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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

I would like to thank James Dean a members of our SIR for the coordination of the quilts for the recipients as it was an AWESOME presentation. Our presenter and the talk of Art Long were very inspiring. It is absolutely the quietest all of us have been during a presentation (All for good reason: Respect and total awe.)

Everyone should know there is a requirement of being at 6 meetings a year in a 12 month period. If you are not at our meetings or have been bowling, playing golf, etc. you will be notified by our membership committee. (The example I will give is if a member misses 6 meetings and have been golfing/bowling for the 6 months you will hear from us.) As always we are asking for a legacy of one, bring in a new member.



Executive Committee

By Don Rowe, Secretary

July Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker for July is Michael Frantz, President of Frantz Wholesale Nursery. He is active on local, statewide, and national boards ranging from the nursery industry to public power. He was elected in 2009 to the Board of Directors for Turlock Irrigation District, a publicly owned utility that provides electricity to 662 square miles in the Central Valley and irrigation water for 150,000 acres of farmland. He also serves on the Nursery Growers Association Board, the Farm Bureau, AmericanHort and the San Joaquin Valley Agriculture Advisory Board to Sustainable Conservation.

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

Absent: Bob Kredit.

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

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 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept, May minutes: motion: Rowe, 2nd Provost PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$5,355.15. Deposit: donations 0, lunch, \$1,632, raffle, \$85. Total receipts: \$1,717.00. Checks written: \$1,664-Lunch, Don Reed, \$19.60- postage, UPS Store \$11.87- printing, Bob Kredit, \$9.80- postage, Total Deductions: \$1,705.27. Balance: \$5,366.88. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2ndReed- PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 198 active members and one new member. Motion to accept: Provost, 2nd Reedy- PASSED. We have 2 new member applications: Stephen Bruce and John Huey. Motion to accept: Provost, 2nd Roberts- PASSED. Motion: Due to excessive absences by some members, a notification will be emailed by Bill Axtel to those members. If no response, a follow-up letter will be sent two weeks later: Provost, 2nd Roberts- PASSED

Luncheon: The food report was good. Lunch was served late. At one table, the fruit salad ran out, Coffee ran out. Good staff response to requests.

Correspondence:

Program: War Veterans who saw action were presented quilts. Phil Blake presented on World War II and did a wonderful job. In July, we have Mike Frantz from Turlock Irrigation District. The Modesto Police Department will send a speaker discussing gangs in Aug.

Sunshine: Big Sir, Gary DelNero reported that Jeff Bowman and Bud Andrews are ill or recovery from surgery. Motion: Place these members on the inactive list until they are able to re-

Branch 103 Website

The Branch 103 Website can be found at

www.sirinc2.org/branch103

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GOLF

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., Aug. 21 – Creekside, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 164.

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

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 of Cork with a chance to kiss the Blarney 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 Edinburgh. 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 prior 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 underground tunnels. Enjoy a great lunch at the Pilothouse Restaurant on the Delta King on the Sacramento River. After lunch we take a tour of the Leland Stanford Mansion built in 1856.

Minimum needed for trip 30 passengers 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

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE January 6-14, 2018

Join your friends and members aboard the Regal Princess built in 2014. Enjoy a night in Ft. Lauderdale at the Embassy Suites before we board the ship for a 7 night cruise.

Will visit the following ports: Princess Cays; enjoy a private beach party on the Island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas. St. Thomas (Charlotte Amalie) the US Virgin Islands; enjoy the scenery and some duty free shopping. St. Maarten (Phillipsburg);

the island has 2 sides a Dutch side and a French side dating back to the early 17th century. Plus 3 days of cruising and all the activities on the Regal Princess.

Price: Interior Stateroom: \$2375 p/p dble.
Balcony: \$2550 to \$2598 p/p dble.

Mini Suite: \$2895 p/p dble. Single prices available upon request

Must have valid passport up to June 30, 2018

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.

bstires46@gmail.com

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be Sat. July 22nd 2017 @ 4:30 PM

We will be dining at

The Fruit Yard

7948 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto at 4:30 PM
Corkage fee \$11.00 a bottle.

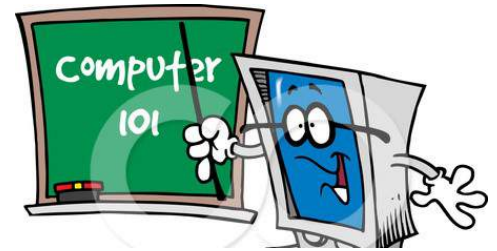
Your hosts are the Benders and Filans

Confirm reservations by

July 19th, no later.

