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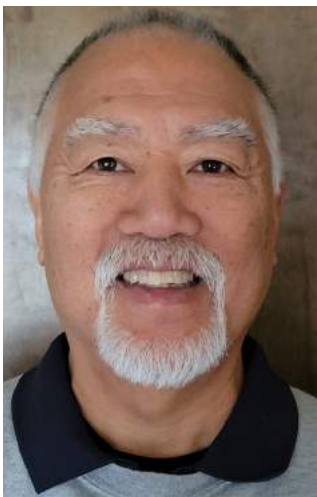
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Modesto SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY for MEN

Big Sir Crows By Jeff Chin



Big Sir Jeff Chin

I am back from my trip to Guatemala. I have never traveled to a third world country before. The journey opened my eyes to how blessed we are in this country. The group we worked with, Bethel Ministries International, gave us an opportunity to meet and aid families in need. We built two houses, from scratch, the first week, and fitted and handed out 150 wheelchairs during the two weeks we were there. We are in the process of scheduling and arranging for next year's visit. I hope you enjoyed my daily journal posting that I did on Facebook. If you would like to read them, go to Facebook, search my name, which will take you to the site, and scroll down to read the posts.

There is serious discussion being held throughout the state SIR on allowing women to become members of SIR. The BEC had preliminary discussions on the matter, however, we are going to wait for the state to make a decision before any action is taken in Branch 103. How do you feel about it? Please let me, or any other Board member know how you feel. There are a couple of branches that are doing pilot programs to allow women members.

We have dealt with COVID for a few years and are getting tired of dealing with the virus. However, with the variants now out there, it is still a very serious medical problem in California. Even if you have been vaccinated, you are still susceptible to the virus. We can't go back to "normal" yet. Please keep this in mind, especially when dealing with other people inside stores, shops, restaurants, theatres, and bowling alleys.

A classic car is an older car, typically 25 years or older, though definitions vary. The common theme is of an older car of historical interest to be collectible and tend to be restored rather than scrapped. There are a number of classic cars belonging to members of Branch 103. Would you be interested in finding out more about the vehicles in articles in the newsletter or in arranged visits to see them? Please let me know.

Would you be interested in wine tasting? It is an activity that we have had in the past, before COVID. If there is enough interest, I would be happy to arrange a monthly wine tasting event somewhere in Modesto. Please let me know.

I hope you are enjoying your summer. One of the activities that I look forward to each year is the Stanislaus County Fair. I have gone to the fair almost every year since I was a child, with too many memories to count. It begins this weekend for a week. So, we will be returning there tonight. I am going to return to my teen-age times and watch the band, War, perform.

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. July 11-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$59 (cart 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
- Mon. Aug. 1-Manteca, 8:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Aug. 8-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$15) Host 144
- Mon. Aug. 15-Atwater, 8:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host 103
- Mon. Aug. 22-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$15) Host 144
- Mon. Aug. 29-Tracy CC, \$52 (cart incl.) Host 103
- Mon. Sept 6-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$15) Host 144
- Mon. Sept 12-Manteca, 8:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Sept 19-Teleli, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 103
- Mon. Sept 26-Creekside YET, 8:00 (cart opt. \$15) Host ALL



Little Sir Dick Nelson giving membership certificates to new members Brian Donahue and Gary Coonce.

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.

SIR Bowling Tournaments

SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

Clayton Valley Bowl

The SIR State Bowling Committee will be holding the Annual SIR Championship Bowling Tournament July 27/28th at Clayton Valley Bowl (Concord). This year's format will include Singles and Doubles for SIR bowlers only. There will be a Ladies Singles event running concurrently. No male guests!

Bonus: \$500 added to the SIR prize fund!!!

Tournament Manager: Dan Weller 925-935-5510

2022 SIR Fall Golf Classic

MEMBER AND GUEST TOURNAMENT

LADIES—NO HANDICAP REQUIRED!

