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Modesto SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY for MEN

Branch 103 Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch103

Big Sir Crows By Dick Nelson



Big Sir Dick Nelson

On Tuesday 15 August representatives from Branch 144 and 103 met to discuss items relating to a potential merger. Among items discussed were the relative health of each branch. The comment was made, "This might not happen right away, but it will happen in the next five years." Currently both these branches are relatively strong, with good programming and administration done by a few people. At present a merger would not be one of necessity. However, present health does insure a sustained existence. A common thread of the discussion, "We need to recruit more new members." One participant noted, "I am not concerned, with the future. I am concerned with making the Sirs experience the best I can. " What does a future look like for an organization which slowly shrinks and cannot attract new members. Though all acknowledge the need, and few people make any effort to do so? Seems like we look for a magic bullet that will do the work which we are hesitant to do ourselves.

The State Sirs will have their annual meeting 31 August via Zoom.

Paul Bender will be the Big Sir for 2024 and Juan Salinas will be the Little Sir. Roger Smith, Lance Underwood, and Coe Barnard were newly elected as Directors.

Our Branch Executive Meeting is held on the 4th Friday of each month. This is an open meeting, a good forum to present ideas, suggestions, as well as to see some of the things which make our Branch a strong, sustainable operation with both a concern for the present and an eye to future .

SIR Branch 103 BEC August Minutes

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attending: Big SIR Dick Nelson, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Assistant Treasurer, Brian Donahue. Directors: Dennis Imhoff, Dave Cooper, Jeff Chin and Gary Del Nero.

Absent: Director Barry Brutica Kerry Newman, Treasurer, Ted Bracht, Bob Kredit (Thursday Golf)

Committee Representatives present: (Jeff Chin, (newsletter and Computer Club) Tom Evans, (programs).

Guests: Richard Provost, Roger Smith, Ray Tillery, and Paul Bender.

Call to Order: Big SIR Dick Nelson, called the meeting to order at 7:27 A.M. at Denny's Restaurant. There were 8 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: July 28. Minutes was offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Chin- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer: Brian Donahue's Aug. 28 report showed the Beginning balance-\$3,623.24. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1,193.20, Raffle- \$17.00, Total receipts- \$1,149.00. Checks written- Margarito's Catering-\$1,364.62, Don Reed-Microsoft 365 annual subscription-\$108.36, SIR quarterly Assessment-\$230.00. Total deductions-\$1,708.98. Ending balance is \$3,063.26. Motion to accept: Donahue 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: 1. Big Sir Dick reported that The State SIR meeting is Aug. 31.

Little SIR: NA

Membership: 1. Dave Cooper reported that we have 108 members. (Represents loss from non-renewals)-Cooper, 2nd Rowe PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Luncheon: Good food! \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EACH LUNCH.

Correspondence:

Program: Tom reported that in September, we have Juan Sanchez, a bail bondsman. In October, we will have Adult Protective Services. WE NEED A SPEAKER FOR NOV.-ANY IDEAS-CONTACT TOM EVANS.

Sunshine: Joe Luis is doing better.

Health and Safety: NA

Golf: Oct. 2 will be the Individual State SIR golf tournament at the Reserve in Stockton. Notices about this has been listed on the Golf page.

Thursday Golf: An Audit of Area 18 golf will be done.

Newsletter: NA

Bowling: Winter league will begin on September 5, 2023.

Merchandising: NA

Web Master: NA

Travel: A SIR State trip to Golden Gate Fields is in the planning stages for September 25, 2023.

Computer: NA

Activities: Jeff Chin's list of Sept. activities will be in the September newsletter. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Chin- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

JEFF WILL NOT BE DOING ACTIVITIES AFTER DEC. WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE ON THAT TASK.

New Business:

Election results: Big Sir, Paul Bender, Little Sir, Juan Salinas, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Ray Tillery, Treasurer, Ted Bracht, Assistant Treasurer, Brian Donahue. Directors: Dave Cooper, Coe Barnard, Kerry Newman, Lance Underwood, Dennis Imhoff, and Roger Smith. Past Big Sir, Dick Nelson.

Old Business:

1. Gary Del Nero wants it noted that he was the no vote on the Sir Women Auxiliary Policy. He expressed that this is a men's club.

2. The meeting with Branch 144 and 103 concerning a merger was reported. No decisions were made. A great many points of view were expressed. We felt it was a very positive meeting and will meet again in 6 months. 3. Food committee reported that they have visited other venues and asked about prices for our luncheons.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:36 A.M.

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).

Tues. Sep. 5-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103

Mon. Sep. 11-Swenson, 8:00, Ride \$46 (cart incl)
Walk \$29 Host 144

Mon. Sep. 18-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103B

Mon. Sep. 25-Manteca, Year End Tournament,
8:00, \$38 (cart incl.)

