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Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

We got some great news last week from Branch 103 Golf Czar John Reedy. He said that we might be having SIRs golf tournaments as soon as April. However, right now, Manteca is the only golf course that will allow us to have a shotgun start. There is still a lot to do, but things are looking good for a change.

Without John's work on our golf outings, we would not be playing. What I'm getting at is we need people to help out in all that we do. Our organization does not run by itself. We are a volunteer organization and right now we need volunteers to make sure our members lives are being enriched through activities and events. Most of the people that make our organization run have been at it for many years and need a break. If you look at the backpage of the newsletter you'll see a list of officers and chairman who would like to take a break, so we need replacements. It is not healthy for an organization to continue running with the same people, same ideas, and same energy level year after year. I need your help. I need you to do your part to help our club function. Don't worry about getting thrown in the fire without any training. You can learn from who is ever doing the job now and see if it is something you would like. This is absolutely necessary for SIRs to exist. Please let me know if you can help. You can reach me at 209-596-1298 or dimberi@att.net



Big Sir Doug Imberi

March Program

By Tom Evans

Vintner Michael Mondavi talks about the history of his family and Napa Valley wines at the SIR Branch 35 virtual meeting in December. This video was produced by a member of Branch 35 who was a college roommate of Michael Mondavi at Santa Clara.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

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

Absent: Treasurer, Tim Anglim, Directors Gary Goodman and Mike Filan, Bill Stires (travel)

Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club), Dennis Imhoff (Merchandise), Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing) and John Reedy (Golf)

Guests: Governor, Richard Provost

Call to Order: Big SIR Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M. via Zoom. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Jan. 27 Minutes were offered for modification: MOTION to accept Jan. 27 Minutes: - Rowe, Chin-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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ZOOM MEETING

Branch 103 General Membership/BEC
Meeting

March 24, 2021 10:00 am –12:30 pm

Meeting ID 863 7659 5838
Password 163214

Breaking the Silence

Our speaker for last month's meeting, Paul Schwarzbart, was outstanding. His autobiography, BREAKING THE SILENCE Reminiscences of a Hidden Child, can be purchased from Mr. Schwarzbart. Send him a check for \$25.00 to Paul Schwarzbart, 129 Wimbledon Way, San Rafael, CA 94901. He will autograph your copy of his book.

Mr. Schwarzbart also sent a video about Omaha Beach that illustrates the true spirit of America. Please view this video, and then pass it on to all of your friends. <https://pinearts.smugmug.com/The-Boy-on-the-Beach-Omaha-Beach-2014/i-vPVMh5F/A>
Copy and paste the website to view the video.

SIR Branch 103 Leadership

Opportunities Available

Treasurer Secretary

Little Sir Director

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.



Chuck Bommarito	03/01/1932	#12
Robert McManus	03/01/1951	#206
Bob McDonough	03/06/1950	#202
David Seibert	03/08/1951	#49
Dave Prater	03/11/1947	#128
Mike Maldonado	03/11/1950	#8
Roy Bruk	03/13/1941	#166
Larry Walters	03/17/1942	#26
David Cooper	03/19/1943	#156
Mark Vasche	03/20/1948	#62
Tom Gianopoulos	03/21/1940	#203
Vernon Cowan	03/23/1939	#64
Robert McCabe	03/23/1940	#16
Stephen Gibson	03/23/1948	#61
Don Bak	03/25/1948	#47
Charles Palmer	03/26/1937	#167
Ed Guida	03/27/1954	#81
Mike Lenz	03/27/1957	#3

COVID19 VACCINE

APPOINTMENT OPTIONS

There are multiple options for getting an appointment for a COVID19 vaccine.

1. Stanislaus County Health Department
schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine/
2. Veterans Administration-call VA medical outpatient clinic to set up appointment.
3. Pharmacies-Walgreens and CVS-call to set up appointment
4. Kaiser Permanente-will contact eligible patients to schedule appointment
5. Sutter Health- call 844-987-6115 to make an appointment

Travel

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.

By Bill Stires

Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California

July 25-28, 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION NEED FOR TRIP

Private bus for our group will be provided

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 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, 2022.

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 and Don Reed

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Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Treasurer: No Activity.

Big SIR: 1. Big Sir Doug opened a discussion on dues when we are able to be back with luncheons. We will discuss this at a further time.

Little SIR: 1. Jeff reported that he attended the State Sir meeting concerning diversity. 2. Jeff also reported that we now are called a "Social group for men who are retired". 3. He also said that he has not been able to contact the Elks Club about re-opening.

Membership: Bob Kredit reported no change in membership; we have 158 members.

Luncheon: NA

Correspondence: NA

Program: Our Feb. speaker, Paul Schwartzbart, gave a moving depiction of his life as a Holocaust survivor. It was truly memorable. For March, we will watch a U-Tube presentation on Robert Mondavi.

Sunshine. Gary Del Nero reported that Jerry North and John Taylor are doing better. He will be contacting Dick Kirshner about his health concerns.

Health and Safety: Kerry reported that things are about the same; the COVID19 vaccine was available at Modesto Plaza and Stanislaus State.

Golf: John Reedy reported that there is a chance that Area 18 golf might begin in April. Jerry Strain said that Manteca would do a shotgun start. There would be 2 per cart. Members can bring partitions if they chose. Jay Hoss has volunteered to take over scheduling and reporting results. He will try to keep the same foursomes each week to start. Payment must be by check, to John Reedy. **HE MUST HAVE IT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT. NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE TOURNAMENT. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO JUST SHOW UP AND PLAY. A dropbox will be used to put in your scorecards.**

Newsletter: Jeff said that he only has to mail 10 newsletters. The newsletter is going fine.

Bowling: NA.

Merchandising: Dennis will continue to investigate getting coffee mugs for prizes and gifts to speakers.

Data Processing: NA

Travel: NA

Computer: NA

Dine Out: NA

Old Business: Discussion about our nomination process. To be continued.

New Business: Jeff discussed the need to encourage diversity among our members. He will look at the membership form to help identify the diversity of our members.

Adjournment: 12:01 P.M.

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