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The Monthly Newsletter for SIR Branch 103

September 2019

## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT



### Big Sir Crows By Gary Goodman

Well, another month has passed and we had a great meeting. We had a little heartburn with our equipment for the program, but the speaker was excellent. I thought it was one, if not the best, programs of the year. We are also trying to have activities available before the meeting, we have a corn hole set, cribbage, and chess. The Elks Club has a very nice horse-shoe pit, if anyone is interested. So, come early and mess around a little.

My intent this year is to make our meetings as fun as possible, and give everyone opportunity to meet new guys and create new friends. So, have a great month and I'll see you on the golf course or at the meeting next month.



### Sept. Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker will be Peter Vella, speaking on the story of wines. He was born and raised in Modesto, CA. Peter is a Thomas Downey HS grad, class of 1957, and graduated from UC Davis in 1962, majoring in Food Science. He had been with E and J Gallo Winery since 1963 as an Assistant Winemaker. He spent the next 55 years in the winemaking area at Gallo, including having the responsibility of all of Gallo's Winemaking. He retired in January 2019 with the title of Gallo's Master Winemaker. He has been a member of North Modesto's Kiwanis for 50 years. He is currently farming 76 acres of almonds in the Salida area.

### Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

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

**Committee Representatives present:** Don Reed, (Newsletter), Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs), Charles Palmer, (Membership). Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club)

**Call to Order:** Big Sir, Gary Goodman, called the meeting to order at 7:25 A.M. at Big Bear Diner, Modesto. There were 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

#### Reports:

**Secretary:** July 26 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept July minutes- Rowe, 2nd Anglim-PASSED

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4,750.95. Deposits: lunch, \$2,082.25, (plus contribution, \$5.75) Donations, \$100.00, raffle, \$84.00 Contributions from lunch, \$5.75. Deposit error: \$15.00, \$120.75 Total receipts: \$2,287.00. Checks written: \$2,100.20-Lunch, \$99.99 to Don Reed for yearly Microsoft 365, \$14.03 for UPS Store. Deductions Total: \$2,214.22. Balance: \$4,823.73. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Kredit - PASSED.

**Membership:** We have 2 new member applications: Denis France and Eric Grose. We are dropping members: Joe Massey (resigned), Tom De Dios (missed luncheons), Charles Nichols and Richard Faughn (transferred to Branch 143). Motion: accept the membership report-Provost, 2nd Kredit-PASSED

**Luncheon:** The lunch report was varied, some liked it, some didn't.

**Program:** David Dein, a truck driving course teacher from Patterson High School gave a wonderful presentation. In September, Peter Vella will talk about wine. In October, Rabbi Bochner will be speaking about Jewish culture. In November, Dave Stanfield from the Modesto Police Department will speak.

**Sunshine:** Gary Del Nero said that the services for Jerry Zoeller will be held on September 17 at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 505 W Granger Ave. The time to be announced.

**Newsletter/Thursday golf:** Jeff Chin will take over in September. Don also reported that the Thursday golf is doing well. There were 36 players yesterday.

**Merchandising:** Dennis is ordering new hats.

**Data Processing:** Richard Provost said he has the time down to 20 minutes to input the data now.

**Data Processing:** Richard Provost revised the application form.

**Travel:** Bill Stires reviewed his travel schedule.

**Computer:** Jeff said people are coming up to him asking questions. He wants anyone who has a question about computers to see him.

**Dine Out:** We have no hosts yet for September.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Some members have shown an interest in establishing a shooting club.

**Motion:** Establish a shooting club-Imberi, 2nd Caldwell-PASSED

**Other:** The Board had a discussion about projectors and chords. **Continued on page 4**

# GOLF

# Travel

By John Reedy



**Mon., Sept. 9 –  
Mickey Grove**, 8:00  
a.m. SG, \$38 (cart  
incl.) Host 164.

**Mon., Sept. 16 –  
Creekside**, 8:00  
a.m. SG, \$31 (cart  
opt.) Host 103.

**Mon., Sept. 23 – Diablo Grande**,  
8:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host  
143.

**Mon., Sept. 30 – Manteca**, 8:00  
a.m. SG, \$35. Host All.

**Mon., Oct. 7 – Creekside**, 9:00  
a.m. SG, \$31 (cart opt.) Host 144.

**Mon., Oct. 14 – Dry Creek**, 8:30  
a.m. SG, \$34 (cart incl.) Host 164.

**Mon., Oct. 21 – Manteca**, 9:00  
a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 103.

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 6:30 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)

**REMINDER: SIR Members are re-  
quired 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 Stires

## THE BEACH BLANKET BABYLON TRIP IS FULL – WAIT LIST

Minden - Reno - Apple Hill  
Overnight stay at Eldorado  
October 9-10, 2019

Prices: \$286.00 Per Person, Double  
Occupancy, \$319.00 Single.

\* TOUR INCLUSIONS:

\* Deluxe Storer Coachways Motor-  
coach Transportation

\* Free time gambling at the Carson  
Valley Inn Casino

\* Accommodations in Reno at the  
Eldorado Hotel & Casino

\* Dinner & The Illusionists Experi-  
ence Show at the Eldorado Show-  
room

\* Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffet  
coupon

\* Free time for gambling at a Casino

\* High Hill Ranch Apple Fritter with  
free time for browsing

\* \$17.00 total in Casino Bonus Pack-  
ages (subject to change without no-  
tice)

## HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR FEATURING MACKINAC ISLAND'S

GRAND HOTEL

May 7- 14, 2020

Price: \$3,365 Dble. \$4,415 Sgle.

