

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

The April 27 Luncheon was the best attended of the year. Fifty-five members and two guests welcomed Bob Simons, our fifth new member of 2011. Bob is a retiree from Lockheed Martin. It is encouraging that both guests who were there have now completed applications for membership and, after approval by the BEC, will be inducted at the May 25 meeting. Please come to the luncheon that day to welcome them. Invite your retired friends to a future luncheon. Remember SIR State President Bob Mannell's slogan for 2011, "Be a friend, bring a friend."

I'm sure that all who were there will agree that Bob Parsons, our speaker at the April 27 luncheon, was excellent. Additionally, the new microphone enabled all in attendance to hear clearly. Bob's talk on strokes and stroke awareness touched many of our members. During his talk he clearly described the types of strokes and the importance of timely medical attention. The fact that Mr. Parsons is a stroke survivor himself made his talk even more convincing. Thank you to Little SIR, Al Stratz, for obtaining interesting speakers like Bob Parsons, and for obtaining and testing the new microphone.

The summer barbeque is coming up on July 27. This annual summer event is an opportunity to invite wives and friends to attend as our guests. Be sure that they have this on their calendars. Past Big SIR, Fred Van Kirk, has arranged to have Russ Guarino's Lighthouse Swing Duo provide musical entertainment. As always, we'll have good food, a friendly environment, and a few prizes. More details will be provided at the May Luncheon.

Don't forget that Wednesday, Au-

gust 11, is SIR DAY with the World Champion San Francisco Giants. Let's go out to AT&T Park to watch the Giants battle the Pittsburg Pirates. **Contact Membership Chair, Paul Butler, by May 15 if you would like to attend.**

Enjoy the great May weather. See you for lunch on May 25.

*Howard Trudeau*  
Big SIR

### **Lunch,** **May 25**

**Salads** - Spinach with Mushroom and Egg, Caesar, Mediterranean 3 Bean, and Red Potato and Dill

**Entrees** - Roast Turkey and Beef Ravioli, Marinara

**Dessert** - Chocolate Mousse

## **SPEAKER**

### **Abstract for Hubble Space Telescope Presentation**

The Space was the specifically designed to on-orbit. concept telescope



oped in 1946 as a means to put a telescope in orbit around the earth so that the telescope would provide sharper images without the interference of the atmosphere. It was designed and built in the late 1970's and 1980s. It was launched in 1990 with significant fanfare and expectations. Immediately after deployment on-orbit, it was discovered that the primary mirror suffered from spherical aberration that

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significantly comprised its capabilities. The aberration was corrected by a scientific instrument that had nine corrective mirrors during the first servicing mission in 1993. Since its launch in 1990 and the corrected vision in 1993, it has become the most important telescope in the history of astronomy. The Hubble was the first of the four great NASA observatories. The Hubble's Ultra Deep Field image is the deepest and most sensitive astronomical optical image ever taken. In April of 2010, the Hubble Space Telescope has been on-orbit 20 years. The STS-125 servicing mission is expected to extend the Hubble's life span by a minimum of 5 years but with a hoped for 10 years.

The Lockheed Martin Company at the Sunnyvale, CA facilities built the Hubble Space Telescope.

The Hubble Space Telescope presentation will highlight the physical description, characteristics, and historical data that describe the building of the Hubble Space Telescope from 1985 to the 2009 Servicing Mission. It will show and discuss the on-orbit highlights of the extra vehicular activity (EVA) activities of STS-125, the last planned servicing mission. The presentation will highlight the planned hardware replacement, repair, and upgraded capabilities of the on-orbit servicing. STS-125, the servicing mission completed in May 2009. It will describe the EVA daily activities. It will highlight the historical presentation of the scientific papers and discoveries over the 20 years on-orbit activities of the Hubble. A review of the top five Hubble's discoveries plus the several recent HST discoveries will terminate the presentation.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

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## Attendance Report

April 27, 2011

Attendance at the April 27 Luncheon was the best in many months. The speaker and his subject matter was a great influence on our attendance. Either we could be or have been affected by this terrible ailment. We had 55 members and 3 visitors present. Maybe we can do as well or even better next month.

