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Modesto SIR Branch 103

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Branch 103 Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch103

Big Sir Crows

Well, our first meeting with branch 144 went very well. We had our first BEC meeting, thanks to all of you who showed up for the luncheon. We had about 90 people. It was nice to see so many of you.

We had our nominations for new officers for 2026: Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez, Little Sir Ray Tillery, Treasurer John Santillano, Asst Treasurer Glen Carrington, Secretary Don Rowe. Directors: Ted Bracht, Sam Graham, Bob Lewis, Jerry Strain, Dennis Imhoff, Vic Whaley, and Dave Cooper. I hope all members can come and vote in August. I would like to see a great turnout for our new Officers and Directors.



Big Sir Juan Salinas

August Events in Modesto

1. Xclamation Festival (“X-Fest”)

- **When:** First Saturday in August (likely **August 2, 2025**)
- **Where:** Downtown Modesto, between 9th–12th St & J–H Sts
- **What:** A vibrant, 21+ outdoor music festival featuring ~50 bands across multiple stages, with a Mardi-Gras flair and headliners in rock, hip-hop, funk, and more modestogov.com+8AllEvents+8modestogov.com+8Wikipedia+1AllEvents+1.

2. Modesto Performing Arts at Gallo Center

- **“Cinderella”** – A family-friendly ballet/opera retelling:
 - **Aug 9 (Sat) at 7:30 PM**
 - **Aug 10 (Sun) at 2 PM**
 - **Aug 15–16** – Additional evening and matinee performances [Downtown Modesto](http://DowntownModesto).
- **“Music in the Plaza”** – Live outdoor concerts:
 - **Fridays starting Aug 15, 7–9 PM**, featuring local bands like Rocket It Gear [Downtown Modesto](http://DowntownModesto).

See page 5 for 3rd event

SIR Branch 103 BEC July Minutes

Secretary Don Rowe

Attending: Big SIR Juan Salinas, Little Sir Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Ray Tillery, Treasurer John Santillano, Assistant Treasurer Ted Bracht. Directors: Dave Cooper, Dennis Imhoff

Committee Representatives Present: Gary Del Nero, (Sunshine)

Absent: Directors- Lance Underwood, Dick Nelson, Paul Bender, and Roger Smith, Bob Kredit Thursday Golf, and Tom Evans, Program.

Guests: Anthony Butera, Area 18 Director, from Branch 144, Jerry Strain, and Bob Lewis,

Call to Order: Big SIR Juan Salinas called the meeting to order at 9:45A.M. at The Masonic Lodge, Eight Executive Board members were present for a quorum.

Secretary: June Minutes were offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Tillery- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: NA

Little SIR: Fernando is on the State Board. He said that forms are being reviewed and may be changed or deleted.

Treasurer: Report for July will appear on the Aug. minutes. Ted and John are coordinating the two Branches monies.

Motion: reimburse Dennis Imhoff for purchase of membership cards- Motion to accept: Tillery, 2nd Rowe- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership: Dave and Jerry are putting together the two Branches membership lists.

Luncheon: Good lunch! **\$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EAT LUNCH.**

Correspondence:

Program: NA

Health and Safety: NA

Sunshine: Gary's report was given at the luncheon.

Golf: NA

NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL.

Thursday Golf: Juan reported that it is going great!

Newsletter: Jeff and Bob Lewis will meet to get the newsletter going.

Bowling: Bob reported that it will start Sept. 2.

Merchandising: NA

Travel: NA

Computer: NA

Activities: NA

Dine Out: To be determined.

Old Business: NA

New Business: Motion: Nominate Anthony Butera for Area 18 Representative- Motion to accept: Santillano, 2nd Tillery- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Area 18(Branches Modesto, Turlock, and Stockton) is holding a competition for recruitment of new members from Sept. 30, 2025, to June 30, 2026. The member who recruits the most new members will receive \$150. Each Branch is asked to donate \$50 Motion: Branch 103 will donate \$50 for the competition- Motion to accept: Gonzalez, 2nd Bracht- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other: NA

Adjournment: 10:28AM

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.

