• **Correspondence:** na

• **Program:** Mike Mitosa was a very good speaker. Tom Evans reported that our speaker in March will be arranged. County Supervisor, Vito Cheisa couldn't do it then. He will be asked to come in April. Future speakers may be on the following topics: drones, and the geological society.

The latest edition of SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

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GOLF

By John Reedy



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.

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

Mon., March 27 – Lockeford, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$36 (cart incl.) Host 144.

Mon., April 3 – Manteca, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$30 (cart optl.) Host 164.

Mon., April 10 – Creekside, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., April 17 – Atwater, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$40 (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.

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

Travel

By Bill Stires

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. Afterwards, 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 Athabasca Glacier. Many more adventures along the way. A valid, thru December 2017, passport is needed for the trip which includes all ground and air travel with VIP entry to many sights. 6 breakfast and 3 dinners. \$500 deposit 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 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. Travelers are urged to carry with

them an up to date list of their medications.

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

MARCH 25TH, 2017 5 P.M.
THE DIVINE SWINE
(Formerly Appetiz) Roseburg Center
825 W. Roseburg Ave., Modesto
Corkage fee for wine will be \$5.00
Hosted by Bill and Betty Caldwell
529-4125 wgcaldwell@aol.com
Make your reservations with us at least 5 days prior to the event.

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/>

Central Valley Pickleball

For info call Cal Campbell, 380-0533, John Gasper, 863-9565, Chuck Adams, 883-2965 for schedule and locations. E-mail pickleballcharlie@gmail.com



Tom Evans presented Mike Mato-so a certificate of appreciation. Mike is the Stanislaus State University Athletic Director and spoke of the university's athletic programs.

Computers

The computer classes before the March 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

New Members



Left to right: Terry McChesney, sponsor Murle Webb, Steve Holly transfer from 144 and Orientation Chair Bob Kredit. Terry is a retired steam fitter with Local 342. He lives in Oakdale with his wife Judith. He is a bowler and likes to play bridge and golf. Steve and his wife Pam reside in Modesto. Retired from Rainbo Baking as a maintenance engineer. He is a bowler, golfer and a softball player.

Membership

By Bill Axtell

NEW MEMBERS:

William H. Gagon (Terri) Badge #224
 2608 Manhasset Circle
 Modesto, CA 95355-1608 209 541-5617
 whgagon@pacbell.net
 Golf and Wine

CODE FOR GALLO CENTER FOR ARTS

Until June, 2017 the code: SIR 1617 will work for a 15% discount for any Gallo Center presented show. Will not work for Modesto Symphony or Townsend Opera. Be sure and ask for your discount.

Branch 103 Website

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

Birthdays of the Month

By Murle Webb

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| Don Eaton | 3/30/1937 | #1 |
| Chuck Bommarito | 3/1/1932 | #12 |
| Robert McCabe | 3/23/1940 | #18 |
| William Bender | 3/24/1926 | #49 |
| Stephen Gibson | 3/23/1948 | #61 |
| Vernon Cowan | 3/23/1939 | #64 |
| Joe Massey | 3/10/1941 | #73 |
| Crispin Woelfer | 3/23/1936 | #117 |
| Charles Williams | 3/21/1943 | #118 |
| James Laurenti | 3/12/1945 | #119 |
| Don Baade | 3/21/1941 | #122 |
| Dave Prater | 3/11/1947 | #128 |
| David Cooper | 3/19/1943 | #158 |
| Roy Bruk | 3/13/1941 | #166 |
| Charles Palmer | 3/26/1937 | #167 |
| Felix Luna | 5/28/1944 | #189 |
| Jerry Reese | 4/3/1937 | #194 |
| Bob McDonnough | 3/6/1950 | #202 |
| Tom Gianopoulos | 3/21/1940 | #203 |
| Wayne Junso | 3/24/1944 | #211 |
| Jerry Melvin | 3/27/1937 | #227 |
| Nilo Casiano | 3/4/1942 | #236 |



League Bowls 1 p.m. Tuesdays

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto



Week #25: Scratch game Terry McChesney 244, scratch-handicap series and handicap game Ron Halliday 671-746 258. Week #26: Scratch-handicap game series Alan White 300-321 638-701. Week #27: Scratch-handicap game Joe Bradley 256-269, scratch series Marion Roberts 618, handicap series Steve Hughes 696. Week #28: Scratch-handicap game Joe Miceli 257-270, scratch series Larry Sallee 676, handicap series Jerry Strain 711.

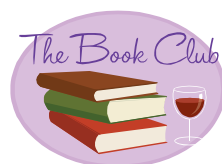
SIR BOWLING — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Make an effort to participate in some of these tournaments. — Scheduled are: Mon. and Wed., March 20 and 22 Diablo Lanes, Concord. Mon.-Thurs., April 10-13 Gold Dust West, Carson City, Nevada.

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!



The Book Club 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

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**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., Mar. 23
Elks' Lodge
645 Charity Way
Modesto
Phone 544-3157
FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Sunshine: Big Sir reviewed his list from lunch.
Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the new Directory will be emailed. He reported that there were 24 players for the Thursday round.
Golf: John Reedy said that if Dry Creek is unable to let carts out, Joe Adams will try to get Diablo Grande in its place.
Bowling: na
Merchandising: no report. We need someone to volunteer to take this over. In the meantime, Bob Kredit will take care of pins.
Special Events: na
Travel: na
Computers: John Johansen reported, "Everything is 'Kool'"
Photo Club: Bob Kredit has set up a table. He had a few members come over and ask questions.
Dining Club: Jim Tanquary will host Feb. 25th at La Parilla's.
Old Business: Johansen and Richard Provost will research information concerning purchasing a power point projector. Motion by Johansen: Purchase a power point projector that doesn't need a computer; only a flash drive. TABLED to March Ex. Board meeting.
 Jim Pastorelli will be asked to get information about the facilities, ie, bathrooms, air conditioning, etc. at the Airport Hanger for a possible luncheon site.
New Business: none
Other: Next month's luncheon theme: ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Dress accordingly.
 Adjournment: 8:28 A.M.

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