

The Town Crower

Volume 36, Number 11

The Monthly Newsletter for SIR Branch 103

November 2019

Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT



Big Sir Crows By Gary Goodman

Hi, everyone, just want to thank everyone who attended our last meeting. We had a great time. The lunch was delicious and we had a great program. It is amazing to me how well our club runs, and it is all because of the many members who contribute each month to make that happen. Just a friendly reminder that our next meeting will be a week earlier on November 18th because of the Thanksgiving holiday, so please mark your calendars and also if you can't make it, please let Charles Palmer know, so we have a head count of those attending. Once again, I want to thank you for electing me to be your Big Sir. It has been an honor to serve you in this manner. My hope is that you would consider what you can do in the future to help our club continue to be one of the best in the SIRS organization. Have a great month, and we will see you in November. Wishing you all a happy Thanksgiving.



November Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker will be Lieutenant Steve Stanfield from the Modesto Police Department. He has been with the Modesto Police Department since 1997. Steve has also worked as a Juvenile Probation Officer and a Deputy Sheriff for Alameda County. At the police department, Steve has held several positions including Homicide Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant. He is currently the Assistant Division Commander of the Support Division, and is responsible for hiring, workman's comp and department purchasing. Steve is a husband and father of two children. Along with his job at the police department, Steve is the host of a weekly talk radio show, Behind the Badge.

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: Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club), Bob Palmer (Membership), Bill Stires (Travel).
Guests: Vince Rucobo.
Call to Order: Big Sir, Gary Goodman, called the meeting to order at 7:29 A.M. at Denny's, Modesto. There were 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.
Reports:
Secretary: September 27 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept September minutes- Rowe, 2nd Kredit-PASSED
Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4,8226.85. Deposits: lunch, \$1,938.64, (plus contribution, \$5.36) Donations \$30.00, raffle, \$73.00 Contributions from lunch, \$5.36. Ladies Day tickets, \$450.00 Total receipts: \$2,497.00. Checks written: \$1,938.64-Lunch, \$250.00-4th quarter Assessment to State SIR. Deductions Total: \$2,189.14 Balance \$5,134.71. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Provost - PASSED.
Membership: We have no new member applicants. We had 2 members that have dropped, George Hansrote and Eric Grose. We have 167 members. Bob Palmer will continue to call members who have missed several luncheons. He will continue to contact absent members. Motion: Accept the membership report, Rowe, 2nd Kredit-PASSED
Luncheon: Most members enjoyed the lunch. Some complained about running out of beef, but that was taken care of during the meeting and announced by Big Sir Gary.
Correspondence: Gary Goodman received information from the Stockton SIR branch about arranging tickets for a UPO Women's basketball game at Spanos Center.
Program: Rabbi Bochner provided a terrific presentation on 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 he had nothing new since our luncheon.
Newsletter: Jeff said the newsletter is going well.
Thursday golf: Don reported that the Thursday golf is doing well. There were 22 players yesterday.

Continued on page 4

GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



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.

Mon., Nov. 25 – Swenson, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$27 (cart opt.) Host 143.

Mon., Dec. 2 – Creekside, 9:00 SG, \$31 (cart opt.) Host 144

Mon., Dec. 9 – Reserve, 9:00 SG, \$51 (cart incl.) Host 164.

Mon., Dec. 16 – Atwater, 9:00 SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

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

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

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. It will resume in January 2020.

LADIES' DINE-OUT

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

Thursday, November 21
At

SHANGRI-LA
1300 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.

New Members



L-R: Orientation Chairman Bob Kredit with new members Lance Underwood and Rick Rariden. Lance lives in Modesto with his wife, Sharon. He is a retired educator. Rick lives in Modesto with his wife, Janice. He is an Army Reserve Veteran.



By Charles "Bob" Palmer

Richard Provost	11/02/1942	#145
Paul Bender	11/08/1936	#59
Bud Ingebretsen	11/11/1931	#80
Alton Lane	11/13/1944	#33
Jerry Hott	11/17/1945	#105
Ernie Garza	11/18/1946	#188
Gene Fruechtenight	11/23/1944	#27
Mark Doniak	11/27/1957	#175
Rick Rariden	11/29/1949	#73

Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Results from week 11 of league:
First Place-Team 1(C. Person, T., McChesney, S.Gibson, J. Pastorelli). **Season High Scores:**
 Scratch game: D.Brown-267, Handicap game: B.Lewis-288, 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).

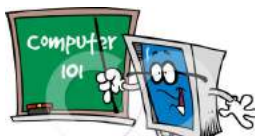
The league is always looking for experienced or new bowlers. Come join in!

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.



Membership

By Charles "Bob" Palmer

There were no new member applications submitted this month.

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/>

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

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 Barnard 572-1937
 Treasurer Tim Anglim 578-4593
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse543-0972
 Richard Provost577-8219
 Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Bob Kredit.....672-0326
 William "Bill" Caldwell 529-4125
 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 Kredit 672-0326
 Public Relations Bob Kredit672-0326

Bowling Jim Pastorelli406-8156
 Bowling Dominic Genova523-1663
 Golf Chair, John Reedy,869-6888
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman 579-7747
 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 Provost 577-8219
 Computer Club Jeffery Chin602-3912
 Special Events Richard Provost 577-8219
 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

Jeffery Chin jefferygary@msn.com602-3912

**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: There will be the annual Bill Tisdale Memorial tournament on Oct.31 and Nov. 1.
Merchandising: Dennis only has new hats. State SIR hasn't contracted with a vendor yet. They also instructed the vendor that we have used to not use the SIR logo.
Data Processing: Richard Provost said it is going well.
Travel: Bill reported about upcoming trips: Beach Blanket Babylon, Christmas trip to Reno, and the Holland, Michigan trip. He said that he is working on some day trips for 2020.
Computer: Jeff discussed the need for members to upgrade or buy newer computers.
Dine Out: Dennis announced that there will be no dine outs in November or December. They will begin again in January 2020.
Old Business: 1. In August, the Board approved a shooting club. SIR policy 39, UNAUTHORIZED SIR ACTIVITIES, ITEM M, "Activities involving firearms. MOTION: Rescind the formation of a shooting club, Provost, 2nd Kredit-PASSED 2. The swearing in of new officers will probably be done by Big Sir Gary. 3. A letter was sent to the member concerning his unacceptable behavior after a golf tournament.
New Business: 1. Regin 2, Area 18 Officers and Director Training will be held Tuesday, November 5, 9 AM to 2 PM at the Elks Lodge in Modesto. 3 Branch 103 members will be trainers: Richard Provost, BIG SIR, Don Rowe, secretaries, and Tim Anglim, treasurers. 2. Ladies Day tickets will continue to be sold at our next luncheon.
 Adjournment: 8:45 A.M.

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

**November and December Luncheons will
 be held the third Wednesday of the
 month because of the holidays**

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



Newsletter
 Printed by
 The UPS Store
 Century Center

Stanislaus Branch #103
 1613 Poust Rd.
 Modesto, CA 95358-1084

Sons In Retirement
 A Non-Profit Organization
 For Retired Men

FIRST CLASS MAIL

