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Big SIR sez: **Final Edition**

Although we conducted our final meeting for 2009 on Nov. 16, we do meet one more time, informally, for the annual Holiday Party on Dec. 16. I encourage all that can to attend the gala, which most will agree is our best outing of the year. For those in attendance at the most recent luncheon meeting, menus were placed on each table to enable those knowing their dining choices to complete and leave the sheet for pickup. Otherwise, they could complete the form and either mail it to the Program Chairman, John Geibel, or simply pay at the door on the 18th. For those not at the last meeting there will be three (3) dining choices: Roast beef, English cut @ \$23; Breast of chicken, Marsala @ \$18.50; and Spinach and cheese tortellini, al pesto @ \$15. Each entree is served with sea-

sonal greens, vegetables, potato, French rolls, coffee, and sherbet. Prices include gratuity and tax. Entertainment will be provided by the acclaimed Boomerang Barbershop Quartet. It will help if those planning to attend send their menu

Christmas Lunch, **December 16, 2009**

- A) Roast Beef, English cut \$23.00
- B) Breast of Chicken, Marsala \$18.50 or
- C) Spinach-Cheese Tortellini, al pesto (VEGETARIAN) \$15.00

Each entree is served with seasonal greens, vegetables, potato du jour, French rolls, coffee, and sherbet. Prices include 18% gratuity and tax

choices to John via email (geibel@sbcglobal.net), or telephone (650-854-3121),

not later than Dec. 9 so that he can inform Michaels. Table captains may wish to collect and submit the inputs for their tables, and provide them to John.

In closing out 2009, I wish to note that it has been my distinct honor and pleasure in serving as Branch # 5 Big SIR. We experienced ups and downs, but, I believe, we're finishing the year on a high note. 2009 was still very young when we learned we needed to replace the sitting Little SIR, Ken Christie, due to an attendance conflict. Howard Trudeau agreed to take on the job, and we barely skipped a beat in assuming the additional duties as Speaker Committee chairman, and Member Contact chairman when, later, Ken suffered a severe heart attack. Other notable changes included John Geibel's replacing Cal Cook as the Holiday Party chief, and assuming Howard's responsibilities as Speaker chairman. Despite

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having three (3) Speaker chairmen, I believe we had a banner year for speakers. Also, we are pleased to note the assumption of the important office of Secretary by Tom Loughead. Finally, it is somewhat bittersweet to advise that the financial position of the branch is excellent, in that it is approximately the same as it was 12 months earlier, despite a declining membership, and meeting attendance numbers.

I express my thanks to all those individuals including officers, board members, committee chairmen and members, and individual members that make this branch function effectively, and make the position of Big SIR an easy one to administer..

I hope to see you all at the Holiday Party, and I wish everyone a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

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The November edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

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

Please take a look at two new features: Helpful hints to help you get on to the SIR website so you can catch up on all the useful information and the excerpts from the latest State Board meeting.

SPEAKER

Entertainment will be provided by **Boomerang** barbershop quartet

Attendance Report

We ended the last regular meeting for the year with 54 members, 5 guests and 1 visitor present at the November luncheon meeting. Good speaker, excellent lunch and fine camaraderie. Not too bad with our membership at 100. Of course it helped that our speaker had three members of his family present to provide support. Hope to see all of you at the Holiday Celebration next month.

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

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**Membership**  
**November 18, 2009**

**In Memory of:** None

**New members:** None

**Membership Changes:**  
None

**Membership Status:**

Active: \_\_100  
Waiting: \_None  
Inactive: \_\_5( 2 no Bulletin)  
Widows on mailing list: \_3

**Current Mailing List:**

152: 93 by email and  
59 by snail mail.

**Member Record Updates:**

John R. Sluis #22, having passed away last month, removed from active list

Al Stratz ,  
Membership Chairman

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Please send your 2010 Annual Contribution of \$25 to:

Don Harryman
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Los Altos Hills, Ca 94022

Make checks Payable to SIRS Branch 5

Thanks,
Art Kraemer
Assistant treasurer

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**January**

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**Birthdays**

Robert L. Downs 1/30  
 Alfred J. Gardner 1/13  
 Emmett E. Hearn 1/20  
 James E. Loos 1/13  
 Henry W. Miller 1/6

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

12-2-09

Minutes will be in January's bulletin...

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**GOLF**

**Nov. 5 2009**

Sunnyvale

Art Kraemer 88 net 71  
 Jiries Nazzal 99 net 71  
 Kamel Totah 102 net 73

Jere Austin 102 net 71  
 Fred Van Kirk 108 net 71  
 Howard Trudeau 105 net 73

Cttp Jim Loos, Jim Stevens

**Nov. 12 2009**

Santa Clara

Jim Stevens 94 net 70  
 Norm Nazzal 88 net 70  
 Art Kraemer 89 net 72

Wayne Richter 108 net 71  
 Jere Austin 104 net 73  
 Azmi Habib 112 net 76

Cttp: Art Kraemer, Jere Austin

**Nov. 19 2009**

Moffet Field

Jere Austin 106 net 73  
 Howard Trudeau 109 net 75  
 Jim Swanson 98 net 76

Cttp: Jere Austin

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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:

No Meeting in December

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**TRAVEL NEWS**

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

**COME SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH US!!**

Dec 30 – Jan 3: 5 Days

**NEW**

**YEAR'S EVE in (sunny) ARIZONA**

**\$1160 – 1675pp dbl Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-**

8387

**SEE Frank, Dean & Sammy in RENO** Feb

25 – 26 2 Days

**The RAT PACK is BACK! \$141pp dbl**

Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**CRUISE on Board the SEA PRINCESS**

May 22 – June 11 Days

**ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE (Round Trip from San Francisco)**

**\$1416 – 2551pp dbl**

Escort: Arthur Lloyd 650-851-0998

**LOTS TO SEE and DO in OREGON!**

June 9 – 15 7 Days

**FESTIVALS & ROSES TOUR (No Flying!)**

**\$1425pp dbl**

Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS**

Aug 31 – Sep 10: 11 Days

**PASSION PLAY in OBERAMMERGAU & GERMAN HI-LIGHTS**

**\$2838pp dbl + Airfare**

Escorted By: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101

Call the Escorts for

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### Complete Information and Reservations for the trips.

(See Flyers for details)

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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

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

FUTURE RIDES:

No Scheduled ride in December.

Next ride will be on January 14, 2010.

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