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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Richard Provost

Welcome to all and I wish you a Happy New Year. I'd like to thank Gary Del Nero for his past 2 years as our Big Sir. He did an excellent job through all the changes.

We also welcome Gary Goodman as our 2018 Little Sir.

The State Board as well as our local Board have made some changes to the organization in the past year.

I ask that we all participate in the branch as this is an entirely volunteer organization. It is to your advantage to be involved and give your input rather than to have our branch make changes that you are not aware of or that you are not happy with.

Please get involved at the BEC and come to the meetings, every 4th Friday.

Some changes also came up at the Regional meeting, for the collection of donations/dues. As you may have become aware, another local branch now has made mandatory payment of all dues of \$24 by the last of March. We will remain on the honor system of a donation of \$20. Please scratch your name off the sheet at the donation box when you drop in your donation.

Last year's donations can be seen by looking at the treasury report of Dec

2017. We have 168 members and almost \$3400 in donations. We have a very honorable group. We use the donations for many things and one is the Christmas Ladies-Day Lunch, as every year the ladies get a free lunch. When one thinks about this, your \$20 donation pays for a \$16 Christmas lunch, this means our branch is operating on \$4.00 per member.

Also I am asking all members if you are unable to attend the luncheons please advise Bill Axtell at least a week in advance, as we must guarantee a call-in of the number of meals we order.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe

Minutes of Dec. 29, 2017

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

Absent: Assistant Treasurer, Don Eaton, Directors: Bob Kredit, and Marion Roberts.

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

Guests: Bill Caldwell

Call to Order: Big Sir, Gary DelNero called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 9 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports: Secretary: Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept, Oct. minutes (due to lack of a quorum in Nov.) motion: Rowe, 2nd Provost. PASSED

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Treasurer: Motion to accept, Nov. Treasurer's report (due to lack of a quorum in Nov.) motion: Anglim, 2nd Provost. PASSED

Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$6,215.70. Deposit: donations \$0, lunch, \$240, raffle, \$0. Total receipts: \$240.00. Checks written: \$2,834.07-Lunch, UPS Store \$11.87-printing, \$200- Entertainment. Total Deductions: \$3,409.76. Balance: \$3,409.78. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd-Rowe- PASSED. The checkbook balances with the end of year report.

Membership: Motion to accept the Nov. membership report (due to lack of a quorum in Nov.) Reedy, 2nd Reed PASSED.

Bill Axtell reported that we have 172 active members and no new members.

Two members were dropped, Robert Lockry (deceased) and Robert Weaver. Motion to accept: Provost, 2nd Johansen- PASSED. No New members approved-

Luncheon: The lunch was excellent. - Discussed contract for 2018. Next year, only one entrée will be served.

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Jan. Program

By Tom Evans

Jan. program will be Big Sir Richard Provost reporting on the state of Branch 103. Doug Imberi will also talk about the RAMP program from state SIR.

The next edition of SIR Happenings will soon be posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

GOLF Travel

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., Jan. 29 – Micke Grove,
9:00 a.m. SG, \$39 (cart incl.) Host
103.

Mon., Feb. 5 – Pheasant Run,
9:00 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host
143.

Mon., Feb. 12 – Reserve, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$51 (cart incl.) Host 144.

Tues., Feb. 20 – Manteca, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 164.

Mon., Feb. 26 – Creekside, 9:00
a.m. SG, 429 (cart optl.) Host 103.

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

**"Chocolate Makes
Everything Better!!!"
Rachel Dunn Chocolate Workshop
Tues., February 20, 2018**

TOUR ITINERARY:

The SIR Area 18 are going on an ad-
venture to the SWEET SIDE of
things!! We will test our candy mak-
ing skills at the Rachel Dunn's Choc-
olate Workshop. Using noble fresh
ingredients and premium chocolate
couvertures, you'll create much-
loved American classics and tradi-
tional European confections as Ra-
chel guides you through the intrica-
cies of dipping and decorating each
confection with her decades of ex-
perience and passion for the art of
chocolate. Your eyes, hands and
sense of smell will be fully engaged
while you dip and decorate a gener-
ous and delicious assortment of con-
fections to take home. Then we will
experience a very delicious and gen-
erous lunch at the Claim Jumper
Restaurant in Concord.

