

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

Fruit trees are blooming, azaleas are budding, roses are showing shoots, and baseball Spring Training camps have opened...this can only mean one thing, Spring is here! Officially, not until March 20, the Spring Equinox, but here, nonetheless. Remember to set your clocks (the ones that don't automatically reset themselves) ahead an hour on March 13, when Daylight Savings Time resumes. And don't forget to come to our luncheon on March 23. That's a lot to remember in March. The Branch 5 Membership Roster for 2011 was distributed at the February 23 luncheon. If you were not in attendance, please come to the March luncheon to obtain your copy. We want the Roster to be accurate, so, when you get your copy, please take a look at your entry. Send any corrections to me so that the next edition in 2012 will be correct. Roster corrections will be published in the Bulletin as they are identified, so that everyone can keep their copy up to date.

Forty-eight members attended the February luncheon. We welcomed John Whittier who was inducted into Branch 5. John is off to a great start in the Branch – he brought a guest to the meeting! Also, Duane Stauffer and I each brought guests. There's a good chance that we will induct 3 new members at the March luncheon. Please come to welcome them.

Those who attended the February luncheon heard an interesting talk by Vickie Epstein, who described Avenidas Village, a pacesetter in the national aging in place movement. The organization serves Palo Alto and contiguous cities. They provide the services that enable the members to remain in their

own homes and stay connected, safe, secure, and independent.

A recent question from a member indicated to me that one of the key policies of SIR may not be well known. Rule 13 of the General Provisions states: "Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches shall not support, promote or otherwise act to benefit, directly or indirectly, any other entity, cause, or crusade; or any charitable or civic pro-

Lunch,

Salads: Mixed Greens, Spinach with Mushroom and Egg, Caesar, and Mediterranean 3 Bean

Entrees: Crab and Shrimp Canneloni and Rosemary Chicken

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

ject no matter how worthy, including donations to the Red Cross, blood banks and the like." Actions prohibited by this rule shall include: "Solicitation of business or solicitation for volunteers, collection or distribution of funds, materials or other assistance by any person or persons at any luncheon or other meeting of the Branch." Unlike other organizations, SIR is strictly a social group for retired men. Looking forward to seeing you at the March luncheon. Be a friend, bring a friend.

Howard Trudeau
Big SIR

SPEAKER

Duncan MacVicar Biography
Duncan has degrees from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and from UC Berkeley. He served in Viet-

nam as a captain in the Army Engineers. Later, he worked at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Hewlett-Packard, and Spectra-Physics. He found his stride as a management consultant, advising high-tech company presidents on strategy, a career from which he retired two years ago. Along the way, Duncan was a founder of three high-tech companies, serving as CEO of one of them. He wrote a book on entrepreneurship entitled Managing High-tech Start-ups.

Duncan is a long-time community volunteer for his church and numerous nonprofits. He founded a group to build housing for the homeless, and last year he served as president of the board of Community Services Agency in Mountain View.

Today, Duncan devotes his time to the cause of veterans suffering from combat-induced trauma.

Visible Wounds of War

Duncan will describe for us the trauma that affects many combat veterans and the problems that these troubled veterans cause for themselves, their families, and their community when they return home. His points are illustrated by the stories of two local veterans of the current era. He will describe California's approach to traumatized veterans who commit crime and his efforts to improve that approach through legislation and the formation of special Veterans Treatment Courts.

Attendance Report

We seem to be holding steady at around 48 to 50 members at each luncheon. This month it was 48 members plus 3 Guests and our speaker. I believe everyone signed in. Only one badge number was wrong and I caught

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it. At least one of the guests will be joining us next month which is great. Now let's work on the other two to become members. We are struggling to maintain our membership and we need all the new members we can get.

We will probably be losing some more members before too long as they are not attending or contributing.

Our speaker was really interesting as she touched a lot of us who want to stay in our homes but need some kind of support to be able to do so. I'm a good candidate as I live alone but I also live outside of their service area.

