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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Doug Imberi

Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

I hope all is well with you folks and your doing your best keep afloat during the COVID storm. Thanks to all who took the SIR survey a few months back. The results are in and the info you provided will help us to plan the course we need to take to retain our membership and also help in recruiting new members. We had a pretty good response rate with 37%, which equates to 57 members providing input. One of the more interesting responses came from the question that asked why you joined SIRS and that was because of loneliness. The second reason was that their spouse recommended it and was followed by just wanting to get out of the house. In regards to activities the number one activity was golf, which is no surprise, but the second favorite activity was dining out, followed by travel, bowling, and wine tasting, All which lead me to believe that you would like more opportunities to get together with other SIRs. How about more activities or events? If you have something that you would like to see in our branch, send me an email at dimberi@att.net and we can work together on it. The statewide we also had a good turnout with 41% taking the survey and lots of written comments. One interesting note concerned luncheons. The importance of luncheons decreased among the younger members. Members under 65 liked more activities while those over 65 liked the luncheons. Of the many comments members felt we need to do a better job of making new members feel welcome; feedback also mentioned that there were too many cliques and many suggested adding more activities that our spouses can attend.

Check out the survey results on our webpage at www.sirinc2.org/branch103.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Minutes of Sept. 25, 2020

Attendance: Big SIR Doug Imberi, Little SIR Jeff Chin, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Treasurer, Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse. Directors: Don Reed, and Kerry Newman.

Absent: Directors Vince Rucobo, Gary Del Nero, and Gary Goodman. Dennis Imhoff (Merchandise). Bill Stires (Travel) Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing) John Reedy (Golf)

Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club), Gary Del Nero (Sunshine), Don Reed (Thurs. Golf)

Guests: Area Governor, Richard Provost

Call to Order: Big SIR Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. via Zoom. There were 8 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Aug. 28 Minutes were offered for modification: MOTION to accept Aug. 28 Minutes: - Rowe, Chin-PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported that there were no differences this month from July.

MOTION to accept: Anglim, -2nd Barnard-PASSED

Big SIR: 1. Doug discussed the SIR State-wide Survey with state-wide as well

October Program

By Tom Evans

The speakers for the October ZOOM Meeting will be Brent Burnside. He will speak on the newly planned Graffiti USA Classic Car Museum. Mr. Burnside is the owner of Burnside Auto Body Shop and the Vice Chairman of a new non-profit group that has been created to design and develop the year-round museum that will attract visitors from near and far away.

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GOLF



It has come to our attention that some of our members are having a difficult time with the City Of Modesto Health Department's rule of arriving at the course no more than 20 minutes prior to your tee time. We have some members arriving 60 - 90 minutes before their tee time. Arriving 40 minutes early is ok if you are going to use the range. On Thursday, September 24 there was a 4some waiting at the tee, 2 4somes shooting the breeze near the putting green and another group using the putting green. That is 16 people standing around and the health dept. is beginning to notice. If this continues, they can pull our privilege to play. No one wants that.

From now on, check-in will be limited to 20 minutes prior to your tee time and 40 minutes prior if you are buying balls and using the driving the range.

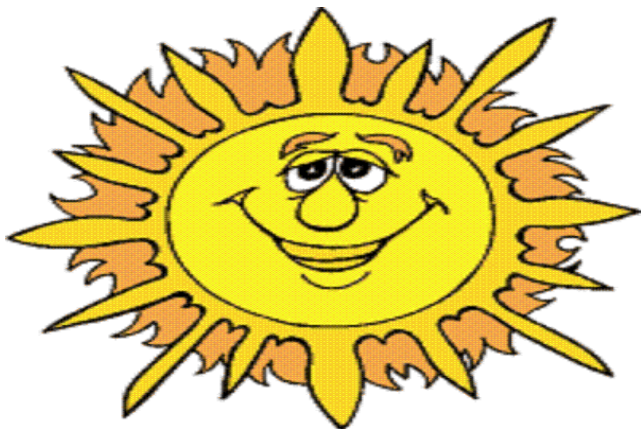
To show respect to your tee time stay back behind the blue tee until the group ahead of you has cleared the corner of #1. The 10 minutes between tee times is also set by the health dept. Please respect the rules set by the Modesto Health Dept. so we can continue to have fun. If some one in your 4some does not have an email account, please contact them. If it is your DNA to arrive 60 to 90 minutes prior to your tee time, please find another place to hang out. Not at the golf course. Thank You for you help.

