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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Crows By Gary Del Nero

It time to think about our December Raffle and meeting. Traditionally we ask for some raffle prizes for the raffle. It is only 4 months away. We will have the quartet coming again by popular demand and they will sing some Xmas favorites as well as some oldies.

If you have not gone to a SIR Dine Out Club, it is time you check it out. We have got up to 35 at the event. It is a great time to socialize and meet new SIR members as well as their spouses. We have new venues with a variety of food is always the case. Some bring a bottle wine to drink (cork a bottle for your own use or for sharing).

As always if you come to a meeting, please pick up your badge. If you cannot stay for whatever reason please talk with Bill Axtell the Membership Chairman and let him know what is going on or come see me.

Legacy of one is bring in a new member to our SIR 103 Luncheon.



Executive Committee

By Don Rowe, Secretary

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, Marion Roberts, and Dennis Imhoff, and Bob Kredit.

Absent: John Reedy

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

Guests:

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: \$5,366.88. Deposit: donations \$80, lunch, \$1,696, raffle, \$87. Total receipts: \$1,863.00. Checks written: \$1,760-Lunch, Don Reed, \$19.60- postage, star Sports hats) \$149.55, Bill Axtell-supplies-\$10.98, SIR 3rd quarter assessment- \$310.50. Total Deductions: \$2,216.63. Balance: \$5,013.25. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Kredit- PASSED.

There was a discussion explaining the luncheon charges.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 198 active members. . Motion to accept: Provost, 2nd Reed - PASSED. We have 1 new member application: John Huey. Members dropped: 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 Motion to accept: Kredit, 2nd Imhoff - PASSED. Motion: Due to excessive absences by some members, a notification was emailed by Bill Axtell to those members. If no response, a follow-up letter was sent two weeks later.

Luncheon: The food ready on time. Some like it, some didn't. There were plenty of desserts. The room set up was good.

Program: Mike Frantz from Turlock Irrigation District made a presentation. It was generally well received. Secretary Rowe stated that this was a political presentation and this is not in compliance with SIR rules. Water management is a very controversial subject. The Modesto Police Department will send a speaker discussing gangs in Aug. In Sept. John Johansen

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August Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker for August 23 will be from the Modesto Police Department. The topic for the luncheon will dwell on the efforts of the department to curtail gang activity in the City of Modesto and other surrounding areas.

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, Marion Roberts and Bill Caldwell.

Further nominations may be made from the floor at the August 23 Luncheon.

The vote will be held at the August 23, 2017 Luncheon.

GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



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

Mon., Aug. 14 – 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.

Mon., Aug. 28 – Dryden, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$27 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Tues., Sept. 5 – Atwater, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$40 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., Sept. 11 – Creekside, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., Sept. 18 – Dryden, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$27 (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

By Bill Stires

SACRAMENTO UNDERGROUND TOUR (Second Trip) November 2, 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 30, 2017 or it will be cancelled.

Maximum of 44 passengers. Sign up early to reserve your space. Price \$140.00 Per Person

APPLE HILL, RENO Oct. 5-6, 2017

Our annual overnight trip up the hill to see the Fall colors and on to Reno for a stay at the Eldorado Hotel. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at the Carson Valley Inn and some free time for gambling. On to Reno and a buffet dinner before seeing a fantastic show "Adam Trent" the Illusionist. He brings his Broadway show of magic, comedy and music that is perfect for the entire family. Have a breakfast buffet before heading to John Ascuaga's Nugget for free time and lunch. After lunch head to Apple Hill and High Hill Ranch for an apple pie or apple fritter before heading home. Minimum of 2 passengers needed by August 22, 2017. \$274 Double \$300 Single.

FUTURE TRIPS

Dec. 7-8 – Reno Holiday Show

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE January 6-14, 2018

Book by Aug. 15, 2017 with deposit and take advantage of the "Sun-Drenched Sale" from \$275 per person savings. Final payment not due until Oct. 1, 2017

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

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

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be **AUGUST 26TH, 2017 5 P.M. DUST BOWL BREWERY**

3000 Fulkert Rd., Turlock, CA, Hosted by Don and Marlene Rowe.

Reservations limited to the first 30.

To confirm please e-mail:

roweski@hotmail.com

or call 209 634-0100.

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 Stephen Bruce, Bob Kredit, Orientation Chairman and John Huey
 Stephen is married to Cathy and they reside in Modesto. He is retired from Fresno Community Hospital as a sanitary engineer. His interests are computers, crab feeds and poker. John is a retired risk/environmental manager with Delaware North. His home is in the City of Modesto. His interests are many and include bowling, golf, pool, softball and tennis.

