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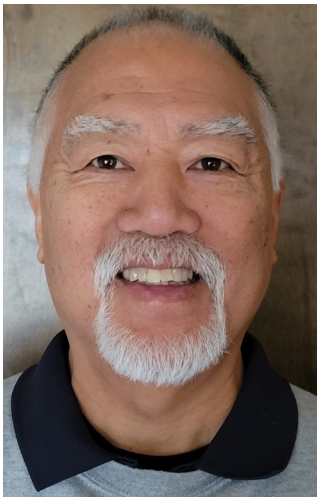
January 2022



Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT

Big Sir Crows By Jeff Chin



Big Sir Jeff Chin

January Program

By Tom Evans

Big Sir Jeff Chin will give his State of Branch 103 Address. Jeff will speak about his vision for this next year for Branch 103 and his view of moving forward, including steps to increase membership and improving what the branch does for its members. State SIR President Richard Kindel will be attend our meeting to install the new officers

Happy New Year! I hope 2022 is a great year for you, your family and friends, and SIR Branch 103. I look forward to leading you as the Big Sir for 2022. SIR is a social club for retired men. It is going to be my responsibility to make your experience in Branch 103 as enjoyable and fun as possible. It is going to be a year of “want to’s” and not “have to’s”. As a social club, we do activities together, whether it’s golf, bowling, traveling, and most importantly, eating and drinking!! We offer weekly golf tournaments and bowling leagues and tournaments. Our monthly luncheons at the Seasons are delicious. We will begin our Dining Out dinners and the Ladies Luncheons in February. There are plans to hold other luncheon or breakfast dates throughout the months locally in the area. Wine tasting events will be scheduled. Traveling within the state, including to sporting events will occur.

However, these activities and events are not something that can be accomplished without a group willing to work together to make things happen. Your officers and committee chairmen work for you. There is a need to fill open positions now. There are positions working with the treasurer, with membership, programs, merchandise, dine out, and most importantly, the golf chairman for Branch 103. If you would like to get involved, please let me know.

The only rules that go along with your SIR Branch 103 membership are that you pay your membership dues of \$20.00 within the first three months of the year and that you attend at least half of the monthly luncheons a year. These are the only “have to’s” with your membership. Come and make friends for life.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attendance: Little SIR Jeff Chin, Secretary, Don Rowe, Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Assistant Treasurer, Richard Provost. Directors: Kerry Newman, Don Reed, Gary Del Nero, and Gary Goodman.

Absent: Big SIR Doug Imberi, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard. Directors Mike Filan, Dennis and Imhoff. Committee Chairs John Reedy (Golf) and Bill Stires (travel) (Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing)

Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club),

Guests:

Call to Order: Little SIR Jeff Chin, called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M. at Denny’s. There were 8 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

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 course. All fees, golf and cart fees must be paid with check.

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

- Mon. Jan. 10-Elkhorn, 9:00, \$48 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Tue. Jan. 18-Atwater, 9:00, \$38 (cart incl.) Host 103
- Mon. Jan. 24-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt.\$15) Host 144
- Mon. Jan. 31-Swenson, 9:00, \$46 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Feb. 7-Micke Grove, 9:00, \$49 (cart incl.) Host 103
- Mon. Feb. 14-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt.\$15) Host 144
- Tue. Feb. 22-Atwater, 9:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host 103
- Mon. Feb. 28-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt.\$15) Host 144
- Mon. Mar. 7-Manteca, 8:00, \$47(cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Mar. 14-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt.\$15) Host 103
- Mon. Mar. 21-Tracy CC, 9:00, \$52 (cart incl.) 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.

BRANCH 103 GOLFERS

We are in danger of losing golf because we need a new golf chairman. John Reedy is stepping down, and no one has volunteered to take his place. If there is no golf chairman by February 1, 2022, Branch 103 will not be able to golf in tournaments. Volunteers need to contact John Reedy (869-6888) or Jeff Chin (602-3912) as soon as possible.

Bowling



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 17:

First Place-Team7 (D.Reed, J.Togiatti, J.Bradley, J.Miceli) Season High Scores: Scratch game:D. Brown-256, Handicap game:J. Kincanon-284, Scratch series:B. Abujen-695, Handicap series:J. Miceli-758

**Remember your \$20
Branch 103 Membership
dues for 2022
Write check to SIR
103**

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

January 26, 2022
10:30 am – 1:00 pm
The Seasons

945 Mc Henry Ave. Modesto, CA
Luncheon Price \$21.00

The cost of our luncheons is going up this year. The price will be \$21.00 for lunch. This price is lower than the actual cost, so the branch is going to pay a slight amount for each lunch.

Travel

By Bill Stires

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 Factory tour, \$40 in Mayflower Money.

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 Brunngrasse, 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.

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.



By Gary Del Nero

It is great to see Oscar Cherry back golfing after his procedure, Jim and Betty Bickner feeling better after an almost two week nasty cold. Still in the hospital is Jim Loretta's wife who had open heart surgery. He said she is still in hospital and improving daily our thoughts and prayers with them.