This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

The Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) dues for 2021 will be collected now, and are due before January 30, 2021. Renewing members' dues are \$48 and new members' dues are \$58. Please send or give your check to John Reedy or Bob Kredit.

We are in the process of trying to set up a tournament schedule. We are in discussion with the other SIR branches and the golf courses.



We are sad to say Barry Meisleman has passed. He had committed a ton of hours to SIR's 103 and especially to our golf. Even when he was very ill he hung on to assist us with golf in man aspects of the system. He will be dearly missed. Hope everyone is hanging in there and hope we all can meet soon as a group. A standard monthly reminder please if you know some one who has lost a love one, a member experiencing sickness etc. please notify me by phone, e-mail, sled dog, pony express mail, courier pi-

geon... well you get the message.

Garydelnero73@gmail.com or 209 681-1100 keep safe

Travel

By Bill Stires

New trip to Louisville to Nashville **September 16-24, 2021**

Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, and Nashville

Tour Features Included:

1. Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville
2. 8 day Guided tour with Tour Manager
3. Guided Tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby
4. 9 nights first class accommodations
5. 12 meals
6. Gratuities on all included features to bus driver and tour guide Price: \$3,895 per person double occupancy \$4,893 single occupancy \$300 per person for bookings after Jan.15, 2021 Space is limited and sold on first come basis only

Cancelled Adriatic and Aegean Cruise April 22-May 9. 2021. We are working with travel agent and Princess to get a new date for this trip.

Cancelled Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California

July 26-29, 2020, rescheduled for July 25-28, 2021, with more information to come.

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

Due to cancelled trips and postponements we are looking at some future trips:

Holland Tulip Festival in May 2022.

If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com to receive a reservation form.

Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.

Results of and Response to State Recent All SIR Survey by the State SIR Board

Key Issue	Observation	Board Response
1. SIR's age demographics	1.1. Our median respondent's age was 76, and 25% of respondents were 81 or older. 1.2. 10% of the respondents were under 67. 1.3. As our membership ages, vitality tends to be reduced and attracting leaders at all levels becomes more difficult.	1.1. Not only do we have to emphasize recruiting new members: we need younger members. See below for specific actions.
2. Recruiting and attracting new as well as younger members	2.1. Golf is a key vehicle for attracting new (and younger) members. 2.2. Other outdoor activities can provide us with a flow of new (and younger) prospects. 2.3. Contacts with non-profits, women's clubs and community events can be fertile grounds for introducing SIR and attracting new members. 2.4 Younger respondents and women are more frequent users of Facebook and YouTube.	2.1. The State Golf Committee in concert with full cooperation from Branch, Area and Region Golf Committees must turn this opportunity into a reality. 2.2. A handbook for Branches on starting and administering outdoor activities will be developed by G&M for adoption by the Branches. 2.3. A State-wide Speakers Bureau was considered but rejected because the Board felt that it would be too difficult to find the necessary volunteers to be speakers. 2.4. The State Facebook page is to be rejuvenated under the guidance of our marketing consultant.
3. Member Relations	3.1. Friendship, welcoming and fun are three keys to happy members and recruiting. 3.2. As our members age, the luncheon takes on more importance 3.3. Our members must understand the SIR Four Member Expectations and the issues SIR faces in the post-Pandemic world.	3.1. and 3.2. Policy and Procedures and Training are charged with ensuring that Branches are aware of the importance of welcoming, exciting and fun luncheons and are equipped to ensure them for their members. 3.3. The I'm Doing My Part Program, originally scheduled for implementation but delayed by the Pandemic will be implemented as soon as Branches are able to meet again.

