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Big SIR sez:

Greetings to All My Fellow Branch 5 Sirs:

We had a good turnout for our April meeting due again in part to a topnotch speaker, Ray Purpur, Assistant Athletic Director, Stanford University. Ray had to step in at the last minute for his boss, Bob Bowsby, who was called out of town. (Wonder if it was in connection with the hiring of Johnny Dawkins who Stanford just announced as their new basketball coach?)

Thanks to Al Smoll and Bob Spitzer who for many years have seen that the Bulletin arrives on time via either email or snail mail. Al has requested to be relieved of this responsibility. Fortunately, Emmett Hearn and George Knapp have agreed to assume Al and Bob's duties. If you shouldn't receive your Bulletin contact Em. Along the same lines the nominating committee is looking for officer and director nominees, particularly for the offices of Secretary and Assistant Secretary. Jere Austin has done yeoman work in putting all minutes dating back to 1998 on a CD to insure we have a permanent record. The secretary and his assistant need to have some computer experience. Jere is more than willing to help the persons that take on this important assignment get started and would be available to answer questions. If you are interested in helping SIR

Branch 5, contact a member of the nominating committee, Les Spring, Bernie Meseth or Bob Carlstead.

Welcome to our new member, Bill Russell, Badge No. 10, who was formerly with Dean Witter. Keep on the lookout for more new members like Bill.

As they used to say "get off the ime" or maybe it should be the \$25.00 check. Approximately 45 of our erstwhile members have not made their contribution for 2008. Come on guys send your checks to Don Harryman so we can get this item of business off the docket. Check your check books to see if you are one of the 45.

See you at our May 28 meeting at Michael's and mark your calendars

May 28, 2008 Menu

- Salads
- Mixed Greens
- Cesar
- Antipasto
- Black Bean
- Entrees
- Spinach and cheese Tortellini Primavera, Alfredo
- Breast of chicken, herb butter sauce
- Side Dishes
- Rice, roasted potatoes, seasoned vegetables
- Dessert
- Ice cream
- Beverage
- Ice tea and coffee

for July 23, our annual picnic and ladies day.

Stay in good health. Thanks for all your support.

Fred Van Kirk

State Notice: I wanted to let you know that the May edition of **SIR Happenings** has just been posted on the SIR website:

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

Don MacGregor, **Happenings** Editor.

SPEAKER

Speaker this month is Dr. Sally Veregge, professor in San Jose State's Department of Biological Sciences. The title of her talk is "Your Brain After Retirement", which will provide insight into what we know about brain function and overall health throughout the life span.

Dr. Veregge has been at San Jose State for 25 years after attaining a BS degree in biosciences from California-Davis, a BS in nursing from California State-Fresno(CSUF), a MS in biology from CSUF, and a PhD in neuroscience from Baylor College of Medicine

Attendance Report

We had 75 members present at the 4/23/08 luncheon and five visitors for a total of 80 present. That's an improvement over last month. Hopefully some of the visitors will become active members. We can do better so I will look for you and some of those who couldn't

make this luncheon next month.

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

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## Membership

**New Member:** Alvin A. "Al" Rathbun, 10 Deep Well Lane, Los Altos, 94022, 650-948-7055, [aarath@earthlink.net](mailto:aarath@earthlink.net)  
DoB: 11/11, Retired in 1995 from Earth Systems Consulting, Interests: golf, bridge, travel, Badge# 39.

(See membership report in minutes., below, for other stuff.)

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June Birthdays

Elias Botto – 6/10, Richard Dole – 6/11, Daniel Halley – 6/21, Robert Howe – 6/13, Dean Johnson – 6/8, George Knapp – 6/26, George Quinn – 6/16, Wayne Richter – 6/11, Al Smoll – 6/7, Les Spring – 6/10, Duane Stauffer – 6/7, Albert Stratz – 6/7, Fred VanKirk – 6/8

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## 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 Board

April 23, 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. This is our second meeting at the new venue.

BIG SIR confirmed a Quorum of 6 or more officers and directors present.

The Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of March 26, 2008 were accepted as published.

### BIG SIR REPORT:

The results of telephone calls to the membership were discussed. One call to member Barney Ross indicated his desire for a ride to today's meeting.

This had been arranged through Tom Loughead, our Good Sam. However, Barney later reported he didn't feel well enough to attend. We are still evaluating the effectiveness of these calls.

Al Smoll, after some 20 years of taking care of the snail mail distribution of the Bulletin, would like to step down. He has the bulletins printed at a shop in Palo Alto, makes labels, folds, stuffs and mails them. After some discussion, George Knapp agreed to produce the labels. Emmett Hearn agreed to provide the printing, folding, stuffing and mailing.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Jere Austin read an e-mail from State Roster Subcommittee Chairman, Gary Gruber stating the latest Roster is now available on the SIR web, sirinc.org. The geographic locations of the SIR Regions and Areas is now included. Password reminders were also included in the e-mail.

Jere also reported that in attempting to satisfy Rule 180 of the manual to report a change of address for Honorary Life Member (HLM), Bob Spitler, the State no longer has an HLM Chairman. Instead, I was instructed to send that report to the State Awards and Certificate Chairman

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Don Harryman presented the Monthly cash report for March 31, 2008. The ending balance was \$6,243.24.

Don had found and corrected a software error in the Form 28 cash report. Attention was called to the States February monthly bill for membership assessment showing a serious overstatement of our number of active members and thus great extra cost to us. Don will contact State and obtain a correction and reduced cost.

