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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

I wish I had good news for you, but things continue to be business as unusual. A lot of you have asked when we are going to have an in-person meeting. You will know as soon as I do by watching the news to see when the county and state will allow large groups to dine indoors. We will not meet in-person until the Elks Club opens. Just yesterday, our state level Big Sir Ed Benson sent all branches a letter stating there can be no in-person meetings or events of any kind until the State of California determines it is safe for groups to meet. Thank



God for ZOOM, without it, we could not even meet in cyberspace. This new reality doesn't seem real. It is like we are in a movie, like the Twilight Zone. My only hope is that this will be over this sometime next year. The way things are going, I don't know if that is going to happen. The pandemic is not getting any better and with winter coming on things could get worse before they get better. So, we need to tough it out for a while longer. The vaccine is coming. I'm bored and anxious to get out and be social, but I'm too young to die, so it is more avoiding crowds, wearing a mask, and washing my hands way too much. Things will probably never be the same, even when we get through the pandemic.

I'd like to welcome Mike Filan to our Branch 103 Executive Committee. Mike has been in SIR for a number of years and has done his fair share for the good of SIR by helping out with the Area 18 Golf tournaments. I'm sure he will be a good addition to our team. Mike replaces Vince Rucubo, who has resigned and left SIR.

Big Sir Doug Imberi

Our next ZOOM meeting is not until December 9, so I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and even if we can't enjoy it like we used to with lots of family and friends, there will always be next year. That is unless we let out guard down and contract COVID-19. Then we may not be having anymore Thanksgivings, or Christmas, or any other family gatherings. So, keep up the fight. Stay vigilant. That is what it is going to take. And remember 90 year old Clint Eastwood's philosophy... "Don't let the old man it."

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

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

Absent: Directors Vince Rucubo, Dennis Imhoff and Gary Goodman. Dennis Imhoff (Merchandise).

Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club), Gary Del Nero (Sunshine), Don Reed (Thurs. Golf) Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing) John Reedy (Golf) Bill Stires (Travel)

Guests: Area Governor, Richard Provost

Call to Order: Big SIR Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M. via Zoom. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Sept. 25 Minutes were offered for modification: MOTION to accept Sept. 25 Minutes: - Rowe, Stackhouse-PASSED

Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported the Beginning Balance was \$4417.27. Expenditures: \$280- SIR 4th quarter assessment, \$ 9.67 - Doug Imberi for a picture frame. Ending Balance: \$4,127.60. MOTION to accept: Anglim, -2nd Stackhouse-PASSED

Big SIR: 1. Doug discussed the SIR State "Plan for Opening" document to deal with proce-

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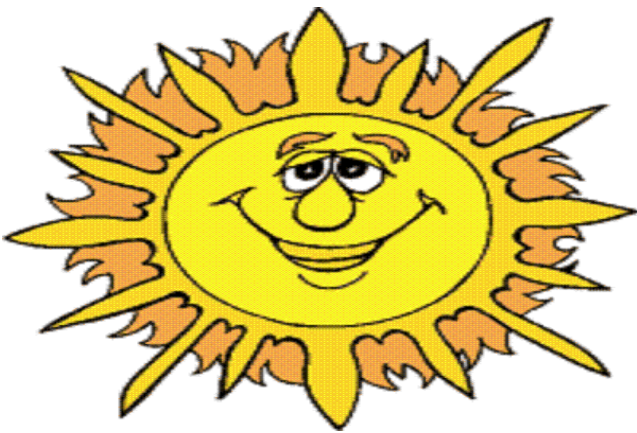


ALL SIR EVENTS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM STATE SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD

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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.



Sunshine

By Gary Del Nero

I talked with Michael Lenz and he is doing very extensive rehab. Going to be a long road with our thoughts and prayers with him. Also talked with Larry Maxfield. He is going through treatments from cancer and our thoughts and prayers are also with him. If anyone has info from the Sunshine area please let me know. Have a great holiday or as best we can under the circumstances. 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 pigeon... well you get the message.

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

Travel

By Bill Stires

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State SIR Guidance Regarding SIR-Sponsored Luncheons, Activities and Events

Fellow SIR Leaders,

On March 16, 2020, the California Department of Public Health released guidance on the prevention of COVID-19 transmission. The Department found that all non-essential gatherings should be postponed or canceled until further notice.

