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Big SIR sez:

As your Big SIR, I'm the recipient of correspondence from the state SIR office that might be of interest to the membership, and I believe this may be the most efficient method of dispersing same. So, I'd like to forward the following information briefs, noting that if you want further detail, you can contact me at tedhinshaw@yahoo.com, or (650) 851-4196:

1) Sacramento Jazz Festival/Jubilee on May 22-25 is offering SIR members a \$14 discount from \$95 through Apr. 12, and a \$15 discount from \$110 on Apr. 13, or later.

2) The 2009 SIR State Bowling Tournament will be held in Paradise on May 18-20. Cost is \$17.50 per bowler.

3) The 2009 SIR State Roster is available online at www.sirinc.org/sec/roster. It requires name and password, which I'll provide upon request.

4) Also on the SIR Website is the **SIR Happenings** newsletter, which I recommend your taking a look at. The latest issue contains, among other things, a section devoted to activities SIR branches are using to promote recruitment. As you know, this is our "Job One" at present, and some of the ideas might be worth pursuing.

Also, I have been in recent contact with the new Food & Beverage Manager at Fremont Hills Country Club, who is interested in meeting with us to discuss the possibility of our returning to that venue. While I don't have a firm proposal from FHCC, conversations indicate that their pricing would be in line with what we pay now. I will appreciate any feedback from the membership as to whether it would be worth while to continue these discussions. Please let me know whether you'd prefer Michaels, or Fremont Hills, everything else being equal. No need to respond if you have no preference.

Finally, kudos to Al Stratz, Kamel To-

tah, and Fred VanKirk, each, for bringing a guest, and potential new member, to our March meeting.

I hope to see you on March 22.

Ted

SPEAKER

Ms. Kimberley Connors of the Santa Clara District Attorney's office is our April speaker. Ms. Connors' topic is: "**Elder Fraud – How it works, and how to prevent becoming a victim.**"

Kimberly Connors, JD, began her career as a police officer with the San Jose Police Department in 1984. From 1984 to 1990 she worked patrol and narcotics enforcement.

Lunch, April 22

Salad choices will be Caesar, anti-pasto, mixed greens, and tomatoes vinaigrette;

Entrée: crab & shrimp cannelloni;

Dessert will be ice cream.

In 1990, she left the police department to attend Cornell Law School.

In 1994 she joined the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. In the past 14 years she has worked Narcotics, Family Support, General Felonies, Sexual Assault and Community Prosecution.

In 2006, she was assigned to the Elder & Dependent Adult Financial Abuse Unit.

In 2001, she was one of twelve people selected as a White House Fellow. She took a one year leave of absence from the DA's office to work for Secretary Mel Martinez at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Attendance Report

We had one of our better turnouts at the March luncheon with a total of 70 present. Five of those were visitors including the

speaker and her helper. The three visitors could possibly become members so there is hope. We are always looking for new members.

Ray Odell

Attendance Chairman

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## Membership

March 25, 2009

**In Memory of:** None

**New members:** None

**Membership Changes:** Frank Bayerd #33, has resigned his membership.

**Membership Status:**

Active: \_\_\_107

Waiting: \_\_none

Inactive: \_ 10 (2 no Bulletin)

Widows on mailing list: \_3

**Current Mailing List:**

152 total: 93 by e-mail

59 by snail-mail.

**Member Record Updates:** None

Al Stratz

Membership Chairman

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May

Birthdays

47 Duane Anderson 5/08

#231 Quentin Burden 5/02

#16 William Chamberlin 5/07

#425 Calvin Cook 5/19

#93 Philip Craner 5/06

#263 Neil Daniels 5/07

#4 Loyd Ellis 5/26

#144 Merle Evers 5/22

69 Ben Guess 5/28

6 Peter LoPresto 5/04

#320 John Neff 5/29

#243 Russell Scott 5/04

#119 James Swanson 5/20

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

MINUTES OF SIR BRANCH 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2009

Big SIR Ted Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 10: 01 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 six or more officers and directors present..

The minutes of the January meeting were distributed. Joe Ames clarified that he is retiring from the Membership Roster publication printing, but not from the office of Travel Chairman.

Two speakers were the only visitors or guests.

Treasurer's Report was distributed showing Cash Balance of \$5,693.74 at the end of 2008.

Budget report for 2009 was distributed showing Grand Total Expenses of \$3,375

7. Our Bank, Washington Mutual, was bought by another bank, but will retain its current name.

A replacement for the Little SIR had two volunteers. It was moved that Howard Hushbeck be Little Sir this year, and John Geibel next year. MSP.

