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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT



Big Sir Doug Imberi

Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

I hope all of you had a great holiday season and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. I'm writing this column from the sunny Southern California desert. We have a winter home down here just outside Desert Hot Springs, which is about 10 miles east of Palm Springs, and much more affordable than Palm Springs. During the winter, there are more Canadians here than Americans, with plenty to see and do in the Coachella Valley, not to mention about 150 golf courses in the area. About 90 percent of the population are retirees. I don't know why there are no SIR branches down here. It would be a great addition to the area. I guess they just don't know what a great organization we have. Many thanks to all the members who contribute their time and talents to our organization. I'm talking about all those who make our events happen by doing the things that are necessary for our branch to exist. Please consider helping out in some way to ensure we prosper. There are SIRs branches nearby that are folding because members do not want to accept a little responsibility. Well, the sun is shining, it is about 70 degrees outside, and I have to tee it up shortly. Take care until next month. A big change coming this year concerns dues. Dues used to be voluntary, but, beginning in 2020, they are mandatory. Charles Palmer, our membership chairman, and his assistant, Richard Provost, will be collecting dues and tracking who has paid their \$20.00. You will have until the end of March to pay, or you will be suspended from participating in golf, bowling, or any other activity. This was necessary because several members refused to pay their dues when it was voluntary. We need dues to operate. In addition to the insurance that covers all members at our activities, there are other various costs that need funding for us to continue operating. For most of us, this is no big deal. We have gladly paid \$20.00 at the beginning of each new year.

January Program

By Tom Evans

Executive Board

Presentation

Members of the Board will explain their jobs as officers and directors, so that members who may be interested in volunteering will know what to expect and do. Officers will be available after the meeting to talk with the officers.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Minutes of December 20, 2019

Attendance: Big Sir, Gary Goodman, Little Sir, Doug Imberi, Secretary, Don Rowe, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, and Bob Kredit.
Directors: Don Reed, Richard Provost, Dennis Imhoff, and Bill Caldwell.
Absent: Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Director Gary DelNero, (Sunshine), Bob Palmer, (Membership), and Bill Stires, (Travel).

Visitors: Mike Lenz, (Little Sir-elect), and Vince Rucobo, (Director-elect).

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

Guests:

Call to Order: Big Sir, Gary Goodman, called the meeting to order at 7:28 A.M. at Denny's, Modesto. There were 9 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: November 22 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept November minutes- Rowe, 2nd Kredit-PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$5,605.14. Deposits: lunch, \$180. Donations \$10.00, raffle, \$0.00 Contributions from lunch, \$0.00. Total receipts: \$190.00. Checks written: \$2,959.25-Lunch (including wine, tax and gratuity), Jeff Chin-postage, \$55.00, Strummers, \$200.00. Deductions Total: \$3,214.25. Balance \$2,580.89. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Barnard - PASSED.

Membership: We have no new member applicants. We had 6 members dropped: Jeff Bowman, David Martin, George Wallace, Arthur Long (the younger), Charles Fox, Carl Nowicki, and Francis Flaim. We have 166 members. Motion: Accept the mem-

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GOLF

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., 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 – Micke Grove, 9:00 SG, \$38 (cart incl.) Host 144.

Mon., Jan. 27–Manteca, 9:00 SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164

Mon., Feb. 3–Creekside, 9:00 SG, \$33 (cart opt.) Host 103

Mon., Feb. 10–Pheasant Run, 9:00 SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143

Tues., Feb. 18–Manteca, 9:00 SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164

Mon., Feb. 24–Elkhorn, 9:00 SG, \$45 (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-

Branch 103 Website

www.sirinc2.org/branch103

Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California July 26-29, 2020

Price: Double \$1,895 Single \$2,290
Tour Includes: Airport Transfers, roundtrip airfare to Los Angeles 3 night stay at the Best Western Plus in Long Beach. Tour of Ronald Reagan Library. Gondola Cruise, Dinner at Naples Rib Company. Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express. Avalon Scenic Tour of Catalina Island. Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano. Admission in the Sawdust Festival. Dinner at Tivoli Terrace. Reserved Main Tier Center Tier seats at the Pageant of Masters. Guided Tour of Los Angeles. Admission into Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit. 5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners Gratuities for bus driver and step-on guides. Early reservation is urged to insure Main Tier Center Seats at Pageant. Must have 20 passengers by March 1, 2020 to make trip a go. \$500 per person deposit to hold place for trip. Final payment Due May 18, 2020

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

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

Travel

By Bill Stires

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.

Couples Branch 103 Dine-Out

The next couple's Dine-Out will be at **Johnny Carino's Vintage Faire Mall** **January 28, 2020**

Meet 4:30 pm, Dinner 5:00 pm \$10 corkage fee for wine, gratuity will be added to your check Your hosts will be Bill and Betty Caldwell. Please confirm your reservation by email (wgcaldwell@aol.com) or phone (209-529-4125) by January 24

LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies luncheon Every 3rd Thursday At 11:30 A.M. **Thursday, January 16** At

Fudruckers
3848 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.