On October 9, the Department updated its guidance to allow limited, outdoor social gatherings of no more than three households for duration of under two hours. This new guidance effectively prohibits SIR-sponsored meetings, activities and events. The new guidance applies to all California counties, regardless of their current risk classification or risk tier. State regulation is of a higher tier than County or City, and must be obeyed.

It is, therefore, the directive of the SIR Executive Committee, based upon the current California Department of Public Health requirements, that there will be no in-person SIR-sponsored meetings, luncheons, or events of any kind until further direction is received from SIR State Executive leadership.

For the purposes of this directive, a meeting or event shall be considered SIR-sponsored unless it is organized and sponsored by an identifiable third party. Should the sponsoring third party sponsor a private activity, luncheon or event, it is important to note that it too must comply with all California and applicable county directives. Of course, since the private activity, luncheon or event is not approved by SIR or any SIR-affiliated organization, it would not be covered by SIR insurance.

This directive is disheartening to all of us, but SIR must obey the law. Of course, branches are encouraged to utilize non-traditional techniques such as ZOOM to conduct meetings and activities remotely and to remain in close contact with their members via ZOOM, telephone, email and bulletins.

The State Executive Committee also directs all Branches to immediately rescind any previous in-person activity, luncheon or event approvals previously granted, and, make their members aware of this State Regulation through Branch-wide emails, bulletins or other means.

As my term as President ends, I wish I had better news for you. It appears, however, that effective vaccines may be on the horizon. With your help, SIR will overcome these setbacks. Please engage your members through non-traditional means and prepare for the future when COVID-19 is finally behind us and a degree of normalcy returns.

Best regards, and stay safe,

Ed Benson, SIR State President

There will be NO General Member ZOOM Meeting in the month of November. The next General Membership ZOOM Meeting will be on December 9, 2020.



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

Paul Bender	11/08/1936	#59
Bud Ingebretsen	11/11/1931	#80
Jerry Hott	11/17/1945	#105
Ernie Garza	11/18/1946	#188
Mark Doniak	11/27/1957	#175
Rick Rariden	11/29/1949	#73

ALL SIR EVENTS CANCELLED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

FROM STATE SIR

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Membership

NEW MEMBERS:

No new members this month.

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.

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Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
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Gary Goodman578-0848
Gary Del Nero 681-1100
Dennis Imhoff846-9529
Don Reed524-5374
Mike Filan491-2555

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Membership Bob Kredit.....672-0326
Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219
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Golf Chair, John Reedy,869-6888
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Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott602-2910
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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, and
Dennis Imhoff.

Honorary Life Members: Bill Caldwell, Lon Loudermilk
and Don Reed

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EXECUTIVE ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be no Executive
Committee Meeting in the
month of November.

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dures for opening in the future. Richard Provost said this document was a compilation of our document and Turlock's branch's document.2. Doug brought the idea of a recruiting team. Don Rowe, Tom Evans and Doug said they would work on it. 3. When we open, we will need to have members report if they are coming to the luncheon or not. How we will do this will be further discussed.

Little SIR: No report.

Membership: Bob Kredit reported that now have 161 members. We lost long-time member, Barry Meiselman, and Vince Rucobo, who resigned.

Luncheon: NA.

Correspondence: Vince Rucobo resigned from being a Director and member. The Branch will look for another Director.

Program: Our speaker for Wed.'s meeting from The Graffiti was good. Our speakers for Dec. are the Golf Pros, Kelly and Larry at Creekside. Jan., our Big SIR Doug will give that State of Branch 103 address. For Feb., Paul Schwartzbart, a Holocaust survivor, will tell about his experiences. A discussion about what we give speakers, certificates. Branch 103 coffee mugs came up as a more useable. Motion: Purchase Branch 103 coffee mugs to give to our speakers. Rowe, 2nd Chin-PASSED

Sunshine. Gary Del Nero reported on Wednesday that Mike Lenz was improving.

Health and Safety: Kerry reported that Stanislaus County's rates are increasing with Covid 19. We may be moving back to Purple Stage.

Golf: NA

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

Thursday golf: Don Reed and Bob Kredit reported that they had 42 players yesterday. They also said players were coming on time and following the rules better.

Bowling: NA.

Merchandising: NA.

Data Processing: NA.

Travel: NA.

Computer: NA.

Dine Out: NA.

Old Business: 1. Motion: Purchase the computer from the Golf Committee for \$250. Rowe, 2nd Reed PASS 2. Our Board of Directors meeting will return to 10A.M.

New Business: none

Adjournment: 4:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Rowe

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