

Sons in Retirement



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January, 2009

Big SIR sez:

Gentlemen:

Happy New Year to one and all.

It is a truly distinct honor for me to serve Big SIR, and I will do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of this role. Fortunately, I am surrounded by an excellent group of experienced fellow officers, board members, and members, who will keep me pointed in the right direction.

The transition from Little SIR should be seamless as there are no major issues to be addressed, and former Big SIR Fred VanKirk has provided excellent advice.

However, since joining Branch #5 in 1998, I, along with everyone else, have witnessed a steady decline in membership. While this is not uncommon in like organizations, it remains an issue that must be addressed by our branch. In this regard I appeal to all members to submit any ideas on how to

gain new members. As a goal, let's think about why we're members, what we like about the organization, what improvements can be made, and, most importantly, who among our friends and acquaintances might be encouraged to join this august organiza-

Lunch, January 28th

Salad

- Mixed Greens
- Tomatoes Vinaigrette
- Pasta Primavera
- Black Beans

Entree

- Breast of chicken, Herb butter sauce
- Sirloin tips
- Rice
- Roasted Potatoes

Dessert

- Sherbet

tion. I will appreciate all and any inputs from you in this regard.

Finally, as a reminder, if you haven't already done so, please send your 2009 con-

tribution check to Don Harryman, Treasurer, at 26987 Elena Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022, or bring it to the next luncheon meeting on January 28.

Best wishes for the new year to all.

Ted Hinshaw
Big SIR

SPEAKER

The speaker for the January lunch is Ms. Jodi Corwin of the Theater Works. She will present a 30-slide-show regarding how our local SJ theatre works.

JODI CORWIN, VIP Services Manager, has enjoyed a 28-year association with TheatreWorks on and off the stage. For the company's production department, she has been a actress, assistant director, choreographer, and production coordinator.

During her 24 years as an employee in TheatreWorks' administration, she has held

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positions as the company's office manager, operations manager, and marketing associate. Her current role with the company focuses on community relations activities. She is responsible for all marketing special events and projects, the management of volunteers who help the company with fundraising and special events, and a work-experience intern program designed to train future theatre professionals.

Attendance Report

Holiday lunch was great..

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**Membership**

January 28, 2009

**In Memory of: Paul Ford.**

Paul's services will be held Wednesday, January 21, at 2 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Los Altos.

**New members:** Mr. Dennis Roilard, Badge #3

**Membership Changes:**

George Knapp, Badge #40, Charles Russ, Badge #10, and Robert C. Werner, Badge #7 have resigned.

**Membership Status:**

Active: \_\_\_\_\_117

Waiting: \_\_\_\_\_ 1

Inactive: \_\_\_\_\_10  
(2 no Bulletin)

Widows on mailing list: \_3

**Current Mailing List:**

149, 92 by email and 57 by snail mail.

**Member Record Updates:**

None

*Ken Christie*  
Membership Chairman

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**It's that time of the year again,** and your voluntary contribution for \$25

should be sent to:

SIR BRANCH 5

c/o Don Harryman

26987 Elena Rd

Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

or: Bring your \$25 check to the January luncheon.

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January Birthdays

Robert Downs – 1/30

Alfred Gardner – 1/13

Emmett Hearn – 1/20

James Loos – 1/13

Henry Miller – 1/6

Bob Spitler- 1/4

Eldon Thomason –1/4

February Birthdays

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Joseph W. Ames 2/16

Russell C. Currier 2/22

Theodore W. Hinshaw 2/23

Hwang Huang 2/22

Henry A. Koehler 2/13

Lawrence A. Langston 2/28

Carl J. Oldenburg 2/12

Paul C. Pickert 2/7

Sheldon D Sicotte 2/22

Alvin H. Soderquist 2/23

Donald H. Sweet 2/2

Kamel I. Totah 2/22

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board**

December 17, 2008

No Board Meeting this month..

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GOLF

WHO WON WHAT DEC. 2008

SUNNYVALE GOLF COURSE, DEC. 4/2008

STEVENS 65, VAN KIRK 62

KRAEMER 67, J.NAZZAL 67

SWANSON 69, KAZUL 69
CTTP #4 SWANSON

SANTA CLARA GOLF COURSE, DEC. 11/2008

A.NAZZAL 70, J.NAZZAL 68(51)

KRAEMER 74, TRUDEAU (52)

LOOS 76, KAZUL 70

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CTTP #8 SWANSON,
#17 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:

The January meeting will be held at the Computer History Museum on Shoreline at 1 p.m.

**NOTE** This meeting is scheduled for the **first** Wednesday, January 7th..

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

Apr 9 – 23, 2009 15 Days
EASTERN MED CRUISE
on NCL's JADE \$3304 –
4107 pp dbl Escort: Joe
Ames 408-736-8387

Round Trip from BARCE-
LONA – 5 PORTS +
EGYPT

(SIGNUP NOW! GREAT
TRIP WILL FILL UP.)

Sep 22 – Oct 1, 2009

10 Days **SHADES of**
IRELAND (Kiss the Blar-
ney Stone & More!)

\$3299pp dbl Escort: Joe
Ames 408-736-8387

Oct 12 – 23, 2009 12 Days
MEXICAN RIVIERA
CRUISE (Round Trip
from San Francisco)

\$1175 – 1804pp dbl Escort:
Joe Ames 408-736-8387

NEW!! Optional shore
trip to COPPER CAN-
YON

Aug 28 – Sep 7, 2010

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

\$4795pp dbl (**Note Price**
Increase) Escort: Talbot
Tours 408-879-0101

\$200 Refundable Reserva-
tion Deposit!

Canceled – DANUBE
CRUISE – Is not being
offered in 2009

Call the Escorts for Com-
plete
Information and Reserva-
tions 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. Falken-  
thal

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

Results for the Thursday  
Sirs Autumn-Winter Bowl-  
ing Session:

First place; Team #1: won  
33 points; Bill Finkemeir  
Bob Beuttler

High Series Scratch:  
(595) Tim East-  
ham

High Game Scratch: (199)  
Fred Schwalbach

High Series Handicap:  
(650)

Bill Finkemeir  
High Game Handicap: (229)  
George Falkenthal

Sweepers Winners:  
First: Bob Beuttler  
(638)  
Second: Bill Finkemeir  
(607)  
Third: George Falkenthal  
(571)

The Winter-Spring tourna-  
ment starts January 8, 2009

*George Falkenthal*

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Biking

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

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GXB366@aol.com

2nd Thursday—January 8, 11:00 AM
Wives ands guests
welcome

Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)
Rain Cancels; Helmet Required

Ride: We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Holiday Inn-San Jose-Silicon Valley. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the

Holiday Inn for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the roundtrip to 12 miles.

Directions: The Holiday Inn is located South of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/ 85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing over 101. Turn left on the service road next to the Holiday Inn and park there.

For this ride, if you plan to go or need information, please contact Tom Gregory, 650-493-8894, tgreg@surf.com.

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**PLACE**  
**STAMP**  
**HERE**

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