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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

Things are really looking good for us. We will have our first in-person meeting this month at the Golden Corral on McHenry. This is the start of what I hope will be many more and we can return to some degree of normalcy. If you have not already signed up for the lunch, shoot Jeff Chin an email and let him know you are coming. And remember you have to bring your proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test within the past 72 hours. If you have not yet got your shot, please do so. It will make a lot more of us feel comfortable at our golf tournaments.

I have not heard from one person willing to step up and help us with the administrative portion of the club. We need new people to help run the branch. Obviously there are quite a few of you out there that do not want to help us run things. But we cannot go on like this. We need people to plan and operate our organization. Those who are doing it now have been doing it for a long time and had it not been for their efforts we would not be playing golf or bowling. So please, take a look at the back page where the officers and committee chairmen are listed and see if you can find time to help us in any of these areas. We cannot continue to exist if we don't have people who can help out in these areas. We are not talking about a lot of time we are asking you to put in. It takes very little time to do any of these functions. So please, do your part to keep Branch 103 keep going and volunteer.



Big Sir Doug Imberi

June Program

By Tom Evans

There will be no speaker at our June meeting at the Golden Corral, 3737 Mc Henry Ave., Modesto. The meeting will begin at 11:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Party Room, which will be closed off to the public. Each individual will pay for their lunch and drink when entering the restaurant. Masks and gloves(provided) will be worn while you serve yourself. There will be waivers there if you haven't signed one yet.

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, Gary Del Nero, Dennis Imhoff, and Kerry Newman, and Gary Goodman.
Absent: Director: Mike Filan, John Reedy (Golf) and Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing)
Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club), Dennis Imhoff (Merchandise), and Bill Stires (travel)
Guests: Governor, Richard Provost
Call to Order: Big SIR Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 11:06 A.M. via Zoom. There were 12 Executive Board members present for a quorum.
Reports:
Secretary: Apr. 28 Minutes were offered for modification: MOTION to accept Jan. 27 Minutes: - Rowe, Chin-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Treasurer: Tim Anglim reported that the beginning balance was \$3,601.10. Receipts: \$240.00-dues, \$25.00-donations. Total receipts- \$265.00. No checks were written. Ending balance is \$3,866.10. MOTION to accept the Treasurer's report: Anglim, 2nd Reed- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Tim said the idea of using credit cards for luncheon payments will not be done. He also reported that 24 members have paid their \$10 dues.
Big SIR: 1. Big Sir Doug opened a discussion on the State SIR Leadership Meeting last week. The discussion centered on forms and the importance of the Nominating Committee. The Committee should be active all year long searching for members who would be able to become

GOLF

By John Reedy



Here is the information about the golf restart. The schedule is below. All payments for golf must be made by 6:00 PM Wednesday before the Monday Tournament. There will be NO payments at the golf course. Mail all checks to John Reedy, 4637 Webster Road, Oakdale, CA 95361-9327. Make all checks to SIRs Golf. Write on the bottom of the check the date of the tournament and the course.

If you want to ride/play with somebody, please let us know, give us all the information (ride, walk, play with/ride, etc.)

The courses where it says Cart Optional, you must pay for the golf fees and the cart fees at the same time with the mailed check.

No cart fees paid at the course. Example: Creekside-\$33 plus cart fees-\$48 total check. If you have a punch card, then \$9 plus cart fee-\$24.

May	3	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$24	\$9	\$33	Carts Optional \$15
	10	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Swenson	\$20	\$9	\$29	Carts Optional \$15
	17	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$36	\$9	\$45	Carts Included
	24	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional \$15
Jun	1	Tue	8:00 SG	144	Tracy CC	\$45	\$9	\$54	Carts Included
	7	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$36	\$9	\$45	Carts Included
TQ	14	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Creekside (TQ)	\$24	\$9	\$33	Carts Optional @\$15
	21	Mon	8:00 SG	103	The Reserve	\$53	\$9	\$62	Carts Included
	28	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Atwater	\$42	\$9	\$51	Carts Included
Jul	6	Tue	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional \$15
	12	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$36	\$9	\$45	Carts Included
	19	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
	26	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Swenson (IQ)	\$20	\$9	\$29	Carts Optional \$15

