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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: Our attendance of active membership has dropped quite dramatically. We all sit with the same group monthly at the luncheon. Please, if you see a member absent a couple of meetings, will you let Gary Del Nero know. Remember to advise membership chairman Bill Axtell if you are not going to make the luncheon.

We are losing members monthly, our year to date records show only 5 new members have joined.

We are still in need of help setting up and putting stuff away after the meeting. As a member, this is the quickest way to meet other members. It looks like we are in for a hot summer so drink plenty of water.

When checking in and buying your lunch ticket please check the annual donation sheet. I know some of the names on the sheet have donated, and simply didn't cross off their name. This sheet is only for a reminder. A member gave me their donation and I failed to cross off his name, so I know it happens.

Gentlemen we are looking for ideas that will enhance and grow the membership.

Soon the contract for luncheon will come up. If you have any suggestions will you send me an e-mail: [richardprovost@yahoo.com](mailto:richardprovost@yahoo.com).



## August Program

By Tom Evans

The speaker for the August 22 luncheon will be Arnold Chavez of The Great Valley Museum.

Born and raised in Modesto, CA

Attended Modesto High School

Has a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from CSU Stanislaus

Current working on a Master Degree in Higher Education Administration

Has worked at Modesto Junior College (MJC) for 24 years

He has been with the GVM for the last three years

Have been 3D modeling and printing for the last six years

Climbed Mount Whitney in 2014

Favorite CA Central Valley animal is the jaguar, before it was locally extinct

## CODE FOR GALLO CENTER

You can use promo code SIRS 1819 when ordering tickets online.

There is a section when you check out to enter promo code. You are asked that the code is only for SIR members and not shared.

## Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe

Minutes of July 27, 2018:

Attendance: Big Sir, Richard Provost, Little Sir, Gary Goodman, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Tim Anglim,

Directors: Don Reed, Gary DelNero, Bill Caldwell, Director Bob Kredit, John Johansen, and Dennis Imhoff.

Absent: Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse

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

Guests: Doug Imberi

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: June 29 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept March minutes: Rowe, 2nd Kredit. PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4781.36 Deposit: donations \$0, plus contribution from lunch, \$0.24, lunch, \$1,759.76 raffle, \$82. Total receipts: \$1842.00. Checks written: \$1,791.76-Lunch. \$274 -Sons in Retirement 3rd quarter Assessment. Total Deductions: \$2065.60. Balance: \$4,557.80. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Barnard

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 157 active members and no new members. Bill recommended dropping the following from our membership: Russ Jackson (Death), the rest for non-attendance, John Scheuber (resigned), Tony Lopez, Julian Andona, Curtis Varvel, Daniel Stevens, and John Matzek. Motion to accept: Kredit, 2nd Imhoff- PASSED

Luncheon: The lunch was good, but a few felt it wasn't.

Correspondence: none

Program: In July, Jim Mendonca spoke about his interesting career in rescue. In Aug., Arnold Chavez from The Great Valley Museum will be our speaker. Tom and Doug are still looking for a speaker for Sept. In Oct, Maria Profeta from HICAP will speak.

Sunshine: Gary suggested that we remind our members to let him know if someone is ill or having surgery, etc. He also reported that former member Al Petrides has kidney failure.

Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that he had some computer difficulties with the Newsletter this month, but he was able to get it out on time. We discussed the problems and a motion was made: pay \$99 for Microsoft 365 annually for Don Reed. Johansen, 2nd Kredit- PASSED.

Don reported that Thursday golf is going fine with 34 players last week.

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# GOLF

# Travel

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., Aug. 27 — Manteca, 8:00  
a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.

Tues., Sept. 4 — Creekside, 8:00  
a.m. SG, \$29 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., Sept. 10 — Atwater, 8:00  
a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., Sept. 17 — Reserve, 8:30  
a.m. SG, \$51 (cart incl.) Host 164.

Mon., Sept. 24 — Manteca, 8:00  
a.m. SG, \$44 or ?, check if you  
need to pay for lunch and prize  
fund. (cart incl.) Host ALL.

The website for our golf club is:  
[http://www.sirinc2.org/  
area22golf/](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 New-  
man, 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 re-  
quired 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 Nug-  
get Casino and High Hill Ranch Ap-  
ple 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 Punt-  
arenas, 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 avail-  
able on the SIR Area 22 website for  
printing:  
[http://sirinc2.org/branch144/  
travel](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 en-  
joy 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 103 Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be  
AUGUST 24, 2018 5:00 P.M.  
La Parrilla Mexican

McHenry Village, Modesto  
Your hosts will be Bob and Gretchen Kredit  
Maximum of 30 reservation allowed.  
Please confirm your reservations by  
August 22, 2018, That will be final cutoff  
to the first 30.

