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Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas, a truly special time of the year. I am thankful that everyone reading this has made it through this very difficult period and sad for all those who didn't make it ... may they rest in peace. This will be my last column as your Big Sir. My tenure has been anything but business as usual with all the complications that Covid 19 brought us. We were down for a while but we got up and running again thanks to the leadership involved ... officers, committee chairmen, and everyone else who made a contribution to our organization. Thank you all for your help and dedication to SIRs, without you we could not have done it.

If you enjoy SIRs, which you must since you are paying dues, share it with you friends. We have a great organization, great people and a few activities to get you out and about. There is a lot of potential to expand our activities, so if you have an idea, let's hear about it and make it happen.

Your new leader will be Jeff Chin, with assistance from Dick Nelson, the new Little Sir. Jeff has made a huge contribution to our organization with an unquenchable appetite to overcome whatever obstacle that we encountered. Thank you, Jeff for all that you do to make our organization better.



Big Sir Doug Imberi

Executive Committee

By Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard (First Draft)

Attendance: Little SIR Jeff Chin, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Directors: Kerry Newman, Don Reed, Mike Filan, Dennis Imhoff and Gary Goodman.

Absent: Big SIR Doug Imberi, Director Gary Del Nero, John Reedy (Golf) and Bill Stires (travel)

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

Guests: Governor, Richard Provost

Call to Order: Little SIR Jeff Chin, called the meeting to order at 8:01 A.M. at Denny's. There were 9 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Oct. 28 Minutes were offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Stackhouse-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer: Joe Stackhouse's Nov. 17 report showed the Beginning balance-\$4,167.59. Receipts: \$1,045.00- Lunch, less contribution portion -\$21.54 = \$1,023.46, dues, \$300.00, \$21.54 contributions from lunch, raffle, \$25.00. Total receipts- \$1997.00. Checks written- \$18.03 to Richard Provost, Dues envelopes and locks. Season's Catering-\$1042.07. Total deductions-\$1060.10. Ending balance is \$5,104.49. -Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd Filan-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: NA

December Program

By Tom Evans

Our December luncheon will be Ladies Day, a holiday celebration with our members and their significant others. We will enjoy a meal and time together.

There will be traditional activities such as drawings for gifts and prizes.

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. 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

NCGA renewal dues of \$48.00 must be paid in December for 2022. If you don't renew now, you will be dropped from the roster and will not be able to play SIR golf until paid.

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

Congratulations to Team 8 for winning the first third of the league.

Results of week 13:

First Place-Team7 (D.Reed, J.Togiatti, J.Bradley, J.Miceli) **Season High Scores:** Scratch game: B. Lewis-246,G.Cox-246, Handicap game:J.Kincanon-284, Scratch series: B.Abujen-695, Handicap series: J.Miceli-742

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

December 15, 2021

10:30 am –1:00 pm

The Seasons

945 Mc Henry Ave. Modesto, CA



Ted Bracht	12/02/1947	#36
Robert Sykes	12/14/1935	#89
John Lemos	12/23/1955	#17
Bob Hall	12/26/1945	#229
Sonny Crim	12/27/1952	#9
Robert Bishop	12/28/1937	#57
Fred Angleton	12/30/1950	#72

By Gary Del Nero

Sunshine

Dennis Imhoff's wife, Christine, past away this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dennis and his family. Always a very tough loss and double during the holidays we all reach out to the family. Talked with Marion Roberts who also lost his wife recently. Card sent to the families.

Your Yearly Dementia Test ! (only 4 questions this year)

Yep, it's that time of year again for us to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it! Here is a very private way to gauge how your memory compares to your last test. Some may think it is too easy, but the ones with memory problems may have difficulty. Take this test to determine if you're losing it or not.

#1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: 'bread.' If you said 'toast', just give up now and go do something else. And, try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question #2.

2. Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk.' What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question. Your brain is already over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as Women's Weekly or Auto World.

However, if you did say 'water', proceed to Question #3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said 'green bricks', why are you still reading this ? PLEASE, go lie down! But, if you said 'glass,' go on to Question #4.

4. Do not use a calculator for this: You are driving a bus from New York City to Philadelphia. In Staten Island, 17 people got on the bus. In New Brunswick, 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on. In Windsor, 2 people get off and 4 get on. In Trenton, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Bristol, 3 people get off and 5 people get on. And, in Camden, 6 people get off and 3 get on. You then arrive at Philadelphia Station. Without going back to review, how old is the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud ! Don't you remember your own age?!?! It was YOU driving the bus! If you pass this along to your friends, pray they do better than you. PS: 95% of people fail most of the questions!

Members listening to Sheriff Dirkse at the November Luncheon.



Tom Evans presenting Sherriff Dirkse with a certificate of appreciation for speaking.



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 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

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 Mike Filan491-2555

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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
 Computer Club Jeffery Chin602-3912
 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero681-1100

Health & Safety, Kerry Newman.....579-7747
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 Meal Tickets Don Rowe634-0100
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 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

Executive Committee, continued from page 1

Little SIR: 1. A discussion about finding a new treasurer. Joe is done after next year. We also need an Assistant Treasurer. We should seek replacing other officers as well. 2. Seasons has provided good food, facility and service. Jeff is meeting with them about 2022-there will probably be a price increase. 3. He will speak to the manager about speaker system and screen. Little Sir Jeff said that he would talk to Seasons about wine and music. 4. We need to continue to check for vaccinations and waiver for absent and new members. 5. Tom Evans talked about subscribing an advertisement in his home's complex newsletter. Zeff will prepare the ad. Motion: Pay \$25 for the ad- Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Goodman -PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership: Bob Kredit presented 3 men for membership: Ken Lindsey, James Palkoner, and Juan Salinas. Motion: Approve the 3 new members. Motion to accept: Goodman, 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Bob reported that we now have 124 members.

Luncheon: Good food!

Correspondence: NA

Program: January, we will have incoming Big Sir Jeff Chin speak, Tom Evans said that in Feb., we will have George Boodrooks, from MJC. In March, we will have Ray Simon.

Sunshine: NA

Health and Safety: NA

Thursday Golf: Don Reed said that Thursday golf is going well. He appreciates Bob Kredit helping him.

Golf: WE NEED TO FIND A GOLF CHAIRMAN FOR OUR BRANCH!!

Newsletter: Jeff said that it is going well.

Bowling: Jeff reported that the league next year may need to go to men-women league.

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff said that he is looking for a vender. He also said that he sold 3 or 4 cups.

Data Processing:

Travel: NA

Computer NA

Dine Out: NA

Other: NA

Old Business: NA

New Business:NA

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