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Big SIR sez:

A big thank you to the following members who agreed and were elected to serve as Officers and Directors for the coming year.

- Big Sir-Ted Hinshaw
- Little Sir-Ken Christie
- Treasurer-Don Harryman
- Secretary-Bill Chamberlin
- Assistant Treasurer-Lloyd Lettis
- Assistant Secretary-Wayne Richter

Directors

- Emmett Hearn
- George Knapp
- Ken Liddicoat
- Wayne Richter
- Joe Ames

These men will be inducted into office at our November meeting and will assume their duties on January 1.

I am also happy to report that effective January 1, Al Stratz will become our Membership Chairman. Thanks Al!

As evidenced by the questions and the number of members who stayed around after our program, we had another outstanding speaker in Bob Woehl. Bob gave an excellent presentation on nuclear energy and how it fits into the total energy picture (it fits "big time"). Anyone interested in receiving Bob's presentation via e-mail can request same by e-mailing him at rwoehl@epri.com.

Welcome to John Geibel, our newest member, who recently retired after 30 years with the Califor-

nia Department of Fish and Game. John was sponsored by George Brown.

We had a good turnout at our last meeting and are always looking for a "few good men" to join our ranks. Don't forget to BRING A BABY BOOMER TO LUNCH. See you on September 24.

Stay well.

Fred Van Kirk

Lunch, **September 24, 2008**

Salads:

- Tomatoes Vinaigrette
- Caesar
- Black Bean
- Antipasto

Entrée:

- Beef Stroganoff
- Breast of Chicken Veronique

Sides:

- Roasted Potatoes
- Seasonable Vegetables

Dessert:

- Sherbet

Beverages:

- Coffee
- Ice Tea

SPEAKER

Carl Guardino, President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, who will be talking about the future of Silicon Valley.

Attendance Report

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I'm not sure what happened at the August luncheon but over 10% of those present entered the wrong badge number on the Sign In Sheet. Maybe it's because we didn't ask for you to sign in at the Ladies Day Barbeque and you are out of practice. There could have been more because I only find those who use a badge number that is a duplicate of someone who is present or there is no one listed in the roster with the number entered. Your badge number is shown on the back of the SIR badge. Or check your roster before the luncheon. If you don't have a roster, we have rosters available. Ask at the desk or see Ken Christi, the Membership Chairman.

Even though we had an excellent speaker there were only 71 members and one visitor at the August 27 luncheon. We really need to do better.

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

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Membership

New Members: John J. Geibel, Badge #2

Membership Changes: Parker Robinson, Badge #410, resigned July, 19; George Quinn, Badge #153 and Anthony Lopez, Badge #27 transferred to Branch #35;

Membership Status: 128 Ac-

tive, none waiting, 9 Inactive

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September Birthdays

- Kenneth V. Christie 9/3
- Adel I. Nazzal 9/22
- Frank W. Herterich 9/20
- Donald W. Drews 9/23
- H. Robert Ross 9/5
- Arlo E. Gilpatrick 9/28

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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 August 27, 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 Board Meeting of June 25, 2008 were accepted.

BIG SIR REPORT:

Big Sir, Fred, reported on his attendance at the SIR Annual Meeting of August 4. The Motto for 2009 is "Bring a Baby Boomer to Lunch". Use newspaper ads. Fred volunteered to contact the Los Altos Town Crier; Ken Christie, the Mountain View paper. There are now 156 SIR branches and 21,000 members. SIR now authorizes 50 cents per mile for travel expenses. Stan Barkey, of Branch 35 was elected Area #16 Governor at the Annual Meeting.

The nominations for 2009 Branch Officers were reviewed. They are: Ted Hinshaw, Big Sir; Ken Christie, Little Sir; Bill Chamberlin, Secretary; Wayne Richter, Assistant Secretary; Don Harryman, Treasurer; Lloyd Lettis, Assis-

tant Treasurer and the following Directors: Emmett Hearn, George Knapp, Ken Liddicoat, Wayne Richter and Joe Ames. The election of these officers will take place at today's meeting of the membership. As a comment, Ken Christie indicated he had limited time on meeting days. This was accepted by the BEC.

Since Ken Christie will vacate the position of Membership Chairman to become Little Sir in 2009, Big Sir Fred asked for a volunteer to fill that position.

Parker Robinson, our Special Projects Chairman is resigning. Howard Hushbeck has agreed to fill that position.

Tom Loughead, our Good Sam, is unable to continue attending meetings and sending sympathy cards because of his own painful back problems.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jere presented the draft Form 20 for the year 2009. It was finalized and is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Don Harryman presented the Monthly cash report for July 31, 2008. The ending balance was \$6,445.95.

BUDGET REPORT: Ray Odell presented the latest expenditures, noting that there is still unknown support for the large expenditure in March, 2008. Emmett Hearn commented that the cost for printing the bulletin is increasing. There was some discussion about the possibility of suspending snail mailing of the bulletin to those who might not specifically request it. No vote was taken.