Mon. Oct. 2-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$49 (cart incl)
Host 103

Mon. Oct. 9-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 144

Mon. Oct. 16-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$52 (cart incl) Host
143

Mon. Oct. 23-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103

Mon. Oct. 30-Manteca, 8:00, \$47 (cart incl) Host
144

Mon. Nov. 6-Dry Creek, 8:00, \$52 (cart incl) Host
103B

Mon. Nov. 13-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103

Mon. Nov. 20-Swenson, 8:00, Ride \$46 (cart incl)
Walk \$29 Host 144

Mon. Nov. 27-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103B

2023 Reno Golf Tournament

Get ready to tee off at this Branch 116 and SIR State sponsored Golf Tournament event, taking place from September 5th through September 8th at the stunning TOIYABE and WOLF RUN golf courses. And when you're ready to relax, enjoy comfortable and luxurious accommodations at the SILVER LEGACY Resort and Casino hotel. Don't miss out on this perfect combination of golf and leisure! Entry deadline is July 1, 2023. Registration forms for golf and accommodations found at www.sirgolf.org.

Creekside Golf

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.



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry
Ave., Modesto



The Pickleball Activity will be scheduled the first and third Fridays of every month at the courts at Graceda Park at 9:00 am.

Please come out and give it a try. There

will be experienced players to help introduce you to the game. All the equipment will be provided. All members and their spouses are invited.

SIR League bowling will begin September 5, 2023. Any member may bowl in the league. If you would like to bowl in the league, just show up and we will find a team for you to bowl with. This is a handicap league, so you don't have to worry about your scores.

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

September 27, 2023

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Masonic Temple

800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price \$23.00



Couples Dine Out

The Couples Dine Out is on September 20, 2023 at La Huerta Vieja, 2100 Standiford Ave., Ste E-1, Modesto at 5:30 pm. If you would like to go please call Jeff Chin @ (209) 602-3912 or email jef-ferygaryc@msn.com.

Ed Davis	9/01/1924	99 Yrs. Old
Joe Savage	9/07/1942	81 Yrs. Old
Manuel Andrade	9/27/1967	56 Yrs. Old

September Program

When someone is arrested and charged with a crime, the process of posting bond can be overwhelming and confusing. This is why it is important to seek professional help when dealing with bail bonds. The speaker for September will be Juan Sanchez, a bail bondsman in Modesto.



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies Dine Out will be at The Fruit Yard, 7948 Yosemite Ave., Modesto on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 11:30 am. No reservations are required, please join us.



The Commemorative Air Force Central California Valley Squadron holds fund-raising meals twice a month. A

Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast and a Fourth Saturday Lunch. The breakfast time is 7:30 am to 11:00 am. The lunch time is 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person. No reservations required. The meals are served at the hangar 1-S at 700 Tioga Dr., Modesto. The pancake breakfast will be on May 13, 2023 and the lunch will be on May 27, 2023.

Branch 103

2024 Officers

Big Sir—Paul Bender
Little Sir—Juan Salinas
Secretary—Don Rowe
Assistant Secretary- Ray Tillery
Treasurer-Ted Bracht
Assistant Treasurer-Brian Donahue
Directors-
Dave Cooper, Coe Barnard, Kerry Newman,
Lance Underwood, Dennis Imhoff, Roger
Smith, and Dick Nelson

Members who have paid dues in 2023

Donald Ahrens	Mike Alves	Manuel Andrade	Fred Angleton
Don Bak	Coe Barnard	Paul Bender	Jim Bickner
Robert Bishop	Chuck Bommarito	Carlos Bonilla	Ted Brancht
Joe Bradley	Randy Broughton	David Brown	Roy Bruk
Berry Butrica	Rey Cabusas	Brian Café	Don Carney
Terry Cherry	Oscar Cherry	Jeff Chin	Gary Coonce
Don Cox	Sonny Crim	Ed Davis	Gary Del Nero
Brian Donahue	Mark Doniak	Tom Evans	Robert Fachner
John Faria	Don Fitzgerald	Claude Fross	Ernie Garza
Dom Genova	Tom Gianopoulos	Stephen Gibson	Earl Glenn
Gary Goodman	Ed Guida	Bob Hall	Claude Ham
Leo Havener	Steve Holly	Jerry Hott	Doug Imberi
Dennis Imhoff	William Irby	Bob Kredit	James Laurenti
Mark Lim	Ken Lindsay	Don Locke	Jim Long
Lon Loudermilk	Joe Luis	Robert Manning	Peter Matysuk
Robert McCabe	Bob McDonough	Claude McMillen	Dick Nelson
Kerry Newman	Jerry North	Martin Oertwig	Vincent Oo
Larry Owens	James Palkoner	Charles Palmer	Clark Pearson
Ray Pezzi	Dave Prater	Richard Provost	Lynn Quilici
Richard Ramirez	Phillip Reed	Don Reed	John Reddy
Jerry Reese	Daniel Reeves	Don Rowe	Ron Saito
Juan Salinas	Sam San	Joe Savage	Roger Smith
Joe Stackhouse	Jim Standard	Earl Sterling	Don Stevenson
Max Stowers	Robert Sykes	Jim Tanquary	Ray Tillery
Lance Underwood	Marvin VanMiddendorp	Mark Vasche	Don Von Buskirk
Murle Webb	Vic Whaley	Rick Wilcox	Wellington Yee



