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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

In an effort to always improve our luncheons we are in constant dialog with the Elks each and every month. Some items at the luncheon go smooth and some do not. Your patience on these matters is greatly appreciated.

As a side note for next year if anyone has a suggestion for us to check out for a new venue for next year please contact the Executive Board or myself.

May is going to be Mexican Fiesta month so if you have those sombreros. I will again supply a prize for the most decorative theme for the month.

As always we are asking for a "Legacy of One," bring in a new member.



Executive Committee

By Don Rowe, Secretary

May Program

By Tom Evans

Our program for the May luncheon will be presented by the Stanislaus County Geological Society. Dale Thompson retired from the US Naval Reserves after serving 14 years on active duty and 16 years in the Reserves. He was the Command Chief for his Reserve Unit at Moffett Naval Air Station. He served as an Electronic Technician, Reactor Operator on Nuclear Fast Attack and Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarines. He worked as a Consulting Engineer at Nuclear Services Corporation in Campbell, CA, a Production Supervisor at Hewlett Packard in Santa Clara, CA and as a Manager for KOTS Retirement Center in Deming, NM. He is the Vice President of the Robert E Lee Association and currently the President of the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County. He has been married to Sue Baxley Thompson for 51 years and they have two children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. They currently reside in Modesto and are enjoying retired life.

Attendance: Big Sir, Gary DelNero, Little Sir, Richard Provost, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Directors: Don Reed, John Reedy, Marion Roberts, Dennis Imhoff, and Bob Kredit. Absent: Assistant Treasurer, Don Eaton Director John Johansen, Committee Representatives present: Don Reed, (Bulletin), Bill Axtell (Membership), Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs) Bill Stires (travel)

Guests: None

Call to Order: 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: In membership, add Motion to accept: Provost, 2nd Rowe - PASSED. In Old Business, changed to: Thanks to Murle and Gary for fixing of our cabinets. Motion to accept as amended, March minutes: motion: Rowe, 2nd Provost - PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$5,359.39.

Deposit: donations-\$319, lunch, \$1,776, raffle, \$82. \$2,209.20 total receipts.

Checks written: \$1,792-Lunch, printing, \$11.84 UPS store, \$19.60 Postage to Don Reed, SIR quarterly assessment \$336.00 Total deductions-\$2159.44 Balance, \$5,409.15. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Reed - PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 209 active members, 2 new members, and no dropped members. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Kredit- PASSED. We have 3 new member applications: Doug Imberi, John Faria and Lee Ehrler. Motion to accept: Reedy, 2nd Reed - PASSED.

Luncheon: Room set up was done, but Head table needs to seat 8. The food was good: however, only 1 entrée was allowed per person. Still having problems since Brenda left.

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: NA

Program: County Supervisor, Vito Chiesa did an excellent job. In May, Dale Johnson from the County genealogical society will present. In June, we will have to find a speaker.

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GOLF

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., June 12 – Manteca (TS),
8:00 a.m. SG, \$30 (cart optl.) Host
143.

Mon., June 19 – Creekside, 8:00
a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., June 28 – Dryden, 8:00
a.m. SG, \$27 (cart optl.) Host 164.

Mon., July 3 – Dry Creek, 8:30
a.m. SG, \$42 (cart incl.) Host 103.

Mon., July 10 – Creekside (IQ),
\$29 (cart optl.) Host 143.

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.

Travel

By Bill Stires

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.

POSSIBLE FUTURE TRIPS

Sept. 12, 2017 – Underground Tour
Sacramento

Oct. 5-6, 2017 – Apple Hill

Dec. 7-8 – Reno Holiday Show

Jan. 7-14, 2018 – Eastern Caribbean
Cruise

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
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.

bstires46@gmail.com

Travelers are urged to carry with
them an up to date list of their
medications.

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

MAY 20TH, 2017 5 P.M.
DUST BOWL BREWERY

The next dine-out will be at Dust
Bowl Brewery, 3000 Fulkerth Rd.,
Turlock, CA, hosted by Don and
Marlene Rowe.

