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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

Hey what happened to you guys at the October monthly meeting? In September we had about 70 at the luncheon and last month we only 50. Come on, we got to do better than that. We need to get bigger not smaller. So mark the calendar for November 17 for the next meeting. That is not a typo. We are meeting on the third Wednesday in November and December because of the holidays. And please go to our website www.sirinc2.org/branch103 and RSVP. We need to give The Seasons a head count by the Friday before the meetings.

In December you can bring your spouse or partner to the lunch for free. But you have to purchase your tickets at the November meeting. I screwed up and didn't ask Bill Caldwell to sell tickets and consequently things were messed up.

When you joined SIRs we asked four things of you.

1. Be friendly and sociable, which 99% of you are.
2. Participate in our activities, luncheons and events, no problem there.
3. Volunteer when asked, this one we need to work on. We have shortage of leaders to run the organization. We need your help. Right now we have no back up for our Treasurer. If something happens to Joe Stackhouse and he can't make it to a luncheon we will have to cancel our meeting because we

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Big Sir Doug Imberi

November Program

By Tom Evans

Our speaker for the November Luncheon will be Stanislaus County Sheriff Jeff Dirkse. He was born in Southern California and raised in Denair. He graduated from Turlock High School in 1990 and graduated from West Point in 1994. He served in the US Army.

He began his career in law enforcement in 2007 with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2013 and Lieutenant in 2015. He was sworn into office as Sheriff-Coroner on January 7, 2019.

Executive Committee

By Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard (First Draft)

ATTENDANCE: Little SIR, Jeff Chin: assistant secretary: Coe Barnard, assistant treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Directors: Don Reed, Gary Goodman, Dennis Imhoff;
Absent: Big SIR, Doug Imberi, secretary, Don Rowe, Directors: Kerry Newman Mike Filan, Gary Del Nero

Committee Members present: Tom Evans (program), Jeff Chin (newsletter & computer club).

Guests: Governor Richard Provest

CALL TO ORDER: Little SIR Jeff Chin called the meeting to order @ 7:40 am at Denys. There were 6 Executive Board members present, not enough for a quorum. Little SIR Jeff Chin said that since a quorum was not present, this meeting was for information only.

REPORTS:

Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard offered the minutes of September 24, 2021 for modification. Motion to accept. Joe Stackhouse seconded. Passed for board approval at next board meeting.

Assistant Treasurer offered the October 29 report for information only, as no action could be taken. It will be voted on at the next BEC meeting.

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GOLF

By John Reedy



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

- Mon. Nov. 15-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt.\$15)
Host 144
- Mon. Nov. 22-Manteca, 9:00, \$45 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Nov. 29-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart. Opt.\$15)
Host 103
- Mon. Dec. 6-Micke Grove, 9:00, \$45 (cart incl.)
Host 164
- Mon. Dec. 13-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt.\$15)
Host 103
- Mon. Dec. 20-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt.\$15)
Host 144

Muni-Creekside Golf

Muni-Creekside Golf is an activity that was created by Bob Kredit and Don Reed. This is now 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 9:00 pm the prior Wednesday to the golf tee time. You must have a tee time before coming to the course.



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Results from week 10 of league:

First Place-Team4 (F.Bistodeau, J.Faria, J. Santillano, B. Abujen) **Season High Scores:** Scratch game: J. Miceli-237, Handicap game: B. Lewis-272, Scratch series: B. Abujen-695, Handicap series: G.Cox-732

It is never too late to start bowling. We have bowlers well into their 80's and even their 90's. Meet bowlers from the four Branches of Sons In Retirement (Area 18).

The league is always looking for experienced or new bowlers. Come join in!

Travel

By Bill Stires

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play

August 27-September 7, 2022

There are only 2 spots left for our group.

Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only) Airfare will be added in October 2021. Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation. Highlights: **2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland.** Tour of city and leisure time on own.

1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland. A trip to the "top of Europe" with a panorama 360 degree experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy.

2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland. Visit a woodcarving museum, walk through the romantic Brunnigasse, once awarded the title, "Most Beautiful Street in Europe."

2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland. A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland.

2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play. The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau.

2 night stay in Munich, Germany. Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz. 17 meals, headsets throughout the tour, and much more.

Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel

May 12-19, 2022

Price: \$4,045 per person, double occupancy. Deposit \$650 per person

This trip is sold out and now there is a wait list.

