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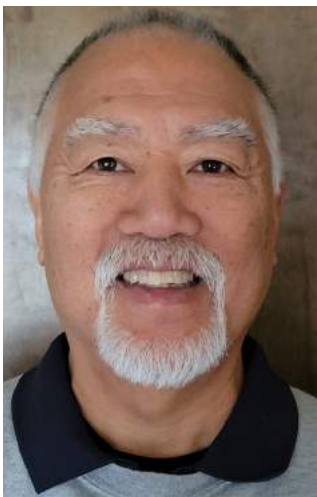
February 2022



## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY for MEN

### Big Sir Crows By Jeff Chin



**Big Sir Jeff Chin**

February in California is different from most of the rest of the country. The east coast is dealing with negative degree temperatures and we are forecast for 70's in February. I am looking forward to getting outside to enjoy this weather. SIR is a social club, designed to present activities for all. An activity that we all enjoy is eating. Our monthly luncheons at the Seasons are going very well and the food and service are excellent. Please plan to join us on February 23. We are beginning our Dine Out's this month. The first Dine Out will be at Chefs of New York in downtown Modesto on February 17. The Ladies Luncheon will be at My Garden restaurant on February 24. A new dining opportunity will also begin this month, Breakfast with the Big Sir. This will be a social event to come and have breakfast and share time with me and my wife. I look forward to getting to know members and seeing them more than once a month. The breakfasts will begin on February 16 and will be held the first and third Wednesday mornings each month.

One of the activities that will be held at each luncheon is "Who Am I?" A table will be selected and each member will get the opportunity to introduce themselves to the group. Each member will tell their name, the number of years of membership, their family, their pre-retirement profession, their favorite food, and their favorite sports team. Another activity will be an interview for the newsletter. Little Sir Dick Nelson will interview selected members for an article to be published in the newsletter. Look for his interview of himself in this month's newsletter. We are a social club and I want to get to know our members.

February is a month to recognize, honor, pay tribute, or just make special our significant other. Take time to show them just how important they are to us.

## February Program

By Tom Evans

Dr. George Boodrookas, Dean of Advancement and Executive Director of the MJC Foundation will be our speaker at the February luncheon. He has served as an administrator at MJC since 1989 in various capacities. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Economy from UC Berkeley, a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Doctoral Degree in Education from California State University, Stanislaus.

## Executive Committee

By Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard (First Draft)

Attendance: Big SIR Jeff Chin, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Treasurer Joe Stackhouse, Assistant Treasurer Richard Provost, Directors: Kerry Newman, Mike Filan, Gary Del Nero. Absent: Secretary Don Rowe, Little SIR Dick Nelson, Directors: Doug Imberi, Dennis Imhoff. Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans (program), Bob Kredit (membership & data processing), Jeff Chin (newsletter & computer club), Roger Smith (golf). Committee Representatives absent: Bill Stires (travel) Dennis Imhoff

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# GOLF



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 Roger Smith, 3612 Incline Ct., Riverbank, CA 95367-3123. 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. 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
- Mon. Apr. 4-Dry Creek, 9:00, \$48 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Apr. 11-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (car opt.\$15) Host 103
- Mon. Apr. 18-Swenson, 9:00, \$46 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Apr. 25-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt.\$15) Host 144

## **New Golf Chairman Roger Smith**

Branch 103 has a new golf chairman, Roger Smith. His address is: 3612 Incline Ct., Riverbank, CA 95367-3123. Send all checks for golf to Roger Smith. Many thanks go to our previous golf chairman, John Reedy.

## **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.

# 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 22:

**First Place-Team7** (D.Reed, J.Togiatti, J.Bradley, J.Miceli)

**Season High Scores: Scratch game:D. Brown-256, Handicap game:A. Fidalgo-293, Scratch series:B. Abujuen-695, Handicap series:J. Miceli-758**

## **SIR Bowling Tournaments**

**February 17 and 18 Sacramento Country Club Lanes**

Tourn. Manager: Tom Page 916-712-2393

SIRs or MIXED-DOUBLES-SINGLES-ALL EVENTS

**March 22 and 23 Concord Clayton Valley Bowl**

Tourn. Manager: Mike Kropf 925-689-1453

SIRs or MIXED-DOUBLES-SINGLES-ALL EVENTS

**April 18 and 21 Carson City Gold Dust West**

Tourn. Manager: Tim Hall 775-241-9080

SIRs or MIXED 4 BOWLER TEAM-DOUBLES-SINGLES-ALL EVENTS

## Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

February 23, 2022

10:30 am – 1:00 pm

The Seasons

945 Mc Henry Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price \$21.00

## 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](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com) to receive a reservation form. Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.

