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Big SIR sez:

Our indoor/outdoor BBQ at Michael's was a great success thanks to Cal Cook and his committee consisting of Art Kraemer, Pete LoPresto, Howard Trudeau, Ken Liddicoat, Adrian Flakol and Parker Robinson. It was especially good to see so many attractive ladies in attendance. Just about everyone went home with a bottle of wine and a couple of good laughs.

In early August, I attended the annual SIR Inc. meeting in Vallejo. Approximately 200 Branches were represented. Also present were all of the State Officers, Regional Directors and most Area Governors. State Officers for 2009 were unanimously elected by those present. They include: David Reiser, San Jose Branch 10, President; Floyd (Buck) Kendrick, Palo Alto Branch 35, Vice President; Gary Gruber, Lake Tahoe Branch 160, Secretary; Robert Mannell, San Jose Branch 39, Treasurer; Hal Stephens, Placerville Branch 137, Assistant Secretary; and, Michael Berry, Windsor Branch 176, Assistant Treasurer.

Considerable discussion was devoted to program planning and execution, as this is one of the

most effective means of keeping attendance up and attracting new members. Regarding new members, emphasis was placed on how best to recruit "Baby Boomers". One suggestion was to de-emphasize the use of the word "retirement" when describing SIR to prospective members, but instead emphasize the organization as being a men's luncheon club and/or social organization. These and other matters will be presented to our Branch

August 27, 2008 Menu

- Salads:
 - Tomatoes Vinaigrette
 - Caesar
 - Pasta Primavera
 - Mixed Greens
- Entrée:
 - Crab and Shrimp Cannelloni
 - Rosemary Chicken
- Sides:
 - Rice
 - Seasonable Vegetables
- Dessert:
 - Ice Cream
- Beverages:
 - Coffee
 - Ice Tea

Executive Committee and to the Branch membership in general over the coming months. All in all I felt the meeting was well worthwhile and will be helpful to Branch 5.

Looking forward to seeing you at Michael's on August

27. Mark your calendars! Stay in good health.

Fred Van Kirk

SPEAKER

Our August speaker is Robert D. (Bob) Woehl. He is the nuclear regional manager for the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in Palo Alto. His presentation is entitled, "The Future of U. S. Nuclear Power in a Carbon Constrained World", and will cover sub-topics such as: the status of prospective new nuclear plants in the U.S., and, more specifically, California; why new plants should be considered, and the controlling factors in regard to alternatives; how global climate changes fit into the picture; and what new technologies are available now that were not before.

Bob is a Palo Alto native and electrical engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He spent 24 years in the Navy, primarily as a submarine officer, and upon retirement, worked for PG&E at the Canyon Diablo Nuclear Power Plant in San Luis Obispo. After 13 years there he migrated to EPRI, where he has spent 10 years in his present capacity which focuses on assisting the 18 nuclear facilities in the west, and midwest, in application of EPRI's nuclear technology.

Special Notice from State SIR

(The State Insurance Committee requests that the following message be either inserted in the Branch Bulletin or read during a luncheon meetingJ

PLEASE - NO CELL PHONES

Using a cell phone while driving to and from a SIR activity (ie. A branch meeting, a SIR golf tournament, etc.) may be a very costly event for you and for SIR. The recent change in the motor vehicle code seems small, but the real impact is the problem a cell phone user incurs in the event of an "at fault" accident.

To protect yourself, your passengers, and SIR, Please do not use your cell phones while driving. If you must make a call, please pull over, stop your vehicle, and then make your call.

Copies to Branch Secretaries, Big Sirs, State Administrators

Attendance Report

No report this month

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**Membership**

No report this month

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September Birthdays

Ken Christie – 9/03
Robert Ross – 9/03

Frank Herterich – 9/20
Don Drews – 9/23
Adel Nazzal – 9/23
Arlo Gilpatrick – 9/28

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board**

No Board Meeting This Month

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GOLF

Who Won What JULY, 2008

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SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE, JULY 3/2008

KRAEMER 67(42),
AUSTIN 61
FLAKOLL 67(44),
CLANCY 67
A. NAZZAL 69,
COOK 72

CTTP #4 KRAEMER,
#13 WERNER

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SHORELINE GOLF COURSE, JULY 17/2008

A.NAZZAL 66,
VAN KIRK 65
TOTAH 67,AUSTIN 66
CRANER 68,HABIB 73
CTTP #4 STEVENS,

#11 SWANSON

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SPRING VALLEY GOLF COURSE, JULY 24/2008

FLAKOLL 68,
J. NAZZAL 66
KRAEMER 72,
RICHTER 67(52)
LOOS 73, HABIB 67(53)
CTTP #4 J. NAZZAL,
#11 FLAKOLL

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LOS LEGOS GOLF COURSE, JULY 31/2008

FREEMAN 65,
COOK 68
KRAEMER 69,
ALEXANDER 71
SWANSON 70,
AUSTIN 73
CTTP #7 FREEMAN,
#16 FREEMAN

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**CompuSIR Chairman, Jim Dinkey, Branch 35**

**The CompuSIR group meets the second Wednesday of each**

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**month at noon for a brown bag lunch at the Los Altos Legion Hall , 347 First Street, Los Altos. The following speakers are currently scheduled:**

Wed., 8/13

**Open Source Software - Is There Really a Free Lunch?**  
Maurice Green, PhD

From Linux, Open Office, Firefox and GIMP to a growing list of other applications Open Source has become a popular alternative to costly commercial software. Open source software is developed by a community of programmers with peer review and transparency of process. The promise of open source is better quality, higher reliability, more flexibility, lower cost, and an end to predatory vendor lock-in. Maury will discuss the open source process, its pros and cons and demonstrate a variety of applications which are freely available on the internet.

Maurice Green is the web-

master for SVUGA and group leader for the SVUGA digital imaging and web design SIGs. He teaches the web design course using open source software exclusively. He has been managing computer networks at Stanford since 1990.

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

Oct 13 – 24 12 Days
MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco);

Price Varies
w/cabin Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387

Starts under \$100/day **Very Good Prices & NO FLYING!**

Oct 28 – 30 3 Days
SIR 50th ANNIVERSARY in RENO
w/YAKOV SMIRNOFF;
\$291pp dbl Questions -
- Joe Ames 408-736-8387

SIGNUP DEADLINE 1 AUG., 2008 Very

Funny Man!

Dec 30 – Jan 3 5 Days
NEW YEAR'S in SAN ANTONIO, TX:
\$1445pp dbl Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387

Aug 28 – Sep 7, 2010 11 Days
PASSION PLAY in OBERAMMERGAU & GERMAN HIGHLIGHTS: \$3795pp
dbl Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387

\$200 Refundable Reservation Deposit!

Call the Escorts for Complete Information and Reservations for the trips. (See Flyers for details)

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

We Bowl Every Thursday. Come Join Us: Palo Alto Bowl 4329 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, Practice at 12:45, Bowl at 1:00

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**Bill Finkemeier, 150 Alma St., #114, Menlo Park, 94025, 650-323-2177**

Bowling Results for the Month of July

Scratch Games Over 199:

George Falkenthal: 221,  
Fred Schwalback: 202

Scratch Series Over 499:

Fred Schwalback: 526,  
Tim Eastham: 518

Handicapped Series Over 599:

Fred Schwalback: 661,  
Hal Knowlton: 630,  
Gordon Miller: 633

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