Birthdays

By Bill Axtell

William Russell	8/31/1949	#5
Daniel Reeves	8/31/1949	#34
Gary Del Nero	8/30/1953	#68
Michael Brady	8/25/1941	#75
Lee K. Ehler	8/23/1945	#86
Kerry Newman	8/30/1938	#91
Joseph Stackhouse	8/31/1943	#98
Albert Petrides	8/24/1967	#113
Steve Hughes	8/8/1951	#115
Gary Pattee	8/17/1947	#116
David Brown	8/10/1947	#146
Dan Briones	8/2/1945	#159
John Sherrard	8/7/1960	#161
Jim Bickner	8/14/1939	#165
Charles Butrica	8/11/1953	#169
John McGrath	8/7/1950	#186
Philip Osterli	8/30/1940	#190
Michael Filan	8/4/1944	#196
Jim Tanquary	8/19/1943	#200
Bud Shimmom	8/11/1930	#215
Mark Lim	8/26/1947	#231
Salvador Rodriguez	8/4/1945	#237

Membership

By Bill Axtell

NEW MEMBERS:

John W. Huey Badge #9
 2944 Hemminger Way
 Modesto, CA 95350-0612 209 526-4123
 johnhuey006@comcast.net
 Bowl, Golf, Softball, Pickle Ball and Pool

Stephen Bruce Badge #28
 Cathy
 2401 Carver Rd.
 Modesto, CA 95350-2008 209 529-2269
 stephen-bruce@sbcglobal.net —
 Computers, Crab Feeds and Poker

DECEASED:

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

NEW PH. #:

Don Baade Badge #122
 Cell 209-480-1767

RESIGNED OR DROPPED:

Paul Pronoitis Badge #3
Dick Jacobs Badge #4
George Crites Badge #6
Monty Montanez Badge #17
John Arnold Badge #35
Ray Pulido Badge #42
Robert "Buffalo" Smith Badge #88
Charles "Kent" Williams Badge #118
Mick Hendrix Badge #124
Gary Allen Badge #150
Dan Briones Badge #159



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: 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. Fri.-Sat., Sept. 15-16, Tahoe Bowl, Lake Tahoe.

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!

Dwight Sullivan	Badge #176	Robert Weaver	Badge #130
Wayne Junso	Badge #211	Jean-P Canabou	Badge #183
Larry Campbell	Badge #213	Manuel Simas	Badge #187
		Tom Hatagowit	Badge #226
MOVED TO INACTIVE:		TRANSFERRED TO 144:	
Elmer "Ed" Bois	Badge #18	John E. Medrano	Badge #52
Jeff Bowman	Badge #96		
Crispin Woelfer	Badge #117		
Bud Andrew	Badge #123		

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 Imhoff846-9529
 John Johansen545-8992
 Don Reed524-5374

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Bill Axtell863-2915
 Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219
 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 Newman 579-7747
 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 Provost 577-8219
 Computer Club John Johansen545-8992
 Special Events Richard Provost577-8219
 Photography Club Bob Kredit275-9530
 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 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., Aug. 23
Elks' Lodge
645 Charity Way
Modesto
Phone 544-3157
FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

will present ideas for internet security. Tom has scheduled Private Investigator Doug Imberi for Oct.
 Sunshine: Big Sir Gary DelNero reported that George Wallace's wife passed away. Bud Andrews had heart surgery. Nick Casucci family was sent a card for his passing. Bill Fox and Bill Worth are in the Hospital.
 Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the new Directory has being sent to members.
 He reported that there were 36 players for the Thursday round.
 Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff said that SIR hats will be ordered. We also will have SIR license plates available for \$2.00. Members can still order shirts.
 Travel: Bill Stires reported that travel is going nicely. He has trips to the Sacramento Underground, Cruises to East Caribbean and Great Britain. And, of course, the Christmas trip to Reno.
 Computers: John Johansen said it is going nicely.
 Photo Club: Bob Kredit had some interest in the Eclipse occurring Aug.
 Dining Club: In August, Don Rowe will host at the DustBowl Brewery in Turlock.
 Old Business: The Nominating Committee has prepared the ballot for July. Ballots will be distributed at the membership table. Nominations from the floor will be solicited prior to the vote.
 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.
 Richard Provost will attend the SIR conference.
 Adjournment: 8:30 A.M.

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