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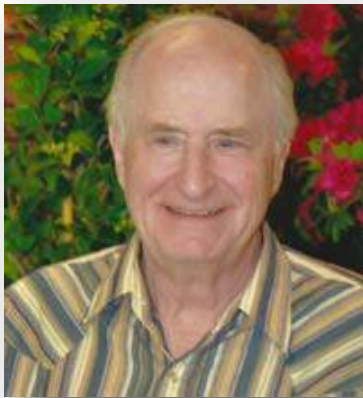
## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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### Big Sir Crows By Richard Provost

To all it is starting to get hot, make sure you stay hydrated. Remember just because school is out there is a lot of school programs during the summer, so please still watch out for the children around the schools. We had an excellent dine out Sat. 23rd at Posta Pronto's on H. St. put on by Coe and Ruth Barnard. Prior to the dine out, Barbara Webb called and asked if she could start a ladies lunch out. A paper was passed around for all that would be interested in just the women getting together for lunch. Barbara will be calling all that signed the paper and if any other ladies are interested please call Barbara Webb. This will be a lunch for the women of SIR members. Barbara thought it would be fun for the wives to be able to get together to know each other better just by themselves. Gentlemen something that needs to be stopped, when a speaker is giving a presentation. People are making cell phone calls and talking loudly during the presentation, others are getting up and walking out half way through. If you need to leave early please leave prior to the speaker starting to give the presentation.

We are still having a problem with lack of call in by members that they will not be able to make it to lunch. We MUST give the Elks 10 day's notification on how many will be at lunch. Calling the night before saying you will not make it is not adequate notice. I am sure we all know our appointments far ahead of time with the exception of emergencies. Please notify Bill Axtell 10 days prior.



## July Program

By Doug Imberi

The speaker for the July 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 June 29, 2018:

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

Absent: John Johansen, Bill Stires, (travel).

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

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 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports: Secretary: May 25 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept March minutes: Rowe, 2nd Kredit. PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4748.79 Deposit: donations \$104, plus contribution from lunch, \$0.23, lunch, \$1,679.77 raffle, \$87. Total receipts: \$1919.00. Checks written: \$1,743.77-Lunch, Don Reed \$20.00 for postage, \$36.39 Richard Provost for frames and postage, \$11.87 UPS printing, \$74.40- Bill Axtell for ink. Total Deductions: \$1886.43. Balance: \$4,781.36. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Barnard- PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 156 active members and one new member. Ken Nolte. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Stackhouse- PASSED  
One member was dropped, John Scheuber. Motion to accept: Kredit, 2nd Goodman- PASSED.

Luncheon: The lunch was very good! Tips were also good.

Program: Laura Ferrell, from the library, did a great job. In July, Jim Mondonsa will present. In Aug., someone from The Great Valley Museum will be our speaker. Future possible speakers from the McHenry Museum and HICAP will be requested.

Sunshine: Gary DelNero let us know that Jerry Zoller is back in the hospital. Jeff Bowman had surgery again.

Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that the Newsletter is going fine. He also said that the Directory was realigned. Don reported that

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

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# GOLF

# Travel

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., July 30 – Manteca, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 144.

Mon., Aug. 6 – Creekside, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., Aug. 13 – Dryden, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$28 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., Aug. 20 – Micke Grove, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$34 (cart incl.) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch103)

By Bill Stires

**DAY AT THE RACES**  
Golden Gate Field  
Turf Club Experience  
August 25, 2018-Saturday  
\$118 per person

Min. of 30 passengers by July 18 or trip cancelled  
Max of 44 passengers  
Signup early to guarantee seat

**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.

**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.

### 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 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](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)

## Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be  
**July 28, 2018 5 P.M.**

### BJ's Restaurant and Brew Pub

3401 Dale Road (Vintage Faire Mall), Modesto

Your hosts will be Mike and Judi Filan

And Bill and Betty Caldwell

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE**

confirm your reservations by

July 24, 2018, by either an e-mail to

[wgcaldwell@aol.com](mailto:wgcaldwell@aol.com)

or by phone 209-529-4125 (Leave a Message)

\$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.

