

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

Our June meeting was well attended and evidently of considerable interest judging from all the questions on conversion of our TVs from an analog to digital format. If you are not a cable or satellite subscriber, don't forget to order you coupons for a converter box before February 17, 2009. They are available through [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov) or by calling 1-888-225-5322.

Mark your calendars for July 23, for our annual BAR-B-QUE, and don't forget wives and girl friends are welcome at this special event to be held at Michael's at Shoreline. Sir Cal Cook and his committee have put together another great event.

I have been advised that John Mason, our Area Governor, will not hold that office next year. In accordance with State Regulations, each Branch Executive Committee within Area 16 is entitled to nominate a candidate to succeed him. I'm please to announce that Bernie Meseth has been nominated and unani- mously approved by the Execu- tive Committee to be our nominee. As many of you know, Bernie was Big Sir in 2005, and has served us faith- fully as an officer and director

for many years. Bernie has gra- ciously accepted our nomina- tion. Thanks Bernie. We'll keep all of you posted!

Recent new member, Bill Chamberlin, has agreed to stand for election as Branch Secretary in 2009, replacing Jere Austin who has been doing "yeoman duty" in this capacity for the past several years. Bill will also con- tinue as Branch Historian for the time being. Now, if one of you will step up to serve as Little

## **July 23rd Menu**

**Our traditional ladies' -day Bar-B-Q will be cooked outside and eaten inside.**

**Cal promises a great time as always. See you there.....**

SIR next year we will be in good shape.

Our condolences to Ray Odell whose wife passed away on June 16, and to the family of

Len Schweitzerhof, former Big SIR in 1996 and Program Chair- man for many years, who passed away June 26.

That's all for now. See you at the Bar-B-Que on the 23rd.

*Fred Van Kirk*

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## **SPEAKER**

No speaker but lots of door-prizes !! :-)

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## **Attendance Report**

Attendance at the June 25 lunch- eon improved over last month. We had 75 members and 2 guests present. There will be no regular meeting in July as we are scheduled for our Ladies Day Barbecue on July 23. Look for- ward to seeing you then.

*Ray Odell*

Attendance Chairman

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## **Membership**

**June 25, 2008**

**In Memory of:** (no entry this month)

**New members:** (no entry this month)

**Membership Changes:** (no entry this month)

**Membership Status:**  
Active: 130

Waiting: none  
 Inactive: 9 (2 no Bulletin)  
 Widows on mailing list: 3

**Current Mailing List:**

161, 100 by email and 61 by snail mail.

**Member Record Updates:** (no entry this month)

*Ken Christie*  
 Membership Chairman

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**August Birthdays**

- Peter Blair – 8/18
- Albert Clancy – 8/2
- Robert Freeman – 8/6
- Herman Grothmann – 8/25
- Jines Nazzal – 8/7
- Arthur Schmid – 8/21
- Gerardus Staal – 8/19
- Donald Stites – 8/15
- Ted Tanner – 8/12

(*note*, August and September birthdays will both be drawn in August)

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

MICHAEL'S AT SHORELINE RESTAURANT

**Golf Pro-Shop Conference Room**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board, June 25, 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 Ex-

ecutive Board Meeting of March 26, 2008 were accepted as corrected (Corrections made and Minutes re-distributed on 6/27/2008).

**BIG SIR REPORT:**

The passing on June 16<sup>th</sup> of Ray Odell's wife, Karma, was noted with sadness and respect. Bill Chamberlin was introduced as the volunteer nominee for secretary for 2009. Bill also serves as Branch Historian.

Area 16 Governor, John Mason, has announced that he will not serve in 2009. We have been advised that we should submit a qualified candidate to replace him. After some discussion, MS&P that Big Sir, Fred, will contact certain eligible candidates and if one is found willing to serve, Fred will call for a vote of confirmation from the BEC by e-mail. Then, having chosen our candidate, Fred will submit the required Form44.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Jere noted that a revision of the State Rules included a change in Rule #24, paragraph g, such that a branch Honorary Life Member may be designated an Honorary Life Member Emeritus if he has missed 24 monthly luncheon meetings. A discussion followed regarding the status of Sir Robert Spittler. When it is determined that he is eligible, we can request the State President approve assigning him that title in the Corporate HML records and the State Roster.

