

Sons in Retirement



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December,

Big SIR sez:

This being my last message as Big Sir, I would like to let all of you know how much I have enjoyed the experience of serving Branch 5 in the various offices I have held and would encourage all of you to take an active part in our activities. To get your feet wet, you might want to sit in on our Executive Committee meetings which are held in the Shoreline Pro Shop conference room at 10AM prior to each regular membership meeting. You are welcome anytime and any comments or questions would be appreciated.

I particularly want to thank the Officers and Directors for their assistance and guidance during the past year: Ted Hinshaw (your next Big Sir) for great programs; Jere Austin-meticulous and prompt issuance of minutes; Dan Harryman and Lloyd Lettis-keeping our finances in order; Wayne Richter-ordering trophies, pins, etc; Emmett Hearn-Bulletin printing; George Knapp-Insurance provisions and assisting with mailing of the Bulletin (both George and Emmett took over Al Smoll's Job of getting the Bulletin distributed-Thanks Al for your many years of doing this); Ken Liddicoat for his guidance and years of service on the Board; and Joe Ames-handling travel arrangements for the many trips made available to us and for arranging to have our Roster printed at no charge to the Branch.

I also want to thank the following members who contributed so much to our successful operation in 2008: Ken Christie (your new Little Sir), Cal Cook, Al Gardner, Dan Haley, Howard Hushbeck, Pete Lo Presto and his helpers, Adel Nazzal, Ray Odell, Zeke Sicotte, Les Spring and Kamel Totah.

My apologies to anyone I may have overlooked, but let me cover that by thanking all of you for your attendance and support. We have a great Branch which I look forward to being a part of in the coming years.

Stay in good health.

Fred Van Kirk

SPEAKER

No speaker at the holiday luncheon. We will have a presentation by "Heart and Soul", a world class

Holiday Lunch,

Choice of ;

Roast Beef (English Cut, au jus) or Broiled Salmon or Grilled Vegetable Brochette with Wild Rice.

Each entrée is served with Seasonal Greens, vegetables, potato du jour, French rolls, coffee and sherbet.

This is a full, multiple course, sit down, formal luncheon.

chorus of mixed voices under the direction of Paul Hurst.

Attendance Report

Nov 12, 2008.

68 members, 2 guests, 1 visitor, 1 speaker, = 72 total

Not too bad since meeting date was changed and some members had conflicts with the date change.

Ray Odell

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It's that time of the year again, and your **voluntary contribution** for \$25 can be sent to:

SIR BRANCH 5

c/o

Don Harryman

26987 Elena Rd

Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

OR: Bring your \$25 check to the January luncheon.

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Membership

November 12, 2008

In Memory of: None

New members: membership pending – (Mr. Dennis Roilard, Badge #3)

Membership Changes:

None

Membership Status:

Active: 120

Waiting: none

Inactive: 10 (2 no Bulletin)

Widows on mailing list: 3

Current Mailing List: 152,

93 by email and 59 by snail mail.

Member Record Updates: None

Ken Christie

Membership Chairman

Footnote, John Wolfe passed away Sunday, 11/23.

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# January Birthdays

- Robert Downs – 1/30
- Alfred Gardner – 1/13
- Emmett Hearn – 1/20
- James Loos – 1/13
- Henry Miller – 1/6
- Eldon Thomason – 1/4



## SIR BRANCH #5

### Annual December Holiday Luncheon (ADHL)

December 17, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Michaels at Shoreline

The Branch #5 Executive Board of Directors and it's Holiday Committee cordially invite all Members and their guest to attend this gala occasion. This year's luncheon promises to exceed that of all past Holiday Luncheons in sheer joy, fun, friendship and entertainment. Don't miss out. Get signed up early. You can't win if you don't play .

We will be entertained by Heart & Soul, a world class chorus of approximately 16 mixed voice singers under the direction of Paul Hurst. Heart & Soul was honored to sing for the Holiday Candlelight Tour in the East Room of the White House.

Cast of Core Committee Members:

TICKET SALES: SIRS PETE LO PRESTO, HOWARD TRUDEAU & ART KRAEMER

TABLE COORDINATOR: SIR LES SPRING

SPECIAL GUEST COORDINATOR: SIR KEN LIDDICOAT

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: SIRS FLAKE FLAKOLL & CAL COOK

ENTERTAINMENT: SIRS HOWARD HUSHBECK & LES SPRING (MC)

FLYERS ETC: SIR HOWARD

HUSHBECK & OL' CAL STUCKEE: SIR OL' CAL COOK  
Note: Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in the "Membership Roster".

### Who & How

All active or inactive members, their family members, relatives, friends, and any prospective members are welcome. Single members are especially welcome. \$27.00 per attendee. No advance sales. All collections will be made at the door. Please bring cash or checks payable to Sir Branch #5.

**{ Please call Les Spring, 948-4579, or e-mail him at 4retselgni@sbcglobal.net, to give him your and your guests (if you're acting as table captain) choices for the menu. We have to let the restaurant know in advance so they will have a good idea of quantities for the majority of the attendees. If you're coming without notifying in advance, that will work, but we'd like to know so most of the table assignments can be made in advance (ten per table). Thanks, Les }**



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

SOUTHERN PENINSULA BRANCH #5  
MICHAEL'S AT SHORELINE RESTAURANT  
Golf Pro-Shop Conference Room  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee  
November 12, 2008

BIG SIR, Fred Van Kirk, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the Golf Pro-Shop Conference Room near Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA. 94043

BIG SIR confirmed a Quorum of 6 or more officers and directors present. The Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting of September 24,

2008 were approved as corrected, MSP.

