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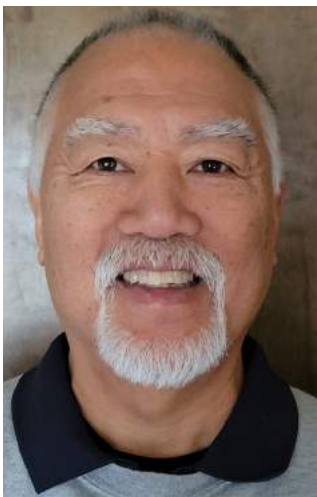
March 2022



## Modesto SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY for MEN

### Big Sir Crows By Jeff Chin



**Big Sir Jeff Chin**

SIR is a social group for men. COVID and all of the virus's variants have hindered our ability to socialize with each other. Storer Tours have discontinued their day tours for the year 2022. Modesto Junior College does not offer their day travel courses this year. Golden Gate Fields will not open their dining room until August. Major league baseball is still??? So, I guess we will keep ourselves occupied here in Modesto.

There is an activity scheduled for this Saturday, March 12 at the hangar at the Modesto Municipal Airport. The Central California Valley Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force will have their Second Saturday Breakfast. There will be a table reserved for SIR members and their guests. We need to be there between 7:30 am and 8:30 am. The cost for breakfast is \$10.00 each.

Our luncheons at the Seasons have been going well. The speaker this past month was Dr. George Boodrookas, Dean of Advancement and Executive Director of the MJC Foundation. He gave a presentation about Modesto Junior College and it's 100th year celebration. A good number of Branch 103 members attended MJC, including myself. Our speaker for March will be former Modesto City Councilman, Ray Simon.

An activity that we have added to the luncheon agenda is the "Who Am I?" A table is selected and each member gets the opportunity to share about their life with the group. My apologies to Table #4 last month, but, from now on, the table selected to speak will be the first table to have lunch. It has been fun getting to know a little bit about the members besides the name and face.

It is my honor and pleasure to have the opportunity as the Big Sir to present Branch 103 members who have done extraordinary work for the branch and its members the "I'm Doing My Part" pin from the state, in addition to those who bring new members into the branch. I presented a pin to Paul Bender at our luncheon last month. He works hard at taking care of all the monies from the golf tournaments.

Our Couples Dine Out was at Chefs of New York last month. Vinny, the owner, spent time with us and shared about his family in the pictures that have been placed on the restaurant walls. Our Dine Out for March will be at George's Steakhouse on March 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM. The restaurant and the bar will be open before 5:00 PM. Please let me know if you will be attending.

My Breakfast with the Big Sir at Denny's restaurant has been successful because I am learning more about the members that join us for a meal. Please join my wife and I for a cup of coffee.

# 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. 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
- Mon. May 2-Atwater, 8:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host  
103
- Mon. May 9-Micke Grove, 8:00, \$49 (cart incl.)  
Host 164
- Mon. May 16-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt.\$15)  
Host 144 Team Qualifier \$40/Team
- Mon. May 23-Manteca, 8:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host  
164
- Tues. May 31-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt.) Host

## 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 6:00 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 and to Team 7 for winning the second third of the league.

Results of week 26:

First Place-Team 1(A. Sterling, J. Long, J. Hott, S. Gibson)

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

## 2022 SIR GOLF "Spring Fling"

Tuesday April 19th and Wednesday April 20th

DAY 1 EAGLE VINES, 9:00 am Shotgun Start, \$85

"Men and Women" Four Person Team- 2 Best Ball Net, Select Your Playing Partners

DAY 2 CHARDONNAY, 9:00 am Shotgun Start, \$65

"Men and Women" Four Person Scramble- A,B,C & D, Team is Selected by Computer

PLAY BOTH DAYS FOR \$150

PRICE PER DAY includes Green Fee with cart, range balls, prize fund, closest to the pin contest on both 9's

## SIR Bowling Tournaments

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

# SIR Branch 103 BEC Minutes

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

**Attendance:** Big SIR Jeff Chin, Little Sir Dick Nelson, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard. Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Assistant Treasurer, Richard Provost. Directors: Kerry Newman, Gary Del Nero, Dennis Imhoff and Gary Goodman.

**Absent:**, Big SIR Doug Imberi, Director Mike Filan, Committee Chairs and Bill Stires (travel) (Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing)

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

**Call to Order:** Big SIR Jeff Chin, called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M. at Denny's. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

## Reports:

**Secretary:** Jan. 28 Minutes were offered for modification. Motion to modify Minutes with specific activities: Bowling, Golf, Creekside Golf, Ladies Day luncheon, Travel, Day trips, Dine Out, Breakfast with Big Sir, Wine tasting, and RV outings. accept: Rowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Provost-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Treasurer:** Joe Stackhouse's Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> report showed the Beginning balance-\$4,299.21. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1,092.00, contribution portion- \$305.00. \$57 -. Total receipts- \$1,015.00. Checks written- \$57.75 to Jeff Chinn for stamps, Season's Catering-\$1006.80. Total deductions-\$1164.55. Ending balance is \$4549.66 -Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. We have 67 paid dues members.

