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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, another great meeting, the lunch was delicious. I know some don't like certain ethnic foods, but I thought it was nice for our chef to change it up a little bit, instead of repeating the same menu each month. I hope that is okay with you.

Charles Palmer had a nice picture of his do, Sadie, who passed away recently and many of our members signed the picture in her honor. She was Charles' support dog, and was a member.

We still are encouraging members to come early and play horseshoes, cornhole, or cards. We will continue this effort for a few more meetings to see if there is any interest.

I want to thank all those members who come early and help set up the room for our meeting. I really appreciate the effort they put in.

I hope you all have a great month and hope to see you next meeting.



October Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker will be Rabbi Shalom Bochner who is the spiritual leader and director of education at Congregation Beth Shalom, the only Jewish congregation in Stanislaus County. He holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Judaic Studies from the State University of New York, in Albany, and a master's degree in education from St. Rose College, also in Albany. He was ordained in Jerusalem in 2003. Rabbi Bochner convenes a monthly interfaith meeting that brings together leaders of several different religions. He is also a guitarist, drummer, and songwriter, who enjoys modern music. His other interests include hiking, skiing, and long distance bike riding.

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, Membership, Bob Palmer.
Committee Representatives present: Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club)
Call to Order: Big Sir, Gary Goodman, called the meeting to order at 7:31 A.M. at Denny's, Modesto. There were 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:
Secretary: August 30 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept July minutes- Rowe, 2nd Reed-PASSED
Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4,823.73. Deposits: lunch, \$1,902.74, (plus contribution, \$5.26) Donations \$80.00, raffle, \$82.00 Contributions from lunch, \$5.26. Total receipts: \$2,070.00. Checks written: \$7,938.64-Lunch, \$99.99, \$1.88 for UPS Store, \$94.11 to Pete Maxin for bookshelf repair materials, \$32.25 for horseshoes. Deductions Total: \$2,066.88. Balance: \$4,826.85. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Barnard - PASSED.

Membership: We have 2 new member applications: Lance Underwood and Rick Rairden. We had no dropped members. Motion: accept the new members-Kredit, 2nd Barnard-PASSED
Luncheon: Most members enjoyed the lunch.
Program: Cheryl Schrock and Scott Kramling gave a wonderful talk about the Alzheimer's Association. In October, Rabbi Bochner will be speaking about Jewish culture. In November, Dave Stanfield from the Modesto Police Department will speak. December will be our Ladies Day with the Strummers. In January, members of the Board will explain their jobs. The Elks Club will do a presentation in February. In February, Big Sir Doug Imberi will give his State of Branch 103 address.
Sunshine: Gary Del Nero said that many SIR members from Area 22 attended the services for Jerry Zoeller. Gary welcomed Don Rowe back from Pacemaker surgery. Joe Savage is having medical problems. Claude McMillan is dealing with shingles.
Thursday golf: Don reported that the Thursday golf is doing well. There were 30 players yesterday.
Bowling: There will be the annual Bill Tisdale Memorial tournament on Oct.31 and Nov. 1.

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., Oct. 28 – Atwater, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

Mon., Nov. 4 – Creekside, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (cart opt.) Host 144.

Tues., Nov. 12 – Manteca, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.

Mon., Nov. 18 – Micke Grove, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$38 (cart incl.) Host 103.

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 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

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 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 Experience 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 Packages (subject to change without notice)

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 Festival 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' 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

Holiday Show and overnight in Reno December 11-12, 2019

Tour includes: Deluxe Storer Coachways Motorcoach Transportation. Coffee and donuts will be provided morning of departure. Accommodations at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino, Reno. Private Group Cocktail Party and Dinner Buffett. Santa's

Christmas Extravaganza at the Eldorado Show Room. Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffett Coupon. Free time for gambling at The Nugget Casino. \$10.00 total in Casino Bonus Packages (subject to change). Driver Gratuity.

COST PER PERSON: \$292.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy, \$322.00 Per Person, Single Occupancy

Full payment due upon booking. Minimum of 24 passengers needed by November 8, 2019 or the trip will be cancelled.