### BIG SIR REPORT:

- A Big Sir, Fred confirmed that Area Governor, John Mason will install the 2009 officers at the luncheon today.
- B Fred reported he has sent an e-mail to John Mason and John has replied in the affirmative that State is expected to inform the branches of the cost of Errors and Omissions insurance for 2009. A copy of Fred's e-mail and the reply was circulated at the table.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jere had no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Don Harryman presented the Monthly cash report for October 31, 2008. The ending balance was \$5,991.77. The ending balance is better than years, 2006 and 2007. In discussion that followed, it was noted that early requests in 2009 for voluntary contributions would be wise.

BUDGET REPORT: Ray Odell was not present since he is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

INSURANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (George Knapp) George had no insurance item but he presented a resolution commending Big Sir Fred for his leadership and judgment during 2008. MSP. See Addendum #1 attached. (in file copy of minutes)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: (Ken Christie) In Memory Of: none; New Members: membership pending, Dennis Roilard, Badge #3; Membership Changes: none.; Membership Status: 120 Active, none waiting, 10 Inactive (2 no bulletin), 3 Widows on the mailing list; Current Mailing List: total 152, 93 by e-mail and 59 by snail mail; Member Record Updates: none  
Ken's recruiting flyer has been printed and copies were provided to those present and for distribution at the luncheon. A note encouraging members to distribute the flyer and to use it as a recruiting tool was also presented. These things will also be distributed along with the Bulletin and via the Web Site.

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**ATTENDANCE REPORT:** (Ray Odell) reported via e-mail that attendance at the October meeting was 66 members, 1 member makeup and 2 guests for a total of 69.

**TRAVEL REPORT:** (Joe Ames) requested approval for a Mexican Riviera Cruise from October 12, to October 23, 2009.MSP. See Addendum #2 attached. He also requested approval for a trip, Shades Of Ireland for September 22, to October 1, 2009. MSP. See Addendum #2 attached.

Joe commented that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SIR Party in Reno was very good with 170 people attending. No State Officers were in attendance.

**GREETERS:** (Dan Haley) All OK.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** (Al Gardner) no report.

**WEBMASTER:** (Ed Nazzal) Everything is up and running.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** (Howard Hushbeck) no report.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAM:** (Cal Cook) The December luncheon will have a choice of beef, chicken and vegetarian entrées. Cal needs a report from table captains as to the number attending. Tables will each be set for 8 people. He is hoping for at least 80 people. Ed Nazzal will put an ad in the Web-Site. A choral group will perform at 12:45 after lunch.

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS/ COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WERE ALSO PRESENT:**

**REVENUERS** (Pete LoPresto)

**OLD BUSINESS:** none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 10:45 AM. MSP.

Jere Austin-Branch Secretary

Wayne L. Richter-Assistant Branch Secretary

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GOLF

WHO WON WHAT NOV.. 2008

LOS LEGOS GOLF COURSE,

OCT. 30/2008

Flakoll 66, Cook 70(50)
Stevens 67, 70(53-99)
A.Nazzal 68, Van Kirk 70(53-104)
CTTP #7 A.Nazzal, #16 Loos

SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE,
NOV.6/2008

Swanson 70, Cook 70
Kraemer 72(44), Van Kirk 71
Totah 72(46), Kazul 72(48)
CTTP #4 Freeman, #13 Cook

SANTA CLARA GOLF COURSE,
NOV. 13/2008

Stevens 68(52), Trudeau 70
Kazul 68(54), J.Nazzal 71
Flakoll 70, Richter 75
CTTP #8 Stevens, #17 Trudeau

SHORELINE GOLF
COURSE/NOV. 20/2008

A.Nazzal 67(48), Van Kirk 67(53)
Swanson 69, Richter 68
Stevens 70, J.Nazzal 73
CTTP #4 Stevens, #11 Swanson

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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 speakers are currently scheduled:

Next Meeting January 14, 2009

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TRAVEL NEWS
FOR AREA 16,
BRANCHES 5, 35,

& 51 & Guests

Dec 30 – Jan 3 5 Days **NEW YEAR'S in SAN ANTONIO, TX**

\$1445pp dbl Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101

Apr 9 – 23, 2009 15 Days **EASTERN MED CRUISE on NCL's JADE**

\$3304 – 4107pp dbl Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

Round Trip from BARCELONA – 5 PORTS + EGYPT (SIGNUP EARLY! GREAT TRIP WILL FILL UP.)

Sep 22 – Oct 1, 2009 10 Days **SHADES of IRELAND (Kiss the Blarney Stone & More!)** \$3299pp dbl Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

Oct 12 – 23, 2009 12 Days **MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco)** \$1175 – 1804pp dbl Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

NEW!! Optional shore trip to COPPER CANYON

Aug 28 – Sep 7, **2010** 11 Days **PASSION PLAY in OBERAMMERGAU & GERMAN HI-LITS** \$4795pp dbl Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101

\$200 Refundable Reservation Deposit! (Note Price Increase)

Canceled – DANUBE CRUISE – Is not being offered in 2009

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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

George E. Falkenthal  
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(650) 493-8401

Bowling results for month of November  
No good scores posted this month.

Thus far:

Highest series scratch: 501 by Fred Schwalbach  
Highest game scratch: 199 by Fred Schwalbach  
Highest series handicap: 650 by Bill Finkemeier  
Highest game handicap: 248 by Bill Finkemeier

Palo Alto Bowl is offering: Bowling classes - only 4 weeks long - at \$10 per week. Classes include instruction, free use of rental shoes and 2 free games of bowling each week. On completion of the 4 classes you will be given, free of charge, your own new ball - custom fitted and drilled - and a ball bag. Please call (650) 948-1031 to register.

*George Falkenthal*

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