**Big SIR:** Jeff has started "Breakfast with the Big Sir" every first and third Wed. at Denny's. His Theme is: I'm doing my part" for Sir members and Board. 2. The Senior Certificates have been turned over to local Branches. 3. Richard Provost will resign at the end of this year. 4. A discussion about recruiting members to serve as officers and Board members. 5. Gary Goodman will continue to serve as Past Big Sir Board member until Doug Imberi returns.

**Membership:** Jeff said that Bob reported that we now have 124 members. 67 members have paid dues. No new member applications were presented.

**Luncheon:** Good food!

**Program:** In March, Tom reported that we will have Ray Simon speaking about being on the Secret Service. For April, Matt Terran from Save-Mart. We have Mike Arnrich telling us about bicycling. For June, Jack Zech, a farmer, will discuss the Delta whiskey facility. In July, Terry Withrow, Supervisor, will be our speaker.

**Sunshine:** Gary reported that Bill Douglas is living in the same place as Dick Kershner. Gary sent cards to Earl Glenn and Bob Kredit for their wives.

**Health and Safety:** Kerry reported that CDC may relax indoor masking.

**Thursday Golf:** Jeff said that Thursday golf is going well. They had 27 golfers.

**Golf:** Roger Smith is our new Branch 103 Golf Chair.

**Bowling:** There is a bowling tournament at Carson City, Apr. 18-21, at The Gold Dust West Hotel.

**Merchandising:** Dennis said that he has old wind breakers and polos. We will have an auction for these articles.

**Dine Out:** Jeff will host at George's Steakhouse on March 17. **WE NEED VOLUTEERS TO SET UP FUTURE DINE OUTS!!**

**Other:** State Sir Golf tournament on April 19 and 20. It will be in Napa, \$85 for one day, \$150 for both.

**Old Business:** Membership certificates will be given to new members.

**Adjournment:** 8:39 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Rowe

## Branch 103 General Membership

### Luncheon

March 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.

## Couples Dine Out

Our Couples Dine Out will be on March 17, 2022. It will be at George's Steakhouse at 1001 Kansas Ave., Modesto, at 5:00 PM. The restaurant and bar will be open before 5:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please call Jeff Chin (209) 602-3912, or send an email to jefferygaryc@msn.com.

## 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.



## LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will be at Lupitas Home Style Cocina restaurant, 950 Oakdale Road on March 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. The member who Dick interviewed this month is Earl Glenn.

I'd like to introduce you to Earl Glenn. Some guys are glad to be alive. Earl might tell you, "It's just so amazing, I'm still here. I've had cancer twice and died once."

If you walk into the Sirs monthly lunch, you will see Earl. He stands out in a crowd wearing a black leather vest with conspicuous lettering, Viet Nam Vet. He speaks slowly. He was born in Fayetteville, Arkansas, the first of 11 children. His father was killed in Italy in WW II when Earl was two. Earl added, "I had four step-dads. They were all mean." When Earl was 18, his mother greeted him at the door, "Get your clothes and go." Earl went to his girlfriend's house and asked her Mom if he could move in.

He was drafted into the Army 1966, stationed at Fort Bliss and drove jeeps and passenger vans. In 1968 he enlisted in the Navy and was a Seebee, stationed at Gulfport, Mississippi. He went to Danang and drove trucks delivering ammunition, as well as #500 bombs. "We'd get shot at, kids would throw rocks at us when we drove by. Sometimes we'd go out in convoy. I'd just go where they sent me."

"I came home mean. You wouldn't want to see me like I was then," Glenn told the VA. "They admitted I had PTSD but it was not bad enough to warrant a 100% disability. I told them I had cleaned up my life and was nothing like I was when I came out."

"Coming home, we were treated badly by the VA. I got rid of my ribbons and uniform. I am not ashamed of anything I did. I tell kids, today, I still think it is good thing for them to serve."

Earl went to work for Gallo in 1970 and worked in the warehouse driving a fork lift. In 1996, his boss took him down to the river during lunch time and shared the gospel with him.

Earl quit drinking, cold turkey, and has been sober for 38 years. He has survived both liver and colon cancer, and was pronounced dead from a blood clot.

If you play golf with Earl, toss all the You Tube videos. Earl plays with abandon, pure joy. "I have been to three pros who could not figure out how I do things. They just told me to do whatever I do. That's exactly what I do."