Mon. Aug 11-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 103B

Mon. Aug 18-Dryden, 8:00, \$35 (cart opt. \$20) Host 144

Mon. Aug 25-Pheasant Run, 8:00, \$64 (cart incl.) Host 103A

Tue. Sept 2-Creekside, 8:00, \$37 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B

Mon. Sept 8-Atwater, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 144

Mon. Sept 15-River Oaks, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$10) Host 103A

Mon. Sept 22-Dryden, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B

Mon. Sept 29-Swenson, 8:00, \$54 (cart incl.) Host 144

Mon. Oct 6-Creekside, 8:00, \$37 (cart opt. \$20) Host All

Mon. Oct 13-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$58 (cart incl.) Host 103A

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.

Sunshine Report

By Gary Del Nero



Here's the Sunshine Report for August. It is good to see how our members are doing and recovering.

It is great to have 103 and 144 combined. We see each other at golf and bowling so much during the year most of us knows everyone in both branches. Hal Conkey passed away at 101 years young. Bob Sykes is having a very difficult time with neuropathy. Our thoughts are with him in recovery; Paul Bender had a terrible fall and hurt his back. Hopefully he will heal with no surgery and quick recovery as he is an integral part of our golf system, Bob Kredits wife Gretchen is recovering from a bone implant and we pray for her speedy recovery, my wife Molly had knee replacement and is 5 weeks into recovery. She is healing fine with me as chief cook and bottle washer so no golf or baseball (slow pitch) for a few more weeks, two cards sent last month one to Bruce Fetzer who is having Cancer treatments and is in process of finishing a set of 5 with our thoughts and prayers all goes well, a card sent to Joe Miceli who had the loss of his daughter. Thoughts & Prayers for him and family, Dennis Imhoff had 2 stints put in with one day in hospital he was discharged... thank goodness for modern medicine. If anyone has info for Sunshine contact me or Amos to report or give to a board member etc. so we can share. Gary Del Nero: Phone 209 681-1100--Amos 209 605-9638

Email garydelnero73@gmail.com

GARY DEL NERO



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.

Bowling August 2025

Bowling will start September 2 (Golf same day). The meeting will be at 12:00 PM. at McHenry Bowl. Come out and have fun!

The speaker for August is Nan Su for the Epoch Times Publication to present a follow up on his presentation earlier this year on the cautious relationship with China.



Speakers from the July Luncheon received SIR Coffee Cup and Certificate of Appreciation.
L-R Troy Crooker, Pete Centeno and Panna Chhoeung from BMO Bank.
They spoke about Senior scams.

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Directors: Ted Bracht, Sam Graham, Bob Lewis, Jerry Strain, Dennis Imhoff, Vic Whaley, and Dave Cooper.

4 Evening Dining Out Clubs

2nd Tuesday Evening Club

Tues. August 12th – Famous Dave's

Tues. September 9th – Skewers

**For Reservations: Contact Kathy Norris
at 209-596-0416**

3rd Wednesday Evening Club

Weds. August 20- House of Beef

5 PM. (See couples night out)

Contact Juan 209-605- 6762

4th Tuesday Evening Club:

Tues. August. 26th—Olive Garden

Tues. September 23rd -- Lee's Chinese Kitchen

**For Reservations Contact Hall Eubank at:
209-649-4148**

4th Thursday Evening Club:

Thurs . August 28th – Black Bear Diner

Thursday September 25th -- Strings Italian Cafe

**For Reservations: Contact Vince Sereno
at:
209-524-9630, or Cell at: 209-552-1539**

Chuckles

As the year comes to an end, I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents because spare parts for old models like you are no longer in stock.

She said she missed me. Normally that would be good, but she's reloading.

Sometimes I get road rage walking behind people at the grocery store.

