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Big SIR sez:

We had a good turnout for our October meeting at which Dr. Kevin Sato, a Mountain View native son and graduate of Los Altos High School, gave us an overview of the preparations required for space flight research experiments from development to launch to landing. It was interesting to talk with him over lunch and to know that our space program is in such capable hands.

Our November meeting will be held on the 12th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. This is two weeks earlier than normal, so please mark your calendars. We will have a dual "birthday boy" drawing covering both November and December. Also, the Officers and Directors for 2009 will be installed.

December 17 is the date of our annual holiday luncheon to which the ladies are invited. Cal Cook is arranging a festive affair with entertainment, wine and decorations. If you have a group you would like to sit with, select a table captain and advise Cal accordingly. Everybody is more than welcome regard-

less of whether or not you are bringing a guest.

See you November 12, if not sooner.

Stay well.

Fred Van Kirk

Big SIR

SPEAKER

The speaker will be determined by the time you get your

monthly reminder call.

Lunch, November 12

Salads:

- Pasta Primavera
- Red Potato and Dill
- Mixed Greens
- Spinach w/Mushrooms & Egg

Entrees:

- Rosemary Chicken
- Beef Stroganoff

Sides:

- Seasonal Vegetables
- Rice

Dessert

- Ice Cream

Beverage

- Coffee & Ice Tea

Attendance Report

Last month we had the best membership attendance at our SIR luncheon for the year (76). This month (October) we equaled the lowest luncheon attendance for the year (66). Not sure what happened but it is a bit discouraging.

Next month could also be a problem since we meet two weeks earlier than normal (November 12) because of Thanksgiving and conflicts with others who had already booked November 17 which would have been our normal luncheon date in November (the third Wednesday of the month).

We need to make a special effort to remind our members of the early November date and to encourage them to attend the luncheon.

Ray Odell

Attendance Chairman

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Membership

Membership Changes:

Cole McClure, Badge #100, was deleted from membership per board action, Wayne Arbagey, Badge #79, William R. Dear, Badge #3, and John Lucas, Badge # 22 have resigned.

Membership Status:

Active: 120

Waiting: none

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Inactive: 10
Ken Christie
Membership Chairman

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## December Birthdays

- John Ackerman - 12/24
- Jere Austin - 12/14
- Paul Ford - 12/11
- Robert Hertz - 12/28
- George Kerber - 12/1
- Joze Kostelec - 12/26
- Roger Martin - 12/6
- Clifford Maurer - 12/25
- Bernard Meseth - 12/6
- Donald Miller - 12/17
- Charles Minor - 12/7
- Raymond Odell - 12/15
- George Omran - 12/14
- John Raymond - 12/23
- Leroy Thornton - 12/12

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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 Committee
October 22, 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 the next luncheon meeting will be on November 12.

B Fred reported he will conduct the installation of officers at the November meeting.

C Fred restated SIR Rule #42 that voluntary contributions can be solicited and it was noted that requests for those contributions should be put forth early in the year to expedite the collection process.

D State Rule #617 was brought up by a communication to Fred from Insurance Chairman, George Knapp. For information, Rule 617 is attached as Addendum #1 to these minutes. A discussion followed and Big Sir, Fred, agreed to send a request through the chain of command for confirmation that the State Insurance Committee will comply with the rule instructions by December 15, 2008 as specified there-in.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jere had no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Don Harryman presented the Monthly cash report for September 30, 2008. The ending balance was \$6,256.95.

BUDGET REPORT: Ray Odell presented the updated budget report. We are projecting a \$100 decrease in the net balance at year's end.

INSURANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (George Knapp) Excused absence but see above Big Sir Item D.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: (Ken Christie) In Memory Of: none;
New Members: none;
Membership Changes: Cole McClure, Badge # 100, was terminated from membership by BEC

action. Wayne Arbagey, Badge # 79, William R. Dear, Badge # 3 and John Lucas, Badge # 22 have resigned..;

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 was discussed and suggestions were made. Ken will finalize the flyer, add suggested usage instructions and distribute it to members by e-mail and snail mail and bring copies to the next luncheon meeting. It is also intended that the flyer be included in the Bulletin and the Website.

ATTENDANCE REPORT: (Ray Odell) attendance at the September meeting was 76 members and our speaker guest for a total of 77. All members have made their voluntary contribution for the year. Ray noted that we need to proceed to collect much earlier in 2009.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: (Howard Hushbeck) no report.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM: The December luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 17. Cal Cook requested \$600 for program needs which was approved, MSP. Discussion followed during which it was decided to decorate the tables with gift poinsettias and to furnish two bottles of wine (red and white) per table. Cal will request a show of interest indication on the attendance sheets today.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS/ COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WERE ALSO PRESENT:
REVENUEUERS (Pete LoPresto)

OLD BUSINESS: none.

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NEW BUSINESS: none.

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:10 AM
 Jere Austin-Branch Secretary
 Wayne L. Richter-Assistant Branch Secretary

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**GOLF**

**WHO WON WHAT OCT. 2008**

SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE,  
OCT. 2/ 2008

A. Nazzal 62, Trudeau 69  
 Swanson 68, Richter 72  
 Loos 61(44), Kazul 77(56)

CTTP #4 Richter, #13 Cook

SANTA CLARA GOLF  
COURSE, OCT. 9/ 2008

Swanson 69, Habib 62  
 Stevens 71, J. Nazzal 69(51)  
 Flakoll 75, Richter 69(52)

CTTP #4 Swanson, #13  
 N.Nazzal

SPRING VALLEY GOLF  
COURSE, OCT. 16/ 2008

J.Nazzal 64  
 Cook 67(50)  
 Habib 67(55)

CTTP #4 Stevens, #11 Flakoll

SHORELINE GOLF COURSE,  
OCT. 23/ 2008

Richter 68, Habib 70, J.Nazzal 71  
 Stevens 72, Totah 75, Loos 76  
 Swanson 79, J.Nazzal 85

CTTP #4 Stevens, #11 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:

Nov. 12 it will be:
Hank Skawinski, Owner/
Manager, Datawise
 Hank will give his update on what you should buy, and what you should avoid, based on his extensive experience supporting over 1,000 computers (including many for SPAUG members). He'll discuss hardware and software, and probably compare and contrast Windows with Linux. This is always an informative presentation, and if you are considering an upgrade of your peripherals, computer or software, be sure to attend.

No Meeting In December
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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

Oct 12 – 23, **2009** 12 days  
**MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco)** Price varies with cabin  
 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-LIGHTS**  
 \$3795pp dbl  
 Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387  
**\$200 Refundable Reservation Deposit!**

**NEGOTIATING FOR 2009**

June 6 – 19, 2009 14 Days  
**DANUBE CRUISE – 2 nights in Budapest + 3 nights in Prague** Price varies w/cabin  
 Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387  
**A GREAT TRIP & BEAUTIFUL VIEWS**

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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Scratch series over 499:
Fred Schwalbach: 501 and 507.

Handicaped series over 599:

Fred Schwalbach: 633 and 636
Hal Knowlton: 616
Tim Eastham: 625
Bill Finkemeier:

Our ranks have been severely depleted be-

cause of knee and hip operations and retire-
ments. We will welcome any who would like
to bowl with us, no
experience required. For further information
call (650) 493-8401.

George Falkenthal
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