Don vonBuskirk	1/06/1937	#80
Claude McMillen	1/09/1943	#76
Don Reed	1/13/1935	#57
Marion Roberts	1/16/1933	#46
Cliff LaFreniere	1/19/1953	#5
John Faria	1/20/1947	#15
Michael McClellan	1/27/1950	#32
Robert Fachner	1/27/1954	#11
Larry Sallee	1/29/1952	#221

MERRY CHRISTMAS

2021



Ed Davis, oldest SIR 103 member (97) and longest 103 member since 1987. Newest married, Ted Baucht and wife Sheryl, who live in Oakdale, a member since August 2021.



Don Locke and wife Bette. Longest married couple at 75 years. They live in Modesto and he has been a Sir since Jan. 2000 Gary Del Nero presented each couple with presents.



STATE OFFICERS

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

BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Jeffery Chin209 602-3912
 Little Sir Richard Nelson.....209 701-8108
 Secretary Don Rowe209 634-0100
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard209 602-0661
 Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....209 578-4593
 Asst. Treasurer Richard Provost..209 543-0972
 Gary Goodman209 578-0848
 Gary Del Nero209 681-1100
 Dennis Imhoff209 846-9529
 Don Reed209 524-5374
 Kerry Newman209 579-7747
 Mike Filan209 491-2555

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Membership Bob Kredit.....209 672-0326
 Assistant
 Program Chair Tom Evans209 551-1836
 Assistant
 Member Orient. Richard Provost 209 222-1910
 Public Relations Bob Kredit209 672-0326
 Bowling Vern Masse209 544-1953
 Bowling Dominic Genova209 523-1663
 Golf Chair, John Reedy,209 869-6888
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman ...209579-7747
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott209 602-2910
 Golf Handicap Jerry Strain.....209 574-9301
 Book Exchange
 Travel Area 18 Bill Stires 988-5445, 544-2684
 Merchandise Sales
 Lunch Menu Jeffery Chin.....209 602-3912
 Computer Club Jeffery Chin209 602-3912
 Dine Out Monthly Volunteer
 Ladies Dine Out Barbara Webb...209 526-6511

Sunshine Chair Gary Del Nero.....209 681-1100
 Health & Safety, Kerry Newman.....209 579-7747
 Chaplain Joe Stackhouse.....209 543-0972
 Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman209 578-0848
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe209 634-0100
 Raffle Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner, Mike Filan
 Table Setup, Don Rowe209 634-0100
 Table Setup, Bill Caldwell209 529-4125
 Table Setup, Jim Bickner209 522-4345
 Lead Singer, Ed Davis209 522-4080
 Backup Singer, Gary Goodman209 578-0848
 Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Coe Barnard
 Nominating Committee: Doug Imberl, Bob Kredit

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

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jeffery Chin.....209 602-3912

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Secretary: Nov. 19 Minutes were offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Stackhouse-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer: Joe Stackhouse's Nov. 17 report showed the Beginning balance-\$5,104.49. Receipts: \$57.00, dues, \$40.00, raffle, \$0.00, donations-3.00. Total receipts- \$100.00. Checks written- \$31.69 to Bob Kredit-paper and copies, \$22.62 to Dennis Imhoff-frames- Season's Catering-\$1398.68. Total deductions-\$1453.99. Ending balance is \$3,750.50.49. -Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd Reed-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: NA

Little SIR: 1. A discussion about State Sir 2022 officers 2. Jeff will be the speaker for Jan. Also, the officers will talk to the members about what they do and how much time it takes. We need members to become officers and committee chairs or assistant chairs- many of us have been doing our positions for many years, and we need new people, Membership: Richard said that Bob reported that we now have 124 members. No new member applications were presented.

Luncheon: Good food!

Correspondence: NA

Program: January, we will have incoming Big Sir Jeff Chin speak, Tom Evans said that in February, we will have George Boodrookas, Dean of Advancement of MJC. In March, we will have Ray Simon.

Sunshine: Gary reported that he sent sympathy cards to Ron Flagel's wife, and Dennis Imhoff. He also sent get well cards to Oscar Cherry, who had stints put in, and Jim Bickner and his wife, Betty, who have been dealing with a severe cold.

Health and Safety: Kerry reported that a State mandate has come out requiring mask for indoor places of business. He also stated that the omicron variant is 40% more transmissible, and there have been 17% more hospitalizations.

Thursday Golf: Don Reed said that Thursday golf is going well. They usually have 45-48 golfers!

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

Newsletter: Jeff said that it is going well.

Bowling: NA

Merchandising: NA

Data Processing: NA

Travel: NA

Computer NA

Dine Out: NA

Other: Gary Goodman will try to locate our Flag at the Elks Club.

Old Business: Little Sir Jeff said that the luncheon price will go up to \$21.04. Motion: Charge members \$21.00 for lunch next year-Newman 2nd Reed- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. 2. Jeff will prepare the ad for Tom's Community Center. 3. We discussed formally changing our Branches name from Stanislaus Branch 103 to Modesto Branch 103. This item was tabled.

New Business: State Sir wants Branches to develop a Facebook page. This item was tabled

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