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March 2019

## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT



### Big Sir Crows By Gary Goodman

We had a great meeting in February, the lunch was very good, great attendance, and several new members and a very interesting program. I also want to thank those members that have paid their dues and have helped the club financially with the costs of printing, postage and insurance, I really appreciate your dedication to the club.

I also am very appreciative for Jeff Chin who has stepped in to do the Computer Club and will be taking over the Newsletter from Don Reed who has requested someone to take that over. Thanks again Jeff. That means that all positions in the club are filled except for someone to step up and be the head of our Dine-out Club. I thank those who have done their part to help keeping that alive.

I am so glad to be a part of this club, I have enjoyed meeting most of you and the privilege of being your Big Sir. I am always open for any suggestions or criticism that will help our club run better. Have a great month and I'll see you in March at our next meeting.



### Executive Committee

By Asst. Secretary Coe Banard (First Draft)

**Attendance:** Big Sir, Gary Goodman, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer, Tim Anglim. Directors: Bob Kredit, Don Reed, William Caldwell, Gary Del-Nero, Richard Provost and Dennis Imhoff.

**Absent:** Little Sir, Doug Imberi, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Secretary, Don Rowe

**Committee Representatives present:** Don Reed, (Newsletter), Gary Del Nero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (Program)

**Guests:** Jeff Chin (Newsletter & Computer)

**Call to Order:** Big Sir, Gary Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 9 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** January 25, 2019 minutes were offered. Motion to accept minutes, Bob Kredit, 2nd, Don Reed---PASSED

**Treasurer:** Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4,166.72. Deposits: lunch; \$2118.15 (less contribution of \$5.85), donations; \$809.85 (includes contribution of \$5.85), reimbursements for NSF check; \$30.00, raffle; \$97.00---- Total: \$3055.00; less \$4.00 deposit adjustment on 1-23-19 included with donations above---Final Deposit \$3,051.00. Checks written: \$149.55, Dennis Imhoff (hats); \$101.42 UPS Store (printing); \$46.80, Bob Kredit (postage, supplies); \$101.41, Bob Bishop (frame); \$2,136.00, Modesto Elks (luncheon); \$30.00, returned check+ service charge. Total deductions, \$2,565.28. Balance: \$4656.44. Motion to accept: Kredit, 2nd Imhoff---PASSED

**Membership:** Richard Provost reported that we have 170 active members. New members are: Fred Vegas and Bob Figeroid and members that have dropped are: Phil Osterli and James Felt. Motion to accept new members: Kredit, 2nd Imhoff----PASSED. Motion to accept membership report: Kredit, 2nd Del Nero----PASSED

**Luncheon:** Again, lunch was very good! Tables were crowded--need to be spread out. Will discuss with Elks Club.

**Correspondence:** NA

**Program:** Tom Evans reported the March speaker will be Stanislaus County Sheriff, Jeff Dirkse and April speaker will be Judy Kindle from Sierra Vista.

**Sunshine:** Gary Del Nero reported that a card has been sent to Ray Pezzi whose wife passed.

**Newsletter/Thursday golf:** Don Reed reported that the newsletter continues to go well. Welcomed Jeff Chin who has volunteered to be his replacement---eventually! Thursday golf has good attendance.

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### March Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker for March will be Jeff Dirkse, the new Stanislaus County Sheriff, who was sworn into office Monday January 7, taking over for outgoing Sheriff Adam Christianson. He grew up on a dairy east of De-nair, learning the value of hard work at a young age. He excelled as a student and athlete at Turlock High, where he set his sights on an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, which he earned in 1990. The rigor of West Point provided the foundation for Jeff's adult life, one dedicated to serving his country. He became an Army Ranger and commanded paratroopers at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Lewis, Wa

# GOLF

# Travel

By John Reedy



**Mon., March 11**  
— Creekside  
(MP), 9:00 a.m.  
SG, \$31 (cart  
optl.) Host 144.  
**Mon., March 18**  
— Reserve, 9:00  
a.m. SG, \$53  
(cart incl.) Host  
143.