Ray Odell presented an updated 2008 Expenditures report showing a projected shortfall of \$1,375 against the budget for year end because of missing contributions. Big Sir, Fred, will add "Budget" as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** (Ken Christie) **In Memory Of:** none; **Guest:** none; **New Members:** Charles W. (Bill) Russ, Badge #10; **Membership Changes:** Franklin E. (Rox) Schneider,

Badge #37 resigned due to poor health; **Membership Status:** 136 Active, none waiting, 9 Inactive (2 no bulletin), 4 Widows on the mailing list; **Current Mailing List:** total 168, 103 by e-mail and 65 by snail mail; **Member Record Updates:** none. Bob Spitler will remain in the Branch Roster though he will not be able to attend meetings. Bob indicated, in a note to Big Sir Fred that he wants to continue making his annual voluntary contribution.

Big Sir, Fred restated he has set an arbitrary goal of 10 new members for the year.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT:** (Ray Odell) Attendance at the February 27, 2008 meeting was 73 members and 2 guests, including the speaker, for a total of 75. This might be expected at our first meeting at the new venue.

Ray again presented a summary of those who have attended our meetings and those who have not, as well as those who have contributed the important \$25 voluntary contribution for our budget needs. He continues to work with our treasurer to update the list of attendees and voluntary \$25 contributors.

Thirty members have failed to attend the first three meetings this year.

**INSURANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** (George Knapp) George is still working with the State Insurance Committee Chairman, John Thomason regarding Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance for Branch #5 Directors and Officers.

George has not received any notice from the State Insurance Committee of action taken at their meeting on April 18, regarding his request to be allowed to contact the State's insurance broker. George passed out a copy of his personal umbrella policy declarations, indicating how much he has paid for the coverage he thinks he needs as a SIR Branch Officer.

**COMPUSIR CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** (Emmett Hearn) Compusir meetings are too technical and unrewarding for the general membership of SIR. Knowledgeable members present at this meeting concurred. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** (Bob Carlstead) discussed his approach to the task. A general

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discussion took place, reviewing potential candidates and vacancies.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Cal Cook Agreed to provide a proposal for the Ladies' Day affair on July 23 to be held here at Michael's.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11.24 AM by the BIG SIR.

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

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GOLF

Who Won What APRIL, 2008

SANTA CLARA GOLF COURSE, APRIL 10/2008

WERNER 63, CRANER 66,
HUANG 68
FLAKOLL 71, KAZUL 73,
J.NAZZAL 70
GUESS 72, SSTEVENSON 74(51),
HABIB 76
CTTP #8 HUANG, #17 FREEMAN

SHORELINE GOLF COURSE, APRIL 17/2008

GUESS 67(45), J.NAZZAL 69
STEVENSON 67(49), AUSTIN 73(52)
LOOS 69, BURDEN 73(55)
CTTP #4 GUESS, #11 KAZUL

LOS LEGOS GOLF COURSE, APRIL 24/2008

A.NAZZAL 70, AUSTIN 71(49)
TOTAH 71, CLANCY 71(54)
KRAEMER 73, RICHTER 74
CTTP #7 CRAMER, #16 FLAKOLL

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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:**

**May 14** – Current toys and other topics of interest  
Speaker: Andy Marken, < Andy@MarkenCom.com >  
President – Marken Communications Inc.

Andy will bring some of the newest innovations, including  
\_ Reallusion's CrazyTalk 5—animate any image and give it a voice.

\_ CyberLink MediaShow 4—the complete photo/video capture, manage, share, enjoy solution.

\_ CyberLink PowerDVD 8—the newest DVD and BD playing software, with a new community offering. Andy understands the consumer's perspective on product use. He's been a marketing and communications consultant, in many media, for more than 30 years. He was involved in the early days of the Internet/Web, the heyday of the videogame industry, and the maturing professional and consumer video industries. His continuing series of insider columns covers their goings-on and foibles.

**June 11** – Red Calub is going to talk about what is going on in the marketplace.

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

July 16 – 20 5 Days
HEARST CASTLE, PAG-EANT of the MASTERS & the GETTY \$925pp dbl Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387
Great Tour! Lots to See! NO FLYING!

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 – Nov 7 11 Days
FOOTSTEPS of APOSTLE PAUL – CRUISE & TOUR
\$3460 – \$3570pp 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.

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

We Bowl Every Thursday. Come Join Us at 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 April '08

Scratch games over 199:

Tim Eastman: 209, 211

Scratch series over 499:

Tim Eastman: 536, 576

Season achievements for January 10 thru April 17, '08:

First Place Team: Gordy Miller & George Falkenthal

Second Place Team: Bill Finkemeir & Tim Eastham

Third Place Team: Bob Beuttler & Fred Schwalbach

Fourth Place Team: Emmett Murphy, Hans Gilbrich & Hal Knowlton

— High Series scratch: Tim Eastham (609) —

High Game scratch: Fred Schwalbach (203)  
 High Series Handicap: Gordy Miller (732)  
 High Game Handicap: Hans Gilbrich (238)  
 Results of sweepers on April 24, '08 (high handicap series):

- First Place: Tim Eastham (685)
- Second Place: Gordy Miller (582)
- Third Place: Bill Finkemeir (581)
- Fourth Place: Hal Knowlton (579)
- Fifth Place: George Falkenthal (572)
- Sixth Place: Fred Schwalbach (571)

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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