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Modesto SIR Branch 103

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Branch 103 Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch103

Big Sir Crows



Hope all of you are doing well. Spring is in the air, bringing new energy and exciting opportunities! As we step into April, here's what is happening. Just wanted to let you know that we are doing some advertising for SIR promoting new members into our club. You can see the ads in the Modesto view 209 magazine and other. I have also posted something on Facebook inviting new retirees to come and join our club. I encourage all of you member to do something and talk to people you know or any one you meet in the public to come and see what we are all about.

I would like to tell you a little bit more about our golf point system. I talked with Paul Bender, and he said that you can get 5 points just for playing and if you win in your flight, 10 points for first place, 7 for second place, and 5 for third. The top 3 places will win extra cash at the end of the year.

Big Sir Juan Salinas

I know that all of us are busy with our life, but we need all of you to try and come and join us each month at our luncheons.

It is very important for all of us that play golf to come and sign up for our Mondays tournaments. It will make it a lot easier on the person that has to call on Thursday to the golf course to let them know how many players are coming.

Sunshine Report

By Gary Del Nero



Kerry Newman had hip replacement surgery about a week ago. All healing good so far, our thoughts are with him. Glen Earl's wife fell trying to get an item in their garage while Earl was at our luncheon. She yelled for help and one of her neighbors heard her and assisting her by calling an ambulance etc. She suffered a broken hip. She had surgery and will go into a care facility. Our prayers to Earl's wife.

SIR Branch 103 BEC March Minutes

Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attending: Big SIR, Juan Salinas Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Ray Tillery, Treasurer Ted Bracht. Directors: Dave Cooper, Vic Whaley, Dennis Imhoff, and Paul Bender

Committee Representatives Present: Gary DelNero, (Sunshine)

Absent: Little Sir, Brian Donahue, Director Roger Smith, Lance Underwood, and Dick Nelson, Don Reed, and Bob Kredit, Thursday Golf, and Tom Evans, Program.

Guests: None

Call to Order: Big SIR Juan Salinas, called the meeting to order at 7:31 A.M. at Denny's. Eight Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Secretary: Feb. minutes was offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Tillery-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: 1. We had a discussion about our ad campaign. A few of us had seen the ad. Juan said that he talked to a couple of guys about SIR, but no one showed at the luncheon.

Little SIR: NA

Treasurer: Ted Bracht reported his Microsoft excel was upgraded and he was unable to get it opened. We will vote on his March report in April.

Audit: Kerry Newman prepared a report on our audit. He found everything in good order and that Ted Bracht had done an exceptional job!

Membership: 1. Dave Cooper reported that we have 97 members. We have 10 members who have not paid their dues. Dave will contact them.

Luncheon: St. Patrick's Day lunch! \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EACH LUNCH.

Correspondence: NA

Program: Tom has speakers from Feb. to April.

Health and Safety: NA

Sunshine: Gary reported that Kerry Newman had hip replacement surgery. He is in Physical Therapy, but still has some pain. Earl Glenn's wife fell and broke her hip. She had surgery.

Golf: NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL.

Thursday Golf: Juan Salinas reported that it is going great!

Newsletter: NA

Bowling: It is going well!

Merchandising: Dennis reported that he had some sales at the luncheon.

Travel: NA

Computer: NA

Activities: NA

Dine Out: Juan will secure a site and send an email to all.

Old Business: Members are participating in Monday and Thursday golf, and bowling, but are not attending luncheons. Members must attend 3 luncheons per year to maintain eligibility in activities.

New Business: NA

Other: In May, we might ask those members who have classic cars to bring to the luncheon for a small car show.

Adjournment: 8:29 AM

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. Apr 7-Dryden, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103B
- Mon. Apr 14-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 144
- Mon. Apr 21-Pheasant Run, 8:00, \$64 (cart incl.)
Host 103A
- Mon. Apr 28-Elkhorn, 8:00, \$53 (cart incl.) Host
103B
- Mon. May 5-River Oaks, 8:00, \$44 (cart incl.)
Host 144
- Mon. May 12-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.)
Host 103A
- Mon. May 19-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt.\$20)
Host 103B
- Tue. May 27-Swenson, 8:00, \$45 (cart incl.) Host
144
- Mon. Jun 2-Dryden, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103A
- Mon. Jun 9-Elkhorn, 8:00, \$53 (cart incl.) Host
103B
- Mon. Jun 16-Micke Grove, 8:00, \$62 (cart incl.)
Host 144
- Mon. Jun 23-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt.
\$20) Host 103A
- Mon. Jun 30-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.)
Host 103B
- Mon. Jul 7-Dryden, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 144

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.

Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Team 9 (Strain, Salvi, Kincannon, and Fidalgo) won the first third of the league. Team 5 (Gibson, Stephens, Hott, and Sterling) are in first place in the 29th week of bowling.

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games Season High Scores

Scratch Series: Arnold Fidalgo 653, Scratch Game: Arnold Fidalgo 297, Handicap Series: Lor Salvi 749, Handicap Game: Chuck Shoup 291

Scratch Series: Babara Webb 511, Scratch Game: Terri Wilcox 178, Handicap Series: Dolores Bavaro 637, Handicap Game: Debbie Chin 251



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

April 23, 2025

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Masonic Temple

800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price \$25.00



BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH

Couples' Dine Out

The Couples' Dine Out will be at Javi's Mexican Restaurant, 1225 Standiford Ave., Modesto on Wednesday, April 16, 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.

Jerry Reese	04/03/1937	88 Yrs. Old
Johnny Taylor	04/03/1939	86 Yrs. Old
Bob Kredit	04/03/1946	79 Yrs. Old
Terry Cherry	04/15/1958	67 Yrs. Old
Jim Standart	04/25/1947	78 Yrs. Old



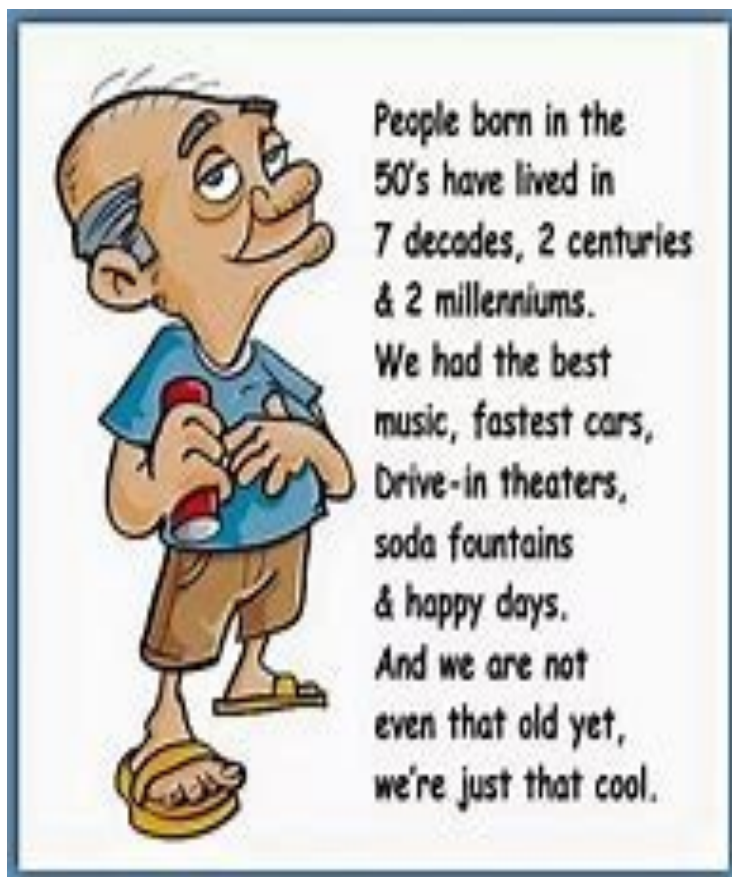
LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-Out will be at BJ's Restaurant, 3401 Dale Rd Modesto at 11:00 am on Thursday, April 24, 2025. No reservations required.



COMMEMORATIVE
AIR FORCE

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 April 12, 2025. The lunch will be on April 26, 2025.