"I've been a member of Sirs for about 14 years and I like to play golf, enjoy meeting different people. My wife Joyce and I have been married for almost 50 years. I had two sons by a previous marriage."

I suspect you might see Earl at his best at the Ceres Christian Church standing at the door greeting people with a smile and a welcome. "How you doing? Glad to see you. Have a great day." For Earl every day is a great day. He's had cancer twice and been dead once.

## Interesting Facts about Modesto

Modesto's population from the 2020 census is 218,464. It is the 19th largest city in California. Here are some interesting facts about Modesto in the 1970's. How many of you were here? How many of these facts do you remember? These facts were courtesy of ModestoView.

1970

Modesto's population is 61,712  
Modesto Peace Life Center founded  
Modesto celebrate its centennial  
April 22, Modesto celebrates the first Earth Day  
Modesto became the first city in the USA to offer curbside recycling  
Memorial Hospital opens on Coffee Rd

1971

The new Stanislaus County Library opens on I street. The old library would become the McHenry Museum  
Muhammed Ali speaks at the SOS Club and visits the King Kennedy Center

1972

Fred C Beyer High School opens with the first graduating class to complete four years would be in 1976 for the USA Bicentennial. The mascot was the Patriots

Modesto is named as an All American City

Ernest and Julio Gallo appear on the cover of Time Magazine. Gallo Winery is now the largest privately owned winery in the world

Modesto native Mark Spitz wins 7 gold medals at the 1972 Munich Olympics, all in world record time

Streets of San Francisco premiered on TV, with Michael Douglas as a detective from Modesto  
Ward Stine becomes conductor of MoBand

1973

Nancy Young begin working at the Modesto Downtown Improvement District  
George Lucas releases American Graffiti about the cruising era in Modesto  
Briggsmore Avenue gets completed.

1974

Roller King opens behind K-Mart

1975

Cesar Chavez marches with 10,000 people to Modesto to stand up for farm labor rights

1976

Fleetwood Mac plays the Ice Arena  
McHenry Mansion was purchased by Julio R. Gallo Foundation and then donated to the city of Modesto to become a museum.

1977

May - Vintage Faire Mall opens at Standiford Avenue at US 99  
July - Star Wars opens with a special double gala at the Briggsmore Theatre and featuring a new Dolby sound system.  
Heat Wave Skateboard Park opens

1978

The East Area Rapist (later identified as the Golden State Killer) strikes fear across Modesto  
OJ Simpson speaks at the SOS Club  
Peggy Mensinger elected first woman mayor of Modesto

1979

George Gardner becomes conductor of MoBand  
Modesto Certified Farmer's Market begins  
Civil rights leader Julian Bond speaks in Modesto



Chuck Bommarito	3/01/1932	#12
Al Sterling	3/01/1950	#77
Bob McDonough	3/06/1950	#202
David Seibert	3/08/1951	#49
Dave Prater	3/11/1947	#128
James Laurenti	3/12/1945	#119
Roy Bruk	3/13/1941	#166
David Cooper	3/19/1943	#156
Mark Vasche'	3/20/1948	#62
Tom Gianopoulos	3/21/1940	#203
Robert McCabe	3/23/1940	#16
Wellington Yee	3/24/1958	#8
Don Bak	3/25/1948	#47
Charles Palmer	3/26/1937	#167
Ed Guida	3/27/1954	#81
Michael Lenz	3/27/1957	#3

By Gary Del Nero



Talked with my neighbor Jerry Hott. He completed his 2 nd Cornea transplant and is on the mend , our thoughts are with him. Don Rows wife is doing well after her surgery and Bob Kredit s wife also doing well after surgery, our thoughts and prayers with both of them



Little Sir Dick Nelson presenting Randy Broughton with his membership certificate at the February Luncheon.

# March Program

By Tom Evans

The speaker for the March luncheon will be Ray Simon. He has served as Vice Mayor and Councilman for Modesto, as well as Chairman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. He has served in numerous positions for the state. He served in the US Airforce as a Staff Sergeant. He graduated from MJC, holds a Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree in Criminology and a Honorary P.H.D. in Criminal Justice. He has been involved in multiple businesses in Modesto for more than 50 years.



Branch 103 Dine Out at Chefs of New York in February

**Remember your \$20 Branch 103 Membership dues for 2022. If you don't pay, you may not play golf or bowl. Write check to SIR 103**

## SIR STATE OFFICERS

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Bowling Dominic Genova ..... 209 523-1663	Table Setup Bill Caldwell .....209 529-4125
Golf Chair Roger Smith..... 209 614-8684	Table Setup Jim Bickner .....209 522-4345
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