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## Modesto SIR Branch 103

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Branch 103 Website: [www.sirinc2.org/branch103](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch103)

### Big Sir Crows By Paul Bender



**Big Sir Paul Bender**

For many, the month of September signals the end of summer, the beginning of Autumn, and the start of a new school year. Two major holidays are Labor and Patriot Day. How can we forget the terrorist attack on the Trade Center which we refer to as 9-11, where so many innocent people lost their lives. That was one of the most terrifying events that happened in my lifetime. The other two were the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the end of World War 2 because my dad was coming home from serving in the Army.

We do have more than Labor and Patriot Day. September is the Hispanic Heritage, National Recovery and National Suicide Prevention month.

Do not forget we have a Couples' Dine Out on September 18, 2024. This month we will be dining at La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant, 3401 Oakdale Road, Modesto at 5:00 PM. If you want to attend please call Jeff Chin at (209) 602-3912 or email at [jefferygaryc@msn.com](mailto:jefferygaryc@msn.com).

Also, SIR League Bowling starts this month check with Jeff Chin. We bowl on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 PM at McHenry Bowl.

We have not got a confirmation on a speaker for September, but Tom is working on it

Hope to see you all at the luncheon on the 25th of September.

## Newly Elected Branch 103 Officers for 2025

Big Sir: Juan Salinas, Little Sir: Brian Donahue, Secretary: Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary: Ray Tillery, Treasurer: Ted Bracht, Assistant Treasurer: Brian Donahue. Directors: Lance Underwood, Dennis Imhoff, Dave Cooper, Roger Smith, Dick Nelson, Vic Whaley, and Past President: Paul Bender.

# SIR Branch 103 BEC August Minutes

By Director Don Rowe (First Draft)

**Attending:** Big SIR Paul Bender, Little Sir Juan Salinas, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Ray Tillery, Treasurer Ted Bracht, Assistant Directors: Dave Cooper, Kerry Newman, Dennis Imhoff, and Lance Underwood.

**Absent:** Treasurer, Brian Donahue, Directors Dick Nelson and Roger Smith, Jeff Chin, (newsletter) Tom Evans, (programs) John Cardoza, (travel) Bob Kredit, (Thursday golf), and Gary DelNero, (Sunshine)

**Committee Representatives present:** None

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order:** Big SIR Paul Bender, called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Denny's Restaurant. All Executive Board members present for a quorum.

**Reports:** June 28 Minutes was offered for modification. Motion to accept with modifications: Rowe, 2nd Tillery- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Big SIR:** 1. Paul said that we had 54 members at our luncheon. We have 95 members, good for 55% attendance! 2. Paul started a discussion about our Ladies Day luncheon in December.

**Little SIR:** Juan brought ideas about the raffle for December.

**Treasurer:** Ted Bracht reported that the August 29 report showed the Beginning balance- \$3,187.25 Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1,230.00, Raffle- \$40.00, donations for lunch, \$30.00, and Dues, \$25.00. Total receipts- \$1,335.50. Checks written- Margarito's Catering, \$1,257.08, \$30.00 to Bob Kredit for certificate frames. Total deductions \$1,257.08. Ending balance is \$3,265.67. Motion to accept: Bracht- 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Membership:** Dave Cooper reported that we have 95 members.

**Luncheon:** Most thought the food was good \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EACH LUNCH.

**Correspondence:** NA

**Program:** NA

**Health and Safety:** Kerry said that the new covid vaccine is available locally. Also, be aware- West Nile virus is around us!

**Sunshine:** NA

**Golf:** All tournaments will start at 8:00 AM. WE NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL. Roy Bruk is working with Paul. Anyone else is also welcome.

**Thursday Golf:** NA

**Newsletter:** NA

**Bowling:** SIR Bowling League will begin September 3 at McHenry Bowl, Modesto at 1:00 PM.

**Merchandising:** Dennis said that two vests have arrived. Please pick them up at the next luncheon.

**Travel:** See information in the newsletter.

**Computer:** NA

**Activities:** JEFF WILL NOT BE DOING ACTIVITIES AFTER DEC. WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE ON THAT TASK. Phil Reed is doing pickle ball.

**Dine Out:** Couples' Dine Out will be on September 18, 2024 at La Parrilla Restaurant, 3401 Oakdale Road, Modesto at 5:00 PM. Contact Jeff Chin if you would like to attend.