\$169.00 P/P

**2018 Scottsdale Spring Training!!
(Adult Spring Break)**

***Spring Training * February 25 -
March 2, 2018***

COST PER PERSON: \$1482.00 Dou-
ble Occupancy \$1972.00 Single Oc-
cupancy
Round Trip Deluxe Storer Coachways
Motorcoach – 6 Days * 5 Nights * 13
Meals total – 3 Nights in Scottsdale
at the Homewood Suites by Hilton
2 Nights Accommodation in Palm
Springs at the Palm Mountain Resort
& Spa (1st night & the last night) 2
Scottsdale Spring Training Baseball
Games -- \$20 Vouchers at each of
the Spring Training Baseball Games -
- OdySea Aquarium -- Silver Star
Dinner Theater -- USS Arizona An-
chor and Mast -- Rustler's Rooste
Restaurant -- Driver's Gratuity --
Coffee & Donuts --including the San
Francisco Giants vs Milwaukee Brew-
ers and the Oakland A's vs Cleve-
land Indians! -- Plus the Silver Star
Dinner Show & Much More!!

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
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.



Don and Bette Locke, who live in
Modesto, were recognized by Big Sir
Gary Del Nero as the longest mar-
ried couple at the Ladies Day Lunch-
eon Wednesday, December 13. They
had celebrated their 71th wedding
anniversary on July 27 (1946). Don
has been a member of Branch 103
since 2000.

Branch 103 Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be
**January 27, 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 sig-
nificant other. Smaller groups lend themselves
to interesting conversations with fellow Sirs
and their spouses, as well as allowing restau-
rants to show off their service and best cui-
sine. 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 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



The Common Ground Quartet, once again entertained the Branch 103 Ladies' Day Luncheon on Wednesday, December 13. They sang some Christmas songs and some oldies, such as "Lidia the Tattooed Lady".



By Bill Axtell

Tony Lopez	1/24/1960	#6
Robert Fachner	1/27/1953	#11
John Faria	1/20/1947	#15
Joe Terra	1/14/1948	#19
Stephen A. Bruce	1/26/1949	#28
Marion Roberts	1/16/1933	#46
Donald Reed	1/13/1935	#57
Julian Andona	1/7/1939	#67
Claude McMillen	1/9/1943	#76
Gary McManus	1/19/1947	#83
Gene Morgan	1/27/1946	#104
Mick Hendrix	1/25/1950	#124
Charles Fox	1/14/1927	#144
Robert Allendorf	1/4/1948	#199
Ken Haub	1/1/1945	#205
Jim Waterman	1/14/1947	#217
Emiliano Perez	1/21/1936	#220
Larry Sallee	1/29/1952	#221
Francis Flaim	1/3/1944	#232

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



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Membership

By Bill Axtell

PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION:

- Daniel "Dan" Reeves** Badge #34
209 380-1059
- Paul Bender** Badge 359
209 324-1793

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.

Week #15: Scratch Game-Handicap Series John Sherrard 221-681; SG-HS Joe Miceli 632-681; HG Verne Masse 245. Week #16: SG-HG-HS Bob Lewis 247-271-676, SG-SS John Schamante 247-610. Week #17: SG-SS-HG Jay Faughn 249-626-268, HS Alan White 684. Week #18: SG-SS-HG Dave Brown 255-628-259, HS John Schamante 663. Week #19: SG-HG-SS-HS Ron Quintanal 257-278-683-746.

