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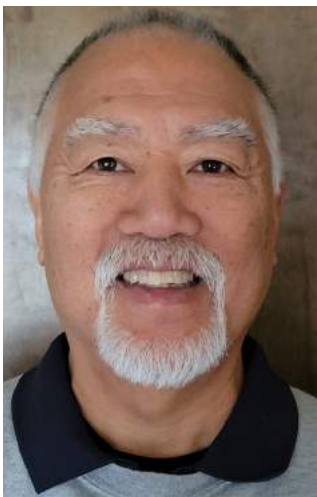
April 2022



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. Most of our members are retired, so we have time to enjoy life without having to work at a job. We spend our time on the golf course, at the bowling alley, traveling, gardening in the yard, having meals at our favorite restaurants, looking for new restaurants, and working on that list that our spouses have given us. We also find time to work on our own bucket list, too.

An activity that I have time for now that I am retired is working for others who have been displaced by disasters. The city of Paradise was devastated 3 years, and most of the city was burned. Working with my church, I get the opportunity to return to Paradise this month to help finish and complete new homes. Unfortunately, the week scheduled to go is the same week as our April luncheon.

Dick Nelson, Little Sir, will become the Big Sir for the luncheon. The speaker for the luncheon should be interesting. Have you seen the little robots delivering groceries? Their home base is a Save Mart grocery store. A representative will speak about the robots and the company Starship Technologies, who

partner with Save Mart to deliver groceries. We will continue with finding out more about our members with the "Who Am I" activity before lunch.

The Couples Dine Out will return to La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant in McHenry Village. The restaurant and the bar will be open before 5:00 PM. Please let me know if you will be attending.

A big thanks to Director Mike Filan. He is going to be leaving us in May. If you see him this month, please thank him for his service. Mike's leaving is going to create an open seat on the board of directors for Branch 103. This would be an ideal situation for anyone who would like to learn about being on the board by completing his term of office. Spend the rest of the year with the board to find out how activities are planned and created for the membership. Please let me or anyone else on the board if you are interested.

My wife and I will get to cross something off our bucket list this summer. We will be going to Guatemala to build houses from scratch and to repair and hand out wheelchairs. We will be spending a couple of weeks in June there. It's going to be very hot and humid in Guatemala. Humidity is something that I have never really experienced much of, probably because of growing up in this valley where we just have heat. Wish me the best...

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

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. 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 103
- Mon. June 6-Elkhorn, 8:00, \$48 (cart incl.) Host 144
- Mon. June 13-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt.\$15) Host 103
- Mon. June 20-Teleli, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. June 27-Dry Creek, 8:00, \$48 (cart incl.) Host 144

SIR Bowling Tournaments

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

May SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT Clayton Valley Bowl

Tourn. Manager: Mike Kropf 925-689-1453
SIRs ONLY-4 MAN TEAM-DOUBLES-ALL EVENTS

May 25 and 26 Pacheco Paddock Lanes

Tourn. Manager: Richard Ramun 510-334-5280
SIRs or MIXED-DOUBLES-SINGLES-ALL EVENTS

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 30:

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

Season High Scores: Scratch game:J. Bradley-265, 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 Branch 103 BEC Minutes

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attendance: Big SIR Jeff Chin, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard. Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Assistant Treasurer, Richard Provost. Directors: Kerry Newman, Mike Filan, Doug Imberi, Gary Del Nero, and Dennis Imhoff.

Absent: Little Sir Dick Nelson, Committee Chairs Bill Stires (travel)

Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans, (programs), (Bob Kredit, (Membership and data processing) Jeff Chin, (newsletter and Computer Club), Roger Smith (Golf).

Call to Order: Big SIR Jeff Chin, called the meeting to order at 7:35 A.M. at Denny's. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Feb.25 Minutes were offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Stackhouse-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer: Joe Stackhouse's March 23rd report showed the Beginning balance-\$4,549.66. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion-\$1,113.00, Donations/dues-\$265.00, Raffle-\$52.00.

Total receipts-\$1,430.00. Checks written-\$10.00 to Don Rowe for Past President's pin, Jeff Chin for Past President's pin, Season's Catering-\$1,127.29. Total deductions-\$1,149.29. Ending balance is \$4830.37. Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Joe reported that 83 members have paid their 2022 dues.

Big SIR: 1. Jeff discussed the idea of Free lunch pass for bringing a new member. Motion: Free luncheon tickets to the introduction group for the next month-Rowe, 2nd-Provost -2 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. 2. Jeff estimated 55 lunches and we only had 53 members eat, 3 did not. We had to pay for 2 under-estimated lunches. Jeff will ask if he can go to 50 next month. 4. The ladies at the Ladies Dine-out want to become members of our Branch. Discussion about ladies' membership revealed that State SIR is considering this, and a few branches are piloting it. 5. Doug Imberi was presented his Past President's Pin for 2 years of great service.

Little SIR: 1. Dick will help Roger with the Branch 103 Golf Committee. 2. He will also be doing the new member orientation.

Membership: Bob reported that we now have 121 members. One member transferred to another Branch. 2 members have resigned. 83 members have paid dues. We have 38 members that have not. No new member applications were presented. We discussed the letter that will be emailed to members that have not paid their dues. They will be put on inactive status, which means that they may not participate in SIR activities- golf, bowling dine-out travel, etc. If they wish to rejoin our branch, they will be welcomed back.