All the reservation forms are available on the SIR Area 18 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

Couples Branch 103 Dine-Out

The next Couple's Dine Out will be at
BJ'S RESTAURANT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

3401 Dale Road Ste. 483, Modesto
 Dinner 4:30 pm

\$11.00 corking fee for wine

Your hosts will be Dennis and Christine Imhoff.

Please confirm your reservations by

Phone 209-846-9529 or email

dennisimhoff@gvni.com for reservations

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

LADIES' DINE-OUT

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

Thursday, October 17 At

SAM'S CAFE

3052 5th St. A, Ceres 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: Orientation Chairman Bob Kredit with new member Denis France. Denis lives in Modesto with his wife, Joan. Denis is a retired educator. His last position was Principal of Escalon High School. He was a past Foreperson of the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2013-2014).

Membership

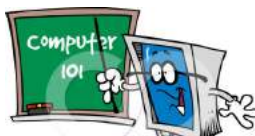
By Charles "Bob" Palmer

NEW MEMBERS:

Lance Underwood (Sharon) Badge #70
1521 Lenox Dr., Modesto, CA 95350
(209) 681-6989
LUnderwood527@gmail.com
Golf, Retired Educator

Rick Rariden (Janice) Badge #73
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(209) 985-6943
rick.rariden@comcast.net
Golf, Recreational Vehicles, Travel,
Army Reserve Veteran

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



By Charles "Bob" Palmer

Wesley Rash	10/01/1928	#153
James Wirowek	10/01/1948	#65
Tom Evans	10/02/1942	#55
David Santos	10/08/1949	#25
Donny Coonce	10/09/1966	#35
Hervi Rualo	10/10/1949	#30
Joe Luis	10/12/1940	#39
Ed Pinon	10/13/1938	#132
George Wallace	10/15/1925	#73
Donald Cox	10/16/1939	#143
Lynn Quilici	10/17/1944	#43
Robert Manning	10/20/1952	#170

Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto



Results from week 7 of league:

First Place-Team 1(C. Person, T., McChesney, S.Gibson, J. Pastorelli). **Season High Scores:** Scratch game: D.Brown-267, Handicap game: C.Shoup-275, Scratch series: D.Erreca-728, Handicap series: S.Hughes-743

STATE BOWLING — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: **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 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.



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.

STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Ed Benson..... 925 943-7011
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 Gov. Area 18 Patrick Reed209 289-3314

BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

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 Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
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 Richard Provost577-8219
 Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Bob Kredit.....672-0326
 William "Bill" Caldwell 529-4125
 Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 Don Reed524-5374

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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 Program Chair Tom Evans551-1836
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 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit672-0326
 Public Relations Bob Kredit672-0326

Bowling Jim Pastorelli406-8156
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 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott602-2910
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 Lunch Menu, Gary Goodman578-0848
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 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

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

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Merchandising: Dennis is ordering 8 new hats and 1 shirt.
Data Processing: Richard Provost said he will bring his laptop for presenters' use.
Dine Out: Dennis is checking on 2 possible restaurants.
Old Business: The activities before the luncheon (cornhole, cribbage, horseshoes, etc.) are off to a slow start.
New Business: 1. There was a confrontation after the rained-out golf tournament at Creekside, September 23. A member, who played the entire round, angrily confronted members of the Golf Committee about cancelling the tournament and threatened them with physical violence (Let's go outside). This behavior is unacceptable.
MOTION: Big Sir Gary Goodman will send a letter of reprimand to this member and recommend to the Golf Committee that this member be suspended for 4 tournaments. Provost, 2nd Kredit-
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 2. Ladies Day tickets will begin selling at our next luncheon.
 Adjournment: 8:45 A.M.

NOTICE!!

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

**NEXT MEETING
 Oct. 23
 Elks' Lodge**

**645 Charity Way
 Modesto
 Phone 524-4421**

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

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

**CODE FOR GALLO
 CENTER**

You can use promo code SIRS 1920 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.

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