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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Doug Imberi

Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

Hope everyone is OK in SIR land. It doesn't look good for us meeting in person for many months, if not at all this year. But we are meeting via ZOOM each month, with about 20 of you attending. Jeff Chin is sending emails with the date, time, and codes to access the meetings. It is basically the same kind of meeting, except you have to bring your own lunch.

Try to look on the upside of having all this time at home. Back in normal times, I had the patience to only read magazine articles and books in the winter. This year, I've read some huge books, a couple of them, over 1,000 pages long. I also dusted off my old guitar, and now spend some time every day pickin' and grinnin'. I'm doing more cooking now, which makes Carol happy. And then there are those jobs that we have been meaning to do for years, but somehow seem to keep slipping away from the done category. So, I'm staying busy and trying not to be an old man. That reminds me of a story about country singer Toby Keith and Clint Eastwood, who were playing in the ATT pro-am at Pebble Beach a few years ago. Toby says to Clint, "What are you doing next week?" Clint says, "I'm going to start filming a new movie which I'm starring in and producing." Toby says to Clint, who is now 90, "How do you do it at your age?" Clint says, "Every day I get up and look out the window and see an old man out there and I don't let him in. I don't let him in my head." So Toby goes back to Oklahoma and writes a song called, "Don't Let the Old Man In," that Clint used in the soundtrack of "The Mule." In it is a profound lyric that goes, "Ask yourself how old you would be if you didn't know the day you were born?" Now I think he should have used year instead of day, but it is his song, and he can sing it however he wants.

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August Program

By Tom Evans

The speakers for the August ZOOM Meeting will be Heather Santos, Executive Director of DRAIL, and Aaron McDonald, Marketing and Resource Development Coordinator DRAIL. Heather is truly committed to empowering people with disabilities to live as independently as possible. Aaron is a passionate community leader who advocates for fully inclusive communities for all. They will be presenting an overview of DRAIL's Strategic Plan, and programs and services offered.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Minutes of July 24, 2020

Attendance: Big Sir, Doug Imberi; Secretary, Don Rowe; Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard; Treasurer, Tim Anglim; Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse; Directors: Gary Goodman, Don Reed, Gary Del Nero, and Jeff Chin.

Absent: Little Sir Mike Lenz; Directors: Dennis Imhoff, and Vince Rucobo. Committee Representatives: Dennis Imhoff, (Merchandise).

Committee Representatives present: Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club), Tom Evans, (Programs), Don Reed, (Thurs. Golf), and Gary Del Nero, (Sunshine), John Reedy, (Golf), Bob Kredit, (Membership and Data Processing), Bill Stires, (Travel).
Guests: Area Governor, Richard Provost and Kerry Newman, Safety and Health Director.

Call to Order: Big Sir, Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. via ZOOM. There were 9 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Secretary: June 26, 2020 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept minutes- Rowe, 2nd Stackhouse-PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported that the beginning balance was \$4,696.86. He received \$30.00 for dues. Expenditures were: Sons in Retirement-\$280.00, \$99.99 to Don Reed for annual Microsoft subscription. Total expenditures-\$379.99. Ending balance: \$4,346.87. MOTION to accept: Anglim, 2nd Barnard-PASSED.

Big Sir: 1. Big Sir Doug asked whether all Thursday golf participants had paid their dues. (to participate in golf or bowling requires that dues have been paid) 2. Doug suggested that we begin an "Investment Club." If members are interested, call Doug.

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Creekside Golf

Thursday Mornings



SIR players who would like to play some golf, Bob Kredit and Don Reed have arranged for a 9-hole tournament every Thursday morning at Creekside Golf Course. We will have 44 spots available-11 tee times You must plan ahead and request to play, starting on Thursday, the week before playing, first come, first serve. If you wish to play, please contact Bob by email or text, and he will schedule a tee time for you. Do not come to the course if you do not have a tee time from Bob. Please let us know if you have to cancel, as there is a list of players wanting to play, if they can. With the tee times we have setup, at check-in, you can determine if you want to play 9 holes or 18 holes. Hope this finds everyone well, and if you know of someone without email access, please let them know about golf.