There should be a change made to the January 2009 roster: Wayne Richter's new email [addressiswl-rich28@att.net](mailto:addressiswl-rich28@att.net).

10. Correspondence received by Big SIR. announced cut rate tickets for the Giants/Pirates game and applications for Warriors tickets are available.

11. We need a new source of funds for printing the "Membership Roster". One Branch publishes it online, but that would not suit our needs, as many members are not on line. The best choice seems to be to seek another volunteer to fund printing. Other alternatives are to put it on a CD, since copies are very cheap (like 5cents),

or to put it on the web. A comment was made that a different size could be preferable, such as in shirt-pocket form.

Sometimes the amount paid for lunch tickets does not correspond to the bill presented. by Michael's. This does not seem to be a large problem as it varies by small amounts, sometimes smaller, sometimes larger.

13. Cal Cook resigned as chairman of parties and Special Events. Thanks, Cal, for a big job well done!

14. Audit Report. An audit of Branch 5, 2008 financial reports was performed by S.D. Sicotte of 2047 Byron Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. In his report dated February 5, 2009, he stated: "In my opinion the monthly financial reports accurately present the bank balance and the cash transactions of Branch 5 during the Calendar year. I found the records maintained by our treasurer, Don Harryman in excellent order "

Bill Chamberlin, Secretary

SIR BRANCH 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 25, 2009

1. Call to order 10:01 AM. 2. Confirm quorum of six committee members present.

3. Additions or corrections to minutes of the January 20,2009 meeting as published in the March bulletin:

a. Joe Ames was quoted as saying that he is retiring from the Travel

Committee. However, the bulletin should have said "Joe Ames clarified that he is retiring from the Membership Roster publication printing, but not from the office of Travel Chairman."

4. Introduction of visitors and guests. None.

5. Big SIR report. Ted Hinshaw referred to the memo entitled "Luncheon Phone Reminders-2009" and requested that members call those assigned to them and urge attendance at the meetings.

Ted received an email from Mike Berry regarding insurance to cover actions of Branch 5 officers at a cost of about \$2500 per year. No action was taken to obtain such insurance.

An item of interest on the Web is sir-inc.org/sirhappenings .

The Sacramento Jazz Festival on 5/22-

25/09 is a good event. 6. Secretary's Report: Minutes of BEC meeting of February 25 was issued. 7. Donald Harryman, Branch Treasurer, issued the Cash report for February showing an Ending Balance of \$6,280,77 for the month and 12,409.87 for the year.

8. See Item 7 above. 9. Committee Chairmen reports A. Membership: Al Stratz; 107 B. Attendance : Ray Odell: 65 + 5 guests C. Travel : Joe Ames: The Mexican trip has a good sign up.

Joe will be absent for the April Executive Committee meeting. The March, 2009 Bulletin states erroneously that Joe Ames is retiring from the position of Travel chairman. The correct statement is "Joe Ames clarified that he is retiring from the Membership Roster Publication PRINTING activity, but not from the office of Travel Chairman".

D. Greeters/Revenuers: Tom Damon/Pete LoPresto: No report E. Parliamentarian : Al Gardner: No report

F. Special Projects/Good Sam: Howard Hushbeck : No report G. Webmaster: Ed Nazzal: No report (but Ad has helped me (WEC)with my computer skills. Thanks Ad.

H. Bulletin: No report, but the Bulletin (Is that the correct description for our publication ?) has been right on time every month that I have with the SIR. Thanks to you too,Les.

I. Golf: Kamel Totalah: see the report in the bulletin.

J. Holiday Events: Calvin Cook: No report.

K. Speaker: Ken Christie: Recommended that an emergency speaker be obtained to cover the event that the scheduled speaker for any meeting is unable to attend.

10. Area 16 Governor: Stan Barkey No report

11. Region 5 Director: John Mason no report

12. Old business: A supply of the Roster pamphlets is in the large closet adjacent to our meeting room.

13. A call for adjournment was made. MSP 11:05

Bill Chamberlin, Secretary 3-29-09

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SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE 04-02-09

