

# The Town Crower

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## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to providing SOCIAL ACTIVITIES for all MEN

### Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

Well, folks, things are starting to look up. The vaccine is here and I encourage you all to get it. Not only will it help us individually, but collectively. If all SIRs get the vaccine it would be a plus for us resuming our activities. While county officials have the ultimate authority on how and when we can reopen, vaccinations can sure help us reopen. We also have a new State SIR President, Stu Williams, whose motto is "Immune in June" and he is pushing to get us out and active.

The SIRs State Board of Directors has just approved the opening of SIR golf tournaments with strict protocols. Now the task of getting the golf courses on board and working out the logistics is the challenge facing our new Area 18 golf chairman, Jerry Strain. So maybe, just maybe, we will be out for our Monday morning golf tournaments in the new normal when the weather warms up.

Some SIR branches will not survive the pandemic because their membership lacks people who are willing to do their part to perpetuate SIRs. They want to play golf and go to luncheons, but nothing else. We cannot exist with that type of mentality. We need leaders to provide the framework and structure for our organization to exist

## 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:** Don Reed, Mike Filan, Gary Del Nero, Dennis Imhoff, and Kerry Newman. **Absent:** Director Gary Goodman and John Reedy (Golf) **Committee Representatives present:** Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club), Dennis Imhoff (Merchandise), Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing) and Bill Stires (Travel.)

**Guests:** SIR Vice President, Rick Kindle, Area Governor, Richard Provost, Paul Bender

**Call to Order:** Big SIR Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 11:12 A.M. via Zoom. There were 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

**Reports:** Secretary: Dec. 9 Minutes were offered for modification: MOTION to accept Dec. 9 Minutes: - Rowe, Reed-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer: No Activity. MOTION: Approve the Oct. 30 and Dec. 9 Treasurer's report-Anglim, 2nd Barnard PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Big SIR: 1. Big Sir Doug suggested giving mugs with SIR label with Branch 103 to our speakers. Dennis Imhoff researched the costs and said if we order 50 or more, the expense is \$5 or less. We also had discussion on perhaps using them for birthday prizes instead of hats. MOTION: Purchase 50 mugs with SIR label and Branch 103- Chin 2nd Rowe PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 2. We talked about having cards with SIR information that we could display at SIR events, such as bowling, golf tournaments, Dine Out, etc. 3. We also discussed having cards that we



Big Sir Doug Imberi

## February Program

By Tom Evans

Paul Schwarzbart will be the speaker. He was the subject of the documentary, **Shattered Dreams— A Child of the Holocaust**. At 10 years old, he was taken from his family and hidden during WWII. He has published his autobiography, **BREAKING THE SILENCE Reminiscences of a Hidden Child**. Paul is actively engaged in Holocaust education in California and Nevada schools and colleges.

# ZOOM MEETING

Branch 103 General Membership/BEC  
Meeting

February 24, 2021 10:00 am –12:30  
pm

Meeting ID 863 7659 5838  
Password 163214



Larry Owens	02/04/1943	#129
Mike Alves	02/09/1948	#50
Steve Holly	02/19/1945	#21
Don Rowe	02/19/1949	#216
Gilbert Moss	02/20/1943	#31
Earl Glenn	02/21/1942	#126
Doug Imberi	02/22/1950	#7
Roger Smith	02/23/1952	#180

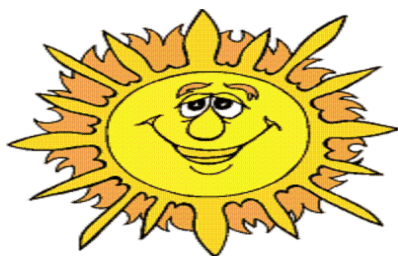
## SIR Branch 103 Leadership Opportunities Available

HELP! We are in search for members who want to contribute to what happens here in Branch 103. Do you want to help, but don't know where to begin? The BEC is setting up a leadership program where individuals can learn how to conduct business, how to make decisions on what is going on, how to pay bills, menu decisions, plan activities for the branch, and how to create a newsletter. Please let Doug or anyone else on the BEC that you are interested.



Sunshine report two parts: Part 1 Jerry North having a medical procedure and we wish him a speedy recovery, card sent on behalf of SIRs, Johnny Taylor had a medical procedure and is getting along well, he said no golf til sometime in April again we wish him well (I called and had a great talk with Mr. Taylor ). Part 2 if anyone inter-

ested in assist me in the sunshine area let me know. I have been-at this position for 6 years, been fun and at times stressful. Always being politically and very emotionally correct can be trying at times but in the end rewarding personally. I put in the mail about two get well cards and some sympathy cards each month. If anyone interested please give me email or call Gary Del Nero.



## Touching the Future

Have you made all the preparations for when the time comes for your death? Do you have a will? American Red Cross has developed a guide and workbook to help and guide you through this procedure. The guide, **Touching the Future**, is free and can be downloaded at: [www.redcrosslegacy.org/workbook](http://www.redcrosslegacy.org/workbook). This resource will allow you to save your personal information in one place, make future edits when needed and print multiple copies to share with your attorney and family members.

