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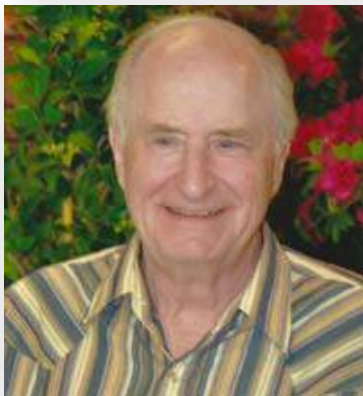
Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Richard Provost

Gentlemen we have two very important holidays in the month of May. **Mother's Day** is May 13th and **Memorial Day** is May 28th when we celebrate. Mother's Day was first celebrated May 10th 1908 and Memorial Day was first celebrated by issue of General Order Number 11, designating **May 30** as a memorial day. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In **1971**, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress. Gentlemen after our SIR luncheon April 25th. It is only common courtesy to leave a gratuity. We need to leave at least \$1.00 each. The lunch was excellent and timely, please leave a gratuity. This is the reason for the basket on the table to remind everyone to leave a gratuity.

On a further note Sir Timothy Anglim who has been a Sir member since 2003. He has been our treasurer for over 10 years. He has done a fantastic job. The books have always balanced. The audit performed by Russ Jackson comes out perfect. Tim makes sure our insurance is paid to the state Sir on time. He deposits checks and cash at the bank the same day right after paying for the lunch to the Elks. If you haven't noticed while everyone is enjoying lunch, Tim is working and counting and getting the deposit ready. Thank you Tim for doing a **Fantastic Job** and keeping our finances in order..



Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be
May 26, 2018 4:30 P.M.

LaParrilla Mexican

McHenry Village, Modesto

Your hosts will be Richard and Betty Provost
Maximum of 36 reservation allowed.
Please confirm your reservations by
May 21, 2018, by either an e-mail to
r_provost@comcast.net
or by phone 209-577-8219
\$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.

May Program

By Tom Evans

The speaker for the
May 23 luncheon will
be Don Moyer,
Fisherman and
Author.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe

Minutes of April 28, 2018:

Attendance: Big Sir, Richard Provost, Little Sir, Gary Goodman, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse

Directors: Don Reed, John Johansen, Gary DelNero, Bill Caldwell and Dennis Imhoff.
Absent: Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Director Bob Kredit.
Committee Representatives present: Don Reed, (Bulletin), Bill Axtell (Membership), Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs), Dennis Imhoff, (merchandise) Bill Stires, (travel).

Guests: none

Call to Order: Big Sir, Richard Provost, 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. 30 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept March minutes: Rowe, 2nd Stackhouse. PASSED

Treasurer: Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse reported: Beginning balance: \$5,342.64 Deposit: donations \$40, plus contribution from lunch, \$0.23, lunch, \$1,679.77 raffle, \$110. Total receipts: \$1831.00. Checks written: \$1,695.77-Lunch, Don Reed \$ 20.00 for postage, SIR quarterly dues, \$253.50, Tim Anglim, \$23.73 for lunch and raffle tickets. Total Deductions: \$2,350.15. Balance: \$4,823.49. Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd Caldwell- PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 164 active members and no new members. Two members were dropped, Cal Amos and J.P. Canabou, deceased. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Caldwell- PASSED.

Luncheon: The lunch was very good! The service also was great-\$77 in tips.

Correspondence: State Big Sir Derek Southern sent a memo to all branches reminding them of the duties of local branches.

Program: Another relief speaker, Art Ramirez, contacted by Big Sir Richard, informed us about "Project Hope"; he did a very nice job. In May, we have Don Moyer, a fishing writer. A speaker from the library with talk about the services offered by the library in June.

Sunshine: Gary DelNero let us know that Director Bob Kredit was admitted to Memorial Hospital and is undergoing diagnostic tests.

Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the Newsletter is going fine. Don also reported that they had 28 players for golf last Thursday.

Golf: NA.

Bowling: NA.

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GOLF Travel

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., May 21 – Creekside (MP), 8:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Tues., May 29 – Elk Horn, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., June 4 – Dryden, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$28 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., June 11 – Manteca (TS), 8:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) 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.

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.



Arthur Ramirez is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Project Hope Friendly Visitor, Senior Peer Counseling programs, the HICAP (Medicare Counseling), and Family Care-giver and Support programs. He received a certificate, for being a replacement speaker, from Tom Evans at the April 25 Luncheon.

