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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

Lady's Day is Wednesday December 13th. Don't forget your significant other (Date) and your raffle item. We will have Common Ground singing for the third year, they should be as awesome as ever. Next year at the Elks I am pleased to report no hike in our lunch prices. We have worked with the Elks closely the last several years. With increasing salaries, food prices etc. the only down fall is we are going to one entree. Otherwise everything else stays the same. There will be from now on a basket on the table for tips for the servers at the Elks. They set up the night before, serve at the time of our meeting and clean up when we are gone. This tip is strictly voluntary however you are encouraged to put in a dollar or more for their time / effort. This is my last Big Sir Crows and I want to say it has been an honor to serve all of you. We have had some challenging times and some wonderful times. Some new members came into SIR and some have passed. All in all I have enjoyed my tenure, thank you very much.



Dec. Program

By Tom Evans

Ladies' Day will see the Common Ground quartet performing again this year.

There will be a raffle for prizes brought by members of SIR 103. Prizes can be anything from a sleeve of golf balls to some excellent wines or whatever a Sir might wish to donate. There will also be a drawing for CASH prizes, so bring your Lady on her FREE ticket, which you get when you purchase yours.

Tickets for the Ladies' Day Luncheon on Wednesday, December 13 are available until Dec. 5 from Bill Caldwell
Dominic Genova has tickets during the weekly bowling.
The price is \$16 for a Sir and are FREE for their "Fair Lady".

Executive Committee

By Director Bob Kredit

Attendance: Big Sir: Gary DelNero, Little Sir: Richard Provost, Treasurer: Tim Anglim Directors: Bob Kredit, John Johansen, Don Reed.
Absent: Assistant Treasurer: Don Eaton, Secretary: Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary: Coe Barnard, Directors: Marion Roberts, Dennis Imhoff, John Reedy.
Committee Representative: Don Reed, newsletter; Bill Axtell, membership; Tom Evans, program; Gary DelNero, sunshine;
Call to Order: Big Sir Gary DelNero called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. The meeting was held at Marie Callender's in Modesto. There were 6 Executive board members present. We did not have a quorum.
Guests: Bill Caldwell, Doug Imberi
Secretary: The Oct. minutes were presented for approval but because we did not have a quorum the minutes for Oct will have to be approved at the December meeting. It was noted that the Oct. minutes listed Dennis Imhoff in attendance twice. Don Reed was not listed but was in attendance.
Treasurer: Tim presented the treasurer report. Beginning balance, \$5407.33; receipts, \$1536.00 for 96 lunches, Christmas ticket sales, \$634.00 39 SIR's, 37 Guests. Cum (63 Sirs and 61 Guests); Donations, \$160.00; Raffle, \$88.00; total receipts, \$2408. Expenses; Don Reed, Postage, \$19.60; Dennis Imhoff, merchandise, \$32.16; Elks Club, Lunch, \$1536.00; UPS Store, newsletter printing, \$11.87. Total Expenses, \$1599.63. Ending Balance, \$6215.70. No action was taken as we did not have a quorum. Total for Ladies Day Luncheon is 124.
Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 172 active members, 7 inactive. There were 96 members at the meeting. There were no new applications for membership. John Saventhal and Francis Flaim received drop letters last month. They called Bill asking to remain in SIR. Bill moved them to inactive as they are having health problems in their families preventing them from attending meetings at this time. Another member who came back 3 months ago and has not returned since will receive another drop letter. His name is Tony Lopez.
There was some discussion about tracking yearly dues next year. This will be brought up again in Dec. so we can vote on it.
Lunch Report: Overall the lunch was very good except for a few complaints that the tri tip was tough. (need to sharpen the wooden teeth) There was a comment that pasta salad would be good on the menu. Baskets were put on the tables for tips. \$71.00 was collected and given to the staff.
Program: Tom Evans reported that most people found John Johansen's program to be helpful. Several people made the changes John suggested. Dec. program is Ladies day and will be The Golden State Quartet from last year. Jan. program will be the Big Sir Richard Provost report- ing on the state of the branch. Doug Imberi will also

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



Mon., Dec. 4 – Creekside, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 143.

Mon., Dec. 11 – Dryden, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$27 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., Dec. 18 – Manteca, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$30 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., Jan. 8 – Atwater, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Tues., Jan. 16 – Creekside, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., Jan. 22 – Manteca, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (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.

By Bill Stires

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

January 6-14, 2018

Aboard The Regal Princess

Includes a pre-night stay in Ft. Lauderdale. Will visit ports on Princess Cay with beach party on the Island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas ; Charlotte Amalie in the US Virgin Islands with duty free shopping; Phillipsburg on St. Maarten; plus 3 days cruising and all the activities on board.

Prices from \$2500 p/p dble. To \$3095 p/p dble. Single prices available on 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.

Ladies' Day Tickets

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Bill Irby, left and Larry Lay, right, were presented with the State SIR Golf "Feather in the Cap" award for their hole-in ones. John Reedy, golf chair, presented the awards. Bill got his on June 22, 2017 at Manteca Golf Course. He used a 7 iron on the 125 yard hole #5. Larry got his on January 17 at Manteca Golf Course with a seven iron on the 125 yard hole #5

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be
January 17, 2018 5 P.M.

