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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

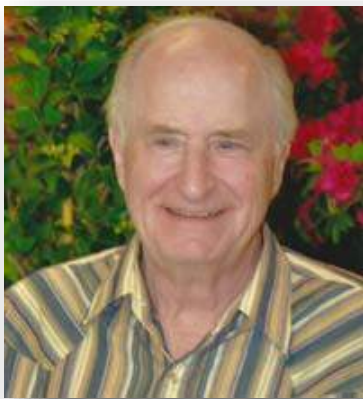
DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Richard Provost

We are very fortunate to have Sir Don Rowe as our Secretary. Don takes all the notes at the Board meeting and assembles them for Don Reed for the newsletter. It is amazing at the board meeting Don Rowe writes down, what everyone is talking about at the same time and gets it all down while everyone talks over one another. Don also every month sells the tickets for the lunch and keeps count of how many lunches are sold, so we know how many lunches to pay the Elks for lunch. Don does a fantastic job at keeping your Big Sir on track at the board meetings.

It was a pleasure to have our State SIR President, Derek Southern, here to honor a member of Branch 103. Mr. Ron Flagel, he was honored with an Honorary Life Membership of the State SIR organization. He is the State Sir Secretary. Gentlemen, this is an all-volunteer organization. We need help getting setup prior to the lunch meeting.

We also need help after the lunch to put stuff away. The Elks opens at 9 A.M. so please come in and help setting up. It is fun and you will get to know members. When were all working together the most it takes is 20 minutes. Then check in at the Elks Bar and have a bloody Mary or something as it is opening when we open and start setting up. Jim Haub who does double duty as a volunteer. He volunteers for the Elks as member also Volunteers for SIR as a member of our branch. I understand his bloody Marys are excellent.



June Program

By Doug Imberi

Community Outreach Coordinator Laura Ferrell will speak to SIR members about the many innovative resources available at the Stanislaus County Library. Ferrell's presentation will feature information on the Stanislaus County Library system, including how to obtain a library card and the amazing resources available with a library card. A special focus will be given to the library's free eResources, such as eBooks, eMagazines, digital audiobooks, and more. She'll also discuss the library's wide variety of fun and educational free programs, such as book clubs, craft programs, computer classes, and informational workshops. Her presentation will also touch upon a few ways to get involved with the library through volunteer opportunities.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe

Minutes of May 25, 2018:

Attendance: Big Sir, Richard Provost, Little Sir, Gary Goodman, Secretary, Don Rowe, Treasurer Tim Anglim. Directors: Don Reed, Gary DelNero, and Dennis Imhoff.

Absent: Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Directors John Johansen, Bob Kredit, and Bill Caldwell.

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

Call to Order: Big Sir, Richard Provost, called the meeting to order at 7:33 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 7 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

REPORTS: Secretary: Apr. 30 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept March minutes: Rowe, 2nd Reed. PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4,823.49. Deposit: donations \$62, plus contribution from lunch, \$0.21, lunch, \$1,551.79, raffle, \$820. Total receipts: \$1696.00. Checks written: \$1,599.79-Lunch, Don Reed \$ 80.91 for UPS Store printing, \$90.00, Dennis Imhoff for rooster items-plus. Total Deductions: \$1,770.70. Balance: \$4,748.79. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Goodman- PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 158, 13 inactive members and no new members. Motion to accept: Goodman, 2nd Imhoff- PASSED.

We had a discussion about members who have missed luncheons 6 or more months. We will use rule 100, give notification to those members who have missed 6 or more meetings. That will be followed up with a phone call. The Board will then act on their membership.

Luncheon: The lunch was excellent! Nice job of the members giving \$137 in tips. Correspondence: Big Sir Richard received a letter from the "Fun Strummers", who will play at our Dec. Ladies Day. They will arrive at 11:45 to set up. Motion: Give the Fun Strummers a \$200 donation-Imhoff, 2nd Reed PASSED

Program: Don Moyer, a fishing and outdoor writer, gave a very good presentation on rattlesnakes. He then asked for a membership application! A speaker from the library with talk about the services offered by the library in June. In July, Jim Mendonsa will speak. In Aug,

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

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



Mon., June 11 – Manteca (TS), 8:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.
Mon., June 18 – Creekside, 8:00 a.m. SG,

\$29 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., June 25 – Atwater, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., July 2 – Swenson, 8:00 a.m. SG, 27 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., July 9 – Reserve, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$51 (cart incl.) Host 164.

Mon., July 16 – Dry Creek, 8:30 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 103.

Mon., July 23 – Creekside (IQ), 8:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 143.