STATE BOWLING – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: **Tues., Jan. 9, 2018, Pacific Bowl, Stockton. Tues.-Wed., Jan. 23-24, Napa Bowl, Napa. Tues.-Wed., Feb. 13-14, Granada Bowl, Livermore.**

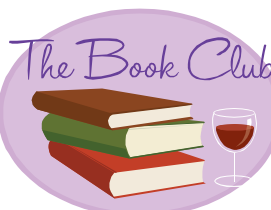
Check the State SIR Bowling at sirinc.com or contact bowling chairman **Jim Pastorelli** at **406-8156** for applications.

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!

We lost a long time member November 15. He became a member of Branch 103 in February 1987.
Roger G. Lochry
June 2, 1942-
November 15,
2017



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. Derek Southern 925 253-1646
 Reg. 2 Director Jerry Morrow 209 586-2979
 Gov. Area 18 Richard Kindle 209 668-0658

BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Richard Provost 577-8219
 Little Sir Gary Goodman 578-0848
 Secretary Don Rowe 634-0100
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard 572-1937
 Treasurer Tim Anglim 578-4593
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse 543-0972
 Gary Del Nero 681-1100
 Bob Kredit 275-9530
 William "Bill" Caldwell 529-4125
 Dennis Imhoff 846-9529
 John Johansen 545-8992
 Don Reed 524-5374

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Bill Axtell 863-2915
 Assistant Richard Provost 577-8219
 Program Chair Tom Evans 551-1836
 Program Chair Asst. Doug Imberi 545-3053
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit 275-9530
 Public Relations Bob Kredit 275-9530

Bowling Jim Pastorelli 406-8156
 Bowling Dominic Genova 523-1663
 Golf Chair, John Reedy 869-6888
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman 579-7747
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott 602-2910
 Golf Handicap Barry Meiselman 574-9301
 Book Exchange, Earl Glenn 537-7254
 Travel Area 18 Bill Stires 544-2684
 Merchandise Sales, Dennis Imhoff 846-9529
 Sales Asst., Kerry Newman 579-7747
 Lunch Menu, Richard Provost 577-8219
 Data Processing Richard Provost 577-8219
 Computer Club John Johansen 545-8992
 Special Events Richard Provost 577-8219
 Photography Club Bob Kredit 275-9530
 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff 846-9529
 Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero 681-1100
 Chaplain Joe Stackhouse 543-0972
 Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman 578-0848
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe 634-0100
 Raffle Don Eaton 551-8372
 Table Setup, Don Rowe 634-0100
 Table Setup, Bill Caldwell 529-4125
 Lead Singer, Ed Davis 522-4080
 Backup Singer, Gary Goodman 578-0848
 Audit Committee: Russ Jackson and ?

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**

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Program: The barbershop quartet was great! In Jan. Big Sir Richard Provost will address the members. Feb., we will have Jennifer Sanchez from the Gallo Performing Arts. In March, Ed Sastweir will do a presentation on Hetch Hetchy.
Sunshine: Don Eaton and Barry Meiselman have been having health problems.
Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the Newsletter is going fine with about only 20 or so needed to be printed for some members instead of emailed. He also asked that members check the directory for accuracy. Motion: Don will print 50 copies of the directory-Reed, 2nd Provost-PASSED.
 He reported that they had 16 players for the last 2 Thursday rounds.
Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff has received the SIR license plate covers and will sell for \$2.00 at the meetings.
Computers: John said "All is calm...."
Dining Club: In Jan., Dennis Imhoff will host at Red Lobster on Jan.27.
Old Business: Next year, Ladies Day tickets will be announced in Sept. and be sold at Oct. and Nov. luncheons.
New Business: Due to the illness of Don Eaton, an Assistant Treasurer needs to be appointed. Motion: Appoint Joe Stackhouse as Assistant Treasurer- Provost, 2nd Reedy PASSED. With Joe being Assist. Treasurer, we need to find another person to do the annual audit.
Other: Congratulations were given to Gary who carried on for 2 years as Big Sir-JOB WELL DONE!! THANK YOU! – Adjournment: 8:21 A.M.

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

**NEXT MEETING
 Wed., Jan. 24
 Elks' Lodge**

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

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



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