Send an e-mail to Paul Bender golfbender@sbcglobal.net

Dine Out events are for the benefit of Sir Members and their spouse, lady friend or significant other. Smaller groups lend themselves to interesting conversations with fellow Sirs and their spouses, as well as allowing restaurants to show off their service and best cuisine. Each member picks up their own tab. A different Sir member chooses the restaurant each month.



The computer classes before the 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



From L-R: Big Sir Gary DelNero, new member John Faria and Bob Kredit, Orientation Chairman. John "Jack" and his wife Joni are residents of Riverbank. He retired from Silgan Container as a press mechanic after being in the US Navy as an aircraft electrician/supervisor. He is interested in bowling in the SIR bowling league at McHenry Bowl.

Membership

By Bill Axtell

DECEASED:

Bob L. Rodney Badge #25
 Nick J. Casucci Badge #94

RESIGNED:

Robert "Buffalo" Smith Badge #88
 Dwight Sullivan Badge #176

TRANSFERRED TO 144:

John E. Medrano Badge #52

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.

Nomination of Branch 103 Officers For 2018

Nominated are the following: Big Sir Richard Provost, Little Sir Marion Roberts and Gary Goodman, Secretary Don Rowe, Asst. Sec. Coe Barnard, Treas. Tim Anglim, Asst. Treas. Don Eaton, Board members: Gary DelNero, Bob Kredit, Dennis Imhoff, John Johansen, Don Reed and Bill Caldwell. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the July 26 Luncheon. The vote will be held at the August 23, 2017 Luncheon.



Birthdays

By Bill Axtell

Max Stowers	7/14/1939	#22
Richard Walke	7/4/1954	#32
Clark Pearson	7/7/1944	#51
Ron Flagel	7/15/1941	#79
Robert Saylor	7/4/1940	#70
Oscar Cherry	7/9/1934	#109
Tom E. Phillips	7/10/1949	#110
Bud Andrews	7/19/1941	#123
Dennis E. Imhoff	7/17/1944	#135
Arthur L. Long	7/24/1942	#141
Reynaldo L. Cabusas	7/16/1945	#147
John Johnson	7/29/1944	#149
Ream Lochry	7/16/1952	#151
Leo Havener	7/26/1937	#152
Donald L. Carney	7/3/1946	#179
Jean-Pierre Canabou	7/10/1946	#183
Barrett Meiselman	7/17/1945	#184
Manuel V. Simas	7/8/1936	#187
Fernando Fernandez	7/18/1953	#195
Charles Nichols	7/3/1947	#198
Larry M. Lay	7/19/1941	#207
Don W. Locke	7/25/1926	#225
Ron Saito	7/9/1939	#230
Timothy J. Anglim	7/10/1941	#234
William H. Douglas	7/28/1938	#242



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. The league play starts on Tuesday August

15 at 1 p.m. **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: Sat.-Tues., July 22-25, Knotty Pines Lanes, Pollock Pines. Mon.-Wed., August 14-16, Reno Bowling Stadium, Reno NV. Mon.-Tues., Aug. 28-29, Black Oak Casino, Sonora. Sun., Sept. 10, Cloverleaf Bowl, Fremont.

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 to 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!



Earl Glenn will open and close the book cabinet each luncheon. 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, Earl Glenn537-7254
 Travel Area 22 Bill Stires544-2684
 Merchandise Sales, Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 Sales Asst., Kerry Newman579-7747
 Lunch Menu, Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Data Processing Richard Provost577-8219
 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

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

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

turn. Eaton, 2nd Barnard Passed
 Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the new Directory is being prepared. He reported that there were 39 players for the Thursday round.
 Golf: John Reedy spoke about signing up for tournaments in a timely manner.
 Bowling: Don Reed reported that bowling begins Aug. 8, with a meeting of all bowlers- new and continuing.
 Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff will take over the table.
 Special Events: na
 Travel: na
 Computers: John Johansen brought up the topic of "hacking" and the security of the branch's computer web site, Directory, etc. John will develop a presentation for the members at a luncheon if the future.
 Photo Club: Bob Kredit was absent.
 Dining Club: Dennis Imhoff announced that Paul Bender and Mike Filan will host the next dinner at The Fruityard in Empire on July 2. Contact them if you are interested. In August, Don Rowe will host at the DustBowl Brewery in Turlock.
 Old Business: The Nominating Committee will prepare the ballot for July.
 New Business:
 Other: Don Rowe and Richard Provost attended Our Area Governor's meeting on June 2 and will report to the board at the next Executive Board Meeting.
 Adjournment: 8:38 A.M.

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