## Nomination of Branch 103 Officers For 2019

Nominated are the following: Big Sir Gary Goodman, Little Sir Doug Imberi, Secretary Don Rowe, Asst. Sec. Coe Barnard, Treas. Tim Anglim, Asst. Treas. Joe Stackhouse, Board members: Director: Don Reed, Bill Caldwell, Bob Kredit, Dennis Imhoff, John Johansen, Gary DelNero. We will vote for 5.

Richard Provost will also be a director. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the July 25 Luncheon.

The vote will be held at the August 22, 2017 Luncheon. Submitted by Bob Kredit, Dennis Imhoff and John Johansen



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](mailto:thejohansens@comcast.net)



SIR Branch 103 members over the age of 90 were presented with a certificate of State President's Honorary Life Membership. The presentation was made at the June 25, 2018 luncheon by Big Sir Richard Provost.

From R-L: Wesley Rash age 90, Don Locke age 92, George Wallace age 92, Charles Fox age 91, Richard Kershner age 90. Arthur Long (super senior honorary) age 95.

# Birthdays

By Bill Axtell

Max Stowers	7/14/1939	#22
Richard Walke	7/4/1954	#32
Clark Pearson	7/7/1944	#51
Ron Flagel	7/15/1941	#79
Robert Saylor	7/4/1940	#70
Oscar Cherry	7/9/1934	#109
Tom E. Phillips	7/10/1949	#110
Bud Andrews	7/19/1941	#123
Dennis E. Imhoff	7/17/1944	#135
Arthur L. Long	7/24/1942	#141
Reynaldo L. Cabusas	7/16/1945	#147
Ream Lochry	7/16/1952	#151
Leo Havener	7/26/1937	#152
Donald L. Carney	7/3/1946	#179
Barrett Meiselman	7/17/1945	#184
Fernando Fernandez	7/18/1953	#195
Charles Nichols	7/3/1947	#198
Larry M. Lay	7/19/1941	#207
James A. Dean	7/8/1946	#223
Don W. Locke	7/25/1926	#225
Ron Saito	7/9/1939	#230
Timothy J. Anglim	7/10/1941	#234
William H. Douglas	7/28/1938	#242

# Membership

By Bill Axtell

## DECEASED:

Russell "Russ" Jackson Badge #36

## DROPPED MEMBER:

John R. Scheuber Badge #20

## NEW PH. #:

Gary Del Nero Badge #68

Wife: 209 479-4995

Gary: 209 479-3134

**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.



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

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

**STATE BOWLING** – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: **Mon.-Wed., August 13-15, Reno National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV. Mon.-Tues., August 27-28, Prosperity Lanes, Grass Valley. Fri.-Sat., Sept. 14-15, Carson City, Carson Lanes. Tues.-Wed., October 9-10, Fire-side Lanes, Citrus Heights.**

Check the State SIR Bowling at [sirinc.com](http://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!



Doug Imberi presented Community Outreach Coordinator Laura Ferrell of the Stanislaus County Library with a certificate of appreciation. Ferrell's presentation featured 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 given on the library's free eResources, such as eBooks, eMagazines, digital audiobooks, and more. She'll also discussed the library's wide variety of fun and educational free programs.

## 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 Imberi ..... 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., July 25  
 Elks' Lodge**

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

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

## Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Thursday golf is going fine with about 30 players per week.

Bowling: League starts in August.

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff reported no sales.

Photo Club: Due to lack of interest, the Photo Club is ended.

Dining Club: Bill Caldwell will host at BJ's on July 28. Corkage fee is \$ 5, but Bill recommends that you drink their great beers.

Old Business: Ladies Day tickets have been printed by Murle Webb.

Bill Caldwell will sell the tickets.

The Nominating Committee will prepare the following ballot:

Big Sir Gary Goodman, Little Sir Doug Imberi, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer Joe Stackhouse. Directors: Don Reed, Bill Caldwell, Bob Kredit, Dennis Imhoff, John Johansen, Gary DelNero. We will vote for 5. Richard Provost will serve also as Past Big Sir. FURTHER NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR. ALSO, EACH OFFICE WILL HAVE A SPACE FOR WRITE IN'S.

New Business: Barbara Webb, wife of Murle, wants to start a dine out for the wives of SIR members.

Adjournment: 8:33 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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