Deposit will be charged when the trip opens back up.

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

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.

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

November 17, 2021
10:30 am –1:00 pm
The Seasons
945 Mc Henry Ave.
Modesto, CA



Big Sir Doug Imberi presenting Mayor Sue Zwahlen with a certificate after speaking at the October Luncheon.

Tickets for the December Luncheon must be purchased at the November Luncheon. No tickets will be sold at the December Luncheon. All tickets will be 2 for 1, meaning everyone will pay for the December Luncheon and receive an additional ticket for their significant other.

BIG SIR CROWS continued

won't have anyone to manage the money. We also need new blood to grow. We need new ideas and new energy. So if you want to see our branch continue, step up and help.

4. Bring guests so we can perpetuate the organization. We lost a bunch of members over the course of COVID, but we are gradually getting some new members. So let your friends know about SIRs and invite to our golf, bowling and luncheons



New Members Jim Long, Sonny Crim, and Thomas Pannier



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| Richard Provost | 11/02/1942 | #145 |
| Paul Bender | 11/08/1936 | #59 |
| Jerry Hott | 11/17/1945 | #105 |
| Ernie Garza | 11/18/1946 | #188 |
| Gene Fruechtenight | 11/23/1944 | #27 |
| Mark Doniak | 11/27/1957 | #175 |

STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Stu Williams..... 510 865-5000
 State Vice Pres. Richard Kindle ..209 652-8608
 Reg. 2 Dir. Dale Decker.....209 533-0455
 Gov. Area 18 Richard J. Provost..209 577-8219

BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Doug Imberi 596-1298
 Little Sir Jeffery Chin.....602-3912
 Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard 602-0661
 Treasurer Tim Anglim 578-4593
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
 Gary Goodman 578-0848
 Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Dennis Imhoff 846-9529
 Don Reed 524-5374
 Kerry Newman 579-7747
 Mike Filan491-2555

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Bob Kredit.....672-0326
 Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219
 Program Chair Tom Evans 551-1836
 Program Chair Asst. Jeff Chin.....602-3912
 Member Orientation, Richard Provost 222-1910
 Public Relations Bob Kredit672-0326
 Bowling Vern Masse544-1953
 Bowling Dominic Genova 523-1663
 Golf Chair, John Reedy,869-6888
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman 579-7747
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott602-2910
 Golf Handicap Barry Meiselman 574-9301
 Book Exchange, Earl Glenn537-7254
 Travel Area 18 Bill Stires 988-5445, 544-2684
 Merchandise Sales, Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 Lunch Menu, Doug Imberi596-1298
 Computer Club Jeffery Chin602-3912
 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero681-1100

Health & Safety, Kerry Newman.....579-7747
 Chaplain Joe Stackhouse543-0972
 Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman578-0848
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe634-0100
 Raffle Roy 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

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

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jeffery Chin.....602-3912

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Big SIR: NA

Little SIR: From the treasurer report a discussion was had regarding the "asset list". Gary Goodman and Richard Provost will take an inventory of what is still at the Elks Club. Jeff indicated that the best he remembered, mugs are for birthday and not for guests (i.e. not speaker) and for sale.

Jeff is hoping for a decision on future meetings (Elks or Seasons) at next BEC meeting in November.

Membership: Jeff Chin to review his membership numbers with Bob Kredit. Acceptance of new members will be on November agenda. Current membership is 122. We had 51 members at lunch plus 1 guest. This last month we had 10 activities, including 2 Monday golf outings, 4 Thursday golf outings and 4 bowling outings. Form 27 to be completed after action on new and reinstated members.

Luncheon: Lunch at Seasons was very good. 51 members attended plus one guest. We were honored to have Modesto Mayor, Sue Zwahlen as our speaker who shared interesting information as to her goals for the future of Modesto.

Program: Speaker for the November 17 meeting will be Sheriff Dirkse and in February, 2022 will be George Broodrooks. (More information later)

Sunshine: NA

Health and Safety: NA

Golf: NA

Bowling: NA

Merchandise: Purchasing from State SIR is a problem. They seem to be out of stock! Dennis is looking for a new vendor.

Data Processing: NA

Travel; NA

Computer: NA

Dine Out: NA

Old Business: November luncheon will be on November 17 and December luncheon on December 15. Announced at the September 24th BEC meeting.

New Business: NA

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 record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a twelve (12) month period.



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