Bob Kredit 209-672-0326 bkred8209@aol.com

Members of SIR Branches 103, 143, 144, and 164 can participate for 9 holes, starting at 7:30 a.m. for the first tee time. This is a SIR event, and these are the rules we will follow. Masks are now required inside the building and recommended while on the property. All tee times will be through Bob Kredit as we have been doing. Email, text, call or at check-in, you must have a tee time before coming to the course. Each player must check-in with Bob in the Grill before checking in with the course. Each player will have their temperature recorded by Bob at check-in. Temperatures over 100.4 will not play. Bob will also collect your \$3.00. Course rules are in effect. Do not touch the flag. 2 people are allowed to ride in the same cart. No rakes in the bunkers. You may remove your ball from the bunker and continue play keeping the bunker between you and the flag. No penalty. No 5somes are allowed. At the end of 9 holes you must turn in your card to Don in the Grill with 2 signatures. If you play 18, keep a separate card for the first nine. Closest to the Hole will hole #8. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be in the bag. Do not handle the equipment unless you are on the green. There will not be a common pencil provided. Use your own. There will be no gathering and prize pay-out will be the next time we see you. If you play 18, please post your own score. Don will post on the 9 hole scores.

GOLF

This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/

No Golf Until October

Travel

By Bill Stires

14 Night Adriatic and Aegean Medley Cruise Aboard The Newest Princess Ship, the Enchanted Princess Including One Pre-Cruise Night in Rome and One Post-Cruise Night in Barcelona Price: Balcony Stateroom \$5,298 per person Double Mini-Suite Stateroom \$5,850 per person Double New Princess Premier Package: • Free Drinks, Wi-Fi, and Gratuities per person .

Princess Premier Options are Subject to Change Without Notice. These prepaid options are a significant savings from what you will pay onboard at the conclusion of your cruise. April 22 – May 9, 2021

Ports of Call ITALY: Rome, Naples, GREECE: Athens, Heraklion, Mykonos, Santorini, TURKEY: Kusadasi, Istanbul, MONTENEGRO: Kotor, SICILY: Messina, SPAIN: Barcelona Tour Features: • Transfers from Modesto/Turlock roundtrip to Airport. • 15 day cruise aboard the Enchanted Princess. • One night hotel stay in Rome and one night stay in Barcelona Including all transfers from airport to cruise ship in Rome and hotel to airport in Barcelona. • All taxes including port taxes Airfare is not included. Rates available in June Approximate \$800.00 Ship is filling up fast don't delay and get in your deposit to hold your spot.

Cancelled Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California July 26 -29, 2020 Rescheduled July 25-28, 2021.

Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammergau and the Passion Play is postponed until August 27-Sept. 7, 2022. More details to come in the future.

Due to cancelled trips and postponements, we are looking at some future trips: Great Smoky Mountains in September 2021 and Holland Tulip Festival in May 2022. Our annual trips to Reno for Apple Hill in October and Holiday trip to Reno in December are on hold at this time.

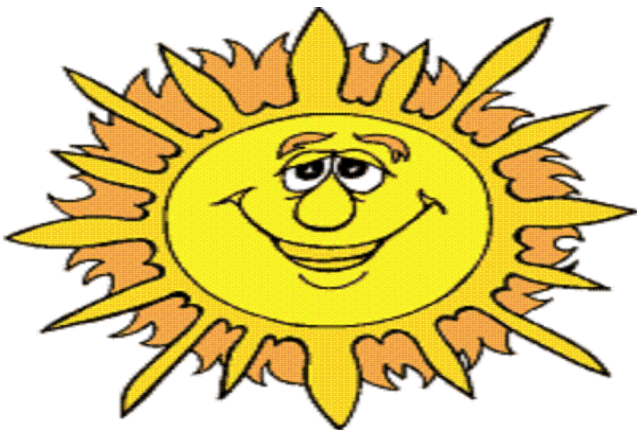
Bill Stires 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445, bstires46@gmail.com

I Remember...

