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Big SIR sez:

Thanks to all of you who attended our September luncheon. We had a good attendance and a knowledgeable speaker who enlightened us on the some of the issues of concern to Silicon Valley manufacturers and associated companies.

Our next meeting will be on the Wednesday, October 22.

Due to the holidays, our November meeting will be held on Wednesday November 12 and our December Christmas luncheon, with the ladies, on Wednesday, December 17.

Cal Cook and his committee are in the process of arranging another outstanding Christmas program.

Tom Loughead reports he will not have to have back surgery and hopes to be back with us in October.

See you all on October 22. Stay well!

Fred Van Kirk

MESSAGE FROM STATE SIR

The State Insurance Committee wishes to remind all SIR members PLEASE – NO CELL PHONES. Using a cell phone while driving to and from

a SIR activity (ie. A branch meeting, a SIR golf tournament, etc) may be a very costly event for you and for SIR. The recent change in the motor vehicle code seems small, but the real impact is the problem a cell phone user incurs in the event of an “at fault” accident.

To protect yourself, your passengers, and SIR, **Please do not use your cell phones while driving.** If you must make a call, please pull over, stop your vehicle, and then make your call.

Lunch,

October 22, 2008

Salads:

Spinach w/mushrooms & egg Caesar
Tomatoes Vinai-grette

Black Bean

Entrees:

Penne Pasta
w/Chicken Marsala
Sirloin Tips

Sides:

Seasonal Vegetables
Rice

Dessert

Ice Cream

Beverage

Coffee & Ice Tea

SIR HAPPENINGS
Enjoy reading “SIR HAP-

PENINGS” our state newsletter at the SIR state website: sir-inc.org.

SPEAKER

The scheduled speaker canceled. We’ll let you know who the substitute is when we call to remind you of the meeting later this month.

Attendance Report

You are to be commended. We had 76 members plus one guest at the SIR luncheon 9/24/08. That is the best turnout this year which was 62% of the membership. Not bad since several of our members are not able to attend on a regular basis because of health problems, either theirs or their spouses. And even better. Not a single wrong badge number was entered on the Sign In Sheet. That is a definite record. Thanks!

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

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## Membership

Membership Changes: Keith Brentlinger, Badge #12, Robert

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Howe, Badge #31, Glen Job, Badge #369 and Paul Wright, Badge #36 were deleted from the roster per Board decision reached at the August 27 meeting. Anthony Lopez, Badge #27 was reinstated. Bob Spitler, Badge #230 was moved to the inactive list.

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November Birthdays

- Thomas Damon – 11/18
- Richard Foster – 11/8
- Ronald Friedlund – 11/15
- Al Rathbun – 11/11
- Don Rogers – 11/15
- James Stevens – 11/29

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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 Committee  
September 24, 2008

BIG SIR, Fred Van Kirk, called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 August 27, 2008 were approved, MSP.

**BIG SIR REPORT:**

A. Big Sir, Fred reported that SIR Al Stratz has agreed to serve as Membership Committee Chairman next year in place of SIR Ken Christie, who will become Little Sir.

B. Fred reported he has contacted the Town Crier and they will print an article about Branch #5 in a coming issue.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Jere reported that SIR Floyd "Buck" Kendrick, Region 5 Director and 2009 Vice President elect has accepted the Chairmanship of the Growth and Membership Committee for the remaining months of 2008, Replacing SIR Gary Pelton who has been forced to resign due to personal health issues.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer, Don Harryman presented the Monthly cash report for August 31, 2008. The ending balance was \$6,296.64.

**BUDGET REPORT:**

Ray Odell had nothing new to report.

**INSURANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

(George Knapp) no report.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

(Ken Christie) **In Memory Of:** none; **New Members:** none; **Membership Changes:** Keith Brentlinger, Badge #12, Robert Howe, Badge #31, Glen Job, Badge #369 and Paul Wright, Badge #36 were deleted from the roster per Board decision reached at the August 27 meeting. Anthony Lopez, Badge #27 was reinstated. Bob Spitler, Badge #230 was moved to the inactive list.; **Membership**

**Status:** 124 Active, none waiting, 10 Inactive (2 no bulletin), 3 Widows on the mailing list;

**Current Mailing List:** total 157, 98 by e-mail and 59 by snail mail; **Member Record Updates:** none

Ken also presented a draft of a Flyer that could be posted at unspecified places to recruit new members. Copies were distributed to committee members for consideration and comment within two weeks.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT:**

(Ray Odell) attendance at the June meeting was 72 members and our speaker guest for a total of 73. No response has been received from Cole McClure, Badge #100, so his membership will now be terminated.

The question of voluntary contributions was raised concerning the status of Alvin Rathburn, Badge 39, Paul Pickert, Badge #50, who is now reported as paid; George Kerber, Badge #308, whom Ted Hinshaw will check; Don Sites, Badge #402, expected to come and pay today and John Wolf, Badge #406, who is ill but has so far met attendance requirements, MSP to table any action on John's status until next month.

**TRAVEL REPORT:**

(Joe Ames) Joe presented a request for a branch travel event--- NEW YEAR'S on the NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN. MSP.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT:**

(Al Gardner) Al pointed out that the official name for our organization is Sons In Retirement, or SIR and **not SIRS!**

**GOOD SAM:**

Big SIR Fred has talked with

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Tom Loughead and reports for him that he does not anticipate surgery but will use Physical therapy and will try to attend future meetings.

**WEBMASTER**

(Ed Nazzal) Ed has forwarded Branch #5 pictures to the Town Crier for publication. He has installed Adobe Acrobat on Bill Chamberlin's computer for use in writing minutes next year.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:**

Cal Cook is considering entertainment alternatives for the Christmas Event.

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

REVENUERS (Pete LoPresto)

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:53 AM

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

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GOLF

Who Won What SEPT., 2008

SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE, SEPT. 4/2008

SWANSON 66, MESETH 69(46)
LOOS 69, RICHTER 69(52)
FLAKOLL 72(45), TRUDEAU 75
CTTP #4 KAZUL, #13 LOOS

SANTA CLARA GOLF COURSE, SEPT. 11/2008

KRAEMER 67, RICHTER 63
FLAKOLL 68, TRUDEAU 69
A.NAZZAL 69, MESETH 70
CTTP #8 KRAEMER,
#17 J.NAZZAL

SHORELINE GOLF COURSE, SEPT. 18/2008

TOTAH, STEVENS,
A.NAZZAL, RICHTER,
J.NAZZAL
VAN KIRK, HABIB (ALL WINNERS)
CTTP #4 STEVENS, #11 RICHTER

LOS LEGOS GOLF COURSE, SEPT. 25/2008

SWANSON 62, TOTAH 69
KRAEMER 65, RICHTER 73
FREEMAN 69, TRUDEAU 77
CTTP #7 KRAEMER, #16
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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:**

**October 8th**

**Timothy J. Woods, Dean, CTIS Div. Speaking about: Technology Offerings at Foothill College**

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TRAVEL NEWS FOR AREA 16, BRANCHES 5, 35,

& 51 & Guests

Dec 30 – Jan 1 3 Days **NEW YEAR'S EVE on the NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN**
\$782pp dbl Escort: Joe Ames
408-736-8387 **A NICE SHORT VACATION & NO FLYING**

Dec 30 – Jan 3 5 days **NEW YEAR'S in SAN ANTONIO, TX**
\$1445pp dbl Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101

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**

Oct 12 – 23, 2009 12 Days **MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco)**
Price varies w/cabin Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387 **NEW!! Optional shore trip to COPPER CANYON**

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**  
**[cloxdoc@aol.com](mailto:cloxdoc@aol.com)**  
**(650) 493-8401**

## **Bowling Results For The** **Month of September '08**

Scratch games over 199:  
Tim Eastham: 213 and 202

Scratch series over 499:  
Tim Eastham: 595

Handicap series over 599:  
Tim Eastham: 679  
Hal Knowlton: 605

Handicap games over 200:  
Tim Eastham: 241 and 230  
Bill Finkemeir: 225  
George Falkenthal: 225  
Fred Schwalbach: 223  
Hal Knowlton: 212

**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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