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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Richard Provost

Gentlemen we have already made it through two full months of 2018 and added several new members. Hopefully we all did what we were supposed to do on Valentine's Day. We can have our normal lunch in March or I can ask if they will give us corn beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day. However I do not know how many of you are Irish? Please let me know of you wish and I will see if we can make arrangements to have it for March

I do not like to harp on this but we need adequate notice from you if you are not going to make the meetings. As an example last month, 2 people called saying they would not make the luncheon. One called at 9:30 the day of, saying he had a doctor's appointment. Unless it was an emergency most doctor appointments are made weeks, if not months in advance. The second individual called at 9:45 the day of, saying he had to go in for surgery. I know that most appointments are made months in advance. Please, we need to know so we can give the Elks Lodge a head count to prepare enough food. Please advise **Bill Axtell at 209-863-2915** as soon as you can. We need to know at least 10 days before. I do understand emergencies.

The final comment is that as SIR Members, we all must attend a minimum of half the luncheon meetings in a twelve month period, excluding Ladies' Day.

If you want to get a lot out of our branch we all need to be involved. If there is some new activity that you think we should have please suggest it. We could use some help setting up at the beginning of our meetings and coffee is ready at 9:15 AM. It is great time for new members to get to know other members quickly. If you remember when you joined the branch and went through orientation you were told that you can best meet new friends by participation in activities. It would be nice if you volunteered to help out in some capacity. Volunteerism is critical to the success of our branch.

March Program

By Tom Evans

March program will feature Bishop O. C. Thomas, a pilot from the Vietnam era, will be our speaker for this luncheon.

CODE FOR GALLO CENTER FOR ARTS

The code: SIR 1718 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.



Executive Committee

By Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard

Minutes of March 2, 2018:

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

Absent: Secretary Don Rowe, Little Sir Gary Goodman, Directors Dennis Imhoff and Bob Kredit

Committee Representative: Don Reed, (bulletin/golf), Bill Axtell/Murle Webb, (membership), Tom Evans (program), Gary DelNero (sunshine), John Johansen (computer) and Bill Stires (travel).

Call to Order (time): Big Sir Richard Provost, called the meeting to order at 7:30 am at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 8 executive board members present for a quorum.

Guest(s): N/A

Minutes: January 26, 2018 minutes were offered for review: Motion to approve January minutes, Barnard, 2nd Anglim—PASSED

Treasurer: Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance \$4795.06. Deposit: Donations \$587.21; Contributions from lunch \$1551.79;

Raffle \$82.00; Total receipts \$2221.00. Checks written; \$ 1567.79-lunch, \$8.57- Richard Provost (supplies), \$99.26-UPS Store (printing). Total deductions; \$1675.62. Balance; \$5340.44. Motion to accept-Anglim, 2nd-Barnard— PASSED

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 165 active members, 4 new members (total 169) and 10 inactive members. No new applications. Motion to accept: Johansen, 2nd -Stackhouse—PASSED

Lunch Report: Lunch was very good.

Program: Jessica Sanchez from Gallo Performing Arts gave a very good presentation. Thanks to Bill Caldwell for suggesting. Bishop Thomas, Vietnam pilot, will be speaker for March meeting.

Correspondence: From SIR President Southern: Annual Big Sir meeting, scheduled for March 26 has been expanded to include, in addition to Big Sirs, Area Governors and Regional Directors. This addition is to offer better representation from Branches.

Sunshine: Gary DelNero reported nothing new since the Feb. 28th meeting. Attendance at Don Eaton's funeral was very good.

Golf: NA

Newsletter/Muni Golf: Don Reed reported that the March newsletter is about done. He and Bob Kredit are training a couple of new people to help out at Muni golf. Last Thursday was rained out.

Bowling: NA

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GOLF Travel

By John Reedy



Mon., March 12 – Creekside (MP), 9:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 144.
Mon., March 19 – Manteca, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 164.

Mon., March 26 – Swenson, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$27 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., April 2 – Diablo Grande, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., April 9 – Manteca (MP), 9:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 164.

Mon., April 16 – Mick Grove, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$34 (cart incl.) Host 144.

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.

Branch 103 Website

The Branch 103 Website can be found at www.sirinc2.org/branch103

By Bill Stires

Day at the Races! A Golden Gate Fields Turf Club Experience!!!

May 12, 2018 * Saturday
Arranged by Storer Tours

The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be traveling to beautiful Golden Gate Fields Race Track for the day. Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing. Afterwards, board the coach for our return ride home to Modesto /Turlock.

All guests are requested to dress in smart casual style. Stylish festival hats and stylish casual footwear including tennis shoes are welcomed. Sweat pants, T-Shirts, baseball hats, flip flops, shorts of any style and tank tops are not allowed. Golden Gate Fields reserve the right to deny access into the Turf Club if wearing inappropriate attire.
\$118.00 Per Person

A FUN DAY AT THE OAKLAND ZOO!!!

June 19, 2018 - Tuesday

PRICE: \$95.00 Per Person
Minimum of 30 passengers needed by May 16, 2018 or the trip will be cancelled.

The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be traveling to Oakland Zoo, also known as the Knowland Zoo. Located on over 100-acres. It is home for 700 animals and most of the animals are kept in relatively "natural" habitats. You will be able explore on your own. The Gondola is included in the admission, plus you will have tickets for the "Down Under" experience on the Outback Express Adventure Train.