Read the following list of 48 items and check all the ones that you lived with, but not the ones you only heard or read about!

Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers Teaberry gum P.F.Flyers
Carter's little liver pills Ramblers Hi-fi systems Metal ice trays with lever
Coffee shops with tableside jukeboxes Cisco Kid Butch wax
DeSotos Perculators Wax Coke-shaped bottles with Kool-Aid inside
Newsreels before movies Edsels Pea shooters Erector Sets
Absorbine Jr. Blackjack chewing gum Sodapop machines that dispense bottles
Telephone numbers with a word prefix Washtub wringers Hudsons
Upright console radios in wooden cases Party telephone lines Viceroy cigarettes
Cork popguns S&H Green Stamps Blue flashbulbs Packards
Mimeograph copies Chemistry Sets Drive-in theaters Falstaff Beer
Candy cigarettes Gas stations that pump gas, check oil, and clean windshields
Howdy Doody Francis, the talking mule Kaisers Bromo-Seltzer
Phones with no dial or push buttons with live operators who ask "Number, please"
Elgin watches Burma Shave 45 RPM and 75 RPM records
Studebakers Roller skate keys Instamatic Cameras Clark gasoline

Did you remember all of them? Did they bring back memories of your childhood?



Sunshine By Gary Del Nero

During this Pandemic I still have a few reports to give out for our members. Call me or email and I will send a card or a call to those who have lost a loved one or surgery for one of our members. Garyd-elnero73@gmail.com or 209 681.1100. Sad to report the loss of Don Baade. He was a very nice man and a

retired CHP Officer. I sent a long note from SIRs to his family. He will be missed. Jeff Chin lost his father-in-law, Theodore De Kasha. Card was sent with sympathy to him and family. Even though we are in trying times, let me know if there is a get well card to be sent, or a sympathy card to go to whomever for a loss of a loved one. For all our thoughts and prayers are with you get well soon and hopefully we can meet in person again.

General Member Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:00 AM

Meeting ID 835 9718 5073

Password 052120



Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

New season starts on September 1, 2020. Plan on bowling in the SIR league this year. The league meeting is at 1:00 p.m. on September 1, 2020. Experienced league bowlers and new bowlers are welcome.

Merchandise

If you are interested in purchasing any SIR merchandise, including hats or polo shirts with the old or new SIR logo, please contact Dennis Imhoff at dennisimhoff@gvni.com. He will give you prices and delivery times.



By Bob Kredit

Donald Carney	8/3/1946	#179
Michael Filan	8/4/1944	#196
Salvador Rodriguez	8/4/1941	#237
John McGrath	8/7/1950	#186
John Sherrard	8/7/1960	#161
Steve Hughes	8/8/1951	#115
David Brown	8/10/1947	#146
Berry Butrica	8/11/1953	#169
Jim Bickner	8/14/1939	#165
Roger Rauch	8/15/1953	#60
Jim Tanquary	8/19/1943	#200
Thomas Clarke	8/20/1947	#69
Michael Brady	8/25/1941	#75
Mark Lim	8/26/1947	#231
Kerry Newman	8/30/1938	#91
Gary Del Nero	8/30/1953	#68
Joseph Stackhouse	8/31/1943	#98
Daniel Reeves	8/31/1949	#34

Branch 103 Officer 2021 Nominations

Being as there has been a shutdown of our luncheons, this year's officers have agreed to stay on as officers for the year 2021.

Nominated for the following offices:

Big Sir Doug Imberi

Little Sir Mike Lenz

Secretary Don Rowe

Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard

Treasurer Tim Anglim

Assistant Treasurer Joe Stackhouse

Board Directors:

Gary Goodman

Gary Del Nero

Vince Rucobo

Dennis Imhoff

Don Reed

Jeffery Chin

I am requesting an email or telephone call at 209-596-1298, if you wish to be added or want to nominate any SIR member to the Officers or Directors list. Any SIR member may volunteer or be nominated. If there are no more nominations or volunteers, I will declare by unanimous vote that the present Officers and Board be accepted for 2021. We will vote for 5 Board of Directors. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the July 22 meeting, which will be via Zoom. The vote will be held at the August 26, 2020 meeting via Zoom or at the Elks.