## Couples Dine Out

Our Couples Dine Out will be starting on February 17, 2022. This will be our first Dine Out in two years. We will be having dinner at Chefs of New York, 918 13th St., Modesto. Seating will start at 5 PM. The bar will be open prior to 5 PM. We only have room for 15 couples, so send an email to Richard Provost at [r\\_provost@comcast.net](mailto:r_provost@comcast.net) as soon as possible.



## LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will be at My Garden restaurant, 3507 Tully Road on February 24, 2022, at 11:30 am.

All are invited and bring your friends, no reservations are required.

## Breakfast with the Big Sir

Come have breakfast with Big Sir, Jeff Chin, at Denny's restaurant, 1525 McHenry Ave., Modesto. No official business, no agenda, just food and a time to get to know each other, share interests and views of a new year with SIR. These breakfasts will be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings each month at 7:30 am beginning on February 16, 2022. Bring your wife or significant other, no reservations required. AARP card is good for a discount.

# ALL ABOUT ME

Branch 103 has 124 members. A member will be chosen to tell all about themselves. Little Sir Dick Nelson will interview members each month. Dick's story will be the first interview.

My name is Dick Nelson. I am 74 and have been in SIRS for over 5 years. Several years ago an Escalon dairyman asked me, "Dick, what is your story?" This is what I told him:

I was born in Los Angeles. My father was a small animal veterinarian and my Mom an elementary teacher. We moved from California to Easton, Maryland where my Dad went into practice with a friend of his. I graduated from the University of Maryland in 1969. After a short stint teaching aliens of seventh and eighth grade, I spent three years in Army Intelligence in the basement of the Pentagon. My most memorable military experience, spending one night in jail with 200 hippies who were arrested for curfew violation during an anti war demonstration at the University of Maryland where I was taking evening classes.

We had a new colonel come to our unit who asked, "What is your career goal? " I told him, "I want to be an ambassador for Christ." Upon discharge from the Army, I went to Covenant Theological Seminary from 1973 -1977. I received a direct commission into the Army Chaplain Corps but did not go on active duty.

I have done a lot of things, taught school, sold cars, driven big rigs in the oil fields of East Texas. In 1990 I came back to California and went to work for the A.L. Gilbert Company in Oakdale eventually becoming a field man selling feed and servicing accounts.

Outside of work, my major interests were in our local church and several missions in which I visited or participated in: India, Guatemala, Swaziland, and Zimbabwe. Within our church I served as an elder, heading up the Adult Ed program, or the Mission Outreach. On a denominational level, I served on the Council of Presbytery of Northern California as the chair of church planting. One highlight of my time here was helping our church exit from a mainline denomination into a more conservative and biblical one.

My current interests: I like to read and study, put things together do research. So I read English Puritans because they were great writers and thinkers. I read people who are interesting, and write and think well.

I like to write about some of the people I've met like Chesapeake watermen, East Texas oil field workers, Mexican dairy workers, and Dutch dairymen.

I might add that I have been married to my wife Ellen for 30 years. Together we have a blended family of six kids and 14 grandkids. We enjoy gardening projects and small construction projects.

So that's a bit of my story... and it's not quite done.



Larry Owens	2/04/1943	#129
Mike Alves	2/09/1948	#50
Steve Holly	2/19/1945	#21
Don Rowe	2/19/1949	#216
Earl Glenn	2/21/1942	#126
Roger Smith	2/23/1952	#180



State Sir President Rick Kindle, with new members James Palkoner and Juan Salinas, presenting "I'm Doing My Part" pin to Big Sir Jeff Chin.

## Sunshine By Gary Del Nero

Our thoughts and prayers are with James Laurenti as his wife Coleen is still in the hospital now going on about 3 weeks. We live in times that when a loved one is hospitalized it is tough for just the spouse or even children to visit. Past practices we would stay with our loved ones side by side til they heal. Also a card was sent to Don Rowe for his wife who is going through some serious medical issues our thoughts and prayers are with them

**Remember your \$20  
Branch 103 Member-  
ship dues for 2022  
Write check to SIR  
103**

## New Members

### New Members

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**James Palkoner #25**  
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(209) 380-6255  
jnjdk5@yahoo.com



