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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT



Big Sir Crows By Gary Goodman

Well, we had another great meeting in April. The program was very good, the lunch was excellent, especially the meat loaf. Loved it!! I really appreciate all you who are faithful members and have paid their dues, (donation) and are faithful attendees to our meeting. I hope you are having fun, after all, that's why we have the club, right?

I also want to thank the many guys who have faithfully performed different duties in the club. Some of these guys have been doing positions in the club for many years, some over 10 years. I would like to ask anyone who would be interested in taking over the treasurer duty, and we could use some new persons for other duties as well.

Remember, this is a once per month club, most of these duties only require 2 or 3 hours per month. So please consider it.

Have a great month and we will see you in May.



May Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker for May will be a representative of the Modesto Nuts. They are a Class A—Advanced baseball team in the California League and a farm team of the Seattle Mariners. The Modesto Nuts play home games at John Thurman Field in Modesto. Opened in 1955 and renovated in 1997, the park seats over 5,000 fans (including standing room only). In March 2007, the City of Modesto installed a new video scoreboard and made improvements to the infield playing surface. The Nuts adopted their current name in 2005, after the team's affiliation with the Oakland Athletics ended.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

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

Absent: none

Committee Representatives present: Don Reed, (Bulletin), Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs), Charles Palmer, (membership).

Guests: Jeff Chin

Call to Order: Big Sir, Gary Goodman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 12 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: March 29 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept Feb. (March 1) minutes-Rowe, 2nd Kredit. PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer, Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4,936.85. Deposits: lunch, \$1938.64, (Less contribution, \$5.36) Donations, \$200.00 raffle, \$94.00 Contributions from lunch, \$5.36 Total receipts: \$2338.00. Checks written: \$1,956.39-Lunch, SIR 2nd quarter assessment-\$255, UPS Store 1506-\$14.03. Balance: \$4,949.23.Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Provost-PASSED.

Membership: The membership report stated that we have 168 active members. We have 6 members proposed to be dropped: James Dean, deceased, Jim Harrity, his request, for nonattendance: Tom Phillips, Ronald Gorang, Faustino Saldivar, and William Gagon. We have 2 new members: George Hansrote and Thomas Clarke (March) and 2 members for April: Randy Cherry and Don Bak.Motion to accept: Provost, 2nd Kredit. PASSED

Luncheon: The lunch was great! The tables were set further apart, making movement more convenient.

Correspondence:

Program: Judy Kindle, from Sierra Vista, had a very good presentation with lots of information. In May, a speaker from the Modesto Nuts will speak. David Leamin, from the Public Works Dept. will speak about future highways in our area. In July, we have Tony Rocha, who will do a presentation about the Castle Air Museum.

Sunshine: Gary DelNero was complimented for his beautiful letter to James Dean's wife. James had passed away recently.

Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported the newsletter

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



Mon., May 13 – Dryden, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$30 (cart optl.) Host 144.

Mon., May 20 – Manteca, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cat incl.) Host 164.

Tues., May 28 – Creekside (MP), 8:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 103.

Mon., June 3 – Diablo Grande, 8:00 a.m. SG. \$44 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., June 10 – Creekside, 8:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 144.

The website for our golf club is: <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 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 672-0326.

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

Signups for State Golf in Reno have begun, and they already have a good number of Sir and their guests signed up. This annual event is one of the State's most popular destinations.

Branch 103 Website
www.sirinc2.org/branch103

By Bill Stires

LAND TOUR OF DENALI CRUISE OF ALASKA AUG.23-SEPT. 3, 2019

Cruise on the Crystal Symphony (848 passengers). All inclusive, all transportation, hotels, all beverages, free Wi-Fi, pre-paid gratuities, enrichment classes and more. Shore excursions are not included. 4 day land tour of Denali and 8 day cruise of Alaska (Anchorage to Vancouver) 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.

Mark your calendars for these future trips:
Apple Hill and overnight in Reno – October 9-10, 2019
Holiday Show and overnight in Reno – December 4-5, 2019
Prices to come soon!

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.

The play is a staging of Jesus' passion, 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 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 or cell ph. 209 988-5445. 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.

BOOK CLUB: Bring a Book, Take a Book!

Earl Glenn is using the new book cabinet to display selections. Bring in your used books and take something back to read. There are usually some interesting 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 eligi-

103 Dine-Out

TUESDAY!!

The next Couple's Dine Out will be at
MIMI'S CAFE
TUES., MAY 21 5:00 PM

3401 Dale Road., Modesto
\$10 corking fee for wine

Your hosts will be Dennis and Christine Imhoff
Please confirm your reservations by
E-mail dennisimhoff@gvni.com no later than
May 17th. If you plan to attend.

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.

LADIES' DINE-OUT

The ladies luncheon
Every Third Thursday
At 11:30 A.M.

Thursday, May 16
At STRINGS, The Lakes
Oakdale and Floyd, Modesto
Please call Barbara Webb
If you will be attending
at 209-526-6511

Guys you need to start telling your wives about this SIR Ladies' monthly luncheon.

New Members



L-R: Mark Lim, sponsor for new member George Hansrote, new member Thomas Clarke with Bob Kredit, orientation chairman. George and wife Susan are residents of Oakdale. He is a retired Nuclear Engineering Director with Shine Medical Technologies. He enjoys bocce, bridge, cooking, golf, pickle ball cards, travel and auto-biography writing. Tom is a resident of Manteca with wife Teresa. He is a transfer from Branch 164 and is an avid golfer.



