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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Richard Provost

Well now that Thanksgiving is over and we are all stuffed. We are headed into the December holidays.

I am sure we will all have more meals out with loved ones. Please remember to drive safe as many people during this time of year party a lot. Then comes New Year's Eve so please all drive defensively.

WOW did we ever have a fantastic lunch in Nov: 3 entrée's Turkey, Tri-tip and Chicken. The luncheons are fantastic and I heard no complaints in the past several months.

Remember to get a hold of Bill Caldwell as the cutoff date for buying tickets for the Dec. luncheon is the 7th. For \$16.00 you and your significant other will have a great lunch with wine, and the entertainment will be the Fun Strummers of Modesto. Where else can you go have a nice lunch with wine, entertainment and friends for two people for \$16.00?



Dec. Program

By Doug Imberi

Fun Strummers Ukulele Band

They are a group of ukulele players at all levels of experience who play, sing and have fun with ukulele music. Some Fun Strummers have played for many years and have musical expertise; others are at various stages of learning including beginners.

What Fun Strummers have in common is an enjoyment of coming together to make music that is light-hearted, upbeat, easy to play and fun to sing.

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 November 16, 2018 Board Meeting. Attendance: Big Sir, Richard Provost, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse. Directors: Don Reed, Gary DelNero, Bill Caldwell, Bob Kredit, and Dennis Imhoff.

Absent, Little Sir, Gary Goodman and Director John Johansen. Committee Representatives present: Don Reed, (Bulletin), Bill Axtell, (Membership), Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs), Call to Order: Big Sir, Richard Provost, called the meeting to order at 7:33 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

REPORTS: Secretary: Oct. 26 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept Oct. minutes Rowe, 2nd Imhoff. PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$5187.72. Deposits: donations \$70.79, plus contribution from lunch, \$0.18, lunch, \$1,1343.82 raffle, \$87, Ladies Day lunch tickets, \$240. Total receipts: \$1741.79. Checks written: \$1,519.80- Lunch, \$10.79 to Jim Bickner for Lunch Ticket roll. Total Deductions: \$1530.59. Balance: \$5398.52. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Rowe- PASSED.

Membership: Bill Axtell reported that we have 160 active members. We have 1 new member, David Santos. Motion to accept the membership report- Rowe, 2nd Kredit- PASSED.

Luncheon: The lunch was very good!

Program: Our Nov. speaker, Richard Cato, from the McHenry Museum, did a great job. Tom Evans reported that Dec. is our Ladies Day with the "Strummers". Jan. of course, Big Sir Gary Goodman, will speak. For Feb., we have Candi Woertz on a mentoring program for High Schoolers. For March, we have our newly elected Sheriff Jeff Dirkse. In April, we will have Judy Kindle from Sierra Vista.

Sunshine: Gary Del Nero reported that he sent a card to Lee Ehrler. He is also sending a card to Max Stowers who is having surgery.

Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported the newsletter is going well. The Director should be ready for the Jan. meeting.

Don reported that Thursday golf is going fine.

Golf: Motion: Branch 103 Board of Directors approve the 2019 Area 18 golf schedule. Rowe, 2nd Stackhouse-PASSED

Bowling: NA

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff will send to Don Reed an item for the Newsletter asking if anyone wants a SIR jacket or shirt to let him know; he is going to order shirts and if he has six or more orders, the shipping

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



NCGA DUES:
\$48 and \$58
for new mem-
bers.

Mon., Dec. 3
— Creekside,
9:00 a.m. SG,
\$29 (cart optl.)
Host 143.

Mon., Dec. 10 — Elk Horn, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 144.

Mon., Dec. 17 — Manteca, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.

Mon., Jan. 7 — Creekside, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., Jan. 14 — Atwater, 9:00
a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Micke Grove,
9:00 a.m. SG, \$38 (cart incl.) Host
144.

The website for our golf club is:
[http://www.sirinc2.org/
area22golf/](http://www.sirinc2.org/area22golf/)

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 136 (Sonora) plays Mt.
Springs. To check time and dates
contact Paul Padavana at
paulp_57@yahoo.com

Branch 103 Website

The Branch 103 Website
can be found at
[www.sirinc2.org/
branch103](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch103)

By Bill Stires

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.

Baseball Spring Training aka. Adult Spring Break March 11 to March 15, 2019 (We are flying this year)

Price: **\$1,648** per person Double
Occupancy \$2,148 single
Includes: Air transportation, hotel, 3
baseball games, all bus transporta-
tion, gratuities, game bucks, din-
ners at Rustlers Roost, Don and
Charies Dinner Show, plus much,
much more.
Maximum of 20 passengers, trip is
guaranteed to go.

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.
\$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 per-**
formed once every 10 years). Au-
gust 29-Sept. 9. 2020.

The play is a staging of Jesus' pas-
sion, covering the short final period
of his life from his visit to Jerusalem
and leading to his execution by cru-
cifixion.

Price: Approximately \$5700 per
person. Air Fare to be determined
in Oct. 2019.

