

# Sons in Retirement



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## Big SIR sez:

I want to devote this month's column primarily to the Annual Contribution issue. I'm sure that all are aware of the incidental costs associated with Branch #5 activities, and that there exists only one source of revenue, the monthly luncheon. Since it is unrealistic in these times to increase the price of the luncheon, we must rely on the good faith annual contributions from the membership. In every past year we have achieved 100% participation in this endeavor, while so far this year we have garnered a little less than 70%. I believe that one of the main reasons for the lower participation is that we have failed to get word out to all members. Therefore, since every member (I hope) receives the Bulletin, this should be an effective means to inform one and all of this request to send in your 2009 contribution. I know that in some cases members are not sure whether, or not, they've contributed, so I have listed below those who have yet to contribute, according to the Treasurer's records.

Bud Alexander, Pete Blair, Elias Botto, QB Burden, Jack Corrigan, Phil Craner, Russ Currier, Tom Damon, Neil Daniels, Terry Donovan, Bob Freeman, Gil Gilpatrick, Herm Grothmann, Ben Guess, Dick Hilbers, Hoss Hossfeld, Hwang Huang, Edgar Huffstutler, Hank Koehler, Joe Kostelec, Larry

Langston, Rex Ling, Bernie Meseth, George Omran, Al Richmond, Barney Ross, Al Smoll, Duane Stauffer, Ray Stultz, Jim Swanson, Lee Thornton, & Ernie Wuthman.

I'm requesting those listed above to send your \$25.00 contribution to SIR Branch #5 to Don Harryman at 26987 Elena Road, Los Altos Hills 94022. If you think you have contributed, and are erroneously listed, please call Don at 650-941-1857, or me at 650-851-4196.

Finally, SIR will be celebrating its 32nd anniversary at AT&T Park

### Lunch, May 27, 2009

**Salads:**

Mixed greens, pasta primavera, tomatoes vinaigrette, and red potato and dill

**Main Courses:**

Breast of chicken, veronique; and Beef lasagna

**Dessert:**

Chocolate mousse.

on Wednesday July 29th at a game between the Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates. SIR members will receive a \$3.00 to \$6.00 ticket discount. For those who may be interested in attending please contact me for particulars.

*Ted Hinshaw, Big Sir*

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## SPEAKER

Our May speaker will be James O. Clifford, Sr. He will speak on "Where do you think 'All the news that's fit to

print' comes from"?

James O. Clifford, Sr. spent a forty year career in news service organizations – United Press International and Associated Press. His awards include: the UPI Broadcast Excellence Award and the San Francisco Press Club's feature story award on the ethnic history of California. At the time Jim retired in 2000 he was AP's San Francisco Bay Area broadcast editor. He and his family are long time residents of Redwood City.

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## Attendance Report, April

Attendance at the luncheon on April 22 was 55 members and 5 guests, the lowest so far this year. For those who missed it was your loss. The speaker was outstanding, the subject matter vital to everyone of us and lunch was excellent (at least in the writer's opinion). We meet on May 27 next month and hopefully you will be able to attend.

*Ray Odell*

Attendance Chairman

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## Membership

April 22, 2009

**In Memory of:** SIR Barney Ross who passed away April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Stanford Hospital.

**New members:** None

**Membership Changes:**

John Neff, badge #320 , offered his resignation in an email to Ken Christie.

**Membership Status:**

Active: \_\_\_106  
Waiting\_\_\_none  
Inactive: \_\_\_10 (2 no Bulletin)  
Widows on mailing list: \_3

**Current Mailing List:** 152,  
93 by email and 59 by snail mail.

**Member Record Updates:**

None

*Al Stratz*  
Membership Chairman

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**June Birthdays**

Elias Botto	6/10
Richard A.Dole	6/1
Daniel T.Haley	6/2
Dean L.Johnson	6/8
Lowell Nash	6/2
Wayne L.Richter	6/11
Allen E.Smoll	6/7
Lester E.Spring	6/10
N. DuaneStauffe	6/7
Albert E. Stratz	6/26
Frederick VanKirk	6/8

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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  
April 22, 2009

The call for a quorum was not successful. It was suggested that we get our secretary a gps. His excuse was that the he turned off on the wrong turnoff and got lost. He did make it in time for lunch. Howard

Hushbeck substituted to make a quorum.

There was a correction to the minutes of the March meeting as published in the Bulletin. Howard Trudeau is the new Little Sir, not Howard Hushbeck. All else is good.

There were no new guests present. Membership Contributions was discussed in detail. There are almost half of the membership that have not paid their yearly contributions. The subject will be brought up at today's meeting.

Big Sir Ted Hinshaw reported on his survey. The survey concerned the subject of venue change that was brought up at the last meeting and published in the Bulletin. It resulted in only a handful of responses. Four were in favor of change and 3 said we should stay at Michael's. As the article pointed out, if you were satisfied with the present arrangement, no response was necessary. As a result of the survey, we will remain at Michael's.