Blue Rock Springs West and East

Vallejo, CA

September 14 and 15

Applications at www.sirgolf.org



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: Dennis Imhoff, Dave Cooper, Doug Imberi, and Gary Del Nero.

Absent: Directors Kerry Newman, Roger Smith

Committee Representatives: Tom Evans, (programs), (Bob Kredit, (Membership and data processing) Jeff Chin, (newsletter and Computer Club), Bill Stires (travel)

Guests: None

Call to Order: Big SIR Jeff Chin, called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Denny's. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

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

Treasurer: Joe Stackhouse's June 24 report showed the Beginning balance-\$5,026.53. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$882.00, dues-\$50, Raffle- \$10.00. Total receipts-\$942.00. Checks written- Season's Catering-\$983.82. Total deductions-\$982.82. Ending balance is \$4,984.71. -Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: 1. Jeff got back from Guatemala. 2. Jeff reported that The Seasons is sold. The new owners, a church, will honor our contract for this year. 3. Seven members attended the luncheon but did not eat lunch. Some said that they had dietary problems, the others said that they didn't want to pay \$21.

Little SIR: 1. Dick reported that he is assisting Roger with our Branch golf. 2. He attended the Zoom meetings with the State President. 3. He will be doing new member orientations.

Membership: Bob reported that we have 98 members. Two new members application were presented- Brian Donahue and Manual Andrade- Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Imberi- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. That makes 100 members.

Luncheon: Good food!

Correspondence: NA

Program: Tom reported our June, speaker, Jack Zech, had covid and couldn't attend. Big Sir Jeff stepped up and reported on his trip to Guatemala. In July, Terry Withrow, Supervisor, will be our speaker. For August, Scott Collins from Modesto Public Works will be our speaker.

Sunshine: Gary said that Lance Underwood and Larry Owens had covid. Larry is dealing with it long term. Regretfully, Bob Bishop's wife died.

Health and Safety: AB

Thursday Golf: Don Reed and Bob Kredit said that Thursday golf is going well.

Golf: We discussed that the flights of tournament, will try to be within 6 handicap strokes.

Newsletter: Jeff said it is going nicely. He hoped that we liked the changes- we did!

Bowling: NA

Merchandising: Dennis reported that there are several items out of stock due to the shipping situation.

Data Processing: NA

Travel: Bill Stires reported on upcoming travel events. He also said that he will be retiring from setting up travel after the Oct. 23rd event. Anyone interested?

Computer: NA

Dine Out: WE NEED VOLUTEERS TO SET UP FUTURE DINE OUTS!!

Other: 1. Jeff will check to be sure speakers are vaccinated. 2. Richard reported that State Sir is concerned with how many branches are, or have dissolved. We discussed this for quite a while. 2. He also said Branches are allowing women to become members. This was also discussed.

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

2. Branch 144 does not want to merge with Branch 103.

New Business: NA

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

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

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



Clark Pearson	7/07/1944	#51
Oscar Cherry	7/09/1934	#109
Ron Saito	7/09/1939	#230
Tim Anglim	7/10/1941	#234
Max Stowers	7/14/1939	#22
Reynaldo Cabusas	7/16/1945	#147
Dennis Imhoff	7/17/1944	#135
Randy Broughton	7/17/1952	#32
Jeff Chin	7/24/1953	#42
Brian Donahue	7/24/1957	#29
Don Locke	7/25/1926	#225
Leo Havener	7/26/1937	#152

Couples Dine Out

Our Couples Dine Out will be on July 28, 2022. It will be at George's Steakhouse, 1001 Kansas Ave., Modesto, at 5:30 PM. The restaurant will be open before 5:30 PM. If you would like to attend, please call Bob Kredit (209-672-0326), or send an email to bkred8209@aol.com.



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will be at My Garden Café, 3507 Tully Road, Modesto on July 28, 2022, at 11:30 am. All are

invited and bring your friends, no reservations are required.