Bill Stires

Autumn Colors Trip to East Coast

October 13 - 22, 2023

Price: \$5,130 double occupancy Single: \$6,127

Final Payment due now

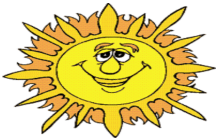
There is still space on this trip, call Bill Stires.

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free time on own. Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway. Professional local tour guide for entire trip.

9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations. 14 meals including a regional lobster feast.

Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.

Call Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive brochure.



Sunshine

By Gary Del Nero

Sunshine report: Mark Vasche had knee replacement surgery recently. We hope he heals well. Joe Luis said he is going to be back soon. Chuck Bommarito was at our last luncheon.



Bring a book, take one!

Earl Glenn is using the new book cabinet to display selections. You are encouraged to bring in your used books and take something back to read.

There are usually some interesting and entertaining books available.

Branch 103 Website

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SIR STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Dave Gonzales 916-587-3538
State Vice Pres. Dale Decker..... 209 573-0833
Area 18 Rep. Jeff Chin.....209 602-3912

SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Richard Nelson..... 209 701-8108
Little Sir Lance Underwood..... 209 681-6989
Secretary Don Rowe 209 634-0100
Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard 209 602-0661
Treasurer Ted Bracht.....209 573-1690
Asst. Treasurer Brian Donahue..... 209 988-2748
Jeff Chin..... 209 602-3912
Gary Del Nero 209 681-1100
Dennis Imhoff 209 846-9529
Barry Butrica 209 988-1396
Kerry Newman 209 579-7747
Dave Cooper 209 578-3789



COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Dave Cooper	209 578-3789	Sunshine Chair Gary Del Nero.....	209 681-1100
Assistant		Health & Safety Kerry Newman...	209 579-7747
Program Chair Tom Evans	209 551-1836	Chaplain Joe Stackhouse.....	209 543-0972
Assistant		Asst. Chaplain Gary Goodman	209 578-0848
Member Orient. Dick Nelson	209 701-8108	Meal Tickets Don Rowe, Roy Bruk	
Public Relations Bob Kredit	209 672-0326	Raffle	Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner
Bowling Vern Masse	209 544-1953	Table Setup Don Rowe	209 634-0100
Bowling Jeff Chin	209 602-3912	Table Setup Jim Bickner	209 522-4345
Golf Chair Roger Smith.....	209 614-8684	Lead Singer Ed Davis	209 522-4080
Golf Co-Chair Kerry Newman	209 579-7747	Backup Singer Gary Goodman	209 578-0848
Golf Co-Chair Gerald Hott	209 602-2910	Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Coe Barnard	
Golf Handicap Jerry Strain.....	209 574-9301	Nominating Committee: Jeff Chin, Bob Kredit,	
Book Exchange Earl Glenn	209 537-7254	Joe Stackhouse, Barry Butrica	
Travel Area 18 Bill Stires	209 988-5445,	Ladies Dine Out Barbara Webb.....	209 526-6511
Assistant John Cardoza	209 483-7722		
Merchandise Sales Dennis Imhoff	209 846-9529		
Lunch Menu Lance Underwood.....	209 681-6989		
Computer Club Jeffery Chin	209 602-3912		
Activity Chair Jeffery Chin.....	209 602-3912		

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Bob Kredit

SENIOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Lon Loudermilk and Don Reed

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September

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Pickleball-Graceda Park	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		SIR Golf-Dryden SIR Bowling-McHenry Bowl		Creekside Golf		CAF Breakfast
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	SIR Golf-Swenson	SIR Bowling-McHenry Bowl		Creekside Golf	Pickleball-Graceda Park	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	SIR Golf-Creekside	SIR Bowling-McHenry Bowl	Couples Dine Out- La Huerta Vieja 5:30 pm	Creekside Golf		CAF Luncheon
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SIR Golf-Manteca	SIR Bowling-McHenry Bowl	Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon	Creekside Golf Ladies Luncheon- The Fruit Yard 11:30 am	BEC Meeting	