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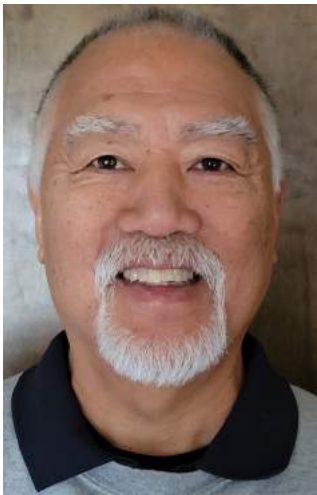
May 2022



## Modesto SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY for MEN

### **Big Sir Crows** By Jeff Chin



**Big Sir Jeff Chin**

The word “team” does not have an “I” in it. We all learned this long ago, and we are reminded of this phrase often. The leadership team of SIR Branch 103 reminded me of this last month while I was away. Everything was taken care of, all meetings were successfully held, and all business that needed to be taken care of was done. I had faith in them, and they proved it.

My week in Paradise was successful. We divided our team into two groups. One portion of the group worked with Tiny Pines Foundation, building and completing work on the tiny homes built on trailer chassises. The other group worked at the Magalia Community Center. Magalia is a community of Paradise, just up the hill. Although the fires came through almost four years ago, the most residents are just starting to get their relief funding. Some are still living in their vehicles. Residents are able to come to the center to get food, clothing, and furniture for their homes. A story of bravery we learned

of four men who battled the fires to protect the Magalia Community Church, which was built in 1904. Fire scars are on the trees next to the Church.

The membership of Branch 103 has dropped to 97 members. We have lost almost 30 members this past year. It is our responsibility to find out why membership is not important to our members any longer. We need to work together to make membership a worthwhile expenditure. The pandemic is still around, but it seems to be easier to handle among friends. We need work harder to be more appealing to those who chose not to join.

The Couples Dine Out will be at Grand Buffet on Coffee Road and Floyd Ave. on May 19. It is a Chinese buffet. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Congratulations to Team 3 in the SIR bowling league that was just completed. They battled against the other three championship playoff teams to win the league championship. We proved it takes a team to win a championship and we all worked together to win. Congratulations to Dom Genova, Jim Sterling, Jim Wirowek, and Jeff Chin.

# 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. 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.\$15)  
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
- Tues. July 5-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt.\$15)  
Host 103
- Mon. July 11-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$59 (car incl.)  
Host 164
- Mon. July 18-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt.\$15)  
Host 144
- Mon. July 25-Swenson, 8:00, \$46 (cart incl.) Host 103

## SIR Bowling Tournaments

May SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT Clayton Valley Bowl

**POSTPONED LATER DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED**

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

**June 9 and 10 Dublin Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl**

Tourn. Manager: Harvey McAninch 510-441-3803

**July 27 and 28 Concord Clayton Valley Bowl**

Tourn. Manager: Dan Weller 925-935-5510

## 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



**League Championships:** Congratulations to Team 8 for winning the first third of the league and to Team 7 for winning the second third of the league, and to Team 1 for winning the third third of the league. And, congratulations to Team 3 for being the wild card team. After two weeks of playoffs, Team 3 won the league championship. Congratulations to Dom Genova, Jim Sterling, Jim Wirowek, and Jeff Chin.

**Season High Scores:** Scratch game: J. Bradley-265, Handicap game: A. Fidalgo-293, Scratch series: B. Abujen-695, Handicap series: J. Miceli-758

The SIR league will take the summer off and be back to bowling in the fall. We will begin the week after the Labor Day weekend in September.



**2022 SIR League Champions – Team 3** Dom Genova, Jim Sterling, Jim Wirowek, and Jeff Chin.

# SIR Branch 103 BEC Minutes

By Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard (First Draft)

Attendance: Little SIR, Dick Nelson; Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard; Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse; Directors: Kerry Newman, Doug Imberi, Gary DelNero and Dennis Imhoff; Dave Cooper is a new Director and attended.

Absent: Big SIR, Jeff Chin; Secretary, Don Rowe; Assistant Treasurer, Richard Provost

Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans (program), Bob Kredit (membership and data processing), and Roger Smith (golf)

Guests: None

Call to Order: Little SIR Dick Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:35 am at Dennys. There were 8 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Assistant Secretary: March 25, 2022 minutes were offered for modification. Motion to accept: Barnard and 2nd by Stackhouse.

Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer: Joe Stackhouse's April 27 report showed the beginning balance of \$4,830.37. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion was \$1,134.00; Donations/dues were \$325.00; Merchandise receipts were \$280.00; Raffle was \$69.00; Total Receipts of \$1808.00. Checks written: Dennis Imhoff for merchandise/printing--\$118.99. Sons in Retirement for 2nd quarter assessment--\$218.75; Jim Bickner for lunch/raffle tickets--\$23.73 and Seasons Catering for April lunch (54 purchased plus 2 guests) \$1,147.79. Total deductions of \$1509.26. Ending balance is \$5,129.11 as of 4 27,2022. Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd by Newman. Passed.

Little Sir: No report

Membership: Bob Kredit had no new member applications.

Program: Tom Evans reported that people had a hard time hearing the SaveMart presentation, but it was interesting. In May, we have Mike Arrrich talking about bicycling, June will be Jack Zech talking about the Delta whiskey facility and in July, County Supervisor, Terry Withrow will be the speaker.