Big Sir, Doug Imberi

Submitted by nomination committee: Dennis Imhoff, Gary Goodman,

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If you haven't gotten a call already, a member of your Branch Executive Committee will be calling you to see how you are doing and chat with you about SIR.

OK, that it all folks and remember...Don't let the old man in!!

Membership

NEW MEMBERS:

Terry Cherry (Yvonne) Badge #78

9168 Bridalveil Circle

Stockton, CA 95368 209 957-6388

terry.cherry@sbc.global.net

Investment Club

If you are interested in talking about investments with other SIRs, we are getting together for a meeting on the first Saturday of the month via ZOOM. It is a very informal group, and we talk about what is going on in the world of the stock market. We met August 1, and talked about one stock that we were following, and also where and how we get our information about stocks. If you are interested, call Doug Imberi at 596-1298 for more information.

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

Big Sir Doug Imberi596-129
 Little Sir Michael Lenz480-8556
 Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard 572-1937
 Treasurer Tim Anglim 578-4593
 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

Membership Charles Palmer836-4164
 Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219
 Program Chair Tom Evans551-1836
 Program Chair Asst. Michael Lenz480-8556
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit672-0326
 Public Relations Bob Kredit672-0326

Bowling Vern Masse
 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 Imberi596-1298
 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

Jeffery Chin jefferygary@msn.com602-3912

**EXECUTIVE ZOOM
 COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday following Regular
 Branch Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
 Meeting ID 820 0192 8640
 Password 665132**

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

3. Doug wants the Board and Committee Branch 103 members to be a "Telephone Retention Committee." We will be given a list of members to call and see how members are and to tell them about the ZOOM meeting for August 26. 4. State SIR will have a ZOOM meeting open to all members. If you wish to participate, check the state SIR website.

Little Sir: Absent

Membership: Bob Kredit reported that we lost one member, Don Baade, who passed away, and we added a new member, Terry Cherry. He provided Form 27-Monthly Branch Membership Report. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Chin-PASSED.

Luncheon: NA

Correspondence: State SIR has a survey for members to fill out. It was sent out earlier this week. Sonora Branch has a member survey that we might use when we get back to regular meetings.

Program: Our speaker for Wednesday's meeting was good, but too long. Tom Evans reported that next month, Aaron McDonald from DRAIL-(Disability Resource for Independent Living). In September, we will have James Adams from Oakland TSA.

Sunshine: Gary Del Nero reported that Jeff Chin's father-in-law passed in the hospital from COVID-19. Lynn Quilici is having stomach problems. Bob Kredit's grandson-in-law is in the hospital battling COVID-19. Chuck Palmer is doing better. By the way, Gary is doing much better with his eyes.

Golf: NA

Newsletter: Jeff Chin will send out a Newsletter to all members.

Thursday golf: Bob Kredit reported that Creekside golf on Thursday mornings is going well. Getting tee times scheduled is problematic, but working out. Golfers have been following safety measures: 1. Get there 20 minutes early, no grouping. 2. Wear a mask in the clubhouse building. 3. Temperatures will be taken, if someone has 100.4 temperature, they will not be allowed to play. 4. Social distancing is not going on with 2 to a cart, but, on the course, it is.

Bowling: The new season's first meeting is September 1, 2020.

Merchandising: NA

Data Processing: Bob says it is going well.

Travel: Everything is on hold. Hopefully, the April trip will take place.

Computer: NA

Dine Out: NA

Old Business: NA

New Business: Richard and Jeff are working on getting the new laptop for the branch.

Other: Please call members you know that may be alone and comfort them.

Adjournment: 11:09 A.M.

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