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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Richard Provost

Remember to put in your \$20 annual 2018 donation and a little extra is very much appreciated. This is used to support all the functions of the club. For the Jan meeting we had over 70 members put in their annual donation, thank you very much.

Members we are in need of better communication. If you are not able to make lunch on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Please either e-mail Bill Axtell or call him (billbus10@att.net or 209-863-2915). Most of us know when are going to take a vacation or have a medical appointment more than 10 days in advance. The reason is that we need to give the Elks a head count for lunch 10 days before so they can prepare adequate food. We have been estimating, and we are allowed only a 5% difference, we pay for the meal count called in. We have had to pay for extra meals because members have failed to advise membership they will not be attending the meeting. This has cost the branch \$16.00 when we are off more than 5% of our head count.

I am looking for some members to help our present members with moving in the 2 carts, and some set up prior to our meetings, and coffee is ready by 9:15 most times. It is a quick way for new members to get acquainted with other SIR members. Volunteers are crucial for keeping our Branch running and providing the

help needed for out luncheons and activities. It will only take 30 minutes of your time once a month. Remembering, the "Legacy of one", we all must try to bring in a new member.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe

Minutes of Jan. 26, 2017

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

Absent: Little Sir, Gary Goodman

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

Guests: Russ Jackson and Ron Flangel

Call to Order: Big Sir, Richard Provost, called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports: Secretary: Minutes were offered for modification: The date was modified to Dec. 15. Motion to accept, Dec. minutes: Rowe, 2nd Kredit. PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$3,409.76 Deposit: donations \$1613, plus contribution from lunch, \$0.24, lunch, \$1759.76, raffle, \$91. Total receipts: \$3,464.00. Checks written: \$1759.76-Lunch, State SIR quarterly Assessment, \$258, Bob Kredit, \$7.11 laminate stock for badges, Robert Bishop, \$53.83, Frames for speaker awards. Total Deductions: \$2078.70. Balance: \$4,795.06. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Reed- PASSED.

Russ Jackson presented the Annual Audit of Branch 103 for the year 2017.

"Jerry Zoller and I (Russ Jackson) met Jan. 22, 2018 to audit the financial records of Branch 103 for the year ending December 31, 2017. The records we reviewed were in good order and consistent with good accounting principles and practices." Thank you, Russ and Jerry.

We need to change who can sign checks. Motion: Big Sir Richard Provost, Treasurer Tim Anglim and Assistant Treasurer Joe Stackhouse, will be able to sign checks for 2018. Reed, 2nd Kredit PASSED

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 170 active members and no new members. Four members were dropped, Tony Messa, William Russell, Edward Billington. Don Eaton passed away. Two members were moved to inactive, Arthur Long and Charuwat (Tom) Hatagowit. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Kredit- PASSED.

Four new member applications were discussed: Cal Amos, by John Taylor, Pinky Martin and Michael McClellan, by Jim Pastorelli, and Mike Maldonado by Roy Tillery. Motion to accept the new members: Rowe, 2nd Reed PASSED.

Luncheon: The lunch was very good!

Correspondence: Big Sir Richard received an email from Area Gov. Rick Kindle suggesting that we check with other branches websites for speakers.

Treasurer Tim said he went on the State SIR website and found that our Branch Data Sheet hasn't been updated since John Johansen was Big Sir.

Program: Feb., we will have Jessica Sanchez from the Gallo Performing Arts. Tom will find a March presenter.

Feb. Program

By Tom Evans

Jan. program will be Jessica Sanchez, who currently serves as the Group Sales Manager for the Gallo Center for the Arts in Modesto, CA. In this role, Jessica coordinates ticket purchases for groups with 15 or more people. These groups range from neighborhood friends, company employees, birthday parties, bus tour groups, church members and more — anyone who wants to enjoy entertainment and cultural experiences together!

Jessica has been with the Gallo Center for the Arts since May of 2015, first serving in in the Development Department where she helped grow and manage the popular Amigos of the Center program.

Jessica is a graduate of Stanislaus State University with a degree in business administration. She is a fluent Spanish speaker and received the Seal of Multilingual Proficiency in 2012.

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GOLF Travel

By John Reedy



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.

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

Mon., March 12 – Creekside, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 144.

The website for our golf club is:
[http://www.sirinc2.org/](http://www.sirinc2.org/area22golf/)
[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.

Branch 103 Website

The Branch 103 Website
can be found at
[www.sirinc2.org/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch103)
branch103

By Bill Stires

2018 Scottsdale Spring Training!!
(Adult Spring Break)
*Spring Training * February 25 -
March 2, 2018*

CANCELLED — LACK OF ENOUGH SIGNUP

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 Clevel-
and Indians! -- Plus the Silver Star
Dinner Show & Much More!!

FUTURE TRIPS:

Sounds and Taste of the South —
Memphis, Nashville and New Orleans
— October 24-November 2, 2018.