Secretary's report---none  
Treasurer's report – Don Harryman distributed the month's activities sheet with a balance of \$6,421.22 in the treasury. That will increase as contributions are received.

Ray O'Dell did not have a Budget report for this month.

Al Statz - Membership Report – Al reported that we have 106 members at present. There are no changes. We will have one guest at today's meeting.

Attendance Chairman Ray O'Dell brought up the subject of Non Active members and what they are receiving. It was pointed out by Al Gardner, our parliamentarian, that the only thing a Non Active member gets is the monthly bulletin. Since they don't pay anything in contributions, an attempt to have them pay for the cost of sending the bulletin was suggested. No action

taken.

Joe Ames is on a trip – No report  
Greeters/Revenuers absent - no report

Parliamentarian – No report  
Special Projects/Good Sam – All going according to plan.

Web Master – Ed Nazzill requested the minutes regularly be sent to him for publishing on the web site. He requested the minutes of the last 3 meetings be sent to him at his web site

Bulletin Publisher – No report from Les Spring.

Kamel Totah was not present- no report.

Calvin Cook not present – no report.

Member Contact. Howard Trudeau has been working with Emmett Hearn to coordinate the calling duties. He will continue to refine the list.

Neither our Area Governor, Stan Barkey or the Region 5 Director, John Mason were present at our April BOD meeting.

Since there was no Old/New business for the board, Al Statz called for adjourning the meeting. This call was seconded by Ken Liddicoat. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Howard Hushbeck, PBS 98, Acting Secretary.

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**GOLF**

Los Lagos Golf  
4-16-09

Loos 88 – 21 = 67  
Nazzal, A 93 – 21 = 71  
Stevens 96 – 25 = 71

Trudeau 100 – 30 = 70  
Nazzal, J 103 – 29 = 74  
Habib 110 – 34 = 76

Closest to the pin #7 Trudeau #16

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Kraemer

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Shoreline Golf  
 4-23-09

Nazzal, A 88 – 25 = 64  
 Stevens 98 – 27 = 71  
 Flakoll 92 - 20 = 72

Kazul 98 – 31 = 73  
 Habib 115 – 37 = 78  
 Richter 117 =35 = 82

Closest to the pin #4 A. Nazzal #11  
 Kazul

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Spring Valley Golf  
 4-30-09

Stevens 91-26 = 65  
 Kazul 100-29 = 71  
 Nazzal, A 94-22 = 72

Richter 105 – 34 =71  
 Nazzal, J 102 – 29 = 73  
 Habib 111 – 35 = 76

**NO ONE** got on the green let alone close to the pin.

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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 Al-**  
**tos. The following**  
**speakers are currently**  
**scheduled:**

**5/13:Topic: Enabling**  
**Online Accessibility**  
**For All**

**Speaker:John**  
**Foliot, Program**

**Manager, Stan-**  
**ford Online**  
**Accessibility**  
**Program**

The Stanford Online Accessibility Program (SOAP) provides guidance to the Stanford Community as they share information online. SOAP's mandate is to assist web designers and online content creators in producing material that is accessible to the greatest audience possible. The program promotes Universal Accessibility and web standards compliance. Universal Accessibility means making content available to any user, regardless of how they may be able to receive it. It means conveying your ideas in such a way so that the content created can be re-purposed in many different ways without losing its meaning, intent, or usefulness; it focuses on making web resources compatible with the widest range of web browsing technologies. It's about getting the most mileage out of the work you produce, saving you time, effort and resources. As an added benefit, it also ensures that your material is also accessible to users who may be unable to access it in a traditional manner, including members of the disabled communities.

**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 & Guests**

**PRICE REDUCED**

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

**PRICE REDUCED – SIGNUP**  
**NOW – GOOD CABINS LEFT!**

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**

Aug 28 – Sep 7, **2010** ,11 Days  
**PASSION PLAY in OBERAM-**  
**MERGAU & GERMAN HI-**  
**LIGHTS \$4795pp dbl (Note**  
**Price Increase)** Escort: Tal-  
 bot Tours 408-879-0101  
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 formation 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. Contact Bill

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Finkemeier, Branch 51, 650-323-2177.

Thursday Bowling: April

High Series Scratch: Tim Eastham, 583

High Game Scratch: Tim Eastham, 223

High Series Hdcp.: Tim Eastham, 706

High Game Hdcp.: Tim Eastham, 264

Bill Finkemeier, Branch 51

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# Biking

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

[GXB366@aol.com](mailto:GXB366@aol.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday—May 14, 2008, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required

**Location:** Los Gatos Creek Trail: We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos for lunch. Then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

**Directions:** Go South on I-280 (past Highway 17) to Meridian ; turn right. Go to the Willow Street stop-light; turn right. Take Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School . Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.

**To ride,** please contact me (above) or Tom Gregory, (650)493-8894, [tgreg@surf.free.com](mailto:tgreg@surf.free.com)

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STAMP  
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