Things happen fast in an elementary cafeteria. One second, everything's fine. Ten minutes later, you're explaining to the principal why there's pizza stuck to the ceiling, five students are crying, and you're seriously considering becoming a long-haul truck driver.

For my age, I have a lot going for me . . . My eyes are going, my knees are going, my back is going . . .

By replacing your morning coffee with tea, you can lose up to 87% of what little joy you still have left in your life.

The people who make fitted sheets need to sit down with the people who make mattresses and get on the same darn page. Making the bed shouldn't be like putting a swimming cap over a fridge.

Today I'm doing nothing, because I started doing it yesterday and I wasn't finished . . . AND I'M NO QUITTER!

3. Concert at Gallo Center: Ginuwine & Montell Jordan

- **When:** August 17, 2025
- **Where:** Gallo Center for the Arts
- **What:** Two iconic R&B artists team up for a special concert, celebrating '90s & early 2000s classics

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

August 27, 2025

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Masonic Temple

800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price \$25.00



Couples' Dine Out

The Couples' Dine Out will be at House of Beef on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please call Juan Salinas at 209-605- 6762 or email at juangolfnut.yahoo.com. by August 15, 2025.



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-Out will be taking some time out. Please read the upcoming newsletters to find out the next date.



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 hangar 1-S at 700 Tioga Dr., Modesto. The breakfast will be on September 13, 2025. The lunch will be on August 23, 2025.

Name		Date	Age
Brian	Miller	8/28/1967	58
Juan	Salinas	8/22/1960	65
Bruce	Fetzer	8/19/1956	69
Peter K.	Matysuk	8/11/1955	70
Rick	Wilcox	8/5/1954	71
Gary	Del Nero	8/30/1953	72
Phillip G.	Reed	8/18/1953	72
Berry	Butrica	8/11/1953	72
Daniel	Reeves	8/31/1949	76
Mark	Lim	8/26/1947	78
David	Brown	8/10/1947	78
Wayne	Fallentine	8/25/1946	79
Donald L.	Carney	8/3/1946	79
Sal	Rodriguez	8/4/1945	80
Joe	Stackhouse	8/31/1943	82
Jim	Tanquary	8/19/1943	82
Jim	Bickner	8/14/1939	86
Kenneth	Nolte	8/30/1938	87
John	Bernard	8/13/1937	88



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Lance Underwood..... 209 681-6989
Paul Bender 209 324-1793



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Assistant
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Assistant:
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Public Relations: Bob Kredit..... 209 672-0326
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Golf Co-Chair: Kerry Newman 209 579-7747
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Golf Handicap: Jerry Strain..... 209 574-9301
Book Exchange: Earl Glenn 209 537-7254
Travel Area18: John Cardoza 209 483-7722
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Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero 209-681-1100

Health & Safety: Kerry Newman...209 579-7747
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Asst.Chaplain: Gary Goodman209 578-0848
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Raffle: Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner
Table Setup: Don Rowe209 634-0100
Table Setup: Jim Bickner209 522-4345
Lead Singer:
Backup Singer: Gary Goodman209 578-0848
Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Coe Barnard
Nominating Committee:
Ladies Dine Out: Barbara Webb.....209 526-6511

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

Sam Graham, Bob Kredit and Gary Williams

STATE HONORARY LIFE MEMBER: Jerry Strain

SENIOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBER:

Don Reed

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AUGUST

August

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pickleball- Beyer Park, Modesto	2
3	4 SIR Golf- Elkhorn	5	6	7 Creekside Golf	8	9 CAF Breakfast- Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
10	11 SIR Golf-Tracy CC	12	13	14 Creekside Golf	15 Pickleball- Beyer Park, Modesto	16
17	18 SIR Golf-Dryden	19	20 Couples' Dine Out- House of Beef	21 Creekside Golf	22	23 CAF Lunch- Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
24	25 SIR Golf- Pheasant Run	26	27 General Membership Luncheon	28 Creekside Golf	29	30
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