**Old Business:** NA

**New Business:** Election results- Big Sir: Juan Salinas, Little Sir Brian Donahue Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Ray Tillery, Treasurer Ted Bracht, Assistant Treasurer, Brian Donahue. Directors: Lance Underwood, Dennis Imhoff, Dave Cooper, Roger Smith, Dick Nelson, and Vic Whaley.

**Other:** Kerry Newman wanted to thank all those who sent cards or called to see how his wife and he were doing with their surgeries.

Adjournment: 8:17 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Don Rowe



# 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.

**Tue. Sept 3-Dryden, 8:00, \$33 (cart opt. \$20)**  
Host 144

**Mon. Sept 9-Swenson, 8:00, \$49 (cart incl) Host 103A**

**Mon. Sept 16-Dryden, 8:00, \$33 (cart opt. \$20)**  
Host 103B

**Mon. Sept 23-Manteca Year End Tournament, 8:00, \$40 (cart incl)**

**Mon. Sept 30-Creekside, 8:00, \$35 (cart opt. \$20) Host 144**

**Mon. Oct 7-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$58 (cart incl.)**  
Host 103A

**Mon. Oct 14-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.)**  
Host 103B

**Mon. Oct 21-Dryden, 8:00, \$33 (cart opt. \$20)**  
Host 144

**Mon. Oct 28-Manteca, 8:00, \$49 (cart incl.) Host 103A**

**Mon. Nov 4-Dry Creek, 8:00, \$53 (cart incl.)**  
Host 103B

**Mon. Nov 11-Dryden, 8:00, \$33 (cart opt. \$20)**  
Host 144

**Mon. Nov 18-Swenson, 8:00, \$49 (cart incl.)**  
Host 103A

**Mon. Nov 25-Creekside, 8:00, \$35 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B**

## 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 SIR Bowling League is beginning a new season on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. There are 10 teams in the league with representatives from Branches 103, 143, and 144. If you would like to bowl, come down to McHenry Bowl and we will find a team for you.



The Pickleball Activity is be scheduled the first and third Fridays of every month at the courts at Beyer 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.

## Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

**September 25, 2024**

**10:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Masonic Temple**

**800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA**

**Luncheon Price \$25.00**



Joe Savage	9/07/1942	82 Yrs. Old
Marvin VanMiddendorp	9/21/1955	69 Yrs. Old
Manuel Andrade	9/27/1967	57 Yrs. Old

## Couples Dine Out

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## Merchandise

There is a navy blue jacket (XXL) available for purchase at the Merchandise table during the luncheon. It was ordered, but never claimed by anyone.



## LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-Out will be at Javi's Mexican Restaurant, 1225 Standiford Ave., Modesto on September 26 at 11:30 AM. No reservations required.



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 for breakfast and \$13 for lunch. No reservations required. The meals are served at the hangar 1-S at 700 Tioga Dr., Modesto. The breakfast will be on September 14, 2024 and the lunch will be on September 28, 2024.

## 2024 SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir—Paul Bender  
Little Sir—Juan Salinas  
Secretary—Don Rowe  
Assist. Sec.—Ray Tillery  
Treasurer—Ted Bracht  
Assist. Treas.—Brian Donahue  
Director—Dick Nelson  
Director—Ray Tillery  
Director—Dennis Imhoff  
Director—Roger Smith  
Director—Kerry Newman  
Director—Dave Cooper  
Director—Lance Underwood



## Sunshine

By Gary Del Nero

Joe Stackhouse had hernia surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with him in a speedy recovery. Your editor of our monthly SIR's newsletter, Jeff Chin, is going through some serious medical issues dealing with the possibility of cancer. He is in with diagnosis from several doctors. Our thoughts that they find a rapid cure and all will come out ok.

## Health and Safety

By Kerry Newman

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 has many benefits. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are safe and effective at protecting people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and dying. Here are some of the benefits of getting vaccinated against COVID-19:

**Prevents serious illness:** COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death<sup>1</sup>.

**A safer way to build protection:** Getting vaccinated is a safer and more reliable way to build protection than getting sick with COVID-19<sup>1</sup>.

**Offers added protection:** COVID-19 vaccines can offer added protection to people who had COVID-19, including protection against being hospitalized from a new infection<sup>1</sup>.

