

# The Town Crower

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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: There seems to be a lack of understanding of how many SIR lunch meetings a member must attend in order to stay in good standing. I will try to explain it so that we all understand it correctly and this will prevent members from being dropped because of non-attendance to the luncheons.

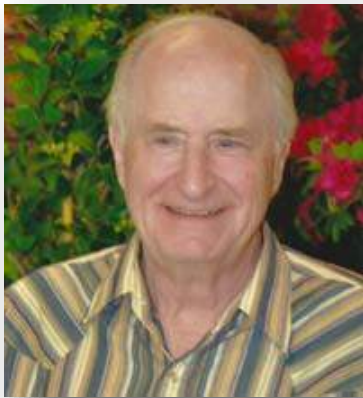
**Please keep in mind that we are a luncheon club first and foremost. Activities such as bowling and golf are programs developed for our luncheon members.**

Article 8, Rule 100 of the SIR Manual Page 9: "A member shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period."

What this means is that we have a rolling 12-month period, Jan through Dec, Feb. through Jan, Aug. through July etc. So if you missed say the last 5 luncheons of 2017, and then missed 2 meetings so far this year, (Aug. 2018) before attending 5 luncheons, you are not in good standing of the SIR guidelines for a 12-month period. Coming in pulling your badge signing up for golf and leaving is not considered attending a lunch meeting.

If a member fails to pull his badge, he is marked absent even when he is there. Someone saying, "I saw him there" later does not count! This would make record-keeping of attendance a nightmare. So if you see a member without his badge on please remind him to pull the badge and wear it.

There are extenuating circumstances and I am sure those all will be approved, but it is the member's responsibility to notify the Membership Chairman, Big Sir, Little Sir or the Sunshine Chairman so his absence can be approved at the board meeting.



## Sept. Program

By Tom Evans

The speaker for the August 22 will be Joyce Gandelman of The Senior Advocacy Network,

Senior Law Project is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. Joyce Gandelman founded the organization in an effort to assist seniors in need who cannot afford traditional legal services.

Working with senior organizations throughout Stanislaus County since 1997, Joyce recognized the community's need to provide seniors with better access to these services, prompting her to attend law school. In 2004, she began practicing as an attorney and championing the causes of the elderly in her community. Since 2010, the Senior Advocacy Network - Senior Law Project has been helping seniors gain access to legal counsel, low cost public housing, public benefits and much more.

### 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 (First Draft)

Minutes of July 27, 2018: Attendance: Big Sir, Richard Provost, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse. Directors: Don Reed, Gary DelNero, Bill Caldwell, Bob Kredit, John Johansen, and Dennis Imhoff. Absent: Little Sir, Gary Goodman

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 7:33 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

**REPORTS: Secretary:** July 27 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept July minutes as modified (March to June: Rowe, 2nd Kredit. PASSED

**Treasurer:** Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4557.60 Deposit: donations \$67, plus contribution from lunch, \$0.23, lunch, \$1,679.77 raffle, \$85, Sale of Rooster items, \$169.00. Total receipts: \$2001.00. Checks written: \$1,695.77-Lunch, \$20.00-Don Reed for postage. Total Deductions: \$1715.77. Balance: \$4,842.83. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Reed.

**Membership:** Bill Axtell reported that we have 156 active members. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Anglim- PASSED. We have five new members: Julian Andona (returning), David Noble, Cliff LaFreniere, Robert Morris, and Michael Lenz. Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd DelNero- PASSED

**Luncheon:** The lunch was good!

Correspondence: Big Sir Richard Provost attended the State Sir meeting. He said that they have developed a new membership application.

**Program:** Arnold Chavez, from The Great Valley Museum, presented a very good power point on the new Museum. In Sept., we will have Joyce Gandelman talk about the Senior Law Project. In Oct., Maria Profeta from HICAP, will speak. Our Nov. speaker will be Richard Cato, from the McHenry Museum. Jan. of course, Big Sir, Gary Goodman, will speak. For Feb., we have Candi Woertz on a mentoring program for High Schoolers.

**Sunshine:** Gary reported that Charlie Fox had a heart procedure.

Jeff Bowman is up and around, but also will have more surgery coming up. Jerry Zoeller was again in the hospital.

**Newsletter/Thursday golf:** Don Reed reported that he still had some computer difficulties, but John Johansen got the new computer up and running. The Microsoft 365 license was purchased. An addition 4 members can be added to the program. The discussion concluded that the Treasurer and the Secretary could also be on the Microsoft 365 license.

Don reported that Thursday golf is going fine with 34 players

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# GOLF

# Travel

By John Reedy



**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 \$35 if you have  
played 15 tournaments, check if  
you need to pay for lunch and  
prize fund. (cart incl.) Host ALL.

**Mon., Oct. 1 — Swenson**, 9:00  
a.m. SG, \$27 (cart optl.) Host 103.

**Mon., Oct. 8 — Manteca**, 9:00 a.m.  
SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.

**Mon., Oct. 15 — Pheasant Run**,  
9:00 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host  
144.

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 672-0326.

## Branch 103 Website

The Branch 103 Website  
can be found at  
[www.sirinc2.org/  
branch103](http://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 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 Pun-  
tarenas, 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.

### LAND TOUR OF DENALI CRUISE OF ALASKA

AUG.23-SEPT. 3, 2019

Cruise on the Crystal Symphony (848  
passengers). All inclusive, all trans-  
portation, hotels, all beverages,  
free Wi-Fi, pre-paid gratuities, en-  
richment classes and more. Shore  
excursions are not included.  
4 day land tour of Denali and 8 day  
cruise of Alaska (Anchorage to Van-  
couver) Cruising the Inside Passage  
and Tracy Arms.