TASTES AND SOUNDS OF THE SOUTH

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 2, 2018

PRICE: \$3,595 Per Person
Discounts available

Day 1 Arrive Nashville for 3 nights
Day 2 Sightseeing, visit RCA's Studio 8, Country Music Hall, and Johnny Cash Museum
Day 3 Leisure and Sightseeing. Visit Grand Ole Opry
Day 4 Nashville - Memphis 2 nights
Beale Street Musician, visit National

Civil Rights Museum and more.
Day 5 Graceland Excursion
Day 6 Memphis - Natchez Rock 'n' Roll museum, tour Natchez, dinner with a Four Seasons Chef
Day 7 Natchez - Oak Alley - New Orleans 3 nights
Frogmore Plantation and Gin, Oak Alley, New Orleans School of Cooking.
Day 8 New Orleans sightseeing
Day 9 New Orleans at Leisure
Day 10 Depart New Orleans and head home
All of this plus much, much, much more!!!
Prices includes all transportation, all gratuities, hand-picked Insider Experiences, plus other First Class Travel highlights.

FUTURETRIP

Panama Canal Cruise –
January 31-February 15, 2019

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.

Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be
March 24, 2018 5 P.M.
EL SOL

500 9TH ST., MODESTO
We will be going Mexican
Your hosts will be Gary and Molly Del Nero
Please confirm your reservations by March 17th 2018, by either an e-mail to garydelnero73@gmail.com or by phone 209-681-1100

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 LR: Jim Pastorelli sponsor for Pinky Martin, Mike Maldonado and sponsor Ray Tillery, Michael McClellan (sponsor Pastorelli), John Taylor sponsor for Cal Amos. Pinky was a former member and is a bowler and lives in Modesto.

Mike Maldonado lives in Modesto with wife Andi. He was a repairman with AT&T and is a golfer.

Michael resides in Modesto with wife Debbie. He is a retired truck driver from RJR.

Interested in many SIR activities, especially bowling.

Cal and his wife Anna live in Oakdale. He was the owner of Amos Printing- Bindery. He also is fond of many of the SIR activities. Loves to play golf.



By Bill Axtell

Mike J. Maldonado	3/11/1950	#8
Chuck Bommarito	3/1/1932	#12
Robert McCabe	3/23/1940	#18
William Bender	3/24/1926	#49
Stephen Gibson	3/23/1948	#61
Vernon Cowan	3/23/1939	#64
Joe Massey	3/10/1941	#73
Crispin Woelfer	3/23/1936	#117
James Laurenti	3/12/1945	#119
Don Baade	3/21/1941	#122
Dave Prater	3/11/1947	#128
David Cooper	3/19/1943	#158
Roy Bruk	3/13/1941	#166
Charles Palmer	3/26/1937	#167
Felix Luna	3/28/1944	#189
Bob McDonnough	3/6/1950	#202
Tom Gianopoulos	3/21/1940	#203
Wayne Junso	3/24/1944	#211



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto



Week #25: Scratch-Handicap, Handicap Series Joe Bradley 267-292-672; Scratch Series Marion Roberts 619. Week #26:

HSG-HG John Sherrard 264-284, SS Dave Brown 624, HS Jerry Strain 692. Week #27: SG Alan White 237, SG-SS-HS Larry Sallee 237-666-711, HG Murle Webb and Jerry Strain 262. Week #28: SG-SS Dave Brown 236-662, HG Don Binney 254, HS Tom Mickelsen 686. Week #29: David Brown SS 641, Marv VanMiddendorp SG -HG-HS 235-272-671.

STATE BOWLING – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Wed., March 21, Diablo Lanes, Concord. Mon.-Thurs., April 9-12, Gold Dust West, Carson City, NV. Saat.-Sun., April 28-29, Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek. Tues.-Wed., May 15-16, Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights.

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).

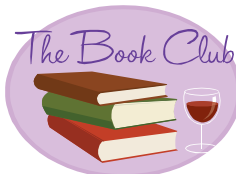
**Remember your \$20
Br. 103 Membership
dues for 2018
With check to SIR 103**

Membership

By Bill Axtell

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 Imberl 545-3053
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit 275-9530
 Public Relations Bob Kredit 275-9530

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 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott 602-2910
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 Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman 578-0848
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe 634-0100
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 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**

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Travel: Golden Gate Fields horse races on 5/12/18. Future trips include: Oakland Zoo on June 9 and "Taste and Sounds of the South" September 24- October 2.
Merchandising: NA
Computer Club: John Johansen reported that things are "pretty quiet".
Photo Club: NA
Dining Club: Gary DelNero reported that the next outing will be at El Sol on March 24.
Special Events: NA
Old Business: NA
New Business: Big Sir Provost reported that we need to start thinking about entertainment for the Christmas luncheon. Let him know if you have any suggestions. He also requested that the nominating committee begin thinking about next years ballot.
Other: NA
 Adjourn (time): 8:25 am

NEXT MEETING
Wed., Mar. 28
Elks' Lodge
645 Charity Way
Modesto
Phone 544-3157
FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
LUNCHEON: 11:20 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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