Jere also passed out copies of the new **SIR BRANCH #5 STANDING REGULATIONS.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer, Don Harryman presented the Monthly cash report for May 31, 2008. The ending balance was \$6,572.14.

Don noted that 13 additional members have now paid their voluntary contributions. Discussion followed and the delinquency list was updated.

**BUDGET REPORT:** no report.

**TRAVEL REPORT:** (Joe Ames) Joe updated information on the State sponsored 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary travel by buss to Reno scheduled for October 28-30, 2008. Joe doubts that the tour will obtain the required 600 confirmed attendees by the deadline of June 30.

**GREETERS** (Dan Haley) no report.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** (Ken Christie) **In Memory Of:** none; **Guest:** none; **New Members:** none; **Membership Changes:** none; **Membership Status:** 130 Active, none waiting, 9 Inactive (2 no bulletin), 3 Widows on the mailing list; **Current Mailing List:** total 161, 100 by e-mail and 61 by snail mail; **Member Record Updates:** none

**ATTENDANCE REPORT:** (Ray Odell) absent with cause (By e-mail dated May 28, 2008), Attendance at the May 28, 2008 meeting was 69 members and 1 guest, for a total of 70.

**INSURANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** (George Knapp) George presented excerpt copies of information on the State Web Site showing that \$990 was spent on Directors and Officers insurance and a total of \$23,147.81 overall as of April, 2008. He also provided a copy of

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a portion of their State Minutes indicating that an insurance reserve fund of \$25,000 was discussed.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT: (Al Gardner) no report.

WEBMASTER (Ed Nazzal) reported only that Web management at the server end seemed somewhat incompetent when it came to renewing contracts.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (Bob Carlstead) absent, however Big Sir, Fred reported we still need a candidate for Little Sir.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS/ COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

WERE ALSO PRESENT:

REVENUERS (Pete LoPresto)  
SPECIAL PROJECTS (Parker Robinson)

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:55 AM by the BIG SIR.

Jere Austin-Branch Secretary  
Wayne L. Richter-Assistant Branch Secretary

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**GOLF**

**Who Won What JUNE, 2008**

**SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE, JUNE 5/2008**  
FLAKOLL 63, RICHTER 63  
SWANSON 66(26), TRUDEAU 64  
FREEMAN 66(27), J.NAZZAL 66  
CTTP #4 FLAKOLL, #13 LOOS

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**SANTA CLARA GOLF COURSE, JUNE 12/2008**  
FLAKOLL 65, STEVENS 68  
KRAEMER 67, A.NAZZAL 71(14)  
SWANSON 72, FREEMAN (18)  
CTTP #8 LOOS, #17 FLA-

**KOLL**

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**SPRING VALLEY GOLF COURSE, JUNE 19/2008**  
FREEMAN 68, COOK 66  
FLAKOLL 71(45), STEVENS 71(47)  
TOTAH 71(50), KAZUL 71(49)  
CTTP #4 FREEMAN, #11 FREEMAN

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**LOS LEGOS GOLF COURSE, JUNE 26/2008**  
KRAEMER 64, STEVENS 68(46)  
TOTAH 68, ALEXANDER 68(50)  
FLAKOLL 70(44). RICHTER 72  
CTTP #7 COOK, #16 RICHTER

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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:

Wednesday, July 9th, Hank Skawinski, owner/manager of Datawise, will give his update on what you should buy and what you should avoid based on his extensive experience supporting over 1.000 computers. He'll discuss hardware and software and probably compare and contrast Windows with Linux. Hank was featured in a March 23, 2006, Larry Magid New

York Times article which you can read at <http://tinyurl.com/rnzfw>.

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

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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!**

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

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

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Aug 28 – Sep 7, 2010 11 Days **PASSION PLAY in OBERAMMERGAU & GERMAN HI-LIGHTS**  
\$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**

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**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.

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

Bowling results: June '08

Not Available at Publication Time. Sorry....

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.

*Bill Finkemeier*

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