Muni-Creekside Golf

Muni-Creekside Golf is an activity that was created by Bob Kredit and Don Reed. This is **not** a SIR sponsored event. This is a weekly event held at Creekside Golf Course on Thursday mornings. Tee times are first come, first serve, and requests must be made by email or message to Bob Kredit at 12:00 am the Thursday previous to the golf tee time. You must have a tee time before coming to the course. Masks are required inside the building and recommended while on the course. Each player must check-in with Bob inside or outside the Grill before checking in with the course. Each player will have their temperature recorded by Bob at check-in. Temps over 100.4 will not play. Bob will also collect your \$3.00. Course rules are in effect. Do not touch the flag. 2 players are allowed to ride in the same cart. No rakes in the bunkers. No 5somes are allowed. At the end of 9 holes, you must turn in your card to Don inside or outside the Grill with 2 signatures. If you play 18, keep a separate card for the back nine. You are responsible to post your own back nine score. Closest To The Hole will be #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-outs will be the next time we see you. As for play, we can have 48 players with 12 tee times thanks to Larry for working with us.l

SIR EVENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

Branch Name: _____

Branch Number: _____

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the general unavailability of insurance to cover liability related to that matter, the SIR branch listed above ("Branch") is requiring members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, and spouses/significant others attending events sponsored by the Branch or by Sons in Retirement, Incorporated ("State Sir") to agree to the following:

1. In attending activities sponsored by the Branch or State SIR, the undersigned agrees to comply with mask, social distancing, and other Covid-19 protocols required by applicable government bodies, the Branch, State SIR, and the applicable venue. Failure to do so will result in the attendee being asked to leave the event.
2. Regardless of adherence to mandated protocols, requirements, recommendations, and vaccinations, the undersigned acknowledges that there is a risk of Covid-19 exposure whenever an individual enters a public space, a building with other people, or a group of other individuals.
3. Knowing the foregoing risk, the undersigned assumes the risk of Covid-19 exposure and accepts sole responsibility for any exposure to Covid-19 and resulting health conditions that may occur due to attendance at a Branch or State SIR event.
4. The undersigned hereby releases and holds harmless the Branch, State SIR, and their respective officers, directors, and members from any and all responsibility for illness, death, or other losses arising from exposure to Covid-19 at a Branch or State SIR event.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTANDS THE RISKS POSED BY COVID-19, AND SIGNS THE WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.

Attendee's Name (print): _____

Attendee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Once you sign this document, it is valid for all future Branch and or State activities.

Branch 103 General Membership/BEC Meeting

June 23, 2021 11:00 am –1:00 pm
Golden Corral Buffet & Grill
3737 Mc Henry Ave.



Don Stevenson	6/02/1950	#41
George Dunham	6/03/1950	#71
John Murray	6/05/1952	#18
Dennis Hermreck	6/05/1956	#53
Darwin Skiles	6/06/1937	#100
Martin Fauria	6/18/1958	#4
Pete Maxim	6/19/1943	#19
Bill Axtell	6/26/1947	#90

LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will on June 24, 2021 at The Fruit Yard Restaurant, 7948 Yosemite Blvd., at 11:30 am. All SIR wives/significant others are invited to attend. No reservation is required, however, all will be required to provide a copy of their vaccination card.



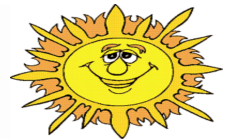
Bowling

SIR AND CLASSY LADIES LEAGUES

Dust off those bowling balls and get ready for winter leagues starting in August. Both leagues will return to Mc Henry Bowl with the same times on Tuesday afternoons. The leagues are tentatively set to begin with a meeting on August 3, with practice after the meeting. The leagues should start on August 10, 2021. All bowlers will have to provide vaccination proof and sign an activity waiver. Definite information with dates and times will be in next month's newsletter. Mc Henry Bowl is now open for practice. Summer leagues have begun and have open spots. If you bowl in any summer league, you will receive a pass to bowl 3 free games daily through the summer. The leagues are non-sanctioned, so there is no need to pay any membership fee to bowl. Call Mc Henry Bowl at 571-2695 to get on a summer league

Note: Remember your \$10 Branch 103 Membership dues for 2021. Must be paid by August meeting to participate in any SIR activity. Write check to SIR 103

Sunshine



By Gary Del Nero

Jim Bickner had some skin cancer and had surgery during an office visit. All is going well. We lost Jim Cloward last month, a card sent to family with our condolences. On a positive note, hope to see a lot of you this month at our meeting. Awesome get to meet in person again. Please keep me informed of any changes to someone's health, a passing, etc. Please let me know for our sunshine area. Always pleased to let someone know that we are concerned and care about them via our SIR's 103



Travel

By Bill Stires

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play August 27-September 7, 2022

Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only) Airfare will be added in October 2021. Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation by June 15, 2021. This trip was cancelled in 2020, and there are only 10 spots left for our group. We will not receive any more after June 15, 2021. Highlights:

- 2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland**
- 1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland**
- 2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland**
- 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland**
- 2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play**
- 2 night stay in Munich, Germany**

Contact Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 if interested in this trip.

