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Big SIR sez:

"In this issue I'd like to provide follow-up to the August column wherein the concept of branch activity expansion was discussed briefly.

At the August BEC meeting the subject was discussed, and decided, that input from the membership would be beneficial in determining whether it would be worthwhile to pursue further.

Therefore, at the September luncheon meeting handouts listing the myriad activities supported by all branches will be available for completion by attendees. If you are not going to be in attendance, please review the following, and let me know if you would be interested in participating in any potential Branch #5 activity:

- Astronomy, Backgammon, Band, Barbecue (Couples), Barbershop Quartet, Beer Tasting/Brewing, Biking, Book Club/Swap, Bowling (Lawn), Breakfast Club, Bridge (Duplicate), Bridge (Pairs), Bridge Traveling (Couples), Chess, Chorus, Coin Collecting, Cooking, Crab Feed, Cribbage, Dancing (Couples), Dinner-Dances (Couples), Dominoes, Explore & Eat (Couples), Game Night (Couples), Gardening, Gin Rummy, Golf (9-Hole Couples), Guys Dine out, Harmonica, Hearts, Hiking (Couples), Historical Interest, Horseshoes Ladies Day -(Couples)

- Let's Dine In (couples)
- Let's Dine Out (Couples)
- Model Railroad
- Newsletter Makeup
- Pickle Ball, Pinochle, Poker
- Stamp Collecting, Tennis
- Theatre (Couples)
- Veterans Affairs
- Walking (Couples)
- Website
- Wine Finders (Couples)
- Wine Tasting (Couples)
- Website, Woodworking
- Writing Your Biography

The list does not include State and/or Area activities such as bowling, golf, photography, fishing, pool/billiards,

Lunch,

September 23

Salads: mixed greens, black bean, Caesar, and antipasto

Entrees :breast of chicken with herb butter sauce, and crab and shrimp cannelloni

Dessert : ice cream.

football, and investment club.

If adequate positive feedback is received, an Activities Committee Chairman will be appointed to coordinate the effort.

Please let me hear from you by either completing the handout at the next meeting, or contacting me directly at tedhinshaw@yahoo.com, or 650-851-4196.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Tom Loughead as Branch #5 Secretary for 2010, succeeding Bill Chamberlin in that capacity.

ity. Our thanks are extended to Bill, and to Lloyd Lettis, departing Assistant Treasurer, for jobs well done.

Are you ready for some football?

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

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



SPEAKER

Chief Scott S.G. Vermeer

Chief Vermeer is currently the Police Chief and Interim Fire Chief in the City of Mountain View. He has been the Police Chief in Mountain View since 2002. Chief Vermeer had previously been the Police Chief in the City of Menlo Park where at his appointment in 1999, he was the youngest Police Chief in the State of California.

Previous to going to Menlo Park, Chief Vermeer had served with the Redwood City Police Department. Chief Vermeer has worked as a patrol officer, detective, juvenile officer, street crimes and narcotics sergeant,

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watch commander, detective sergeant and Police Captain. Scott also formed the Redwood City Police Department's SWAT and Hostage Negotiation Teams and served as the teams' commander.

Chief Vermeer has a bachelor's degree in business and holds a master's degree in Leadership Studies from St. Mary's College in Moraga, CA. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the prestigious Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar in Quantico, Virginia. He has testified as an expert in the fields of ethics, gang investigations and crimes against children. He currently teaches other professionals and at the university level on the topics of juvenile crime, leadership and ethics.

He was named officer of the year in 1994 for his work in developing gang prevention programs. Scott has been awarded a commendation from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his successful investigation of a Redwood City kidnapping for ransom of a child, which resulted in the return of the child to his family and the arrest and conviction of the three suspects.

Chief Vermeer is a native of Santa Clara County. He lives in Mountain View with his wife Kerry and their three children. His oldest son Kyle attends Stanford, his son Grant attends Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose and his daughter Paige is in the 7th grade at St. Simon School in Los Altos. Scott is active in the community and devotes much of his time as a foster parent for Santa Clara County Social Services as well as volunteering with organizations such as his childrens' schools, Mountain View-Los Altos PONY baseball, NJB basketball and the Mountain View Police Activities League.

Attendance Report August

Unfortunately, as our membership continues to decline so does the attendance at the monthly luncheon

meetings. August attendance was pretty low with only 60 members present. That included the two new members, Saul Kravitz and Donovan Alvik. Also, present were three visitors which hopefully will lead to more new members.