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



Branch 103 Executive Board for 2020 (from left to right) Gary Goodman, Jeff Chin, Dennis Imhoff, Tim Anglim, Big Sir Doug Imber, Little Sir Michael Lenz, Don Reed, Coe Barnard, Don Rowe, and Joe Stackhouse. Missing are Gary DelNero and Vince Rucobo.

Good-bye from Gary

Well, my time has finally come to an end as your Big Sir. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Big Sir. I wish to extend my gratitude to all the board members and those involved in the set-up of the club each month for their help in making my year so enjoyable. I also want to wish a successful year to our new Big Sir Doug Imber, and hope his year is as successful as mine has been. We had a wonderful meeting this month with our Ladies Day Luncheon, although the attendance was a little disappointing. The Fun Strummers were exceptional and the special lunch was delicious. I hope everyone will consider attending next year, as we had a great time. Please remember, your annual \$20 dues will be due by the March 2020 meeting. Members will not be able to participate in activities if their dues are not paid. Dues are necessary for insurance and obligations we have to our local and state organizations. So please, get them in as soon as you can. In conclusion, I want to thank you all for a great year and the opportunity to serve you as your Big Sir.



By Charles "Bob" Palmer

Ken Haub	1/01/1945	#205
Robert Allendorf	1/04/1948	#36
Julian Andona	1/07/1939	#67
Claude McMillen	1/09/1943	#76
Donald Reed	1/13/1935	#57
Jim Waterman	1/14/1947	#217
Marion Roberts	1/16/1933	#46
Gary McManus	1/19/1947	#83
Cliff LaFreniere	1/19/1953	#5
John Faria	1/20/1947	#15
Emiliano Perez	1/21/1936	#220
Stephen Bruce	1/26/1949	#28
Michael McClellan	1/27/1950	#32
Robert Fachner	1/27/1954	#11
Larry Sallee	1/29/1952	#221
David Noble	1/30/1951	#9

Membership

By Charles "Bob" Palmer

NEW MEMBERS: None

MEMBERSHIP DROPS:

Jeff Bowman
David Martin
George Wallace
Arthur Long (junior)
Charles Fox
Carl Nowicki
Francis Flaim



Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modes-

Results from week 18 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-213.28

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.

STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Ed Benson..... 925 943-7011
Reg. 2 Director Richard Kindle209 652-8608
Gov. Area 18 Richard J. Provost...209 577-8219

BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

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Little Sir Michael Lenz480-8556
Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard572-1937
Treasurer Tim Anglim578-4593
Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
Jeffery Chin602-3912
Gary Goodman578-0848
Gary Del Nero681-1100
Dennis Imhoff846-9529
Don Reed524-5374
Vince Rucobo968-8931

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219
Program Chair Tom Evans551-1836
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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
Lunch Menu, Doug Imber596-1298
Data Processing Richard Provost577-8219
Computer Club Jeffery Chin602-3912
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: Gary Goodman, Dennis Imhoff, and Vince Rucobo

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

bership report, Provost, 2nd Rowe-PASSED

The board discussed how to implement the mandatory dues. It was decided that the dues were due by March. Members failing to pay by March will be suspended from activities, ie., golf, bowling, travel, etc.

Luncheon: The lunch was fantastic!

Correspondence: none

Program: In Jan., members of the Board will explain their jobs so that members who may be interested in volunteering will know what to expect and do, The Elks Club will do a presentation in Feb. Big Sir Doug will give his State of Branch 103 Address. Tom will seek to get Pete Vella from Gallo Wine. Anyone will an idea for a speaker, let Tom Evans know.

Sunshine: N/A

Newsletter: Jeff said the newsletter is going well. He will insert the new Officers and Board members for 2020

Thursday golf: Don reported that the Thursday golf is doing well. There were 27 players yesterday.

Bowling: N/A

Merchandising: Dennis hasn't yet been able to start with a vendor.

Data Processing: Richard Provost said it takes him about 15-20 minutes per month.

Travel: N/A

Computer: N/A

Dine Out: In January 2020 Bill and Betty Caldwell are hosting at Johnny Carinos (by the Mall) on January 28 at 5:00 P.M. They charge \$10 for corkage.

Old Business: Continue to develop interest for our members in new activities such as corn hole, horseshoes, cribbage, etc. at the meetings or as an outside activity. Vince Rucobo suggested arranging a SIR night at the Stockton Heat hockey game.

New Business: Big Sir Gary will begin negotiations with the Elks Club for next year.

Adjournment: 8:22 A.M.

NEXT MEETING
January 22
Elks' Lodge

645 Charity Way
Modesto
Phone 524-4421

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

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