Luncheon: Good food!

Correspondence: NA

Program: Tom reported that for April, Matt Terran from Save-Mart. In May, we have Mike Arrrich 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 said her will send cards to Dennis Franc and Jay North.

Health and Safety: Kerry reported that there is a new Covid variant, Delta 2B, which is beginning to appear in the US.

Thursday Golf: Bob Kredit said that Thursday golf is going well. They had a talk with Larry, the Pro, and he will change their tee offs to 7 minutes, so they can accommodate 13 times.

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

Newsletter: Jeff changed the size of the print in the Newsletter-HURRAY!!

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

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff said that has \$280 from sales. He also said that wed could get a new Branch 103 banner with the new logo for \$90. After discussion, he made a motion: Purchase the new banner for \$90-Imhoff, 2nd Smith- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Data Processing: NA

Travel: NA

Computer NA

Dine Out: Jeff will host Dine Out at La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant on April 21. WE NEED VOLUT-EERS TO SET UP FUTURE DINE OUTS!

Other: Richard will check on our missing flag at the Elks Club.

Old Business: The nominating committee for Officers and Board members will be approaching members to take over these positions. WE NEED A LITTLE SIR, TREASURER AND ASSITANT, SECRETARY, AND DIRECTORS. MANY OF US HAVE SERVED A LONG TIME AND WOULD LIKE TO GET NEW MEMBERS WITH NEW IDEAS.

New Business: Director Mike Filan turned in a letter of resignation because of a move out of town.

Adjournment: 8:29 A.M.

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

April 27, 2022
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

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

Couples Dine Out

Our Couples Dine Out will be on April 21, 2022. It will be at La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant, 1700 McHenry Ave. Ste 6, 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.



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will be at Fast Eddie's Meal on a Bun (MOAB), 1228 Tully Road on April 28, 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. Bring your wife or significant other, no reservations required. AARP card is good for a discount.

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.

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 Lance Underwood.

Lance Underwood ,67,comes from a family of educators. Lance's Dad was the Superintendent of Schools in Montecello, Iowa before moving to Modesto in 1958 to teach at Modesto High for many years. His Mom taught at Burbank Elementary. His grandfather was a Methodist pastor in Iowa and Oklahoma.

When asked about his Dad's influence Lance stated," He encouraged me to try new things.. Do your best.. If you fail don't quit.."

Mom fixed breakfast every morning even when she was teaching. Every night we had dinner together, and Sundays we would have dinner with our grandparents.

Dad was score keeper for a lot of Modesto High's games. I'd go to a lot of games and sit with him.

I was really into sports at Downey High. I played baseball and basketball. When asked how he became interested in music, he said," Eleanor Haines, who was a music teacher at Downey really encouraged me vocally. "

Lance went to Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky majoring in music, graduating in four and a half years, while maintaining a long distance relationship with his high school sweetheart from Modesto. (Sand baggers alert: Lance played on the Asbury golf team his freshman year.)

Upon returning to Modesto in 1977, he finished the school year at Modesto High, got married and eventually went to Roosevelt Junior High. He taught music, led bands and choral groups and was famous for his annual spring break trips to Washington D.C., Philadelphia and New York. Lance led 26 expeditions and survived without losing a single student.

Lance has two daughters who are teachers, and a son who is a rheumatologist, and eight grand children. He is a visible presence at their recitals and baseball games. "I want to share life with my grand kids."

Lance has been a member of Sirs for several years . "I enjoy golf, have never played with anyone I didn't enjoy meeting. But I particularly enjoy the luncheons, just sitting down with guys and getting to know them."



By Gary Del Nero



We are still with Jim Laurenti's wife who is in the hospital. Continued thoughts and prayers are with Jimmy and family. We are also with Paul Bender and our wishes he heals and is back to his old self. As we go into opening day in baseball and starting in summer be safe and have a wonderful summertime. Gary Del Nero

Jerry Reese	4/03/1937	#194
Bill Caldwell	4/03/1938	#171
Johnny Taylor	4/03/1939	#13
Bob Kredit	4/03/1946	#10
Lon Loudermilk	4/11/1929	#24
Terry Cherry	4/15/1958	#78
Jim Standard	4/25/1947	#181
Ray Pezzi	4/26/1944	#243
Bick Woolley	4/26/1947	#52
Kerry Elms	4/28/1946	#172
Dick Kershner	4/30/1928	#63



April Program

By Tom Evans

The speaker for the April luncheon will be Matt Teran, from Save Mart Grocery to speak about a unique method of delivery in Modesto, robots. Save Mart has an on-demand grocery delivery service in partnership with robot delivery company Starship Technologies.

The robots, each of which can carry up to 20 pounds of groceries-the equivalent of about three shopping bags-and can travel up to four miles roundtrip, provide a safe, low-cost and contactless delivery alternative for Save Mart shoppers, allowing them to order from thousands of items via the Starship app for on-demand delivery straight to their homes.



The robots move at pedestrian speed and use a combination of sophisticated machine learning, artificial intelligence and sensors to travel on sidewalks and navigate around obstacles. The computer vision-based navigation helps the robots to map their environment to the nearest inch. The robots can cross streets, climb curbs, travel at night and operate in



Couples Dine Out at George's Steakhouse in March

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