Reservations limited to the first
30.

To confirm please e-mail [rowes-
ki@hotmail.com](mailto:rowes-ki@hotmail.com) or call 209 634-
0100.

State SIR Happenings

State Sons In Retirement publish-
es a newsletter every quarter.
The State President usually
keeps branches posted on new
information 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/)

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.

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**



Stanislaus County Supervisor for District 2, Vito Chiesa, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Program Chair, Tom Evans, during the April 26 103 Luncheon. Supervisor Chiesa presented a very informative delivery, detailing a lot of information on the workings of the county supervisors. He was well informed and answered questions asked by our SIR members.

Membership

By Bill Axtell

NEW MEMBERS:

John F. "Jack" Faria (Joni) Badge #15
 2713 Turpin Ave
 Riverbank, CA 95367-2800 209 89-9200
 Bowling

Doug Imberl (Carol) Badge #7
 5112 St. Clare Circle
 Salida, CA 95368-9280
 dimberi@att.net

Golf, Rec. Vehicles, Brewing, Dinner Dance, Gardening

DROPPED MEMBERS:

Rudolfo "Rudy" Lago Badge #44

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

Branch 103 Website

The new Branch 103 Website can be found at

www.sirinc2.org/branch103

Birthdays of the Month

By Bill Axtell

Dick Jacobs	5/16/1930	#4
Genaro Baisac	5/23/1962	#7
Monty Montanez	5/10/1933	#17
Bruce Aschenbrenner	5/13/1948	#58
Doug M. Lemcke	5/31/1952	#222
Dominic Genova	5/7/1935	#85
Coe Banard	5/31/1939	#95
James Cloward	5/18/1936	#106
Ronald Gorang	5/12/1931	#111
Murle Webb	5/4/1931	#114
Donald Fitzgerald	5/21/1948	#121
Vincent Rucobo	5/22/1945	#131
Peder Hoy	5/31/1936	#133
Gary Goodman	5/21/1944	#134
Jim Harrity	5/10/1946	#173
Harold Rubinsmith	5/7/1948	#191
John Saverthal	5/1/1944	#210
Jim Haub	5/2/1948	#218



League Bowls — In Recess

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto



The final week of the 2016-17 bowling season saw Team #10 defeat Wes's Wascl's 2 games to 1. Team #10 consisted of Don Reed, Ron Flagel, Charles Fox (all 103) and Joe

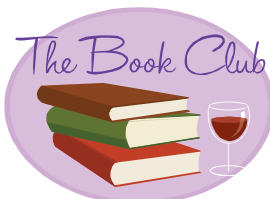
Miceli (144). Wes's team was made up of Gene Cox, Larry Maxfield, Wes Rash and JP Canabou (all 103). Scores for the day were: Gary Pattee SG-SS 258-670, CK Gottschalk HG 272 and Dominic Genova HS 688.

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: 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).

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



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., May 24
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 Gary reported that Jerry Hott had a corneal transplant. Dave Martin's wife is in the hospital. Jeff Bowman had surgery. Gary will send our best wishes.
 Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the new Directory is being prepared. He reported that there were 35 players for the Thursday round.
 Golf: John Reedy said he reported at the luncheon.
 Bowling: Don Reed reported his team had won the league championship with team members Ron Flagel, Charlies Fox and Joe Miceli.
 Merchandising: no report. We need someone to volunteer to take this over. In the meantime, Bob Kredit will take care of pins.
 Special Events: No report.
 Travel: Bill Stires reported on his upcoming trips. He also said that SIR travel insurance for overseas has gone up \$7.00 to \$27.00
 Computers: Absent.
 Photo Club: Bob Kredit has set up a table.
 Dining Club: Bob Kredit will host April 29 at Johnny Carinos.
 Old Business: None
 New Business: None
 Other: None
 Adjournment: 8:29 A.M.

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