Red Lobster

3000 Sisk Rd. Modesto

Your hosts will be Dennis & Christine Imhoff

Please confirm your reservations by January 15th 2018, by either an e-mail to dennisimhoff@gvni.com or by phone 209-846-9529

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.

CODE FOR GALLO CENTER FOR ARTS

The code: SIR 1718 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.



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

Branch 103 Website

The Branch 103 Website can be found at

www.sirinc2.org/branch103

**Remember your \$20
Br. 103 Membership
dues for 2018
With check to SIR 103**

New Members



From L-R: Big Sir Gary DelNero, new member Carl D, "Sparky" Sparks and Orientation Chairman Bob Kredit. "Sparky" lives in Modesto with his wife Joanne. He is retired from Robal, Inc. as the owner. He is a golfer and a fisherman.



By Bill Axtell

John Scheuber	12/30/1939	#20
John Peeples	12/16/1954	#24
Robert Bishop	12/28/1937	#56
Arthur Long	12/19/1922	#60
Fred Angleton	12/30/1950	#72
Robert Sykes	12/14/1935	#89
Richard Stubbett	12/17/1943	#92
Stamus Cocolos	12/6/1941	#137
Larry Maxfield	12/24/1944	#160
Joe Lederle	12/6/1953	#164
Richard Faughn	12/7/1942	#177
Gene Guerra	12/8/1934	#193
Tom Hatagowit	12/11/1960	#226
Bob Hall	12/26/1945	#229

Membership

By Bill Axtell

- INACTIVE:**
Bud Andrew Badge #123
Elmer E. "Ed" Bois Badge #18
Jeff Bowman Badge #96
JP Canabou Badge #183
Frank Flaim, Jr. Badge #232
Tom Hatagowit Badge #226
John Saverthal Badge #210
Crispin "Cris" woelfer Badge #117
- RESIGNED:**
Robert E. Weaver Badge #130
- DECEASED:**
Roger G. Lochry Badge #142
- NEW PHONE NUMBER:**
James L. Standart Badge #181
 209 402-8974



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Week #12: Scratch Game-Series-Handicap Game Dave Brown 250-643-254, Handicap Series Ron Quintanal 687. Week #13: SG Larry Sallee, Joe Miceli 225, SS Dave Brown 619; HG Steve Holly 279, HS Tom Mickelsen 691. Week #14: SG Dave Brown and Larry Sallee 229, SS Dave Brown 656, HG Clark Pearson 246, HS Dominic Genova 678. Week #15: HG-SG Jerry

Strain 244-276, SG-SS Steve Gibson.
STATE BOWLING — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Tues.-Wed., Nov. 14-15, Clayton Bowl, Concord.

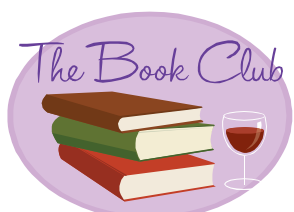
Check the State SIR Bowling at sirinc.com or contact bowling chairman **Jim Pastorelli** at 406-8156 for applications.

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!

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



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
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 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
 Program Chair Asst. Doug Imberi545-3053
 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 18 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 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 Caldwell529-4125
 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., Dec. 13
 Elks' Lodge**

**645 Charity Way
 Modesto
 Phone 544-3157**

**FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
 LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM**

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

talk about the RAMP program from state. Tom is working on a speaker from the California Lottery for Feb. He has several more suggestions he is working on for the rest of the year.
 John Johansen donated his old laptop to Tom for use with the work he does for our programs.
Sunshine: Big Sir Gary DelNero reported Roger Lockry is in a comma. Alan Lane broke his wrist.
Golf: John Reedy was absent so there was no report.
Newsletter/Muni Golf: Don Reed reported there were 16 players at Muni. Ray Tillery brought a Guest. Don Reported the newsletter is going well.
Photo Club: Nothing to report.
Computer Club: John, nothing new.
Dining Club: Next dinner will be at Red Lobster Jan.27, 2018. Host will be Dennis Imhoff.
Special Events: Nothing new.
Old Business: Bill Caldwell reported that some Sirs were having trouble getting the Gallo discount. Bill said he has taken care of the problem with Jessica Sanchez from Gallo. He also said the discount code is 1718. This discount is only for the programs put on by the Gallo Center of the Arts.
New Business: Richard asked if we wanted a red and a white wine on the table. We said yes. This is the same menu as last year.
 Doug Imberi went to the state training for RAMP and will be our chairman next year. At the Jan. program Doug will explain RAMP. Thank You Doug. Doug also wants to do a survey to see who is interested in other activities.
Other: Big Sir Gary DelNero will contact Richard Kindle, our Area 18 Governor to have him install our officers for 2018.
Adjourn: Big Sir Gary DelNero adjourned the meeting at 8:32 am in time for Gary and Bob to make there tee time at 9:10 am

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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