General Member Zoom Meeting
 Wednesday, October 28, 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

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

Wesley Rash	10/1/1928	#153
James Wirowek	10/1/1948	#65
Tom Evans	10/2/1942	#55
David Santos	10/8/1949	#25
Donny Coonce	10/9/1966	#35
Hervi Rualo	10/10/1949	#30
Joe Bradley	10/11/1942	#120
Joe Luis	10/12/1940	#39
Ed Pinon	10/13/1938	#132
Donald Cox	10/16/1939	#143
Lynn Quilici	10/17/1944	#43
Robert Manning	10/20/1952	#170

Here is a note from McHenry Bowl to the bowlers:

Bowlers,

We miss everyone and hope we can reopen soon. In the State guidelines for re-opening, Stanislaus County is currently in the Purple Tier. Until the county moves into the Orange Tier, we will not be allowed to open. That means we must first move from Purple to the Red Tier and stay there for a minimum of two weeks.

Our state bowling association has petitioned the state to move our sector, bowling, into the Red Tier, but we have not had any response. As of now, it will be several weeks before we will be allowed to reopen.

Stay safe, social distance, wear a mask, and continue to sanitize. We need the numbers to go down before we can reopen.

For our bowlers who have equipment in lockers, please do not be concerned. We will not disturb your belongings and will not be charging for this closure period.

Our goal is to reopen safely and welcome our bowlers back when the time is appropriate.

Investment Club

Our investment group meets on the first Saturday of each month via Zoom for about an hour. Last month, Tim Anglim, our treasurer, brought up an item he read in the Wall Street Journal about a place in Nevada that recycles lithium batteries from old computers and cell phones. We also talked about the new robotic delivery carts that Save Mart was going to start using to deliver groceries along with a fund that features robotics and artificial intelligence. Additionally, we discussed IRAs and taxes on capital gains. Quite an array of financial topics. If you are interested in joining the group, please call Doug Imberi at 596-1298, and I'll get you the codes to access ZOOM. We are far from being experts, but just share an interest in what is going on in the financial world.

Membership

NEW MEMBERS:

No new members this month.

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

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Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
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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 Bob Kredit.....672-0326
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
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

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EXECUTIVE ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday following Regular
Branch Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
Meeting ID 820 0192 8640
Password 665132

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as Branch 103 results. Some interesting results were that golf is the most popular reason to join SIR, followed by loneliness and dine out. We discussed the possibility of having more than one dine out per month.

2. He asked what we should do with members who have not paid their 2020 dues. After discussion, a motion was made: Table this item until we are able to resume lunch meetings-Newman, 2nd Chin-PASSED

3. With Nov. and Dec. coming up with holidays, it was decided to have one general meeting, Dec. 9 at 10:00, with the BEC meeting on Dec. 11 at 3:00.

Little SIR: No report

Membership: Richard reported that now have 163 members.

Luncheon: NA

Correspondence: None

Program: Our speaker for Wed.'s meeting from TSA was very good. For Oct. we have Brent Burnside who will speak about Graffiti Week and classic cars.

Sunshine. Gary Del Nero reported on Wednesday that Mike Lenz was doing his therapy and overdid it hurting his knee.

Health and Safety: Kerry reported that Stanislaus County's rates are improving with Covid 19.

Golf: NA

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

Thursday golf: Don Reed reported that they had 43 players yesterday. He also said that some golfers are arriving too early and has been warned that this is not going to be tolerated.

Bowling: NA.

Merchandising: NA.

Data Processing: NA

Travel: NA

Computer: NA

Dine Out: NA

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: 10:57 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Rowe

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