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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

Big thanks to Tom Evans as our program director. He puts out a lot of emails, phone calls, and effort to get us a speaker we can enjoy. Our last speaker from Modesto Police on drones was awesome. Keep up the great work Tom, thanks again from all of us. As we get into spring just a reminder to hydrate as we do our summer activities. Water or plenty of fluids keeps the body going. Playing baseball, working in the garden, or golfing take a bottle of water with you in the dugout, on that golf cart or out to the garden area. As always we are asking for a legacy of one, bring in a new member.



Executive Committee

By Don Rowe, Secretary

March Program

By Tom Evans



Our speaker for the March luncheon is Vito Chiesa, Stanislaus County Supervisor, District 2. Chiesa is in his second term on the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, representing a district that includes Turlock, De-

nair and Hughson.

Chiesa was elected president of the California State Association of Counties at the group's annual meeting last November in Anaheim.

Chiesa has been the Board of Supervisors' representative to CSAC for six years. A caucus of medium-size counties elected him as the first vice president a year ago and a voice vote confirmed his promotion to the top post.

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, Dennis Imhoff, and Bob Kredit.

Absent: Directors Marion Roberts

Committee Representative present: Don Reed, (Bulletin), Bill Axtell (Membership), Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs)

Call to Order: Big Sir, Gary DelNero called the meeting to order at 7:31 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports: Secretary: Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept Feb. minutes: motion: Rowe, 2nd Kredit- PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$5,218.87. Deposit: donations-\$217, lunch, \$1,712, raffle, \$84. \$2,013.00 total receipts. Checks written: \$1,744-Lunch, printing, \$11.84 UPS store, \$30.05 supplies to Don Reed, \$86.59 supplies for library and storage to Murle Webb. Total deductions-\$1,72.48 Balance, \$5,359.39. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Eaton- PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 218 active members, 2 new members, and 22 dropped members: MEMBERS DROPPED (Non Attendance) Genaro Baisac Badge #7, Bill Labrum Badge #15, Ralph Ramirez Badge #28, Dam Gonzales Badge #40, William Martin Badge #48, William Bender Badge #49, Michael Early Badge #66, Rick Panto Badge #81, Henry Gonzales Badge #84, Dana Clark Badge #87, Richard Stubbert Badge #92, Dave Rhodes Badge #93, Joe L. Capelli Badge #97, Bill N. Barrett Badge #99, David Meeks Badge #112, George Antonopoulos Badge #127, Tim Cochran Badge #138, Mirl Morse Badge #178, Alfonso Meza Badge #185, Jerry Butcher Badge #192, Paul Deol Badge #212, Ben M. Adriano Badge #244.

Luncheon: Our room was not set up. Food was ok,...

Big Sir Gary will meet with Elks management with concerns about their preparation for our meetings. The lunch price will be \$16 for 2017.

Correspondence: State Big Sir sent a memo that an increase in assessment will be \$1.00/member/year to cover increased expenses

Program: The two Modesto Police Officers provided a great presentation with the use of their drone. County Supervisor, Vito Chiesa will come in April. In May, the County geological society will present. For June, we will have a speaker talking about "Quilts for combat Vets".

Sunshine: Big Sir said it was good to have Ed Davis back

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GOLF

By John Reedy

Travel

By Bill Stires



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.

Mon., April 24
— Dryden (MP), 9:00 a.m. SG, \$27
(cart optl.) Host 144.

MAY STARTS THE 8:00 T-TIMES

Mon., May 1 — Elk Horn, 8:00
a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 164.

Mon., May 8 — Micki Grove, 8:00
a.m. SG, \$33 (cart incl.) Host 103.

Mon., May 15 — Pheasant Run,
8:00 a.m. SG, \$42 (cart incl.) Host
143.

Mon., May 22 — Creekside (MP),
8:00 a.m. SG, \$27 (cart optl.)
Host 144.

Tues., May 30 — Dryden, 8:00
a.m. SG, \$27 (cart optl.) Host 164.

Mon., June 5 — Lockeford, 8:00
a.m. SG, \$38 (cart incl.) Host 103.

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.

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.

12 NIGHT BRITISH ISLES CRUISE

AUG. 27-SEPT. 10, 2017

SF overnight from SFO to London.
Day in London and then board the
Caribbean princess for a British isles
Cruise. Includes St. Peter Port at
the harbor of Guernsey, port town f
Cork with a chance to kiss the Blar-
ney Stone at the Castle. Next port
is Dublin with historic attractions,
then to Belfast in Northern Ireland
and fantastic renaissance. 5th day
port is the Firth of Clyde and
Greenock, a fishing community
Next will be Orkney Islands and the
9th century Viking settlement. The
7th port is Inverness and the legend
of the Loch Ness monster. From
there it is Queensferry north of Ed-
inburgh. Port #9 is off the Normandy
beaches of France. Back to London
before disembarking for trip home.
A valid passport is needed with an
expiration date over six months pri-
or to sailing date.

Prices: **\$3095 to \$5075 p/p.**
Book by April 1 to secure a cabin
and get discounted rates of 40% off
original price.

All the reservation forms are availa-
ble on the SIR Area 22 website 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 members to en-
joy the trips.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed Fly-
ers and Applications for all SIR trav-
el 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

APRIL 29TH, 2017 5 P.M.

CARINOS ITALIAN

The next dine out will be at Ca-
rinos Italian. Sisk Rd by the mall.
April 29th, 5:00pm. Corkage fee
for wine is \$10. Host is Bob and
Gretchen Kredit. Reserve your
spot one week ahead, if possible:
275-9530, e-mail
bkred8209@aol.com

State SIR Happenings

State Sons In Retirement publishes
a newsletter every quarter. The
State President usually keeps
branches posted on new infor-
mation plus news from other
branches.