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

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Roster Changes

NEW MEMBER:

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March Birthdays

Robert V. Merk 03/19
Robert H. Carlstead 03/12
Don Harryman 03/15

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

February 23, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. A quorum was present. Those attending were: Howard Trudeau-Big SIR, Wayne Richter, Ray Odell-Attendance and Budget, Ken Liddicoat, Fred Van Kirk, Albert Stratz-Little SIR, Paul Butler-Membership, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Dan Haley, Zeke Sicotte-Auditor, Kamel Totah-Golf, and Art Schmid-Secretary.

There were no guests or visitors.

3. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting.
4. Big SIR report- Howard Trudeau:
 - a. The newly printed membership roster for 2011 was distributed, which lists active members only. All meeting dates for year 2011 are listed.

- b. Inactive members- Rules regarding inactive members were discussed and are formalized in Article 7, a copy of which is attached. An inactive member will be requested to make a contribution of \$10.00 per year for the Branch bulletin. There was a discussion of the status of 10 inactive members, two of whom are former Big SIRs. Membership Chairman Paul Butler, along with Wayne Richter, will contact them and report at the next meeting.

- c. The February 1, Form 27 Monthly Membership Report was submitted and a copy is attached. This shows a total membership of 95, and January luncheon attendance of 47 members and one guest plus the speaker. As a side note, we were told that in the year 2000, our membership was 292 and lunch attendance was 169.

- d. The Holiday party will be December 14.

The Big SIR was informed by a member about the El Camino Hospital Road Runners organization and asked that the need for volunteers be mentioned at the Branch meeting. The Board agreed that although our group can be informed about this organization, in accordance with SIR policy, Branch 5 cannot sponsor the soliciting of volunteers for Road Runners or other similar organizations. .

5. Auditors Report. S.D. Sicotte gave the auditors report for our Branch for year 2010,. He found the records main-

tained by our Treasurer to be in excellent order with supporting documentation.

6. The Treasurers report was given by Don Harryman and a copy is attached. For January 2011, our beginning cash balance was \$5406.92, and the ending balance was \$6112.88. Of our 95 members, we have only 41 who have paid their annual dues.

7. Little SIR Reports:
Al Stratz reported that the number of people calling members to remind them about meetings has been reduced from 10 to 9 people.

Al and Les Spring visited Michael's to review the sound system They discussed our microphone and P.A. system and whether we should consider owning our own. The microphone provided is very directional, so our speakers should be advised to speak directly into it. The restaurant agrees to provide a microphone stand to aid in keeping the microphone in front of the speaker.

8. Membership Report-Paul Butler gave this report and a copy is attached. We have 95 active and 10 inactive members. Will Dettmer, badge 330, has resigned because of age. Visitor Michael Miller has no plans to join.

9. Attendance Report-Ray Odell. Attendance on January 26 was 49 members and 2 visitors. The full report is attached which includes a list of currently unpaid members.

10. Budget Report-Ray Odell. Detailed lists are attached showing expenditures for the year 2010, and year 2011 to date. It also shows a proposed budget for 2011 expenditures.

11. Our guest speaker today is Vickie Epstein who will speak about Avenidas Village.

12. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Art Schmid
Secretary

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GOLF Sunnyvale Golf Course 2-3-11

Azmi Habib 102 net 66
Adel Nazzal 89 net 67 cttp, cttp

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Howard Trudeau 103 net 74
 Jim Stevens 100 net 74

Santa Clara Golf Course
2-10-11

Adel Nazzal 87 net 65 cttp
 Jim Stevens 94 net 68
 Ben Guess 89 net 72 cttp
 Howard Trudeau 102 net 72

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**CompuSIR**  
**Chairman,**

**Jim Dinkey, Branch 35**

The CompuSIR group meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon for a brown bag lunch at the Los Altos Legion Hall , 347 First Street, Los Altos. The following speaker(s) are currently scheduled:

**Speaker: Richard Rands, Genealogist**

**Topic: Yahoo! Let's Google Bing - or YahGooBing Your Family Tree**

The days of tediously pouring through books, microfilm, and microfiche for genealogical information are rapidly becoming a thing of the past.

Countless organizations around the world are racing against time to digitally preserve their collections of historical records before the media they are on turns to dust or jelly.

With the rising popularity of digging for our family roots, many of these organizations have discovered the benefit of posting searchable indexes of their records, and even the images of their records, on the Internet.

