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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Doug Imberi

September Program

By Tom Evans

The speakers for the September ZOOM Meeting will be James Adams, Federal Security Director at Metropolitan Oakland International Airport. He joined TSA in September 202 as the Administrative Officer at San Francisco International Airport. Prior to TSA, Mr. Adams spent 10 years as a senior manager for Federal Express directing Service Logistics and Operations. Among the topics he will speak on include Real ID and Pre Check (how to sign up).

Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

Well, just when we thought it was bad, it got worse. Not only are we supposed to stay home, but now with the fires, the air quality is bad, bad, bad, especially for our age group. But like everything else, this too will pass.

I'd like to recognize Tom Evans, who is in charge of our programs. He finds the speakers we have at our meetings, and has been doing it for the past eight years. During which time, we have never gone without a speaker, thanks to Tom's efforts. This is not an easy job. It requires quite a bit of resourcefulness and determination to find interesting speakers. For the most, our speakers have been pretty good and very diverse. Thank you, Tom, for all your work in making this happen. If any of you know of an interesting speaker, let Tom know. You can reach him at 551-1836.

We have had a couple of leadership changes. I think most of you know Mike Lenz, our Little Sir, had a stroke last month which paralyzed his left side. However, Mike is expected to make a full recovery. The doctors say he is ahead of his rehab schedule, and soon he should be leaving the acute therapy facility in Oakland and returning home. So keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Mike needs to devote his time to rehab and recovery, and won't be able to continue on as the Little Sir. I have appointed Jeff Chin to take Mike's place and Kerry Newman to the Board of Directors to fill the spot that Jeff vacated. Thank you, gentlemen for taking on these additional duties.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Minutes of August 28, 2020

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

Absent: Little Sir Mike Lenz; Directors: Dennis Imhoff, Gary Goodman and Vince Ruco-bo. Committee Representatives: Tom Evans, (Programs), Dennis Imhoff, (Merchandise). **Committee Representatives present:** Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club), 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 8 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Secretary: July 24, 2020 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept minutes- Rowe, 2nd Reed-PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported that the beginning balance was \$4,346.87. He received \$70.00 for dues, \$0.40 bank adjustment. Expenditures were: None. Ending

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Creekside Golf

Thursday Mornings



Don Reed and Bob Kredit have arranged for 11 tee-times at Creekside Golf Course every Thursday morning. The first time is 7:30 a.m. and the last one is at 9:10 a.m. To determine who gets to play is by first call until 44 places filled. Anyone not given a time is put on a wait list and will get to play the following week.

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/

Golf Committee will be meeting soon to see when and if we can start playing and for 2021 schedule. NCGA dues will be collected starting in October. You can mail or deliver them to John Reedy or Bob Kredit.

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.

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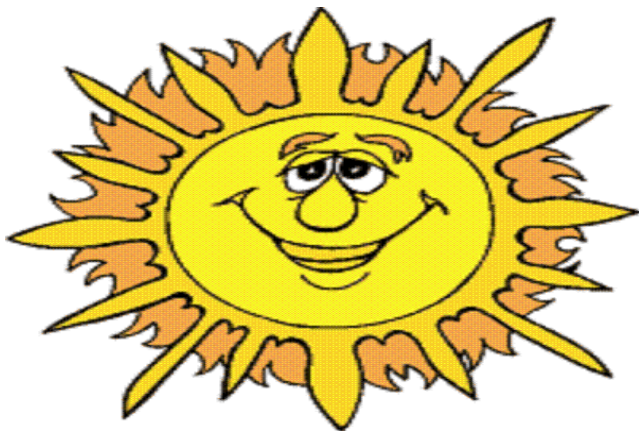
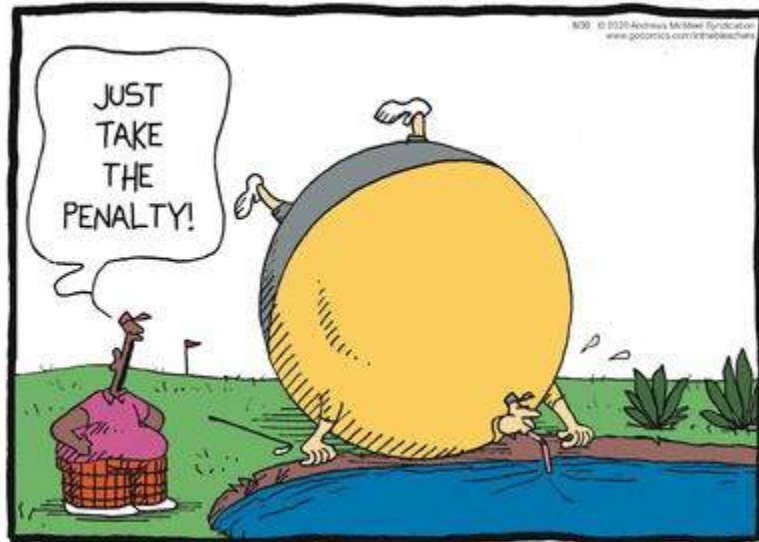
If you are interested in purchasing any SIR merchandise, including hats or polo shirts with the old or new SIR logo, please contact Dennis Imhoff at dennisimhoff@gvni.com. He will give you prices and delivery times.