The latest edition of SIR Happen-
ings has been posted on the SIR
website: [http://sirinc.org/
sirhappenings/](http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)



Tom Evans presented John Moss
a certificate of appreciation
from our Branch103. John is on
current assignment in the Mod-
esto Narcotics Enforcement
Team. He and his partner Shaun
demonstrated and discussed the
Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
(drones).

John's father is a member of
Branch 103, Gil Moss.

Computers

The computer classes before the
luncheon will have John teach-
ing 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



Left to right: Big Sir Gary DelNero, Richard "Rich" Walke, William H. Gagon, his sponsor Jim Haub and Orientation chair Bob Kredit.

Rich is a retired Probation Supervisor from Stanislaus County. He and his spouse, Cathy, reside in Hickman. He is a golfer who likes hiking, recreational vehicles, travel and wine tasting. William and his wife, Terri, reside in Modesto where he likes to golf and wine tasting. He was a Data Center Manager for AT&T.

Birthdays of the Month

By Murle Webb

John "Jack" Daleth	4/20/1933	#9
Robert "Bob" Kredit	4/3/1946	#10
Johnny Taylor	4/3/1939	#13
Alonzo Loudermilk	4/11/1929	#24
Ralph Ramirez	4/18/1948	#28
Lee Hoddy	4/4/1943	#37
Ronald Halliday	4/14/1946	#54
Richard Kershner	4/20/1928	#63
Michael Dareing	4/8/1948	#74
Jim Pastorelli	4/16/1945	#77
Robert Smith	4/14/1944	#88
John Reedy	4/19/1943	#108
Roger Drobnick	4/23/1942	#139
John Matzek	4/13/1932	#163
William Caldwell	4/16/1938	#171
Kerry Elms	4/28/1946	#172
Jim Standart	4/25/1947	#181
Paul Deol	4/2/1947	#212
William Gagon	4/1/1949	#224
Ray Pezzi	4/26/1944	#243

Membership

By Bill Axtell

NEW MEMBERS:

LeeK. Ehrler (Theresa) **Badge #86**
 1703 Anning Dr.
 Turlock, CA 95382-2888 209 632-3330
 ehrlerltd@msn.com
 Golf, Travel, Wine, Yoga

PH. # CORRECTION:

Robert McManus **Badge #206**
 209 988-3818

DECEASED:

Charles "Chuck" Behr **Badge #86**
Charles Looney **Badge #47**

MEMBERS DROPPED (Non Attendance)

Genaro Balsac **Badge #7**
Bill Labrum **Badge#15**
Ralph Ramirez **Badge #28**
Dam Gonzales **Badge #40**
William Martin **Badge #48**
William Bender **Badge #49**
Michael Early **Badge #66**
Rick Panto **Badge #81**
Henry Gonzales **Badge #84**
Dana Clark **Badge #87**
Richard Stubbert **Badge #92**
Dave Rhodes **Badge #93**
Joe L. Capelli **Badge #97**
Bill N. Barrett **Badge #99**
David Meeks **Badge #112**
George Antonopoulos **Badge#127**
Tim Cochran **Badge #138**



League Bowls 1 p.m. Tuesdays

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Week #29: SG Terry McChesney, SS Gary Pattee 641, HG Bob Lewis 269, HS Tony Lopez 703. Week #30: SG-SS-HG John Sherrard 256-632-262, HS Tony Lopez 703. Week 31: SG-SS-HG Joe

Miceli 265-716-277, HG Bob Lewis 277. Week #32: SG Dave Brown 234, SS Gary Pattee 652, HG-HS Gene Cox 257-688. Week #33: SG-SS Jay Faughn 236-635, HG Larry Maxfield 263, HS Jerry Strain 669. For Week 35, the final week of the 2016-17 Season, the following teams will be matched for the championship after the first week of playoffs: Wes's Wascles and Team #10.

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.-Thurs., April 10-13 Gold Dust West, Carson City, Nevada. Fri.-Sun., May 19-21 Tahoe Bowl, Lake Tahoe. Wed.-Thurs., June 7-9 Pinole Valley Lanes, Pinole. Tues.-Wed., July 20-21 Tall Pines, Paradise. 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).

Mirl Morse
Alfonso Meza
Jerry Butcher
Paul Deol
Ben M. Adriano

Badge #178
Badge #185
Badge #192
Badge #212
Badge #244



JP Canabou will open and close the book cabinet – you can take and bring books.

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., Apr. 26
Elks' Lodge
645 Charity Way
Modesto
Phone 544-3157
FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

to do our song. Mark Lim has pneumonia. We wish him well. Barry Meiselman is home and resuming his golf tourney duties. Thanks, Barry.
 Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the new Directory has been emailed. He received no corrections. He reported that there were 35 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.
 Computers: John Johansen reported that he was unable to mentor members because there was no wi-fi connection.
 Photo Club: Bob Kredit has set up a table. He helped a member with his camera problem.
 Dining Club: Bill Caldwell will host March 25 at Devine Swine.
 Old Business: John Johansen and Richard Provost will research information concerning purchasing a power point projector. In lieu of a projector, we will ask presenters to bring their own.
 The Airport Hanger is not a possible luncheon site.
 Thanks to Murle for organizing the fixing of our cabinets and Richard and Dennis for their work.
 New Business: None.
 Other: Big Sir Gary thanked Bob Kredit for doing the prayer.
 Adjournment: 8:34 A.M.

SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

All trips and other activities arranged by and for SONS IN RETIREMENT, Inc., and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the passengers, or their property, in any matter pertaining to said tours or other activities. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings shall be notified by Form Letter 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to the attendance



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