Prices \$5350 to \$6525 per person.

**Come hear a presentation at  
Raley's on Geer Rd. in Turlock on  
Sept. 28, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. for  
more details.**

\$300 per person discount at time of  
presentation, \$125 discount if paid  
by check, save 2.5% of cruise fare if  
paid by February 15, 2019.

### 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.

All the reservation forms are availa-  
ble 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 mem-  
bers 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 103 Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be  
**SEPT. 22 2018 5:00 P.M.**

### George's Steak House

1001 Kansas Ave., Modesto  
Your hosts will be Mike and Judi Filan  
Corkage fee: \$10.00

Please confirm your reservations by  
**September 17, 2018.**

Either an e-mail to

[mfilan@comcast.net](mailto:mfilan@comcast.net)

or by phone 209- 491-2555

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.

### LADIES' DINE-OUT

**Sept. 13th - A Thursday  
at 11:30 a.m.**

### Hot Rod Diner

1515 Herndon

Ceres, Ca.

Call Molly Del Nero

209 872 5603

## 2019 Branch 103 Officers Elected

Elected 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: Don Reed, Bob  
Kredit, Dennis Imhoff, John  
Johansen, Gary DelNero and  
Richard Provost.



Program Chairman Tom Evans, presented Arnold Chavez a certificate of appreciation. Arnold represented the Great Valley Museum with a presentation, detailing the museum's place in the community. He gave a very interesting story about the founding of the museum and items that the public can interact with.

# Membership

By Bill Axtell

## RE-INSTATED MEMBER:

**Julian Andona** Badge #67

## NEW MEMBERS:

**Cliff J. LaFreniere** Badge #5

Robin  
4624 Via Fiori, Modesto, CA 95357-0658  
clafreniere1361@gmail.com 510-381-3774

Baseball, Bocce, Golf, Wine  
**Michael J. Lenz** Badge #3

Peggy  
1532 Dusty Miller Lane 209 480-8556  
Ceres, CA 95307-9762

mrh2oman@att.net —  
Bowling, Computers, Golf, Pickleball

**Robert S. Morris** Badge #4

Lecia  
1700 Albany Ave. 408 691-7606  
Modesto, CA 95350-4054

morris77s@att.net —  
Baseball, Bowling, Poo;-Billiards

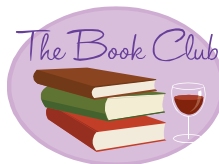
**David A. Noble** Badge #9

Sheila  
916 Haverhill, Modesto, CA 95356-1856  
sheilajacoby@comcast.net 209 581-1074

Golf, Wine



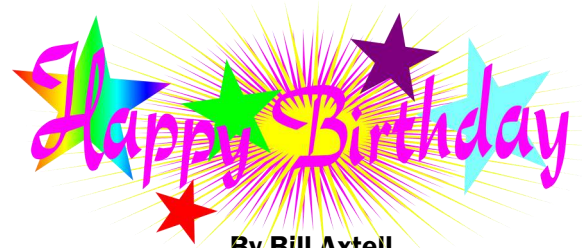
Lanes. Tues.-Wed., October 9-10, Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights. Tues., Oct. 16, Harvest Park, Brentwood. Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 1-2 McHenry Bowl (OUR OWN TOURNAMENT). Check the State SIR Bowling at [sirinc.com](http://sirinc.com) or contact bowling chairman **Jim Pastorelli** at 406-8156 for applications. Lots of fun bowling. For entry forms or for joining a team, call bowling chairman **Jim Pastorelli** 406-8156. It is never 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!



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.

**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.**



By Bill Axtell

Carl D. Sparks	9/29/1939	#14
Gene Eager	9/24/1937	#29
Tito David	9/3/1947	#125
Joe F. Savage	9/7/1942	#136
Torrey Newton	9/3/1947	#154
Edwin V. Davis	9/1/1924	#204



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

**League started on Tuesday, August 14:** Scratch Game, Handicap Game and Handicap Series Chuck Nichols 248-283-727: Scratch Series Joe Miceli 626. WEEK 2: Scratch-Handicap Game Bob Lewis 247-270; Scratch-Handicap Series Joe Miceli 652-709.

**STATE BOWLING** — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Fri.-Sat., Sept. 14-15, Carson City, Carson Lanes. Tues.-Wed., October 9-10, Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights. Tues., Oct. 16, Harvest Park, Brentwood. Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 1-2 McHenry Bowl (OUR OWN TOURNAMENT).

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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)

**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**

**Executive Committee, continued from page 1**

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wed., Sept. 26**  
**Elks' Lodge**  
**645 Charity Way**  
**Modesto**  
**Phone 544-3157**  
**FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM**  
**LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM**

last week.  
**Golf:** NA.  
**Bowling:** Jim Pastorelli, Chair of Sir Bowling, requested that the Branch 103 Board approve the 2018-19 schedule. Motion: Approve the bowling 2018-19 schedule: Rowe, 2nd Kredit-PASSED. Jim also reported that the league is allowing wives, girlfriends, and significant others to join the league.  
**Merchandising:** Dennis Imhoff reported that he sold a few items.  
**Special Events:** NA  
**Travel:** Bill reported that travel is going well.  
**Computer:** John asked Tom and Doug to tell future presenters that are going to do a power point presentation to bring it on a memory stick. This will allow set of the projector to be easier using our computer.  
**Old Business:** The Election results: 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, Bob Kredit, Dennis Imhoff, John Johansen, Gary DelNero. Richard Provost will serve also as Past Big Sir.  
**New Business:** Based on the list at the Donation box, about 60% of the members donated \$20.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**  
**Other:** A few members have talked about volunteering to do membership.

**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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