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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Crows By Richard Provost

I wish to thank all that have donated there \$20 donation to our yearly operations. Some have asked what is the reason for the sheet at the donation box. Were we keeping a record? NO we are not. It is only there as a reminder as our memories are not what they once were. Hopefully all that do go to our web site are now reading the newsletter as it is in color. Don Reed does a fabulous job every month putting it together. Mr. Reed has been the publisher of the Town Crower since 2007. When our guest's speakers are speaking, we need to keep the conversation down.

The dine out is going very well and we are having a great time. We go to a different restaurants every 4th Saturday of the month, check the newsletter & the web site as it is posted there every month. Our significant others really do enjoy it. And I am sure they would rather have dinner out verses cooking.

Gentleman we do need some help putting everything away after the lunch. Your help would be very much appreciated.



Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be
April 28, 2018 5 P.M.
UNO Chicago Grill

Briggsmore and Oakdale Rd., MODESTO
Your hosts will be Dennis & Christine Imhoff
Please confirm your reservations by
April 21, 2018, by either an e-mail
to dennisimhoff@gvni.com
or by phone 209-846-9529
\$5.00 Corking Fee

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.

April Program

By Doug Imberi

The speaker for the April 25 luncheon will be Jim Mendonsa of Twain Harte. He played a major role in developing national training courses for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and worldwide for the International Fire Service Training Association. His rescue courses also were adopted by the California Office of Emergency Service Fire and Rescue, which he will explain for us.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe

Minutes of March 30, 2018:

Attendance: Little Sir, Gary Goodman, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Directors: Don Reed, John Johansen, Gary DelNero, Bill Caldwell, and Dennis Imhoff.

Absent: Big Sir, Richard Provost, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse
Committee Representatives present: Don Reed, (Bulletin), Bill Axtell (Membership), Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs), Dennis Imhoff, (merchandise).

Guests: none

Call to Order: Little Sir, Gary Goodman, 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: Mar. 2 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept, March minutes: Rowe, 2nd Kredit. PASSED

Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$5,340.44 Deposit: donations \$60, plus contribution from lunch, \$0.20, lunch, \$1392.80 raffle, \$85. Total receipts: \$1537.00. Checks written: \$1519.80-Lunch, Don Reed \$ 14.00 for postage. Total Deductions: \$1534.80. Balance: \$5342.64. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Kredit- PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 150 active members and no new members. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Barnard- PASSED. Two members were dropped, John Huey and Salvatore Basile. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Imhoff- PASSED.

Luncheon: The lunch was very good!

Correspondence: NA

Program: Paul Bender did a terrific job! In April, we have Jim Mondonsa talking about search and rescue. May, we have Don Moyer, a fishing writer.

Sunshine: James Dean was ill and was sent a card. Roger Smith's daughter passed away.

Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the Newsletter is going fine. Bob Kredit reported that they had 31 players for golf last Thursday.

Golf: NA.

Bowling: Don Reed reported that there were 2 weeks left.

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff has ordered more pins and hats.

Special Events: NA

Travel: Bill Stires talked about his upcoming trips to Golden Gate Fields, Taste and Sounds, a Panama Cruise, a trip to the Oakland Zoo. Also, in 2020, Oberagaru Passion Play. Details will be coming.

Computers: John Johansen will discuss the Facebook dilem-

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GOLF Travel

By John Reedy



Mon., April 9 – Manteca (MP), 9:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.

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

Mon., April 23 – Dryden, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$28 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., April 30 – Creekside, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 143.

Mon., May 7 – Manteca, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 144.

Mon., May 14 – Dryden, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$28 (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.

Branch 103 Website

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

By Bill Stires

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

Make all payment with Checks and receive \$100 discount per person

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 30-February 15, 2019

\$3525 to \$4550 P/P dble.

Ports of call: Day 1 Pre-Cruise Night in Fort Lauderdale
Day 2-3-4 Board the Coral Princess and 2 days at sea
Day 5 Cartagena, Columbia
Day 6 Cruise the Panal Canal
Day 7 Fuerte Amador
Day 8 At Sea
Day 9 Puntarenas, Costa Rica
Day 10 San Juan

del Sur, Nicaragua Day 11-13
At Sea Day 14 Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Day 15-16 At Sea Day 17 Arrive in San Francisco for the trip home

Fly to Fort Lauderdale and sail back to San Francisco.

