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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

The nomination committee for next year is in full swing. If you have a nomination, contact any board member or myself and we can get you the information needed. It takes a lot of members to run our SIR and we appreciate everyone's input.

The social aspect of SIR is huge, including Golf, Bowling or just getting together at our meetings.

Taking off on this is our Dine out Club (Or Dine out, Dinner, whatever you call it) it has been a big success. This next month is Georges Steak House off of Kansas Ave. on Saturday, June 24th at 5 pm. Come down and check the festivities out.

As always it is getting hotter and the temperature will be in the Century 100, so hydrate at home, on the links, or where ever you are.



June Program

By Tom Evans

Our program for the June luncheon will be a presentation, with a slide show, about World War II. Phil Blake will tell the story about Iwo Jima.

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/>

Executive Committee

By Don Rowe, Secretary

Attendance: Little Sir, Richard Provost, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Assistant Treasurer, Don Eaton. Directors: John Johansen, Don Reed, and Dennis Imhoff.

Absent: Big Sir, Gary DelNero, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Directors, John Reedy, Marion Roberts, and Bob Kredit.

Committee Representative present: Don Reed, (Bulletin), Bill Axtell (Membership), Richard Provost, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs), Bill Stires (travel).

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

Reports: Secretary: Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept, April minutes: motion: Rowe, 2nd Imhoff PASSED

Treasurer: Assistant Treasurer, Don Eaton reported: Beginning balance: \$5,409.15. Deposit: donations-\$145, lunch, \$1,408, raffle, \$57. Total receipts: \$1,664.00. Checks written: \$1,664-Lunch. Balance: \$5,355.15. Motion to accept: Eaton, 2nd Reed- PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 209 active members, one new member, and dropped 10 members: John Daleth, Carl Elvik, John Peeples, Albert Petrides, Reynaldo Cabusas, Dale Baker, Felix Luna, Tony Lopez, Jerry Melvin, and Nilo Casiano. Motion to accept: Reed, 2nd Imhoff- PASSED. We have 1 new member application: Stephen Bruce. Motion to accept: Reed, 2nd Imhoff- PASSED. Motion: Place Art Long as an inactive member and Bud Shimon as an active Member: Rowe, 2nd Imhoff

Luncheon: The food report was good to fair. Lunch was served late. The serving tables should be monitored when pans and dishes are nearing empty. One server was new, and should have been at the end of table. Also when scooping the food (enchiladas) should have serve up another one if the filling was gone in his first serving.

Correspondence: State Sir has consolidated Areas due to loss of membership. We are now in Area 18 instead of 22. Little Sir, Richard Provost and Secretary, Don Rowe will attend a meeting June 2 to get more information and an explanation.

Program: The substitute speaker from the County Genealogical Society did a noble job of filling in. In June, we will hear Phil Blake speaking on World War II.

Sunshine: Little Sir, Richard Provost reported that Jeff Bowman, Bob Rodney, Nick Casucci, Jean-Pierre

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



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 26— 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.

Mon., July 17 — Reserve, 8:00
a.m. SG. \$45(cart incl.) Host 144.

Mon., July 24 — Manteca, 8:00
a.m. SG. \$30 (cart optl.) Host 164.

Mon., July 31 — Dryden, 8:00
a.m. SG. \$27 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., Aug. 7 — Diablo Grande,
8:00 SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., Aug. 15 — Elk Horn, 8:00
a.m. SG, \$43 (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.

By Bill Stires

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
Greennock, 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 as soon as possible to beat the
price increases.

SACRAMENTO UNDERGROUND TOUR

September 12, 2017

Travel to Sacramento and learn
about how and why they built a city
upon another city in the under-
ground tunnels. Enjoy a great lunch
at the Pilothouse Restaurant on the
Delta King on the Sacramento Riv-
er. After lunch we take a tour of
the Leland Stanford Mansion built in
1856.

Minimum needed for trip 30 passen-
gers by August 10, 2017 or it will be
cancelled.

Maximum of 44 passengers. Sign up
early to reserve your space.

Price \$140.00 Per Person

FUTURE TRIPS

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 en-
joy the trips.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed Fly-
ers and Applications for all SIR travel
at 544-2684. Mail to Bill at 241B
Leland Lane, Modesto, CA 95350.

bstires46@gmail.com
Travelers are urged to carry with
them an up to date list of their
medications.



Lewis M. Ruddick on the left,
received a certificate of ap-
preciation from Program Chair-
man Tom Evans at the Wednes-
day, May 24 103 luncheon.
Lewis represented the Stani-
slaus County Genealogy Society
and told of the things they do.
He took questions and an-
swered them for our members.

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

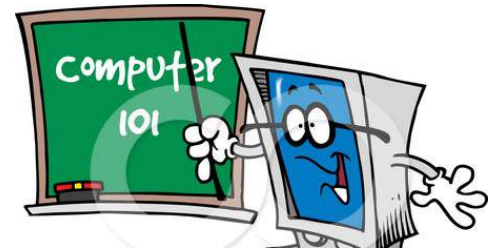
JUNE 24, 2017 4:30 P.M.
GEORGE'S STEAK HOUSE
1001 Kansas Ave., Modesto,
beginning 4:30 to 5 Pm
Corkage fee \$7.00 a bottle.