*Ray Odell*  
Attendance Chairman

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## Membership

No data received

## Roster Changes

No data received

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## May

### Birthdays

Quentin H. Burden	5/2
Peter S. LoPresto	5/4
Russell F. Scott	5/4
William E. Chamberlin	5/7
Neil A. Daniels	5/7
Donovan H, Alvik	5/9
Calvin Cook	5/19
James H Swanson	5/20
Merle O. Evers	5/22
Norm M. Nazzal	5/23
Loyd E. Ellis	5/26
Paul H. Krug	5/26
Ben F. Guess	5/28

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The April edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

After opening the web site, click on :**SPRING 2011 HAPPENINGS**

President Mannell's front page article tells us about the positive membership trends as a result of our recent

emphasis on the problem and the increasing use of Form 27. He is asking you to "BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND." and to share that camaraderie and those activities that only SIR has to offer with your friends and at the same time, help regain positive growth in membership so we may continue doing the great things that SIR has done for retired men.

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

April 27, 2011

There being a quorum, Big SIR, Howard Trudeau, convened the meeting at 10:02 AM, in the conference room of the Mountain View Shoreline Golf Course Pro Shop.

The minutes of the March 23, meeting were approved without change.

No visitors or guests were present.

The following reports were submitted:

### **BIG SIR-Howard Trudeau:**

- Due to Art Schmid's absence, Fred Van Kirk was requested to record the minutes of the meeting.
- The discussion from the March 23 meeting was continued regarding the status of inactive members. Ken Liddicoat will check on the status of Wallace Leung. Membership Chairman, Paul Butler, will contact the remaining inactive members to determine if they should be continued on the list.
- Wednesday, August 10, has been designated "SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS SIR DAY". The Giants are playing Pittsburgh. Game time is 12:45 PM. Ticket prices vary. If interested contact Big Sir Howard Trudeau or Membership Chair Paul Butler.
- The latest "SIR Happenings" is now available on the State web site, [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org). It contains an interesting article concerning membership by the State Big Sir, Bob Mannell.
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• The Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the position of Little Sir. If interested contact Chairman of the Committee, Ted Hinshaw, or members Les Spring and Fred Van Kirk.

### **LITTLE SIR-AI Stratz**

AI proposed the purchase of a new microphone, which was approved by the Board. The new mic will provide better sound quality for future speakers.

### **TREASURER-Don Harryman:**

The cash balance as of March 31, was \$6,279.07. The cash balance at the start of 2011 was \$5,406.92. Don will use the up to date membership roster to develop the list of members who have not made their annual contribution and provide it electronically to Ray O'Dell.

### **MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN-Paul Butler:**

Our current membership consists of 94 active members and 10 inactive members. Bob Simons will be inducted today.

### **ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN- Ray Odell:**

Attendance at the March meeting was 47 members and 4 visitors.

No additional old or new business was brought before the BEC. A call for adjournment was moved, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Fred Van Kirk*

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## GOLF

### Shoreline golf course

4-7-11

|               |     |             |
|---------------|-----|-------------|
| Jere Austin   | 102 | net 69      |
| Jiries Nazzal | 103 | net 73      |
| Azmi Habib    | 111 | net 74      |
| Adel Nazzal   | 98  | net 76 CTPP |
| Wayne Richter | 115 | net 78      |

### Santa Clara golf course

4-14-11

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|---------------|---------|--------|------|
| Adel Nazzal   | 89      | net 68 | CTTP |
| Ben Guess     | 88(45)  | net 70 | CTTP |
| Jiries Nazzal | 100(51) | net 70 |      |

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**SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE**

**4-21-11**

Naim Nazzal 89(45) net 68 CTTTP  
 Adel Nazzal 89(46) net 68 CTTTP  
 Jiries Nazzal 100 net 71  
 Azmi Habib 107 net 71  
 Jim Stevens 98 net 72  
 Howard Trudeau 103 net 74

**Los Lagos golf course**

**4-28-11**

Jiries Nazzal 90 net 61  
 Naim Nazzal 89 net 69  
 Jim Stevens 100 net 74  
 Howard Trudeau 106 net 77 CTTTP

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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 Palo Alto Elks—4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.

