

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

Greetings to all Branch 5 SIR;  
**As most of you are aware, we will begin meeting at "Michael's At Shoreline", our new luncheon venue,** starting March 26th (same time as always). Michael's is located near the end of Shoreline Blvd. in Shoreline Park, Mountain View. Ed Nazzal has included detailed directions on our website, [www.sir5.org](http://www.sir5.org). You can expect a phone call a few days before the meeting to remind you of the date and place. We started a new procedure last month of calling members a few days before the meeting. We think this may have helped increase our attendance and would appreciate any feedback you may have. I am happy to report that Bill Chamberlin has volunteered to take over as Branch Historian. Also, since Jack Parks will be transferring his membership to another Branch, Bob Carlstead has agreed to serve another year on the Nominating Committee. Thanks to both of you for your help. Kudos also to Joe Ames and Golden Gate Tours for our 2008 Membership Roster which will be available at the March meeting in case you did not pick one up in February. And last but not least to Art Kraemer who has volunteered to back up Les in putting out

the Bulletin. To assist members who might have difficulty getting transportation to our meetings, the BEC voted to set up a volunteer car pool. Anyone interested in picking up members at their home and taking them to and from the meetings, please contact me at 650 948 7435 or [fnvk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fnvk@sbcglobal.net). Also, those needing rides please contact me and we will work out the details. A reminder, if you have not made your 2008 contribution of \$25.00, please do so ASAP to Don Harryman, 26987 Elena RD., Los Altos Hills, 94022. Checks should be made payable to "SIR Branch 5".

SEE YOU AT MICHAEL'S ON MARCH 26. STAY WELL!

Fred Van Kirk

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**March 27th**  
 Luncheon Buffet Menu  
 Four salads  
 Two hot entrees  
 Rice, roasted potatoes or pasta  
 Seasonal vegetables  
 Rolls  
 Dessert

## **SPEAKER**

To Be announced

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## **Attendance Report**

Good speaker, good food, great camaraderie and few well placed calls increased the attendance at our February luncheon by nine members. That's really great. Total present 81 members plus two guests. In addition everyone entered their correct badge number except one and he just left his blank. That's ok.

Thanks

Remember next month-a new location at Shoreline Golf Club.

Ray Odell--Attendance Chairman

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 In February nine volunteers telephoned all Branch 5 members to remind them of the upcoming meeting, which would be the final one at Fremont Hills. Members were advised of the new venue, Michael`s at Shoreline

At the Executive Board Meeting the decision was made to conduct such activity every month based on the positive feedback of those making the calls. This positive measure will also allow us to gain a better head-count estimate for attendance, which Michael`s has requested. We would like to increase the number of volunteers so as to reduce the number of calls of those presently on board. If you would like to volunteer, please call Little SIR, Ted Hinshaw, at 650-851-4196, or email [tedhinshaw@excite.com](mailto:tedhinshaw@excite.com).

## **Membership**

Active members – 138

Membership Resignations and Transfers – James Allred, Robert

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Maximoff, and Paul Warner resigned, Jack Parks transferred. No new members

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**April Birthdays**

William Dear, Adrian Flakoll, John Gordon, G. Richard Hilbers, Kenneth Liddicoat, Tom Loughead, Robert Parsons, Herbert Warne, James Wilhelm, and Ernest Wuthman

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

February 27, 2008

BIG SIR, Fred Van Kirk, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Viscano Place, Los Altos Hills, CA 94024.

BIG SIR confirmed a Quorum of 6 or more officers and directors present. No additions or corrections were reported for the Minutes of the January 23, 2007 meeting of the BEC (Branch Executive Committee).

**BIG SIR REPORT:**

A. Luncheon Venue: Confirmation has been received that Michael's at Shoreline will meet our requirements for future luncheons. The first meeting there will be scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Discussion about some minor details of the move followed. Webmaster, Ed Nazzal, will publish driving directions to Michael's on the website. Tasks were assigned to board members to transfer SIR items used here at Fremont Hills to Michael's and arrange for them to be stored for our use there.

B. Big Sir canvassed those present seeking a replacement for

Howard Hushbeck as Branch Historian. There were no volunteers at the BEC table. (Later, during the luncheon activities, member Bill Chamberlin, #16, volunteered to take that position).

C. Due to the transfer of Ex Big Sir, Jack Parks, a Nominating Committee member replacement is required. Bob Carlstead, who served as Big Sir in 2004 agreed to fill in. A progress report on nominations is due at the March meeting and the slate of officers is to be presented at the May BEC meeting.

Special events. The November 2008 meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12 and The December affair will be on Wednesday, Dec, 17. MS&P. The Summer Ladies Day Luncheon will be held on July 23 and will be a BBQ with beer. MS&P after considerable discussion. Ever faithful, Cal Cook agreed to chair the organization and operation of this event. No attendance will be recorded for this event or at the December affair.

E. Approve Branch #5 Activities as shown in the Bulletin or reported in the minutes of the last meeting. MS&P

F. Big Sir read a lengthy letter from the State Big Sir, Art Pufford. No action was required.

LITTLE SIR REPORT. Ted Hinshaw reported that feedback was good regarding the telephone calling of members to remind them of Luncheon meetings. A review and discussion followed with various callers relating their responses which were generally good. The callers are SIR's Jere Austin, Don Harryman, Fred Van Kirk, George Knapp, Emmett Hearn, Ken Christie, Kamel Totah, Lloyd Lettis

and Les Spring. Each caller has a list of about 15 calls. MS&P to continue calling for the next meeting as long as the resulting luncheon attendance shows signs of benefit.