**Mon., March 25** — Manteca, 9:00  
a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.

**Mon., April 1** — Diablo Grande,  
9:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host  
103.

**Mon., April 8** — Creekside, 9:00  
a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 144.

**Mon., April 15** — Dry Creek, 8:30  
a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.

**Mon., April 22** — Manteca (MP),  
8:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host  
164

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### KENTUCKY DERBY RACE DAY AT GOLDEN GATE FIELD May 4, 2019 — Saturday

The SIR Area 18 and Friends will be  
traveling to beautiful Golden Gate  
Fields Race Track for the day. Today  
is an extra special racing day, along  
with live racing, there will be a live  
stream of the Kentucky Derby. The  
times of the Kentucky Derby live  
stream will be advised. It is usually  
after the last race. Here we will try  
our luck to Win, Place or Show at  
the horse races. Upon arrival, we  
will receive a racing program and  
seating in the Turf Club. You will  
enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a  
fun afternoon of horse racing. After-  
wards, board the coach for our re-  
turn ride home to Central Valley.  
HAPPY TRAVELS!

Come & join the fun with SIR Area  
18 & Friends as they enjoy the live  
stream of "Kentucky Derby Race  
Day" along with live racing, from a  
**spectacular view in Golden Gate  
Field's Turf Club.**

**\$142.00 Per Person**  
Minimum of 46 passengers needed  
by April 1, 2019 or the trip will be  
cancelled. Maximum of 50 passen-  
gers, sign up early to guarantee your  
seat!!

### 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  
crucifixion.

**Price: Approximately \$5700** per  
person. Air Fare to be determined  
in Oct. 2019. Price includes all  
transportation, hotels, gratuities  
for tour manager, and more.  
**\$500.00 deposit per person**  
**holds spot.** Final payment 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 or cell ph. 209  
988-5445. Mail to Bill at 241B  
Leveland Lane, Modesto, CA  
95350. [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)  
Travelers are urged to carry with  
them an up to date list of their  
medications.

## SIR 103 SIR Dine-Out

The next dine out will be at  
**BUCKHORN BBQ**

**SAT., MARCH 23 4:30 PM**

3401 Dale Rd., Modesto  
\$8 corking fee for wine

Your hosts will be Gary and Molly Del Nero  
Please confirm your reservations by  
E-mail or ph. [garydelnero73@gmail.com](mailto:garydelnero73@gmail.com)  
209 631-1100 for reservations

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

The ladies luncheon will be  
**Thursday, March 21, 2019**  
at **Round Table Pizza**  
**Cross Roads Center**  
**Oakdale and Claribel**  
Please call **Barbara Webb**  
If you will be attending  
at **209-526-6511**

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

# New Members



New member, L-R, Gary Wasmund, John Murray, Jeffery Chin, Jerry North, Pete Maxin, David Santos, Robert Allendorf and Bob Kredit, Orientation Chairman. Gary with his wife Maribeth reside in Modesto. He retired from sales at House of Carpets. He is a golfer who likes cribbage and digital photography. John and his wife Terri are citizens of the City of Ripon. He is into baseball, biking, fishing, golf and football. Jeffery, along with his spouse Deborah reside in Modesto. He is a retired educator with Modesto City Schools. He likes biking, bowling, computers, cribbage, dine-out, golf and travel. Jerry is married to Linda and they live in Modesto. He was a teacher with Modesto City Schools. He is a golfer and interested in antique cars. Pete resides in Modesto and was a Budweiser sales rep in the Bay Area. His interest is golf. David, along with wife Kris, are citizens of Patterson. He is a farmer with Lucich/Santos Farms. He likes Dine-out, Golf, yoga and wine tasting. Robert "Bob", a transfer from Br. 164, along with wife Karen, reside in Tracy. He was a retail manager at Office Depot. His likes include chess, digital photos, golf and veterans.

# Membership

By Charles Palmer

## NEW MEMBERS:

**Bob Figeroid (Mary)** Badge #44  
4605 Via Fiori  
Modesto, CA 95357 209 601-2659  
wefigs@aol.com —  
Baseball, computers, football, golf, travel

**Fred A. Vegas** Badge #45  
7448 Crawford Rd.  
Oakdale, CA 95361- 209 595-5650  
vegas069@sbcglobal.net —  
Fish, golf, rec. vehicle and travel