RICHTER, WAYNE L 35 104 69

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KAZUL, STAN C 30 103 73

NAZZAL, ADEL 23 90 67
KRAEMER, ARTHUR 16 85 69
STEVENS, JAMES R 27 96 69

CTTP # 4 STEVENS
CTTP # 13 ADEL

SPRING VALLEY 3-26-09

TRUDEAU, HOWARD JR 31 97 66
RICHTER, WAYNE L 34 101 67
VAN KIRK, FRED 35 105 70

STEVENS, JAMES R 27 97 70
NAZZAL, ADEL 22 92 70
KRAEMER, ARTHUR 15 86 71

CTTP # 4 RICHTER
CTTP # 11 KRAEMER

MOFFETT FIELD GOLF COURSE 3-19-09

KAZUL, STAN C 32 106 74
VAN KIRK, FRED 39 114 75
NAZZAL, JIRIES 32 112 80

STEVENS, JAMES R 29 99 70
KRAEMER, ARTHUR 17 88 71
TOTAH, KAMEL 31 103 72

SANTA CLARA GOLF COURSE 3-12-09

AUSTIN, JERE J 31 101 70
RICHTER, WAYNE L 36 107 71
NAZZAL, JIRIES 30 103 73

STEVENS, JAMES R 28 98 70
MESETH, BERNIE M 28 98 70
NAZZAL, ADEL 23 94 71

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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:**

*April 6th: Topic: Building Your Own Home Theater Personal Computer  
Speaker: Larry Templeton, SPAUG Member*

Constructing a home theater PC (HTPC) and

a standard PC are about the same, so Larry won't be repeating Bill Young's February talk, but will describe the differences: System requirements, Interfaces, Hardware requirements (tuner cards, graphics cards, processor, enclosure, HDD capacity, etc.), Software (with an illustrated discussion of the Beyond TV software < <http://tinyurl.com/dj666k> >), and Remote controls. He'll close

with a short discussion about 3D TV, how it's done and how it's just around the corner.

A Stanford BSEE grad, Larry took time out from his career to work as a consulting engineer in the field of broadcast radio/TV.

He was involved in early developments in video art — work that is still ongoing (see <http://blip.tv/file/1566386> and <http://tinyurl.com/cqm424> for example). In retirement, he became interested in Home Theater and realized that a home theater PC would be perfect for his system, so he researched and built one.

**May 13th** – JOHN FOLIOT – Stanford Online

Accessibility Program.

**June 10th** – A roundtable/panel discussion about

changing e-mail using your domain to avoid problems when changing your ISP; using WHOIS;

etc. Jim will address the issue of the problem of

changing e-mail when leaving one ISP for another.

An autoresponder is useful and an automatic

signature line notifying of coming change.

**July**—Hank Skawinski.

**August**—Gene Barlow in an interactive video conference, Acronis 11 or 2009?

**September**—TBD

**October**—Red Calub

**November**—Hank Skawinski

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

Correction: Joe is **NOT** retiring as Travel Chairman as previously erroneously reported.

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PRICE REDUCED

Sep 22 – Oct 1, 2009: 10 Days **SHADES of IRELAND (Kiss the Blarney Stone & More!)** **\$3044pp dbl** Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

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PRICE REDUCED – SIGNUP NOW – CABINS ARE GOING!

Oct 12 – 23, 2009 : 12 Days **MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco)** **\$1015 – 1545pp dbl**

Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

NEW!! Optional shore trip to COPPER CANYON

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Aug 28 – Sep 7, **2010** : 11

Days **PASSION PLAY in OBERAM-MERGAU & GERMAN HI-LIGHTS** **\$4795pp dbl (Note Price Increase)**

Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101 **\$200 Refundable Reservation Deposit!**

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

Results of last session tournament scores:  
High Series Scratch: Tim Eastham 520  
High Game Scratch: Tim Eastham 212  
High Game Handicap: Tim Eastham 245  
High Series Handicap: Hal Knowlton 634

BILL FINKEMEIER (323-2177)

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SIRS ON BIKES:
SIR Area #16

Bike rides regularly start at 11:00 AM the 2nd Thursday of the month. Wives and Guests

are welcome. **Bring bike, helmet and a jacket if it is windy. Rain will cancel.** Attendance averages 10-15 riders. More are welcome. Rides are planned to be 15-20 miles on paved bicycle trails with some optional ride distances. The pace is moderate and

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riding on streets is kept to a minimum and include a restaurant lunch break.

If you plan to ride, contact

CHAIRMAN ALTERNATE

Jerry Butler or Tom Gregory

650-494-8078 OR 650-493-8894 gxb366@aol.com or

tgreg@surf.free.com

2nd Thursday—April 9, 2009, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required

Location: Foster City Bay Trail

Ride: We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from Oracle to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point for lunch, and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be a bit windy, so bring a jacket or wind-breaker.

Directions: Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway / Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway , then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway . The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point.

FUTURE RIDES

May 14 Los Gatos Creek

June 11 Coyote Creek (so. San Jose)

July 9 Alameda Creek – Coyote Hills

August 13 Stevens Creek – Shoreline Park

September 10 Foster City

October 8 Los Gatos Creek

November 12 Coyote Creek (So. San Jose)

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