"That's great. You got a hole-in-one. Was it worth it?"

IN THE BLEACHERS

BY BEN ZAEHRINGER



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. Garydelnero73@gmail.com or 209 681.1100. Roger Bauch had a new heart valve put in and is doing well, Max Stowers was in the hospital with heart issues, Denis France had knee replacement, and Dick Kershiner was in the hospital with back issues. 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, Sept. 26, 2020 10:00 AM

Meeting ID 863 7659 5838

Password 163214



Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Because of the pandemic, all leagues and all bowling is still on hold. The SIR bowling league probably won't begin until at least late October or November. Team captains will be notified before the start of the league.



By Bob Kredit

Edwin Davis	9/1/1924	#204
Charles Frye	9/2/1936	#66
Tito David	9/3/1947	#125
Torrey Newton	9/3/1947	#154
Gary Wasmund	9/6/1949	#38
Joe Savage	9/7/1942	#136
Carl Sparks	9/26/1939	#14
Fred Vegas	9/30/1951	#45

Membership

NEW MEMBERS:

Ed Guida (Pam) Badge #81

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Oakdale, CA 95361 209 847-0753

ecosmo@sbcglobal.net

John Fensterer Badge #82

1305 Cliff Swallow Drive

Patterson, CA 95363 408 463-8538

jshark50@gmail.com

Rick DeOcampo Badge #83

2844 Walnut Terrace

Modesto, CA 95355 303 359-7327

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Branch 103 Officers 2021

This year's officers have agreed to stay on as officers, and were elected for the year 2021. Because of Mike Lenz's illness, Jeffery Chin was appointed as Little Sir and Kerry Newman was appointed as Director.

Elected for the following offices:

Big Sir Doug Imberi	Little Sir Jeffery Chin
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	Kerry Newman

Health and Safety

By Kerry Newman

There has been a number of West Nile incidents in Stanislaus County recently. A number of those cases were from the west side of Modesto. Please use caution when venturing out and apply insect repellent when in mosquito areas.

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 are currently talking about the latest activity in the markets, where we get our investment info, and a stock or two that we are following. Meetings don't go much over an hour, if that long. If you are interested, call Doug Imberi at 596-1298 for more information or the Zoom codes.

STATE OFFICERS

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

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Big Sir Doug Imberi596-1298
 Little Sir Jeffery Chin.....602-3912
 Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard 572-1937
 Treasurer Tim Anglim 578-4593
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
 Kerry Newman.....579-7747
 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
 Health and Safety, Kerry Newman.....579-7747
 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 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

balance: \$4,417.27.MOTION to accept: Anglim, 2nd Barnard-PASSED.

Big Sir: 1. Doug discussed the SIR State-wide meeting via Zoom with 130 participants. This was SIR State President Ed Benson’s final meeting. Jim Johnson is the new SIR State President. He wants to begin a restart plan. He also would like to see more activities for members. The meeting then discussed bylaw changes. Also, a lady was hired to begin marketing SIR. Another item, the lawsuit apparently has not been finished. 2. Doug mentioned that there were only a few minorities in our branch. 3. WE discussed the idea of an investment discussion group. MOTION: Begin an investment discussion group. Rowe, 2nd Chin- PASSED. 4. Dough asked how the phone calling went and the Board responded that they had made the calls. All talked with some members. All left messages, but many were not returned. Also, we found a few with disconnected numbers.

Little Sir: Mike Lenz has had a stroke. He is partially paralyzed, but making progress. Considering this, Mike has resigned. According to our bylaws, Big Sir Doug appointed Jeff Chin to be Little Sir, and Kerry Newman to be a Director, taking Jeff’s spot.

Membership: Bob Kredit reported that we gained 3 new members and now have 163 members.. He provided Form 27-Monthly Branch Membership Report. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Chin-PASSED.

Luncheon: NA

Correspondence: None

Program: Our speakers for Wednesday’s meeting from DRAIL were very good. In September, we will have James Adams from Oakland TSA. In October, Brian Shul, former pilot of the SR 71 Black Bird You Tube Presentation-”Butterflies to Black Birds”.

Sunshine: Gary Del Nero reported that Lynn Quilici is having stomach problems. Dick Kershner is having back difficulties. Dennis France had a knee replacement. Roger Bauch had a heart valve replacement, and is doing well. Max Stowers was in the hospital.

Health and Safety: Kerry warned that West Nile disease is in the area.

Golf: John Reedy reported that NCGA dues will be collected beginning in Oct. More information to come. He will try to get a Golf Committee meeting together to discuss possibly getting tournaments going again.

Newsletter: Jeff Chin said that all is well with the Newsletter.

Thursday golf: Don Reed and Bob Kredit reported that Creekside golf on Thursday mornings is going well. Getting tee times scheduled is problematic, but working out. They had 44 golfers yesterday.

Bowling: Unknown-Jeff Chin has been calling the bowling alley and getting no response.

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: Tim brought up last month the idea of having no new dues until we are starting up again. MOTION: Suspend dues until we open up for business. Anglim, 2nd Rowe PASSED There is shortage of computers due to schools on distant learning. MOTION: we postpone getting a computer for the Big Sir. Stackhouse, 2nd Chin PASSED

New Business: The Investment group is meeting Saturday via Zoom.

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

Adjournment: 11:11 A.M.

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