Discussion indicated there might be some benefit to providing volunteer transportation assistance to members who need it. An effort will be made to find drivers willing to pick up and bring needy members. If drivers are found, they could be listed and published as available for that service.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Don Harryman presented the Monthly cash reports for December 31, 2007 and January 31, 2008. The ending balance for December is \$5,056.87 and for January 31, 2008 is \$5,862.66.

TRAVEL CHAIRMAN (Joe Ames) Joe brought the 2008 Membership Rosters today.

Joe requested approval for Travel to Oberammergau, for August 31 thru September 10, 2010. MS&P.

Also requested approval for travel to New Year's in San Antonio Texas for Dec.30, 2008 thru Jan. 3, 2009. MS&P.

Also requested approval for travel to Greece & Turkey for Oct. 28 thru Nov.7, 2008. MS&P.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: (Ken Christie) In Memory Of: Andrew M. (Andy) Herceg, #162 passed away in late 2007; Guest: Frank Pettybone: New Members: none; Membership Changes: Jerry Allred, Robert Maximoff, Jack Parks and Paul Warner have resigned; Membership Status: 138 Active, none waiting, 9 Inactive (2 no bulletin), 5 Widows on the mailing list; Current Mailing List: total 158, 95 by e-mail and 63 by snail mail, (note that this list needs a comprehensive review for accuracy); Member Record Updates: none.

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**ATTENDANCE REPORT:** (Ray Odell) Attendance at the January 23, 2008 meeting was 73 members and 3 guests for a total of 76

**GREETERS REPORT:** (Dan Haley) Dan will be out of California for the next meeting but has provided for greeter's service.

**INSURANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** (George Knapp) George has been putting in a lot of effort, working with the State Insurance Committee Chairman, John Tomason. Mr. Tomason has caused the SIR insurance rate to be lowered by 15% for 2008.

George is concerned, however, that the SIR State Office only provides Errors and Omissions Coverage for state officers and not branch officers. He is pursuing this. The state has not released the details of the 2008 insurance package yet though it is overdue. George has noted that the Branch Leader's Guide indicates that relief from Errors and Omissions liability is provided by the SIR state to branch officers under certain conditions.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** (Al Gardner) Al noted that there are issues that need to be addressed regarding Honorary Life Memberships in Branch #5. No action was taken but we have lost contact with one of our Honorary Life Members, namely SIR Robert H. Spitzer, #230. Further attempts will be made to contact him.

**WEBMASTER CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** (Ed Nazzal) Al has received and is posting new pictures of our activities. He will be gone for two weeks starting March 3. He will post driving directions to Michael's restaurant for the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Big Sir, reports that documented confirmation of

Branch #5's agreement with Michael's Shoreline Restaurant has been received and is attached to the official minutes of this meeting as an addendum.

**NEW BUSINESS:** none.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 11:22 AM by the BIG SIR.

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

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**GOLF**

Who Won What FEBRUARY, 2008

SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE,  
FEB. 7/2008

LOOS 72, J. NAZZAL 75  
A. NAZZAL 73, RICHTER 78(58)  
WERNER 74, BURDEN 78(59)  
CTTP #4 J. NAZZAL, #14 STEVENS

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SANTA CLARA GOLF COURSE,  
FEB. 14/2008

FREEMAN 73, KAZUL 77, VAN KIRK 69  
WERNER 74, ALEXANDER 79, J. NAZZAL 74  
FLAKOLL 76, CLANCY 81, RICHTER 76  
CTTP #8 KAZUL, #17 A. NAZZAL

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SHORELINE GOLF COURSE,  
FEB. 28/2008

MESETH 67  
STEVENS 68  
GROTHMAN 69  
CTTP #4 AUSTIN, #11 GROTHMAN

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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:**

**12 March 08 - Bob Mitchell,** Retired commercial TV Program Director, Past President of SPAUG, will demo post production editing using Adobe Premiere 6.5 software and field a Q&A following the presentation.

**9 April 08 - Hany Farid, Dartmouth College,** on Digital Image Forensics. Photography lost its innocence many years ago. Shortly after the first commercially available camera was introduced, photographs were being manipulated and altered. With the advent of high-resolution digital cameras, powerful personal computers and sophisticated photo-editing software, the manipulation of digital images is becoming more common. We are seeing the impact of these technologies in nearly every corner of our lives.

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

April 3 – 12 10 Days **SIR 50th ANNIVERSARY HAWAIIAN CRUISE** Price Varies w/cabin  
Call Your Branch Travel Chairman

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July 16 – 20 5 Days **HEARST CASTLE, PAGEANT of the MASTERS & the GETTY** \$925pp dbl Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387

July 30 – Aug 79 Days **TRAINS of the COLORADO ROCKIES** \$2224pp dbl Escort Br. #16 Bill Bulanti 650-369-4450

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 24 – Nov 4 12 Days **ITALIAN LAKES & GREEK ISLANDS** \$3839-4339pp dbl Escort Br. #16 Bill Bulanti 650-369-4450

Oct 28 – Nov 7 11 Days **FOOTSTEPS of APOSTLE PAUL – CRUISE & TOUR** \$3460 – \$3570 pp dbl Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387

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

Aug 31 – Sep 10, 12 Days **PASSION PLAY –**

**OBERAMMERGAU & GERMAN HI-LIGHTS 2010**

Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387  
\$3795pp dbl **\$200 Refundable Reservation NOW!**

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 Falkenthal, Branch 35, cloxdoc.aol.com  
493-8401

Bowling results for month of February ‘08  
Scratch games over 199:  
Tim Eastman: 203, 206, 212, and 222  
Fred Schwalbach: 209  
Scratch series over 499:  
Fred Schwalbach: 500  
Tim Eastman: 571 and 609  
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.

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