Please join your host
Oscar Cherry

to confirm reservations,
Call Oscar at 529-5729

Do not e-mail Oscar

A Branch activity that encourages friendly
dining in small groups.
Dine Out events are for the benefit of Sir
Members and their spouse, lady friend or sig-
nificant other. Smaller groups lend themselves
to interesting conversations with fellow Sirs
and their spouses.



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



From L-R: Big Sir Gary DelNero, Lee Ehrler, Doug Imberi and Orientation Chair Dennis Imhoff. Lee is a resident of Turlock and resides there with his wife Theresa. He learned about SIR from friends. A retired teacher/coach with Oakdale and MJC. He golfs, travels, likes wine and is into yoga. Doug and his spouse, Carol, live in Salida. He is a retired public affairs guy with the Dept. of Defense. He is into bowling, dances, gardening, golf, rec. vehicles, wine tasting and yoga.

Membership

By Bill Axtell

NEW MEMBERS:

Stephen A. Bruce (Cathy) **Badge #28**
2401 Carver Rd.
Modesto, CA 95350-2008 209 529-2269
Stephen-bruce@sbcglobal.net
Computers, Crab Feed and poker

TRANSFER TO BRANCH 144:

Nilo Casiano **Badge #236**

DROPPED FOR NON ATTENANCE:

John Daleth **Badge #9**
Carl Elvik **Badge #14**
John Peeples **Badge #23**
Richard Wakle **Badge #44**
Albert R. Petrides **Badge #113**
Dale Baker **Badge #140**
Felix Luna **Badge #189**
Tony Lopez **Badge #209**
Jerry Melvin **Badge #227**

SIR Members are required to attend at least one-half of the luncheon in a 12 month period. (Not counting Ladies Day) If you wish to continue to participate you need to make sure you are eligible.

Birthdays of the Month

By Bill Axtell

Elmer "Ed" Bois	6/12/1931	#18
Bob Rodney	6/9/1938	#25
John Arnold	6/24/1944	#35
Don Stevenson	6/2/1950	#41
David Martin	6/3/1929	#62
Warren Stokes	6/6/1953	#65
Jerry Zoller	6/25/1943	#69
George Dunham	6/3/1950	#71
William Gard	6/23/1929	#82
Bill Axtell	6/26/1947	#90
Darwin Skiles	6/6/1937	#100
Roger G. Lochry	6/1/1924	#142
Gary Allen	6/8/1942	#150
Joe Perez	6/1/1937	#162
Carl Nowicki	6/22/1947	#182
Richard Nelson	6/23/1947	#197
Chris Walker	6/11/1949	#201
Elvin Ghan	6/17/1937	#247



League Bowls – In Recess

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto



The organizing meeting for the 2017-18 season will be held at McHenry Bowl on Tuesday, August 8 at Noon. Old and new members are encouraged to attend to set the rules for the new season.

STATE BOWLING – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: **Make an effort to participate in some of these tournaments.** – Scheduled are: **Wed.-Thurs., June 7-9 Pinole Valley Lanes, Pinole. Tues.-Wed., July 20-21 Tall Pines, Paradise. Mon.-Tues., July 10-11, Nu Generation, Yuba City. Sat.-Tues., July 22-25, Knotty Pines Lanes, Pollock Pines. Mon.-Wed., August 14-16, Reno Bowling Stadium, Reno NV.**

Check the State SIR Bowling at sirinc.com or 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 18).

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



At this time Branch 103 needs someone who 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 18 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 Open
 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 Richard Provost 577-8219
 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., June 28
Elks' Lodge
 645 Charity Way
 Modesto
 Phone 544-3157
FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Canabou are ill or recovery from surgery. Motion: Place these members on the inactive list until they are able to return. Eaton, 2nd Barnard Passed
 Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the new Directory is being prepared sometime in June.
 He reported that there were 38 players for the Thursday round.
 Golf: John Reedy is injured. Scrambles teams need to send their team members to John Reedy and Joe Adams (see golf schedule for addresses).
 Bowling: Don Reed reported that bowling begins Aug. 8, with a meeting of all bowlers- new and continuing.
 Merchandising: no report. We need someone to volunteer to take over.
 Travel: Bill Stires reported on his upcoming trips. He reminded people that are interested in taking trips need to do it early because the trips often fill up early.
 Computers: John Johansen had a person he helped. He also brought up the topic of "hacking" and the security of the branch's computer web site, Directory, etc. Further discussion will occur at our next Board meeting.
 Photo Club: Bob Kredit was absent.
 Dining Club: Dennis Imhoff announce that Oscar Cherry will host the next dinner at George's Steak House on June 24. Contact him if you are interested.
 New Business: 12 hats will be ordered for the birthday give away.
 Other: The nominating committee, John Johansen, Dennis Imhoff, and Bob Kredit will begin seeking members interested in serving as an officer or Board member.
 Adjournment: 8:41 A.M.

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