Richard Rands is a professional genealogist with over 50 years of experience working on his own family history and helping others trace their ancestors. A graduate of UC Berkeley with a BS in Operations Research and an MBA, he has worked for Hewlett-Packard Co., Tandem Computers, and the Tech Museum. He has recently retired as CEO of Computers for Marketing Corporation in San Francisco. Richard is currently President of the Silicon Valley Computer Genealogy Group, Director of the Los Altos Family History Center and proprietor of Brute Force Genealogy.

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TRAVEL NEWS
FOR AREA 16,
BRANCHES 5, 35,
& 51

Still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

Below are some trips sponsored by other branches you may be interested in. Call the given numbers if interested.

August 11, 2011 □ **SF Bay Model** □ - (Br 62) Tour of the Army Corps of Engineers model of the San Francisco Bay, Sacramento River, and Delta Regions followed by lunch in Sausalito before returning to the South Bay. Trip will be \$115/person. If interested call Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

October 20, 2011 □ **USS Potomac** □ (Br 62) Bus to Jack London Square in Oakland for a cruise on the USS Potomac. In 1934 the US Coast Guard Cutter Electra was converted into the USS Potomac, the Presidential Yacht for FDR, serving in that capacity from 1936 until FDR's death in 1945. She changed ownership several times during the years since then, one owner being Elvis Presley. She was briefly used as a front for drug smugglers when it was confiscated by the government. She fell into disrepair and sank. Restoration was completed in 1995 and now 3 hour Bay cruises are offered from her mooring near Jack London Square. Lunch is planned at Jack London Square after the cruise. Trip will be \$160/person. If interested call Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

November 5, 2011 □ **Mexican Riviera Cruise -(8 days)** □ (Br 62) Short, inexpensive and relaxing before the holidays. Cruise is a round trip out of San Diego with stops in Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, and Cabo San Lucas. Price ranges from \$1389 (interior), \$1529 (outside window), and \$1619 to \$1799 (balcony). All meals and transportation (round trip from San Jose Airport) are included. Details at trip presentation, 1 PM May 12, 2011. If interested call Roy Jordan 408-735-8765 or Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421

******* ONE DAY OUTINGS *******

May 6, 2011 □ **Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields** □

Branch 32 Escorts John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 and Mike Console (408) 246-1080. Come and enjoy a full day of thoroughbred racing while enjoying a luncheon buffet in the Turf Club. Enjoy the races as you watch your horse flash across the finish line (hopefully in first place). More info to follow including price.

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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35,**  
**& 51**

**EVERY TUESDAY,**  
**HOMESTEAD LANES,**  
**HOMESTEAD AND**  
**STELLING,**  
**SUNNYVALE.**

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Assistant: BOB TAGGART  
 Prizes: ROY ROBINSON

Play starts at 1pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm

Join us for the Winter/Spring Tournament. We bowl on a handicap system, so all bowlers have an equal chance winning the team and individual prizes. Each season, teams are revised and always have a cross section of bowlers by ability. If you're new, it's easier if you call Art in advance so we will be prepared..

Tournament High Scores through Feb. 15:

- Highest "3 game series":
- Tim Eastham: 515
- Chuch Huff: 487
- Fred Schwalbach: 487
- Jeff Grundy: 486
- Highest game:
- John Snyder: 196
- Bill Nye: 191
- Jerry Ososkie: 178
- Highest handicap "3 game series":
- Art England: 660

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Bill Webster: 657  
Bob Taggart: 639  
Highest handicap game:  
Bill Finkemeier: 250  
Jerry Coe: 247  
Roger Anderson: 243  
Bowler is listed only once above, and in the category where he has the highest ranking.

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Biking

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

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2nd Thursday: March 10, 2010, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome Rain cancels; Helmet required
Location: Los Gatos Creek Trail. We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos for lunch. Then ride back for a total

of about 15 miles.

Directions: Go South on I-280 (past Highway17) to Meridian; turn right. Go to Willow Street (the second stoplight); turn right. Take Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please reply to or contact Jerry Butler, as per above, or contact Karl Reseck at (650)941-8837, karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org.

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