Project Hope is "Supporting Older Adults" through Stanislaus County Area Agency on Aging. This program is aimed at the prevention and early intervention of loneliness and depression in older adults and Veterans.

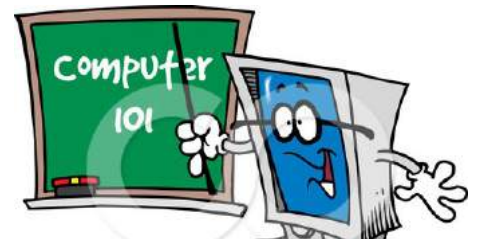
SIR Graffiti Summer Concert

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.

Call or e-mail Jesica Sanchez at the Gallo Center:

jsanchez@galloarts.org
209-338-5064"



Computer help before each luncheon will be given by John Johansen.

Any member wanting help with their computer problems are encouraged to contact John Johansen at 545-8992 or e-mail thejohansens@comcast.net



This picture was taken on the Thursday morning of April 19, 2018, at Modesto Muni Golf Course. These early arrivals for the weekly 9-hole tournament included: Dan Adams (Branch 143), Bob Kredit, Leo Havener, Claude McMillen, Dave Cooper and Oscar Cherry (all Branch 103). This tournament has been running weekly for well over 22 years. Don Reed and Bob Kredit have been keeping it going since the original Sir, Chuck Behr, stepped down about 2006. Don took over and Bob got in a few years later. Chuck has since passed away.



By Bill Axtell

Pinky H. Martin	5/3/1943	#19
Raymond R. Tillery	5/31/1952	#23
Terry McChesney	5/5/1942	#53
Bruce Aschenbrenner	5/13/1948	#58
Dominic Genova	5/7/1935	#85
Coe Banard	5/31/1939	#95
James Cloward	5/18/1936	#106
Ronald Gorang	5/12/1931	#111
Murle Webb	5/4/1931	#114
Donald Fitzgerald	5/21/1948	#121
Vincent Rucobo	5/22/1945	#131
Peder Hoy	5/31/1936	#133
Gary Goodman	5/21/1944	#134
Jim Harrity	5/10/1946	#173
Harold Rubinsmith	5/7/1948	#191
John Saverthal	5/1/1944	#210
Jim Haub	5/2/1948	#218
Doug M. Lemcke	5/31/1952	#222

Membership

By Bill Axtell

DECEASED:

Jean-Pierre "JP" Canabou Badge #183

DROPPED:

Cal D. Amos Badge #25



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (In Recess until August)
McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Week #35: Team #4 and #5 played for championship. CHAMPIONSHIP: The Odd Squad #5 won 2 games to 1. Team consisted of Ernie Lewis, Tony Scoble, Steve Holly and Bob Lewis, all but Holly (103) were from Branch 144.

THE LEAGUE 2018-2019 MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 12 NOON!

STATE BOWLING – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: 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. Mon.-Tues., August 27-28, Prosperity Lanes, Grass Valley.

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.

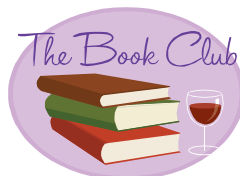
It is never to late to start bowling. We have bowlers well into their 80's and even their 90's. Meet bowlers from the four Branches of Sons In Retirement (Area 18).

The league is always looking for experienced or new bowlers. Come join in!

**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
 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

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
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 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., May 23
 Elks' Lodge**

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

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

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff got the order for 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, Oberagarau Passion Play. Details will be coming.
Computers: John Johansen expressed concerns about the Wi-Fi in the Elks building.
Photo Club: NA
Dining Club: Dennis Imhoff will host at Uno's on Apr. 28. Coe Barnard is hosting May. We need someone for June. Dennis also mentioned that Branch 144 has 4 dine-outs per month on different days of the week.
Old Business:
New Business: We discussed the Ladies Day program for December.
 Motion: Hire the "Fun Strummers" for the program. Imhoff, 2nd Rowe-PASSED.
 Other: The nominating committee is contacting potential candidates.
 We looked at a trifold used for recruiting new members. Motion: Print 100
 Trifold for recruitment. Imhoff, 2nd Goodman-PASSED.
 Adjournment: 8:26 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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