Sunshine: Paul Bender has been out due to injury. It was good to see Bob McCabb and Ed Davis at the meeting.

Health & Safety: Kerry reported that 2nd Covid booster shots are available.

Golf: Bob Kredit said Thursday golf continues and is well attended. Had 42 players Thursday.

Merchandising: Dennis Imhoff showed the new SIR Area 103 banner.

Dine Out: Volunteers are needed to set up future Dine Out evenings.

Old Business: None

New Business: Doug Imberi reviewed names for possible new BEC members.

Adjournment: 8:35 am

## Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

May 25, 2022  
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

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



John Saverthal	5/01/1944	#210
Murle Webb	5/04/1931	#114
Dom Genova	5/07/1935	#85
Jim Long	5/15/1947	#18
John Reedy	5/19/1943	#108
Gary Goodman	5/21/1944	#134
Don Fitzgearld	5/21/1948	#120
Lance Underwood	5/27/1954	#69
Coe Barnard	5/31/1939	#96
Jerry North	5/31/1944	#2
Ray Tillery	5/31/1952	#23
Doug Lemcke	5/31/1952	#222

## Couples Dine Out

Our Couples Dine Out will be on May 19, 2022. It will be at Grand Buffet Restaurant, 2400 Coffee Road, Modesto, at 5:00 PM. The restaurant 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](mailto:jefferygaryc@msn.com).



## LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will be at Dynasty Restaurant, 3500 Coffee Road, Modesto on May 26, 2022, at 11:30 am. All are invited and bring your friends, no reservations are required.

 **Sunshine** By Gary Del Nero

Great news, Jimmy Laurenti's wife is home now. Long road behind them and long recovery ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. We also send our thoughts and prayers to Jerry North, and that he recovers from some major health issues. We are thinking of you, Jerry. Good to see in the house, Paul Bender and Claude McMillan... great to see both of you. Then there is always amazing Ed Davis, 97 years young and still a fantastic voice.

## May Program

By Tom Evans

Michael Arnerich will be our speaker at the May Luncheon. He grew up in Modesto and has been a resident since moving here at the age of two. He will be speaking on an activity that we should all be familiar with and actively pursue, bicycling.



# ALL ABOUT ME

Branch 103 has 97 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 Ed Davis.

Ed Davis is just a few months shy of ninety eight. He grew up on San Pedro Island, where his dad owned a fish cannery prior to the outbreak of WW II. Ed graduated from high school in 1943 and then went to UCLA graduating in two and a half years with a degree in business and a commission as a young lieutenant in the Navy.

Ed wanted to play first base in high school. His Dad refused to buy him a glove. There was a guy who played first base who could hit the ball three hundred feet, one handed." His name was Enrico." I ran into him years ago and told him." You were the guy who beat me out of playing first base." Enrico commented, "Well I guess I should buy you a drink."

Ed was assigned to a Landing Ship Tank (LST) 919 which carried about 200 men right up to the beach while unloading tanks and other vehicles. "One good thing about an LST, it had good ward rooms, plenty of room. Our ship went to New Caledonia, Leyte, and the Philippines. After the war we transported Chinese people from the North to the South. "Towards the end, we were supposed to be getting ready for some mission. My men kept asking me where we were going. I told them I didn't know but that I would tell them when I found out." Years later after reading one of Bill O'Reilly's books I figured out that we were supposed to go to one of the most southern islands of Japan which was occupied by 600,000 Japanese soldiers. They were well dug in and supported by over 100 kamikaze planes."

In 1946 Ed resigned his commission, got married, and went to work for his Dad. In 1955 he came to Modesto and went to work for American Can Company as an account executive traveling to canneries from Corning to Lindsay . "I drove about 50,000 miles a year and worked for them for 30 years. "I always wanted to be an opera singer." I sang with a small group after I first got married. I belonged to the Singer's Workshop and sang in numerous light opera productions in Long Beach." Also I did a reading with Sam Goldwyn . He was more interested in me as an actor than a singer. "

Ed has sung at a lot of Sir's luncheons. He's a tall man with resounding pipes, and will often break out a few bars. In recognition of his service, Ed will be receiving the Super Senior Sir Certificate.

# Travel

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 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.

### **Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast**

Originally scheduled for October 2022, this trip will be postponed until October 2023. Trip includes visits to Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. More information will be provided next year.

## **Scenic Ireland**

**April 14-27, 2023**

There will only be 24 guests on this trip. Price: \$5,395 double, \$6195 single. Deposit of \$500 per person is required to hold space on this trip. Included in the deposit is a \$350 pp non-refundable Globus and Alamo World Travel group management fee. Prices are based on current air prices as of 5/6/2022, and subject to change until tickets are issued. Final payment is due no later than December 1, 2022.

**Tour includes:** Roundtrip airport transfers, Roundtrip economy air to and from Shannon, Ireland, 12 nights First Class Hotel Accommodations, 18 meals: 12 Breakfasts and 6 Dinners, Gratuities on tour for Tour Manager and Bus Driver, Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing, and all portage and restaurant gratuities.

**Highlights include stops at Cliffs of Moher, Connemara, Galway, Derry, Northern Ireland -Giant's Causeway, Belfast, Waterford, Blarney, Ring of Kerry and Dublin.**

Mark your calendars for an upcoming trip to America's Canyon Lands on October 29–November 4, 2023.

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.

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