Panama Canal Cruise —
January 31-February 15, 2019

All the reservation forms are availa-
ble on the SIR Area 22 website for
printing:
[http://sirinc2.org/branch144/](http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel)
travel

Note that friends, neighbors, family,
etc. can go on these trips, they do

In Remembrance

Former 103
Big Sir (2010)
Don Eaton
Born March 30,
1937
Passed Away
January 9, 2018



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.



Merchandise chairman, Dennis
Imhoff, displays the new SIR
license plate frame. The frame
is available for purchase by
members for a fee of \$2.00.
Members are urged to display
the frame on the vehicles.

Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be
February 24, 2018 5 P.M.
Cool Hand Luke's

2505 Patterson Rd., Riverbank
Your hosts will be Bob and Gretchen Kredit
Please confirm your reservations by
February 15th 2018, by either an e-mail
to bkred8209@aol.com
or by phone 209-275-9530

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



Branch 103's Big Sir for 2018, Richard Provost, presented Past Big Sir (2016-2017) with his past Big Sir pin. Gary DelNero had served as Big Sir for two years and presided over a very hectic two years.



By Bill Axtell

Doug Imberi	2/22/1950	#7
Steve Holly	2/19/1949	#21
Gilbert Moss	2/20/1943	#31
Mike Alves	2/9/1943	#50
Earl Glenn	2/21/1942	#126
Larry Owens	2/4/1943	#129
Faustino Saldivar	2/15/1952	#148
Daniel Stevens	2/2/1948	#158
Salvatore Basile	2/15/1948	#174
Roger Smith	2/23/1952	#180
Don N. Rowe	2/19/1949	#216

**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



By Bill Axtell

DECEASED:

Donald M. Eaton "Don" Badge #1
William Wirth "Bill" Badge #241

DROPPED:

Edward E. Billington Badge #102

NEW MEMBERS:

Cal D. Amos (Anna) Badge #25
9601 Atlos Rd.
Oakdale, CA 95361-8848 440-1659

cal.amos@yahoo.com —
Fishing, Football, Golf

Mike J. Maldonado (Andi) Badge #8
1306 Poust Rd.
Modesto, CA 95358-1216 496-0712
mike195011@yahoo.com —
Golf

Pinky H. Martin Badge #19
2109 Hacienda Lane
Modesto, CA 95350-0207 505-2878
Bowling

Michael L. McClellan (Debbie) Badge #32
1205 Athens Ave.
Modesto, CA 95350-3459 404-1571
mmantecamike@gmail.com —

Week #20: Scratch Game John Schamante 232, Scratch Series-Handicap Series Jay Faughn 626-683, Handicap Game Steve Holly 262. Week #22:SG-HG-SS-HS Terry McChesney 231-264-602-701. Week #23: SG-SS-HS Alan White 256-701-764, HG Steve Holly 284. Week #24: SG-SS-HG Marion Roberts 238-629-252, HS Don Sullivan 672.

STATE BOWLING — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Tues.-Wed., Feb. 13-14, Granada Bowl, Livermore. Tue., Feb. 20, Pacific Bowl, Stockton. Wed., March 21, Diablo Lanes, Concord. Mon.-Thurs., April 9-12, Gold Dust West, Carson City, NV.

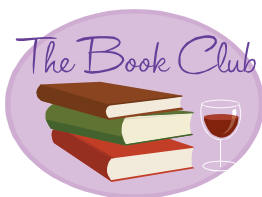
Check the State SIR Bowling at sirinc.com or contact bowling chairman Jim Pastorelli at 406-8156 for applications.

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!

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. 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 Imber 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 Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner, Mike Filan
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 Jerry Zoller

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., Feb. 28
Elks' Lodge

645 Charity Way
Modesto
Phone 544-3157

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

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Sunshine: Don Eaton passed away. Gary received a nice thank you note from Stamus Cocolos. Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the Newsletter is going fine. Don had 50 copies of the directory printed. He reported that they had 17 players for golf last Thursday.

Golf: NA.

Bowling: NA

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff has sold all but one Sir license plate covers. He will order 15-20 more.

Special Events: NA

Travel: If you want to go to Spring Training with Bill, you must sign up by Feb.1.

Computers: John said that he didn't like the idea of putting the directory on Excel for the State SIR.

Photo Club: Bob Kredit said that not much is going on.

Dining Club: In Jan., Dennis Imhoff will host at Asian Fusion on Jan.27.

Old Business:

New Business: Given the concerns John Johansen raised about the putting the directory into a data base, a motion: We should advise State SIR that we oppose putting the Directory into a data base due to personal security reasons. Johansen, 2nd Caldwell. PASSED

Bill Caldwell will ask the Gallo Performing Arts if they would allow SIR members to call in instead of having to go to the center if we provided a list of our members.

A discussion about schedules for Branch events evolved to this motion:

The Ex. Board ratifies our schedules for golf, 9 holes and 18 holes, bowling, dine out, and travel-Anglim, 2nd Reed PASSED

Adjournment: 8:47 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



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