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.

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

Price: \$3,895 per person, double occupancy,
\$5,375 single. Deposit \$650 per person

Final payment January 10, 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. As this trip was cancelled last year, it will fill up fast.

Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California July 25-28, 2021

Price: \$1,995 Double, \$2,490 Single.

Total payment with reservation form.

COVID-19 VACCINATION NEEDED FOR TRIP

Private bus for our group will be provided

Trip is still available for other passengers

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. **Early reservation is urged to insure main tier center seating.**

Trip to Louisville to Nashville September 16-24, 2021

Price: \$3,995 per person, double occupancy
\$5,093, single occupancy.

Pay in Full by June 15, 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: 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. **Space is limited and sold on first come basis only.**

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 and Don Reed

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Officers or Committee chairs or assistant chairs.

Little SIR: Jeff told the Board that he has contacted the Golden Coral about the possibility of having our June meeting in their meeting room. Discussion was had. Members would purchase their own lunches and drink..Motion: Have the June 23rd meeting at Golden Coral if we get at last 30 members saying they will attend at 11:00 A.M. We will not have a speaker- Barnard,2nd Stackhouse- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

He has tried to contact the Elks Club to no avail.

Membership: Bob Kredit reported that we lost a member, Gene Guerro, has passed away. We have 157 members

Luncheon: NA

Correspondence: NA

Program: Our May speaker was Jim North. He is a Civil War history buff and spoke about how the Civil War was fought in California and other Western states. It was fascinating presentation. No speaker next month.

Sunshine. Gary Del Nero reported that Bob Kredit is having some medical test. Joe Stackhouse had hand surgery and is now doing well. Jim Biickner is having skin cancer surgery. As already mentioned, Gene Guerro died. Gary also said that he has lost his brother. Health and Safety: 1. Kerry reported that Stanislaus County remains in the Red Tier. Only about 30% have been vaccinated. He said that the Governor has said that the State will open up on June 15.2. SIR Protocols state that members attending meetings will have to show their vaccination card or have a Covid 19 negative test result given within 3 days of the meeting. So far, Branch 103, 135 members have been vaccinated, 4 said they wouldn't. Kerry said that he hasn't been able to get a response from the rest.

Golf: Don Reed and Bob Kredit brought a request to allow the Thursday Golf at Creekside become a Banch activity. Discussion was had. Motion: That Branch 103 recognizes the Thursday Golf at Creekside is a Branch activity-Rowe, 2nd Imhoff- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Newsletter: Jeff said it is going well. "just trying to keep up!"

Bowling: Jeff reported that McHenry bowling is open. Non-sanctioned leagues are available to join. If you are on a league, bowling during the week is free for practicing. Sir Bowling will probably begin in Aug. as usual.

Merchandising: Dennis ordered the coffee mugs. Otherwise, sales are down. He also looked into getting the free lunch cards. State Sir has them available and he was directed to purchase 100 cards for \$20.00.

Data Processing: Richard would like someone to take over as web master.

Travel: Bill said the Laguna Arts festival is still on, July 25-28. You must be vaccinated or have a covid 19 negative test. In Sept., a trip to Louisville and Nashville is planned. Vaccine Protocols also in place. A Switzerland, Austria, and Germany trip is planned for 2022. Another 2022 is the Holland Tulip Festival. He is not sure what protocols will be in place then.

Computer NA

Dine Out: NA

Other: Ladies dine-out will begin tomorrow at Marie Callender's.

Old Business

New Business: We need to develop a master list that shows the following: who is vaccinated, dues paid, waivers, and accepted protocols.

Adjournment: 12:07 P.M

SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

All trips and other activities arranged by and for SONS IN RETIREMENT, Inc., and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the passengers, or their property, in any matter pertaining to said tours or other activities. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings shall be notified by Form Letter 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to the attendance



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