People born in the 50's have lived in 7 decades, 2 centuries & 2 millenniums. We had the best music, fastest cars, Drive-in theaters, soda fountains & happy days. And we are not even that old yet, we're just that cool.

Branch 103 Website

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Cruise the Lower Mississippi in style, from Memphis to New Orleans aboard the 180 guest *American Splendor*

9-Days..... September 30-October 8, 2025

MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS - Embark on a voyage along the Lower Mississippi River, one brimming with excitement and discovery, stretching from the vibrant streets of New Orleans, Louisiana, to the soulful rhythms of Memphis, Tennessee. Our intimate Modern Riverboats accommodate no more than 180 guests, ensuring an immersive and personalized experience like no other. Feel the spirit of the region come alive through the passion and energy of our all-American crew, who eagerly await to guide you through nine days packed with unforgettable moments. An onboard historian will share the many stories of Southern culture and history, while local guides will unveil hidden gems during shore excursions. Experience the heart of Civil War history at Vicksburg, then marvel at the opulence of grand estates like Houmas House and Rosedown Plantation. Indulge in the timeless elegance of Oak Alley, where 300-year-old trees whisper tales of centuries past, or explore the quaint charm of St. Francisville and Natchez, each with their own unique stories to tell. As the sun sets on another day of exploration, unwind **aboard** with daily cocktail hours, gourmet cuisine, and captivating evening shows that showcase the region's cultural vibrancy. Get ready for a journey unlike any other, where every bend in the river reveals something new.



Highlights

- *Roundtrip airfare from Sacramento
- *Transfers to and from the Sacramento Allport
- *1-night pre-cruise hotel stay at the Guest House at Graceland with free ground-transfers airport to hotel and hotel to ship
- *Post cruise Premium New Orleans City excursion with drop off at the New Orleans Allport
- *All meals and snacks
- *24/7 alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages and nightly evening cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and top shelf liquors
- *Wi-Fi
- *Prepaid gratuities
- *Onshore featured excursions
- *Full enrichment package with guest speakers and nightly entertainment

*7 night cruise on the American
Splendor with all meals, drinks
and shipboard activities*

Questions? Please contact John Cardoza (209) 483-7722

Turlock Branch 143 is inviting members and guests of Branches 103 and 144 to a special May dine-out at the Castle Noz.

“SIR Dine-Out”

May 16, 2025

5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

At

The Castle

6101 Keyes Rd, Snelling, CA

Tickets are \$45 / person

Send Your Check payable to: S I R

To: Leonard Zumstein à no later than April 20th, 2025

2645 Mira Flores Dr. Turlock, CA 95380

Dinner: Catered by Neto’s

Tri-tip, Chicken Quarters, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and Roll

Beer / Wine / Soda / Water

Music by: **“No Way Back”** 60s, 70s, 80s band



SIR STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Rich Carlston..... 925 324-0838
State Vice Pres. Lee Lamp..... 530 921-1375
Area 18 Rep. Anthony Butera..... 209 985-3473

SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Juan Salinas.....209 605-6762
Little Sir Brian Donahue.....209 988-2748
Secretary Don Rowe209 634-0100
Asst. Secretary Ray Tillery209 499-0955
Treasurer Ted Bracht.....209 573-1690
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Dennis Imhoff209 846-9529
Ray Tillery209 499-0955
Vic Whaley916 509-2483
Dave Cooper209 578-3789
Roger Smith209 614-8684
Lance Underwood.....209 681-6989
Paul Bender..... 209 324-1793



COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership: Dave Cooper 209 578-3789
Assistant
Program Chair: Tom Evans 209 551-1836
Assistant:
Member Orient.: Brian Donahue..... 209 988-2748
Public Relations: Bob Kredit209 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 Newman209 579-7747
Golf Co-Chair: Gerald Hott209 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: Lance Underwood....209 681-6989
Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero.....209-681-1100

Health & Safety: Kerry Newman...209 579-7747
Chaplain: Dick Nelson.....209 701-8108
Asst.Chaplain: Gary Goodman209 578-0848
Meal Tickets: Don Rowe, Roy Bruk
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

Bob Kredit

SENIOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Don Reed

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April

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