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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT



Big Sir Crows By Gary Goodman

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for. Even though there are times that life deals us some trials and tribulations, we still are very lucky to be living in a country with the freedoms we all share and the many blessings we do have. I am thankful for being a member of our SIR club. I have made many friends I wouldn't have if not for our club. As my year as Big Sir comes to an end, I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. I also wish to remind all of you that this month, the December meeting, is our ladies day luncheon. All tickets must be purchased ahead of time from Bill Caldwell (529-4125). The tickets are \$18, and the ladies' tickets are free. We will have the Fun Strummers again this year. They are a great band, and very entertaining. Also, please think about bringing a raffle prize with you to share in our raffle. So, come and enjoy each other, and show your wife or significant other what SIRs is all about. See you on Wednesday, December 18, for a good time of celebration of a great 2019.



December Program

By Tom Evans

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. 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.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attendance: Big Sir, Gary Goodman, Secretary, Don Rowe, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse. Directors: Don Reed, Richard Provost, Dennis Imhoff, and Bill Caldwell.

Absent: Little Sir, Doug Imberi, Gary DelNero, and Bob Kredit.

Committee Representatives present: Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club).

Guests:

Call to Order: Big Sir, Gary Goodman, called the meeting to order at 7:28 A.M. at Denny's, Modesto. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: October 25 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept October minutes- Rowe, 2nd Reed-PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$5,134.71. Deposits: lunch, \$1,615.54, (plus contribution, \$4.46) Donations \$0.00, raffle, \$90.00 Contributions from lunch, \$4.46. Total receipts: \$2,124.00. Checks written: \$1,615.57-Lunch, Don Rowe, Past Big Sir Pin- \$24.00, UPS newsletter printing, \$14.03. Deductions Total: \$1,653.57. Balance \$5,605.14. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Rowe - PASSED.

Membership: We have one new member applicant, James B. McKay. We had 0 members dropped. We have 166 members. Motion: Accept the membership report, Provost, 2nd Reed-PASSED

Luncheon: The lunch was fantastic! Kudos to the chef!!

Correspondence: none

Program: Officer Steve Stanfield from the Modesto Police Department gave a great presentation on staffing and the homeless situation. 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. Anyone with an idea for speakers let Tom Evans know.

Sunshine: N/A

Newsletter: Jeff said the newsletter is going well.

Thursday golf: Don reported that the Thursday golf is doing well. There were 21 players yesterday.

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



Our new website for Area 18 golf is: https://www.sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf. The old website:

<http://sirinc2.org/area22golf/> will work until June 2020. Please start using the new secure website.

- Mon., Dec. 2 – Creekside**, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (cart opt.) Host 144.
- Mon., Dec. 9 – Reserve**, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$42 (cart incl.) Host 164.
- Mon., Dec. 16 – Atwater**, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.
- Mon., Nov. 25 – Swenson**, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$27 (cart opt.) Host 143.
- Mon., Jan. 6 – Creekside**, 9:00 SG, \$33 (cart opt.) Host 103.
- Mon., Jan. 13 – Atwater**, 9:00 SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 143.
- Tues., Jan. 21 – Mickle Grove**, 9:00 SG, \$38 (cart incl.) Host 144.

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 103 Website

www.sirinc2.org/branch103

By Bill Stires

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

Travelers are urged to carry with them an up-to-date list of their medications.

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.

Couples Branch 103 Dine-Out

There will be no Couples Branch 103 Dine-Out during the months of November and December. Bill Caldwell is looking for a restaurant for January 2020.

LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies luncheon
Every Third Thursday
At 11:30 A.M.
Thursday, December 19
At
P. Wexford's
3313 McHenry Ave., 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.





Program Chair Tom Evans presented November Speaker Lieutenant Steve Stanfield with a SIR Certificate of Appreciation.



By Charles "Bob" Palmer

Stamus Cocolos	12/06/1941	#137
William Irby	12/07/1947	#157
Gene Guerra	12/08/1934	#193
Ken Nolte	12/13/1948	#1
Robert Sykes	12/14/1935	#89
Arthur Long	12/19/1922	#60
John Lemos	12/23/1955	#17
Larry Maxfield	12/24/1944	#160
Bob Hall	12/26/1945	#229
Robert Bishop	12/28/1937	#56
Fred Angleton	12/30/1950	#72

Membership

By Charles "Bob" Palmer

NEW MEMBERS:

James B. McKay (Nannette) Badge # 6
 4613 Via Giardino, Modesto, CA 95357
 (209) 304-5600
 Jimmckayfamily@sbcgolbal.net
 Golf, drone photography



Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Results from week 16 of league:

First Place-Team 4(G.Cox, B.Woolley, W. Rash, S.Bruce) **Season High Scores:** Scratch game: D.Brown-267, Handicap game: B.Lewis-288, Scratch series: D.Erreca-728, Handicap series: S.Hughes-771. Average: D. Erreca-213.87

State SIR Happenings

State Sons In Retirement publishes a newsletter every quarter. The State President usually keeps branches posted on new information plus news from other branches. The latest edition of SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website:
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

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 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).

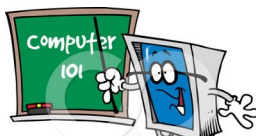
The league is always looking for experienced or new bowlers.

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.



Note: Remember your \$20 Branch 103 Membership dues for 2020, if not paid! Write check to SIR 103



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
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 Imberl596-1298
Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard572-1937
Treasurer Tim Anglim578-4593
Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse543-0972
Richard Provost577-8219
Gary Del Nero681-1100
Bob Kredit672-0326
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 Imberl545-3053
Member Orientation, Bob Kredit672-0326
Public Relations Bob Kredit672-0326

Bowling Jim Pastorelli406-8156
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 Stackhouse543-0972
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

NOTICE!!

If you are unable to attend the
Monthly Luncheon, please call

Charles "Bob" Palmer

At 209 836-4164

pepabob@hotmail.com

Bowling: N/A

Merchandising: Dennis stated that State SIR hasn't contracted with a vendor yet. He said that the vendor could service us if we paid \$155.00 to set up a new template of the new SIR logo. Motion: Pay \$155.00 to have our vendor, Star Sports, to develop the new SIR logo for our merchandise. Imhoff, 2nd Provost. PASSED

Data Processing: Richard Provost said it takes him about 15-20 minutes per month. He also stated that we have not been late turning in the Form 27.

Travel: N/A

Computer: Jeff said Best Buy and Costco have deals for new computers.

Dine Out: Dennis announced that there will be no dine outs in November or December. They will begin again in January 2020. Bill Caldwell is looking for a restaurant.

Old Business: 1. 51 Ladies Day tickets have been sold. Motion: Purchase wine for the Ladies Day Luncheon-Anglim, 2nd Stackhouse-PASSED

New Business: 1. In Jan., the Board members will speak about their jobs as Officers and Directors. A time after the meeting will be provided so that members who might be interested in becoming an Officer can talk with that Officer. 2. The Directory will no longer be sent to State SIR. Instead, Form 65 has been developed to replace the Directory. Motion: We will use Form 65 and send it to State SIR. Provost, 2nd Rowe-PASSED. 3. Motion: print 50 copies of the Directory-Stackhouse, 2nd Anglim-PASSED

**Our regular monthly meeting is December 18, 2019.
This is our Ladies Day Luncheon. Contact Bill Caldwell
for tickets before December 9, 2019, 529-4125. No tick-
ets will be available at the Luncheon, tickets must be
purchased before the Luncheon.**

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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