It's important to note that getting vaccinated not only protects you but also helps protect others around you. By getting vaccinated, you can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect those who can't be vaccinated and those for whom the vaccine is less effective, such as children under 12 and people with certain medical conditions.



### 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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## **16 NIGHT PANAMA CANAL CRUISE ABOARD THE CORAL PRINCESS**

**SAILING FROM  
SAN FRANCISCO TO FT. LAUDERDALE  
JANUARY 20-FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

### **PORTS OF CALL**

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico/ Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala/ Puntarenas,  
Costa Rica/ Fuerto Amador, Panama/ Full Transit through the historic locks  
and Cartagena, Columbia**

### **THE CORAL PRINCESS**



**\*\*Add the Princess Plus Package for \$960 per person  
Includes: Beverage package, WiFi, Crew appreciation, Premium  
desserts (2 per day), Fitness classes (2 per cruise) and unlimited Juice Bar, 2 Casual  
Dining meals per guest, Room service delivery\*\***

**ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA (209) 483-7722 cell**



There is a married SIR member from Turlock who wants to go on this cruise and needs someone to share a room. His wife doesn't want to go. If interested, call John Cardoza at (209) 483-7722.

## SIR STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Rich Carlston..... 925 324-0838  
State Vice Pres. Lee Lamp..... 530 921-1375  
Area 18 Rep. Rick Kindle ..... 209 652-8608

## SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Paul Bender..... 209 324-1793  
Little Sir Juan Salinas..... 209 605-6762  
Secretary Don Rowe ..... 209 634-0100  
Asst. Secretary Ray Tillery ..... 209 499-0955  
Treasurer Ted Bracht..... 209 573-1690  
Asst. Treas. Brian Donahue..... 209 988-2748  
Dick Nelson ..... 209 701-8108  
Dennis Imhoff ..... 209 846-9529  
Ray Tillery ..... 209 499-0955  
Kerry Newman ..... 209 579-7747  
Dave Cooper ..... 209 578-3789  
Roger Smith ..... 209 614-8684  
Lance Underwood..... 209 681-6989



## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership: Dave Cooper ..... 209 578-3789  
Assistant  
Program Chair: Tom Evans ..... 209 551-1836  
Assistant:  
Member Orient.: Juan Salinas..... 209 605-6762  
Public Relations: Bob Kredit ..... 209 672-0326  
Bowling: Vern Masse ..... 209 544-1953  
Bowling: Jeff Chin ..... 209 602-3912  
Golf Chair: Roger Smith..... 209 614-8684  
Golf Co-Chair: Kerry Newman ..... 209 579-7747  
Golf Co-Chair: Gerald Hott ..... 209 602-2910  
Golf Handicap: Jerry Strain..... 209 574-9301  
Book Exchange: Earl Glenn ..... 209 537-7254  
Travel Area18: John Cardoza..... 209 483-7722  
Merchandise Sales: Dennis Imhoff .. 209 846-9529  
Lunch Menu: Juan Salinas..... 209 605-6762  
Computer Club: Jeffery Chin ..... 209 602-3912  
Activity Chair  
Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero..... 209-681-1100

Health & Safety: Kerry Newman... 209 579-7747  
Chaplain: Joe Stackhouse..... 209 543-0972  
Asst. Chaplain: Gary Goodman ..... 209 578-0848  
Meal Tickets: Don Rowe, Roy Bruk  
Raffle: Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner  
Table Setup: Don Rowe ..... 209 634-0100  
Table Setup: Jim Bickner ..... 209 522-4345  
Lead Singer:  
Backup Singer: Gary Goodman ..... 209 578-0848  
Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Coe Barnard  
Nominating Committee:  
Ladies Dine Out: Barbara Webb..... 209 526-6511

## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Bob Kredit

## SENIOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Lon Loudermilk and Don Reed

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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# September

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	SIR Golf-Dryden			Creekside Golf	Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SIR Golf-Swenson			Creekside Golf		CAF Breakfast-Modesto Airport Hangar- 1S
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SIR Golf-Dryden		Couples' Dine Out-La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant	Creekside Golf	Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	SIR Golf-Manteca YET		General Membership Luncheon	Creekside Golf Ladies Luncheon-Javi's Mexican Restaurant	BEC Meeting	CAF Lunch-Modesto Airport Hangar-1S
29	30					
	SIR Golf-Creekside					