## SIR Back to Golf Protocol During COVID-19 Pandemic

State SIR has developed a protocol to create safe playing opportunities for our members. This protocol must be reviewed and accepted by the Branch BEC and Golf Chairs prior to any golf event being held. This protocol can be viewed at the state SIR website. More information will be provided after the BEC reviews and accepts this information.



# Travel

By Bill Stires

## 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, Asheville, and Nashville. Tour features included: Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville., 8-day guided tour with tour manager, guided tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby, 9 nights first class accommodations, 12 meals. Gratuities on all included features, bus driver and tour guide. Price: \$3,895 per person, double occupancy, \$4,893, single occupancy. \$550 per person deposit required to hold space. \$850 per person deposit required after May 20, 2021. Space is limited and sold on first come basis only. Final Payment due June 1, 2021.

## Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel May 12-19, 2022

Trip highlights: airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit, gratuities for tour manager and bus driver, spend one night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city, attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (music parade), spend two nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Mackinac Island, tour Mackinaw Island via a horse-drawn carriage, take the River Rouge Ford Factory tour, \$40 in Mayflower Money. Price: \$3,565 per person, double occupancy, \$4,715 single. Price is based on a discount group airfare of \$249 roundtrip (expires March 31, 2021). As this trip was cancelled last year, it will fill up fast. The airfare could go up as much as \$500 or more.

## Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California

**July 25-28, 2021**

Trip includes: Round trip airfare, deluxe motorcoach transportation, 3-night stay at 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 Juna Capistrano, admission into the Sawdust Festival, dinner at Terra Laguna Beach, reserved main tier center seats for Pageant of the Masters "Made in America" theme, guided tour of Los Angeles, admission to the Space Shuttle Endeavour exhibit, 5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners, all taxes for features, all gratuities for bus driver and guides. Price: \$1,995 double, \$2,490 single. Deposit of \$500 to hold spot. Final payment due May 1, 2021. Early reservation is urged to insure main tier center seating.

**If interested in any trips, call Bill Stires at home phone 209-544-2684, cell phone 209 988-5445, or email [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com) to receive a reservation form. Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.**

**Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammergau and the Passion Play is postponed until August 27 – September 7,**

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Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero .....681-1100

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Raffle .....Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner, Mike Filan  
Table Setup, Don Rowe .....634-0100  
Table Setup, Bill Caldwell .....529-4125  
Table Setup, Jim Bickner .....522-4345  
Lead Singer, Ed Davis .....522-4080  
Backup Singer, Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Kerry Elms  
Nominating Committee: Gary Goodman, Dennis Imhoff

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

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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could give to people we encounter so they could get a free lunch at our next luncheon as a recruiting tool. Items 2 and 3 will be further discussed when we are closer to having luncheons.

Little SIR: Jeff said that he will try to contact the Elks Club about re-opening.

Membership: Bob Kredit reported that we began 2020 with 158 members, added 6, lost 6. We begin 2021 with 158 members.

Program: Our Big SIR Doug gave the State of Branch 103 address very well. For Feb. Paul Schwartzbart, a Holocaust survivor, will speak to us about his experiences during WWII. After the Modesto Mayoral election, Tom will try to get the elected Mayor to address us. Tom asked if anyone had ideas on presentations we could get. VP Kindel offered to send Tom some ideas. Tom also will investigate possible presentations that are on U-Tube.

Sunshine. Gary Del Nero reported that Jim Waterman had a heart procedure. Bob Kredit said that Jerry North also had a heart bypass.

Health and Safety: Kerry reported that the Covid 19 vaccine was available at Modesto Plaza and Stanislaus State. He said that he was in line for about an hour and a half at Modesto Plaza on one day and the same the next for his wife. We discussed having information for members in the Newsletter.

Golf: Area 18 Golf Chairman resigned. Jerry Strain said that he would replace him. Mike Filan has resigned the tournament scheduling and results postings. WE NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP FOR THIS JOB!

Newsletter: Jeff asked about reporting a service the Red Cross is providing on how to do wills. The Board concurred.

Travel: Bill told us he is booking 3 trips; hopefully starting in July.

Old Business: 1. MOTION: Approve the following Area 18 activities for 2021: luncheons, golf, bowling, dine out, investment group. Schedules will be developed as we re-open. Chin, 2nd Stackhouse- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. The Nominating Committee, Dennis Imhoff, Gary Goodman and Mike Filan, was asked to seek members who want to do more for our Branch. Many of our Officers and Directors have served several years. We are looking for members willing to serve as Officers and Directors.

Jeff will also write an article in the newsletter also about this.

3. VP Rick told us about Constant Contact, a program that send emails and can see if they are opened or not. The Board will discuss this further.

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Don Rowe

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