. The following speaker(s) are currently scheduled:

**Topic: From Telephones to Tablets: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly**

**Speaker: Angela Hey,**  
*technology columnist,  
 Mountain View Voice*

< <http://tinyurl.com/lmxdnu> >

Angela will show how innovative apps and add on peripherals have revolutionized smart phones, and how tablets transform lifestyles. The talk will demonstrate how good design can help products and services succeed in today's cutthroat markets. Which interfaces are important? Are USB ports going away? What features are essential? Which services should you subscribe to? If you are in the market for a new phone, tablet or computer, the talk will give you some things to look out for before you buy.

Angela Hey, a technology marketing consultant with Techviser, also writes a technology column for the Mountain View Voice. Her experience includes marketing, management and systems engineering. Her clients have included venture capitalists, banks, pharmaceutical companies, and high tech firms. She has a PhD from Imperial College, London, MMath from the University of Waterloo and MA from the University of Cambridge.

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

Still looking for a travel chairman.  
 See BIG SIR.

**TRAVEL OFFERINGS FROM  
 OTHER BRANCHES**

**August 11, 2011 -**

**SF Bay Model 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. The cost is \$115 per person. For details and reservations, call Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

**October 20, 2011 -**

**USS Potomac**

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 - and served in that capacity from 1936 until FDR's death in 1945. She then changed ownership several times with one owner being Elvis Presley. She was subsequently used briefly as a front for drug smugglers until confiscated by the government. She then fell into disrepair and sank. Later, restoration was started and finally completed in 1995. Today, the beautifully restored Potomac is an active and exciting part of the San Francisco Bay scene with 3-hour Bay cruises offered from her mooring near Jack London Square. Lunch is planned at Jack London Square after the cruise. The trip will cost \$160 per person. For details and reservations, call Jim Hohenshelt 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

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

**EVERY TUESDAY,  
 HOMESTEAD LANES,**

**HOMESTEAD AND  
 STELLING,  
 SUNNYVALE.**

Art England 650-948-5828

[Anm\\_Eng@att.net](mailto:Anm_Eng@att.net)

Assistant: Bob Taggart

Prizes: Roy Robinson

Play starts at 1pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm Join us for the Spring/Summer 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.

**Results of the Winter/Spring  
 Tournament:**

**1st. Place Team:** Chuck Huff, Earl Pampeyan, Jerry Ososkie.

**2nd. Place Team:** Bill Nye, Bill Finckemeier, Dick Frakes.

**3rd. Place Team:** Tim Eastham, Arnie Satterlee, Alan Gaudie.

**4th. Place Team:** Jeff Grundy, Fred Schwalbach, Bill Webster.

**High Series Scratch:**

1st: Tim Eastham,  
 2nd: Bob Taggart,  
 3rd: Chuck Huff.

**High Game Scratch:**

1st: Jeff Grundy,  
 2nd: John Synder,  
 3rd: Arnie Satterlee.

**High Series Handicap:**

1st: Bill Nye,  
 2nd: Roy Robinson and Dick Frakes.

**High Game Handicap:**

1st: Bill Webster and Art England,  
 3rd: Bill Finkemeier.

**Highest Handicap Series on last  
 tournament day:**

1st: Roger Anderson.  
 2nd: Earl Pampeyan.  
 3rd: Jeff Grundy  
 4th: Jerry Coe.  
 5th: Art England

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**

2nd Thursday, May 12, 11:00 a.m.

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**Wives and guests welcome. RAIN CANCELS - HELMET REQUIRED**

Route - Brisbane/Oyster Point. We will ride the flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles, going south from the Walmart Tower in Brisbane to South Airport Blvd. (near SFO). There we will have lunch at McDonalds or Costco (no other choices) and then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

Directions - Take 101 north past SFO to Sierra Pt. Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point exit). Turn right at the first intersection, followed by an immediate left turn at the next intersection, on to Marina Blvd. Follow Ma-rina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the Walmart Tower on the left. Turn left into a large public parking lot with a short boulevard entrance, where we will meet.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jerry Butler at GXB366@aol.com (650-494-8078) or Karl Reseck at (650-941-8837) karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org.

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