They are having a great promotion until May 2. If you sign up with the discounted deposit of \$200.00 per person you can get on board gratuities free up to \$217.00 per person.

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.

SIR Graffiti Summer Concert

The Gallo Center for the Arts is presenting Frankie Avalon Sunday, June 10 at 3 PM.

The concert will be available to SIR members at a reduced price. All Sirs will be seated together.

Jesica Sanchez will be at the April luncheon for us to purchase tickets only with credit or debit card.

"Tickets can be ordered prior to the April meeting! Call or e-mail Jesica Sanchez at the Gallo Center to make the order. jsanchez@galloarts.org 209-338-5064"

COMPUTERS

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



Paul Bender, left, a Branch 103 member, was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Program Chairman Tom Evans. Paul had graciously, on short notice, (original speaker O. C. Thomas was in the hospital) gave an interesting history of NASCAR racing. Paul was an official for NASCAR for more than 30 years. He was a starter for many different stock car races.



By Bill Axtell

Robert "Bob" Kredit	4/3/1946	#10
Johnny Taylor	4/3/1939	#13
Alonzo Loudermilk	4/11/1929	#24
Lee Hoddy	4/4/1943	#37
Ronald Halliday	4/14/1946	#54
Richard Kershner	4/20/1928	#63
Michael Dareing	4/8/1948	#74
Jim Pastorelli	4/16/1945	#77
Robert Smith	4/14/1944	#88
John Reedy	4/19/1943	#108
John Matzek	4/13/1932	#163
William Caldwell	4/16/1938	#171
Kerry Elms	4/28/1946	#172
Jim Standart	4/25/1947	#181
William Gagon	4/1/1949	#224
Ray Pezzi	4/26/1944	#243

Membership

By Bill Axtell

NEW PH. #:

Robert Kredit "Bob" Badge #10
209-672-0326

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Gary D. Pattee Badge #116
2125 N. Olive, Turlock, CA 95382-1901

DROPPED:

Salvatore T. Basile Badge #174
John W. Huey Badge #39



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Week #30: Scratch Game Joe Miceli 233, Scratch Series Larry Sallee 626, Handicap Game-Series Steve Holly 276-708. Week #31:

SG Jay Faughn 236, SS Joe Miceli 625, HG-HS Jerry Strain 262-705, HS Fred Sherman 705. Week #32: SG Joe Miceli 259, SS-HS Jerry Strain 664-742, HG Tony Lopez 278. Week #33: SG John Schamante 252, SS Larry Sallee 626, HG-HS Pinky Martin 280-717.

Team #4 (Wes's Rascals) was the winner of the last third session. Gene Cox, Larry Maxfield, Wes Rash and Alan White were the team members, All but White were from Branch 103.

Week #34: SG Manny Simas 241, SS Dave Brown 604, HG Jerry Strain 261, HS Tony Ferro 687. Week #35: Team #4 and #5 to play for championship.

STATE BOWLING – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: **Mon.-Thurs., April 9-12, Gold Dust West, Carson City, NV. Sat.-Sun., April 28-29, Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek. Tues.-Wed., May 15-16, Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights. Wed.-Thurs., June 6-7, Paddock Lanes, Pacheco. Mon.-Wed., August 13-15, Reno National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV.**

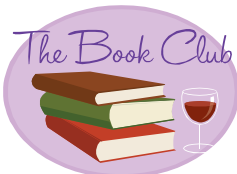
Check the State SIR Bowling at sirinc.com or contact bowling chairman Jim Pastorelli at 406-8156 for applications.

Lots of fun bowling. For entry forms or for joining a team, call bowling chairman Jim Pastorelli 406-8156.

Remember your \$20 Branch 103 Membership dues for 2018 Write check to SIR 103

REMINDER: 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
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 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

Bowling Jim Pastorelli 406-8156
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 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott 602-2910
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 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., Apr. 25
 Elks' Lodge**

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

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

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ma.
 Photo Club: Bob Kredit said that not much is going on.
 Dining Club: In Jan., Dennis Imhoff will host at Uno's on Apr.28.
 Old Business: Little Sir Gary will give out the Birthday hat until he finds a winner present.
 Coe has the business cards.
 New Business:
 Bill Caldwell has arranged for Gallo to come to our April meeting to collect for tickets for the "Frankie Avalon" show. Debit or Credit cards only will be accepted payment.

CODE FOR GALLO CENTER FOR THE 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.

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