State Sir President Rick Kin- dle installing 2022 SIR Branch 103 officers: (left to right) Gary Del Nero, Mike Filan, Dick Nelson, Roger Smith, Jeff Chin, Kerry Newman, Joe Stackhouse and Richard Provost

## 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 Chin .....209 602-3912  
 Little Sir Richard Nelson.....209 701-8108  
 Secretary Don Rowe .....209 634-0100  
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard .....209 602-0661  
 Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....209 578-4593  
 Asst. Treasurer Richard Provost..209 543-0972  
 Doug Imberi .....209 596-1298  
 Gary Del Nero .....209 681-1100  
 Dennis Imhoff .....209 846-9529  
 Roger Smith .....209 614-8684  
 Kerry Newman .....209 579-7747  
 Mike Filan .....209 491-2555

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Bob Kredit.....209 672-0326  
 Assistant  
 Program Chair Tom Evans .....209 551-1836  
 Assistant  
 Member Orient.Richard Provost 209 222-1910  
 Public Relations Bob Kredit .....209 672-0326  
 Bowling Vern Masse .....209 544-1953  
 Bowling Dominic Genova .....209 523-1663  
 Golf Chair, Roger Smith.....209 614-8684  
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman ...209579-7747  
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott .....209 602-2910  
 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 Chin .....209 602-3912  
 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 Goodman .....209 578-0848  
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe .....209 634-0100  
 Raffle .....Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner, Mike Filan  
 Table Setup, Don Rowe .....209 634-0100  
 Table Setup, Bill Caldwell .....209 529-4125  
 Table Setup, Jim Bickner .....209 522-4345  
 Lead Singer, Ed Davis .....209 522-4080  
 Backup Singer, Gary Goodman .....209 578-0848  
 Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Coe Barnard  
 Nominating Committee: Doug Imberi, Bob Kredit

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

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jeffery Chin.....209 602-3912

## Executive Committee, continued from page 1

(merchandise) Guests: Area Governor Richard Provost

Call to Order: Big SIR Jeff Chin called the meeting to order at 7:40 am at Denny's. There were 7 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: December 19 2021 "final" minutes had not been submitted so approval will be at February 25, 2022 Executive meeting, along with January 28, 2022 minutes.

Treasurer: Joe Stackhouse's Dec. 15, 2021 report showed the beginning balance \$3,750.50. Receipts: \$1,893.00 less checks written for quarter assessment \$217.00; Season's catering (January lunch) \$1,127.29 for total deductions of \$1,344.29. Ending balance is \$4,299.21 Motion to accept: Joe Stackhouse, 2nd Kerry Newman- Passed unanimously

Big SIR: "Must be retired" has been removed from the state requirement for SIR membership. SIR name tags will be purchased for Big SIR only. Motion made by Joe Stackhouse, 2nd by Mike Filan. Passed unanimously. Branch secretary, Don Rowe's wife had surgery. Jeff Chin announced that he would be starting a member + wife (or significant other) breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Wives and significant others are encouraged to ask questions regarding SIR branch activities and make suggestions for new SIR activities. All SIR 103 activities and programs are approved for the year 2022. Branch 103 officers for 2022 were "sworn in" by SIR State President Richard Kindle at the lunch meeting, January 28, 2022.

Program: Tom Evans provided a list of the upcoming programs: 2/23/22. George Boodrooks-MJC, 3/23/22. Ray Simon-Secret Service, 4/27/22. Mat Terran-Savemart Robots, 5/25/22. Mike Arnich-Distance Bicycling

Sunshine: Gary Del Nero is sending a card to Marlene Rowe.

Health & Safety: Kerry Newman announced that appointments are needed for COVID testing. Home testing is only for your information, meaning it is not "official".

Membership: Bob Kredit presented two for membership; Randal Broughton and Claude Ham. Motion to accept, Bob Kredit, 2nd, Joe Stackhouse. Passed

Golf: Jeff Chin announced that Roger Smith will be the new golf chairman. Bob Kredit said that between 38-44 golfers were showing up for Thursday SIR golf.

Bowling: Jeff Chin announced that the SIR State bowling tournament would be held in Sacramento on February 17-18, 2022

Dine Out: Richard Provost will be trying to put together a "Dine Out" in February at Chefs of New York restaurant.

Old Business: NA

New Business: After discussion a motion was made by Mike Filan, 2nd by Joe Stackhouse to keep the price of the monthly luncheon at \$21.00. Passed unanimously. The audit for 2021 was accepted and approved. All SIR Branch 103 activities and programs were approved for the year 2022.

## 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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