Either an e-mail to  
bkred8209@aol.com  
or by phone 209- 672-0326

Dine Out events are for the benefit of Sir Mem-  
bers and their spouse, lady friend or significant  
other. Smaller groups lend themselves to inter-  
esting 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.

SIR ladies "only" are having a  
lunch out.

Please call Diane Evans at 209  
5511836. She is setting  
up a luncheon out for August  
9th, at Marie Callendar's  
at 11:30 AM. RSVP and con-  
firm your reservation.

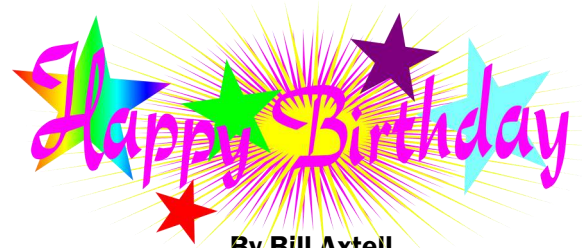
## Nomination of Branch 103 Officers For 2019

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, Den-  
nis 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 Ju-  
ly 25 Luncheon.  
The vote will be held at the  
August 22, 2018 Luncheon.  
Submitted by Bob Kredit, Den-  
nis Imhoff and John Johansen.

# New Members



From R-L: SIR Branch 103 Little Sir, Gary Goodman, sponsor for Ken Nolte with Orientation Chair Bob Kredit and Big Sir Richard Provost. Ken is a retired Physical Therapist with California Rehabs. He is a golfer and likes baseball, Bocce, football, pickle ball, racing and softball.



By Bill Axtell

Edward Wallick	8/25/1952	#17
Daniel Reeves	8/31/1949	#34
Gary Del Nero	8/30/1953	#68
Michael Brady	8/25/1941	#75
Lee K. Ehler	8/23/1945	#86
Kerry Newman	8/30/1938	#91
Joseph Stackhouse	8/31/1943	#98
Steve Hughes	8/8/1951	#115
Gary Pattee	8/17/1947	#116
David Brown	8/10/1947	#146
Barry Batrica	8/11/1953	#169
John Sherrard	8/7/1960	#161
Jim Bickner	8/14/1939	#165
Charles Butrica	8/11/1953	#169
John McGrath	8/7/1950	#186
Philip Osterli	8/30/1940	#190
Michael Filan	8/4/1944	#196
Jim Tanquary	8/19/1943	#200
Mark Lim	8/26/1947	#231
Salvador Rodriguez	8/4/1945	#237

# Membership

By Bill Axtell

## DROPPED MEMBER:

Tony Lopez	Badge #6
Julian Andona	Badge #67
Curtis Varvel	Badge #107
Ed Pinon	Badge #132
Daniel Stevens	Badge #159
John Matzek	Badge #163
<b>MOVED TO INACTIVE:</b>	
Elmer "Ed" Bois	Badge #18
Robert E. Saylor	Badge #70
George Wallace	Badge #78
Lee K. Ehrler	Badge #86
Jeff W. Bowman	Badge #96
Gary D. Pattee	Badge #116
Crispin "Cris" Woelfer	Badge #117
Bud Andrew	Badge #123
Arthur Larry Long	Badge #141
Doug Lemcke	Badge #222
"Tom" Hatagowit	Badge #226
Frank Flaim, Jr.	Badge #232



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 7 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!



**The new edition of SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website:**

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

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)

**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 in golf or bowling, 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 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., Aug. 22**  
**Elks' Lodge**

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

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

## Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Bowling: League starts in August.  
 Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff reported that he sold a hat. He also turned in \$168 from past sales.  
 Travel: Bill reported that there is room for Golden Gate Fields and the Panama trip in Jan. There will be meeting about his 2020 trip to Europe at Raley's in Turlock, August 15 at 3:00.  
 Computers: John talked about the need for a "Security Certificate" for the website. Big Sir Richard will research how State Sir will handle this.  
 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: 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. The election will take place at our Aug. luncheon.  
 New Business: State Sir is considering allowing ladies to join.  
 Rick Kindle, Area Gov. is retiring. Big Sir Richard asked if anyone was interested.  
 Adjournment: 8:22 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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