Tour Includes: Airfare into Chicago,  
returning from Detroit

Airport transfers, 2 nights in Holland  
Michigan, visit Tulip Gardens and a  
working Windmill, attend the Festi-  
val along with the Music Parade.

2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the  
crown jewel on Mackinac Island with  
horse-drawn carriage tour

A tour of the Ford factory and watch  
a F150 pickup truck being built

Plus optional tours and much, much  
more, and \$40 in Mayflower Money.

Final payment due on January 15,  
2020.

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' pas-  
sion, covering the short final period  
of his life from his visit to Jerusalem  
and leading to his execution by cruci-  
fixion.

Price: Approximately \$5700 per  
person. Air Fare to be determined in  
Oct. 2019. Price includes all trans-  
portation, hotels, gratuities for tour  
manager, and more. \$500.00 depos-  
it per person holds spot. Final pay-  
ment not due until March 1, 2020

Mark your calendars  
for future trip:

Holiday Show and overnight in Re-  
no December 4-5, 2019

All the reservation forms are availa-  
ble on the SIR Area 18 website for  
printing:  
<http://sirinc2.org/branch144/>

## travel

Note that friends, neighbors, fami-  
ly, etc. can go on these trips. they  
do not need to be SIR members to  
enjoy the trips.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed Fly-  
ers 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.

## Elected Branch 103 Officers For 2020

Elected are the following: Big Sir  
Doug Imberi, Little Sir Mike Lenz,  
Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant  
Secretary Coe Barnard, Treasurer  
Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer  
Joe Stackhouse, Board Direc-  
tors:, Gary DelNero, Vince Ruco-  
bo, Dennis Imhoff, Don Reed and  
Jeffery Chin. Past Big Sir Gary  
Goodman will also be a director.

## Couples Branch 103 Dine-Out

The next Couple's Dine Out will be at  
MIMI'S BISTRO

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

3401 Dale Road, Modesto

Dinner 5:00 pm

\$11.00 corking fee for wine

Your hosts will be Tom and Diane Evans

Please confirm your reservations by

Phone 209-551-1836 or email

[tevans7810@msn.com](mailto:tevans7810@msn.com) 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  
Every Third Thursday  
At 11:30 A.M.

Thursday, September 19  
At

SMOKEY'S

501 Bangs Ave., Modesto  
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



L-R: Orientation Chairman Bob Credit with new member James A. Wirowek. James lives in Modesto with his wife Diane.. He is recently retired as a Sr for Sr. New Bus. Rep for PG&E. He likes bocce, bowling, and golf.



By Charles "Bob" Palmer

Edwin Davis	9/1/1924	#204
Torrey Newton	9/3/1947	#154
David Tito	9/3/1947	#125
Gary Wasmund	9/6/1949	#38
Joe Savage	9/7/1942	#136
Gene Eager	9/24/1937	#29
Fred Vegas	9/30/1951	#45

# Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Results from first 3 weeks of league:  
Team (M. Webb, V. Masse, C. Shoup, D. Brown)-  
1st Place

High Scores: Scratch game: D. Brown-246,  
Handicap game: D. Genova-275, Scratch series:  
L. Sallee-649, Handicap series: L. Salvi-571

STATE BOWLING — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year:  
Mon.-Thurs., Aug. 12-15, Gold Dust West,  
Carson City, NV. Fri.-Sat., Sept. 13-14, Carson Lanes,  
Carson City, NV. Tues.-Wed., Oct.



1-2, Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights. **Area 18 will hold the 2020 State SIR Tournament at McHenry Lanes on May 13-14, 2020. Local bowlers take note and plan on taking part!**

Check the State SIR Bowling at [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org) or contact bowling chairman Jim Pastorelli at 406-8156 for applications.

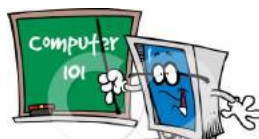
Lots of fun bowling. For entry forms or for joining a team, call bowling chairman Jim Pastorelli 406-8156.

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!

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.



Jeffery Chin is the Computer Chairman. He is 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).

**The new edition of SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>**

# Membership

By Charles "Bob" Palmer

## NEW MEMBERS:

**Denis D. France (Joan)** Badge #69  
714 Hackberry Ave., Modesto, CA 95354  
(209) 529-3496  
[dfrance102@gmail.com](mailto:dfrance102@gmail.com)  
Golf, Travel, Retired Educator

**Eric Grose (Laney)** Badge #66  
3901 Lakeside Dr., Modesto, CA 95355  
(209) 988-0788  
[eric.grose58@gmail.com](mailto:eric.grose58@gmail.com)  
Golf, Fishing, Gardening, Horseshoes,  
Wine Tasting, Coast Guard Veteran

## MEMBERSHIP DROPS:

**Charles Nichols—Transfer 143**  
**Richard Faughn—Transfer 143**  
**Tom De Dios—Drop**  
**Joe Massey—Resigned**

**Note: Remember your \$20 Branch 103 Membership dues for 2019, if not paid! Write check to SIR 103**

**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 EDITORS**

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**EXECUTIVE  
 COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 Friday following each Regular  
 Branch Meeting at 7:30 a.m.  
**DENNY'S**  
 1525 Orangeburg Ave.,, Modesto

**NOTICE!!**

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

**Executive Committee, continued from page 1**

This was tabled until the September Board Meeting.  
 Adjournment: 8:29 A.M.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Sept.. 25**  
**Elks' Lodge**  
 645 Charity Way  
 Modesto  
 Phone 524-4421  
**FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM**  
**LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM**



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