INSURANCE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: (George Knapp) no report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: (Ken Christie) **In Memory Of:** Len Schweitzerhof; our Big Sir in 1996, passed away on June 26 **Guest:** none: **New Members:** John J. Geibel, Badge #20 will be inducted at today's meeting; **Membership Changes:** Parker Robinson, Badge #410, resigned July, 19; George Quinn, Badge #153 and Anthony Lopez, Badge #27 transferred to Branch #35; **Membership Status:** 128 Active, none waiting, 9

Inactive (2 no bulletin), 3 Widows on the mailing list; **Current Mailing List:** total 160, 100 by e-mail and 60 by snail mail; **Member Record Updates:** none

ATTENDANCE REPORT: (Ray Odell) attendance at the June meeting was 75 members and 2 guests for a total of 77. Form 4 letters were sent to 11 members. Replies were received from four members who wish to continue and have paid their voluntary contributions. Two members resigned. Member Cole McClure will be contacted to clarify his wishes. Four members, Keith Brentlinger, Robert Howe, Paul Wright and Glen Job were terminated, MS&P.

Five members (plus Bob Spitler) who attend but have not made a contribution this year will be contacted: Alvin Rathbun by Ted Hinshaw, Paul Picket by Emmett Hearn, George Kerber by Les Spring, Don Sites and Glen Job by Lloyd Lettis. MS&P to move Bob Spitler to the Inactive List.

TRAVEL REPORT: (Joe Ames) Joe presented the financial report for the Laguna Arts Festival event on July 16/20. The event was generally good but time management and overcharging refunds were annoying. Joe is working on future trips to Budapest and the Mexican Riviera.

HISTORIAN: Bill Chamberlin proposed that that position be eliminated since there is no state requirement for it. After some discussion involving our Parliamentarian, MS&P to eliminate that position.

GREETERS (Dan Haley) no report.

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

WEBMASTER (Ed Nazzal) Ed suggested saving postage cost by cutting snail mail. After some discussion, Emmett said he would put a notice in the bulletin asking snail mail recipients to make a request if they wish to continue receiving the bulletin by snail mail, MS&P. (Note that Emmett has done this.)

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Les Spring presented the 2009 slate of officers.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WERE ALSO PRESENT:

REVENUERS (Pete LoPresto)

OLD BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:28 AM
Jere Austin-Branch Secretary
Wayne L. Richter-Assistant Branch Secretary

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**ATTENTION  
ALL MEMBERS**

We are glad to mail the SIR Branch 5, Bulletin to anyone who DOES NOT have an e-mail address. Anyone presently receiving the snail-mail version and DOES HAVE an e-mail address, please consider switching to the electronic version. Such action will allow us to reduce expenses. Every little bit helps. THANKS (You'll also receive it sooner..)

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GOLF

Who Won What August, 2008

SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE,
AUGUST 7/2008

LOOS 66(45), KAZUL 68
A.NAZZAL 66(48), STEVENS 70(50)
FREEMAN 67, ALEXANDER 70(54)
CTTP #4 CRANER, #13 A.NAZZAL

SANTA CLARA GOLF COURSE,
AUGUST 14/2008

SWANSON 67, J.NAZZAL 69
KAZUL 72, COOK 72
A.NAZZAL 74, ALEXANDER 75
CTTP #8 KAZUL, #17 N.NAZZAL

SPRING VALLEY GOLF COURSE,
AUGUST 21/2008

FREEMAN 67, COOK 63
FLAKOLL 69(44), ALEXANDER 66
A.NAZZAL 69(53), HUANG 70
CTTP #4 FREEMAN, #11 SWANSON

POPPY HILLS GOLF COURSE,
AUGUST 28/2008

FLAKOLL-LOOS-A.NAZZAL-TIE
COOK,KAZUL,J.NAZZAL

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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:**

September 10th-

**Improving Health-care Through Informatics  
Andy Kogelnik, PhD**

Andy will touch on the collision of personalized medicine with evidence-based guidelines, quality metrics, and how informatics can be used to translate knowledge to clinical application and further the ideal of individualized medical treatment.

Andy's background comes from a base in computer science overlaid with biology and medicine. He has a PhD in bioengineering (Georgia Tech) and MD (Emory University). He has worked in medical informatics for 17 years, and founded a company (Flexis) in 1997 to address data exchange and quality improvement in healthcare.

Nov. 12 – Hank Skawinski  
December – **NO MEETING**  
Jan. 14 – an evening at the Computer History Museum

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

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

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!**

PENDING FOR 2009

Dec 30 – Jan 1 ; 3 Days; **NEW YEAR'S EVE on the NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN;** Price TBD; Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387

June 6 – 19; 14 Days; **DANUBE CRUISE – 2 nights in Budapest + 3 nights in Prague;** Price varies; Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387; w/cabin; **A GREAT TRIP & BEAUTIFUL VIEWS**

Oct 1 – 12; 12 Days; **MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE** (Round Trip from San Francisco); Price varies ; Escort Br. #5 Joe Ames 408-736-8387; w/cabin; **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

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End of season winners:

- 1st Place Team: Bill Finkemier
- 2nd Place Team: Gordy Miller and Fred Schwalbach
- 3rd Place Team: Hal Knowlton and George Falkenthal
- 4th Place Team: Tim Eastham

High Series Scratch: Tim Eastham  
 High Game Scratch: Fred Schwalbach

High Series Handicap: Hal Knowlton  
 High Game Handicap: George Falkenthal

Sweepers:  
 1st: Fred Schwalbach  
 2nd: George Falkenthal  
 3rd: Bill Finkemier

We began our 2008 Fall-Winter season on Thursday 08/28/08 with Tim Eastham bowling games of 202 and 213. ~~~~~

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