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

CIRQUE PARIS SHOW

Live in the Eldorado Showroom Minden—Reno—Sparks—High Hill Ranch—Dinner & Show
October 11-12, 2018

Carson Valley Inn Casino, The Nugget Casino and High Hill Ranch Apple Hill. Show, dinner, Breakfast Buffet and \$17 worth of coupons bonus at casinos included.
Cost: \$294 p/p dble., \$300 sgle.
Full payment due upon booking.

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.

FUTURE TRIP

Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Stay in Oberammergan, Germany for the Passion Play (only performed once every 10 years). August 29-Sept. 9. 2020.

Come hear a presentation at Raley's on Geer Road in Turlock on August 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. for more details.

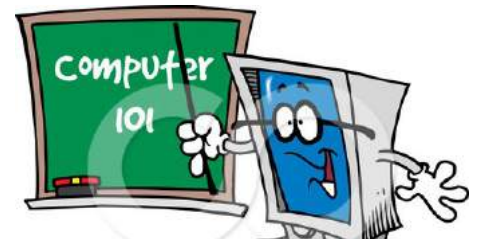
All the reservation forms are availa-

ble 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.



At the May 23 Branch 103 luncheon, Tom Evans presented Don Moyer with a certificate of appreciation. Don is an outdoorsman and writer and has many stories to tell. This day he was expelling on the times he has spent catching rattlesnakes and what he does with them. Everyone seemed to enjoy his delivery and what he had to say.



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



Ron Flagel received a State SIR Honorary Life Membership certificate from State SIR President Derek Southern at the May 23 Branch 103 Luncheon.

Ron has served with the State SIR in a number of capacities, including Assistant Secretary and is now the Secretary.

Ron has been a member of Branch 103 since January 2003 and served in a number of positions prior to becoming a State

SIR Assistant Secretary. He performs numerous functions including keeping the State SIR in compliance with state and federal laws. President Southern stated he was a real asset to SIR.

Birthdays

By Bill Axtell

Elmer "Ed" Bois	6/12/1931	#18
Don Stevenson	6/2/1950	#41
David Martin	6/3/1929	#62
Jerry Zoller	6/25/1943	#69
George Dunham	6/3/1950	#71
William Gard	6/23/1929	#82
Bill Axtell	6/26/1947	#90
Darwin Skiles	6/6/1937	#100
Joe Perez	6/1/1937	#162
Carl Nowicki	6/22/1947	#182
Richard Nelson	6/23/1947	#197
Elvin Ghan	6/17/1937	#242

Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be
June 23, 2018 5 P.M.
Pasta Pronto—Italian

310 H Street, Modesto
Your hosts will be Coe and Ruth Barnard
PLEASE confirm your reservations by
June 18, 2018, by either an e-mail to
coe@sbcglobal.net
or by phone 209-602-1220
\$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.



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

Membership

By Bill Axtell

NEW MEMBER:

Ken Nolte Badge #1
929 Burke Ave.
Modesto, CA 95350- 209 402-8361
2bken11@gmail.com
Baseball, Football, Golf, Softball

RESIGNED:

Gary M. Wasmund Badge #4



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

A team from the SIR Area 18 League placed second in the Modesto Annual Tournament of Champions at McHenry Bowl. The team consisted of John Schamante (144), Joe Bradley, Manny Simas, Terry McChesney and Ron Halliday (all 103).
Congratulations Sirs!

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!

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.

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 672-0326
 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 672-0326
 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 672-0326
 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., June 27
Elks' Lodge

645 Charity Way
Modesto
Phone 544-3157

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

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Arnold Chavez from the Great Valley Museum will be our presenter.

Sunshine: Gary reported that Jerry Zoeller has pneumonia and is in Memorial Hospital. James Dean was at the luncheon, and is dealing with blood clots and cancer. Dick Kershner had foot surgery and is recovering nicely. Bob Kredit is feeling better.

Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the Newsletter is going fine. The Directory will be reworked. Don also reported that they have had 28-32 players for Thursday golf.

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff sold a few items.

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

Dining Club: Dennis Imhoff will host at LaParrilla on May.26. Coe Barnard is hosting June.

Old Business: Ladies Day (see Correspondence) Big Sir will ask Murle Webb to print the tickets. **MOTION:** Ladies Day tickets will be \$16 for the member, and Free for his lady. Goodman, 2nd Imhoff **PASSED**

The nominating committee is contacting people for Executive Board Officers and Directors. A slate will be ready by the June Luncheon.

The trifold member recruiting has been printed and is being distributed at various places seniors attend.

Adjournment: 8:38 A.M.

SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

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