Price includes all transportation,
hotels, gratuities for tour manag-
er, and more. **\$500.00 deposit**
per person holds spot. Final pay-
ment not due until March 1, 2020

All the reservation forms are
available on the SIR Area 22 web-
site 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

**NO DINE-OUT
DECEMBER!**

LADIES' DINE-OUT

The ladies luncheon will be
Thursday, Dec. 20 at the
GK Mongolian BBQ
1300 Sylvan Ave, Modesto.
Show up for lunch as **Barbara
Webb** is hosting it again. The
GK Mongolian BBQ
is at the corner of **Coffee &
Sylvan.** Please call **Barbara**
and advise so she can have
plenty of space arranged.
please call **209-526-6511.**

Guys you need to start tell-
ing your wives about this SIR
Ladies' monthly luncheon.

New Members



Ken Nolte	12/13/1948	#1
John Johansen	12/11/1940	#2
John Lemos	12/23/1955	#6
Robert Bishop	12/28/1937	#56
Arthur Long	12/19/1922	#60
Fred Angleton	12/30/1950	#72
Robert Sykes	12/14/1935	#89
William Irby	12/7/1947	#157
Stamus Cocolos	12/6/1941	#137
Larry Maxfield	12/24/1944	#160
Joe Lederle	12/6/1953	#164
Richard Faughn	12/7/1942	#177
Gene Guerra	12/8/1934	#193
Tom Hatagowit	12/11/1960	#226
Bob Hall	12/26/1945	#229

New members inducted during the November 14, 2018 luncheon were: Tom D. De Dios, Vic Whaley and John Lemos. Gary Del Nero, right, did the honors. Tom is retired from sales with Ricoh. He and his wife Helen are residents of Modesto. Tom bowls in the SIR League at McHenry Bowl.

Vic was a teacher with the Elk Grove Unified School District and lives in Modesto. He is a golfer and enjoys playing at Muni on Thursdays.

John was an electrician at Cal State University Stanislaus. He and his wife Rose live in Modesto. He likes biking, bowling and golf.



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto



WEEK #13: SG-SSS-HS Larry Sallee 246-678-685, HG Lon Loudermilk 254. **WEEK #14:** SG Jay Faughn 214, SS Joe Miceli 586. HG Lor Salvi 251, HS Jack Brey 666. **WEEK #15:** SG-SS Dave Brown 225-633, HG Don Binney 251, HS Jim Pastorelli 673. **WEEK 16:** SG-SS Dave Brown 236-663, HG Ream Lochry and Ron Halliday 258, HS Jay Faughn 702.

SG-SS-HG: STATE BOWLING – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Sun., Dec. 2, Cloverleaf Bowl, Fremont. Tues., Jan. 8, Pacific Bowl Stockton. Tues.-Wed., Jan. 22-23, Napa Bowl, Napa.

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!

Membership

By Bill Axtell

MEMBER CORRECTION:

Pete A. Maxin Badge #19
317 Elmwood Ave., Modesto CA 9534-0533
209 422-8484 –
rebeccamaxinrn@yahoo.com – Golf

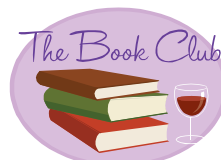
NEW MEMBER:

David R. Santos (Kris) Badge #25
9807 Hwy. 33, Patterson, CA 95363
P.O. Box 1058, Patterson, CA 95363-1058
dsantos3698@gmail.com 209 480-6502
Dine Out, Golf, Wine, Yoga

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.

Our Computer teacher has resigned and sold his home in Modesto and is moving back to his beloved Denmark. We will sorely miss John Johansen as he was a great asset to this SIR Branch 103.

Our "Best Wishes" go with you John.



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 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

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 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman 579-7747
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott 602-2910
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 Book Exchange, Earl Glenn 537-7254
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 Data Processing Richard Provost 577-8219
 Computer Club John Johansen 545-8992
 Special Events Richard Provost 577-8219
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 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., Dec. 19
 Elks' Lodge**
**645 Charity Way
 Modesto
 Phone 524-4421**
**FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM
 LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM**

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will be free.
 Special Events: NA
 Travel: NA.
Dine Out: NO DINE OUT FOR NOV. AND DEC. WE NEED A HOST FOR JAN.
 Old Business: Ladies Day- we will have 2 wines on each table.
 Motion: We will add a tip of 15% to the bill for Ladies Day lunches. Kredit, 2nd Stackhouse-
 PASSED
MEMBERS, PLEASE BRING IN ITEMS FOR THE LADIES DAY RAFFLE!!
 New Business: A Discussion concerning the new state SIR rules was had. Inactive members must be counted as regular members. Big Sir Richard will contact the inactive members. Further discussion will be had next month.
 Bob Kredit and Richard Provost will develop a post card for the purpose of notifying members who have too many absences.
 Other: Bob Kredit will print out a calendar for next year's luncheons.
 Bob also asked if we want to consider recognizing members who recruit new members. Further discussion will happen at the Dec. Board meeting.
 Adjournment: 8:53 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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