## MEMBER RESIGNED:

**Phillip P. Osterli** Badge #190  
**James Felt** Badge #40



By Charles Palmer

Michael T. Lenz	3/27/1957	#3
Robert S. Morris	3/13/1960	#4
Mike J. Maldonado	3/11/1950	#8
Chuck Bommarito	3/1/1932	#12
Robert McCabe	3/23/1940	#18
William Bender	3/24/1926	#49
Stephen Gibson	3/23/1948	#61
Vernon Cowan	3/23/1939	#64
Joe Massey	3/10/1941	#73
James Laurenti	3/12/1945	#119
Don Baade	3/21/1941	#122
Dave Prater	3/11/1947	#128
David Cooper	3/19/1943	#158
Roy Bruk	3/13/1941	#166
Charles Palmer	3/26/1937	#167
Bob McDonnough	3/6/1950	#202
Tom Gianopoulos	3/21/1940	#203
Robert McManus	3/1/1951	#206

# Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto



**WEEK #24:** SG Don Reed 224, SS Larry Sallee 600, HG Lori Salvi 260, HG Gene Cox 691. **WEEK #25:** SG-HG Joe Bradley 262-284, SS John Sherrard 620, HS Tom Di Dios

680. **WEEK #26:** SG-SS-HS Joe Miceli 223-613-658, HG-HS Ron Halliday 242-658. **WEEK #27:** SG-HG John Schamante, SS Dave Brown, HS Ron Halliday.

**STATE BOWLING** — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Tues.-Wed., Mar, 19-20, Diablo Lanes, Concord. Mon.-Thurs., April 8-11, Gold Dust West, Carson City, NV. Fri.-Sat., April 26-27, Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek. Check the State SIR Bowling at [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org) 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/>**



Jeffery Chin is the new Computer Chairman. He will be available to help members or their wives with their computers and smart phones. His telephone number is 209-602-3912, and his email address is [jefferygaryc@msn.com](mailto:jefferygaryc@msn.com).

## STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Ed Benson..... 925 943-7011  
Reg. 2 Director Richard Kindle .....209 652-8608  
Gov. Area 18 Patrick Reed .....209 289-3314

## BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
Little Sir Doug Imberi .....596-1298  
Secretary Don Rowe .....634-0100  
Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard .....572-1937  
Treasurer Tim Anglim .....578-4593  
Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972  
Richard Provost .....577-8219  
Gary Del Nero .....681-1100  
Bob Kredit.....672-0326  
William "Bill" Caldwell .....529-4125  
Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
Don Reed .....524-5374

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Charles Palmer .....836-4164  
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 .....672-0326

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 988-5445, 544-2684  
Merchandise Sales, Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
Sales Asst., Kerry Newman .....579-7747  
Lunch Menu, Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
Data Processing Richard Provost .....577-8219  
Computer Club Jeffery Chin .....602-3912  
Special Events Richard Provost .....577-8219  
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  
Table Setup, Jim Bickner .....522-4345  
Lead Singer, Ed Davis .....522-4080  
Backup Singer, Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Kerry Elms  
Nominating Committee: Richard Provost,

Dennis Imhoff, 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

## NOTICE!!

If you are unable to attend the  
Monthly Luncheon, please call  
Charles "Bob" Palmer at  
209 836-4164  
pepabob@hotmail.com

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wed., Mar. 27**  
**Elks' Lodge**

645 Charity Way  
Modesto  
Phone 524-4421

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

## Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Golf: NA.

Bowling: NA

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff is "selling a few things"! Reports that we may be changing suppliers of logo shirts/hats. State SIR apparently can obtain better quality products at a reduced price. Dennis to purchase one of each for us to evaluate.

Special Events: NA

Travel: NA

Computers: John Chin reported that he passed out an info bulletin at the SIR meeting, introducing himself. He will be assessing how to best serve the membership.

SIR DINE OUT: March event will be Saturday, March 23 at Buckhorn BBQ (new restaurant at Vintage Faire Mall) hosted by Gary/Molly Del Nero. Name to be changed from "Couples Dine Out" to "SIR Dine Out".

Old Business: Discussion on changing the attendance report will be done next meeting (March 29). Tim Anglin reported that he is still reviewing Form 27---will report next month.

New Business: Should we have a Ladies Day in May for Mothers' Day? Tabled for March discussion. Audit report from January completed and sent to Area 22 Governor. Golf audit completed and will be submitted.

Other: NA

Adjournment: 8:28 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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