By Charles "Bob" Palmer

Jerry North	5/31/1921	#2
Raymond R. Tillery	5/31/1952	#23
Bob Figeroid	5/5/1948	#44
Terry McChesney	5/5/1942	#53
Bruce Aschenbrenner	5/13/1948	#58
Dominic Genova	5/7/1935	#85
Coe Banard	5/31/1939	#95
James Cloward	5/18/1936	#106
Ronald Gorang	5/12/1931	#111
Murle Webb	5/4/1931	#114
Donald Fitzgerald	5/21/1948	#121
Vincent Rucobo	5/22/1945	#131
Gary Goodman	5/22/1944	#134
Jim Harrity	5/10/1946	#173
Harold Rubinsmith	5/7/1948	#191

Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (In Recess)

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

The League finished the 2018-19 Season on Tuesday, April 16 with Team #9 (Mixed 4) defeating team #10 (Jack's Rebels) for the championship, two games to one. Mixed 4 consisted of Don Reed Br. 103, CK Gottschalk Br. 104, John Togliatti Br. 143 and Joe Miceli Br. 144.

The 2019-20 league resumes second week in August at McHenry Bowl.

STATE BOWLING — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Wed., May 15 Harvest Park, Brentwood. Wed.-Thurs., June 5-6, Paddock Lanes, Pacheco. Tues., June 18, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl. Dublin. Mon.-Tues., July 8-9, Nu Generation, Yuba City.



Check the State SIR Bowling at 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!

Membership

By Charles "Bob" Palmer

NEW MEMBERS:

Don E. Bak Badge #47
1500 East Ave. #45, Turlock, CA
95380-4273 209 656-1011
P.O. Box 2357, Ceres, CA 95307-8957
bak_donnell@yahoo.com —

Bowl, Cooking, Photos, Gardening
Randy L. Cherry (Rosalba) Badge #40
3529 Dry Creek Dr.. Modesto, CA
95357-1525 209 577-2311
gwstree2@sbcglobal.net —

Biking, Computer, Fishing, Golf, Travel

DECEASED MEMBER:

James A. Dean Badge #223

RESIGNED:

Jim Harrity Badge #173

DROPPED:

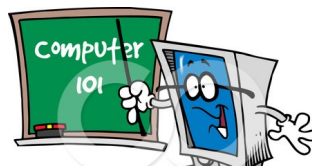
William Gagon Badge#224

Ronald Gorang Badge#111

Tom Phillips Badge#110

Faustino Saldivar Badge#148

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.

STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Ed Benson..... 925 943-7011
Reg. 2 Director Richard Kindle209 652-8608
Gov. Area 18 Patrick Reed209 289-3314

BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Gary Goodman578-0848
Little Sir Doug Imberi596-1298
Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard572-1937
Treasurer Tim Anglim578-4593
Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
Richard Provost577-8219
Gary Del Nero681-1100
Bob Kredit.....672-0326
William "Bill" Caldwell529-4125
Dennis Imhoff846-9529
Don Reed524-5374

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Charles Palmer836-4164
Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219
Program Chair Tom Evans551-1836
Program Chair Asst. Doug Imberi545-3053
Member Orientation, Bob Kredit672-0326
Public Relations Bob Kredit672-0326

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Bowling Dominic Genova523-1663
Golf Chair, John Reedy.....869-6888
Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman579-7747
Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott602-2910
Golf Handicap Barry Meiselman574-9301
Book Exchange, Earl Glenn537-7254
Travel Area 18 Bill Stires 988-5445, 544-2684
Merchandise Sales, Dennis Imhoff846-9529
Sales Asst., Kerry Newman579-7747
Lunch Menu, Gary Goodman578-0848
Data Processing Richard Provost577-8219
Computer Club Jeffery Chin602-3912
Special Events Richard Provost577-8219
Dine Out Dennis Imhoff846-9529
Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero681-1100
Chaplain Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman578-0848
Meal Tickets Don Rowe634-0100
RaffleRoy Bruk, Jim Bickner, Mike Filan
Table Setup, Don Rowe634-0100
Table Setup, Bill Caldwell529-4125
Table Setup, Jim Bickner522-4345
Lead Singer, Ed Davis522-4080
Backup Singer, Gary Goodman578-0848
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

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**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., May 22
Elks' Lodge

645 Charity Way
Modesto
Phone 524-4421

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

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

is going well. Jeff Chin is producing this month's newsletter. Don will do it in June and July. Then Jeff will take over in August. Don also reported that the Thursday golf is doing well.

Bowling: NA

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff reported about the use of another vendor. It was decided to stay with the one we already have.

Special Events: NA

Travel: NA

Computer: Jeff Chin will be our new computer club chairman.

Dine Out: Bob Kredit will host on April 27 at George's Steakhouse. We discussed having dine out during the week. Bob will talk about it with the dine out this week and at the June luncheon.

Old Business: The Nominating Committee will be asking members to run for the Executive Board: Little Sir, Treasure, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Board Members. Bob Kredit said that the nominating committee has 2 members interested in being a Director. If interested, contact Bob Kredit, Dennis Imhoff, and Richard Provost.

New Business: NA

Other: Richard Provost is passing on the data processing onto Vic Whaley. We appreciate Richard's work!

Adjournment: 8:37 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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