By Gary Del Nero

Sad news to report that Bob Bishop's wife has passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Glad to hear that Bill Irby is back to golf, and seems to be in good health... glad to have you back, Bill. Had a past member, Manual Simas, has passed. He was 86 years old. Although not a current member, I will send a card in behalf of our 103. I have been told that he was golf chair, involved in bowling, and other activities. Our thoughts also go out to his family.

July Program

By Tom Evans

Our Program Speaker for July will be Stanislaus County Supervisor, Terry Withrow. He has lived in the Modesto area most of his life. He attended St. Stanislaus School and Central Catholic High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting from California State University, Stanislaus in 1982.

Terry has been active in our community over the last 30 years. Mr. Withrow began his first term as Stanislaus County's Supervisor for District 3 on January 4, 2011.

Terry and his wife, Christen, have four children: Michael (Lindsay), Jenavieve (Ryan), Molly (Blaine), and Emma and five grandchildren. He is a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church.

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 Robert Sykes.

My name is Robert Sykes and I was born December 14, 1935 in Madison County, Jackson, Tennessee. At the age of 7, I came to California where I lived in Los Angeles, Sherman Oaks and Encino. My last year and half of high school I lived in Phoenix, Arizona. After graduation, I came back to California, but wasn't able to find a job. At the time, I was 17½ years old and the Korean War draft was still in place, causing any future employer hesitant to hire me.

So, I decided to join the Air Force and was off to Lackland AFB, Texas for basic training. After that I was assigned to 20 weeks of electronics school at Lowry AFB, Colorado. Upon completion, I was then sent to school for radar controlled guns on B-47's for 20 weeks. Then I was assigned to Schilling AFB, Kansas where they had 3 Squadrons of 15, each of B-47 310 BW Strategic Air Command. While at Schilling AFB, I had 2 tours in England (TDY) at Upper Hayford AFB and Greenham Common AFB. Then in 1961, I was assigned to Minot AFB, ND to help assimilate and teach Fire Control Radar to B-52 Gunners. In 1963, I was selected to attend B-52 Flight school for gunners. The first phase was survival school at Stead AFB for 2 weeks, then flight training at Castle AFB, CA. This included weeks of ground school, simulators and minimum of 10 training flights. After completion of the flight school, I returned to Minot AFB, ND. A new crew was assembled to begin training to become combat ready on B-52Hs. As a crew, we were selected to participate in the Strategic Air Command Bombing competition. Also, as a crew, we were required to pull alert duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week. And all crews took part with 5 crews on alert at one time. In 1965, I was assigned to Castle AFB, CA as an instructor gunner. At Castle AFB, until my retirement 1976, I flew in every model of B-52 except the prototype A model. The B-52B, C, D, E, F, G & H model were all models I have flight time in. Duties at Castle AFB included crew member training and evaluations. During this period crews were being trained for missions over Vietnam.

In June 1976, I retired from the Air Force. My first job was with the Merced County Welfare Department for a short period, and the Employment Department (EDO). Next stop was Las Vegas, NV. I applied to the Metropolitan Police Department for a position as a Correction Officer. At this time, Metro PD was under a federal consent decree to bring the standards in the jail up to federal guidelines. Next step was to attend Post School. After graduating from Post School, I was assigned to teach and write policies and procedures to address the federal decree for all correctional officers. This became a stressful position and I decided it was time to move on. After taking a year off, a friend contacted me that they needed help in corporate security at a Las Vegas strip casino. That was a great experience learning the underbelly of Sin City, Las Vegas, Nevada.

In 1985, I returned to Merced CA, where I met my wife of 36 years Barb Deibler (we have different last names). We lived in Atwater, CA until 1992 when we moved to the Lake Don Pedro Subdivision. The house has a 100 mile view with a golf course right out our living room and dining room windows. We enjoyed many days at the golf course, dining, using the work out facilities, swimming and, of course, golf.

In 1995, I went to work for the Merced Irrigation District as a park ranger at Lake McClure, where I was assigned to the Bagby and Horseshoe Bend area of the park system.

Finally, at the age of 67, I retired for good!

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 by July 15 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 to receive a reservation form. Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.

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