Attendance Chairman
Ray Odell

Membership August 26, 2009

In Memory of: None

New members: Saul Kravitz #23, Donovan H. Alvik #26

Membership Changes:
Joze Kostelec #347 resigned in July

Membership Status:

Active: _____ 108
Waiting: _____ 0
Inactive: _____ 3 (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

xxx Birthdays

Saul Kravitz 10/2
Chester F. Hayes 10/9
Jeffry R. Denton 10/15
Lloyd A. Lettis 10/15
Alfred W. Richmond 10/16

Robert G. Cruzen 10/17
Howard B. Hushbeck 10/19
Stan C. Kazul 10/21
Howard D. Trudeau 10/27

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

2009-8-26

1. Call to order 10:00 AM by Big SIR Ted Hinshaw.
2. A quorum of at least 6 Committee members was confirmed.
3. No changes to the Minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Joe Ames requested that in the future he be added to the list of recipients of The Executive Committee Minutes.
5. A replacement for Cal Cook is required for handling special events.
6. Supplies such as stationary are not easily available. To build up a supply, one now must call up a copy on the computer and print out as many copies as are needed. It was suggested that a sufficient supply be maintained. Howard Hushbeck commented that he buys membership pins in bulk to get a better price, and that he has about a years' supply on hand.
7. Ted Hinshaw attended a SIR Headquarters Annual meeting in Vallejo, and had very interesting conversations with other Big Sirs. Membership building was a major topic of interest. The more successful branches had more activities. Branch 5 has three: Regular meetings, travel and golf (although not all members of the golf group are Branch 5 members). Branch 5 is about average in this regard. Ted has seen records of branches that specialize in Antique cars, Astronomy, Barber-shop Quartets. Book Reading with book exchange, Beer Drinking, etc,etc,etc. Is it worthwhile to

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distribute a questionnaire? Ted Hen-
shaw will draft one.

A motion to adjourn was made at
11:08. MSP

Bill Chamberlin,
Secretary

GOLF

Spring Valley 7-23-09

- J. Austin 95 net 65
- J. Nazzal 96 net 67
- Van Kirk F. 104 net 69
- Kraemer A. 85 net 69
- Nazzal N. 85 net 70
- Total K. 98 net 70

CTTP: Huang, Kraemer

Shoreline 7-30-09

- Trudeau H. 102 net 68
- Austin J. 101 net 69
- Huang, H. 104 net 72
- Kraemer A. 87 net 70
- Loos J. 97 net 74
- Stevens J. 99 net 74

CTTP: Van Kirk F. Kraemer A.

Sunnyvale 8-6-09

- Austin J. 101 net 71
- Trudeau H. 109 net 77
- Habib A. 117 net 80
- Stevens J. 94 net 69
- Nazzal N. 88 net 70
- Nazzal A. 95 net 72

CTTP: Habib A. , Swanson J.

Santa Clara 8-13-09

- Austin J. 101 net 71
- Richter W. 115 net 79
- Van Kirk F. 117 net 81
- Kraemer A. 84 net 67
- Loos J. 91 net 67
- Swanson J. 91 net 71

CTTP: Kraemer A. , Stevens J.

Shoreline 8-27-09

- Van Kirk F. 107 net 70
- Trudeau H. 104 net 71

- Habib A. 112 net 75
- Loos J. 90 net 66
- Kraemer A. 85 net 68
- Nazzal A. 92 net 69

CTTP : Kraemer A., Kraemer A.

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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 9th** Roundtable/panel discussion of how to change your email using your domain to avoid problems when changing ISP; using Whois; the problem of leaving one ISP for another is to change your email address. Jim Dinkey will address that issue. An autoresponder is useful, as is an automatic signature line notifying of the coming change..

**October 14th** - Red Calub (general Manager of Micro Center) will discuss what is coming down the line and Christmas suggestions.

**November 11th** - Hank Skawinski

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

LAST CHANCE – GOOD CABINS LEFT!

Oct 12 – 23 ; 12 Days **MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco)**
\$1015 – 1545pp dbl Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

OPTIONAL SHORE TRIP to COPPER CANYON!

COME SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH US!!

Dec 30 – Jan 3 ; 5 Days **NEW YEAR'S in (sunny) ARI-ZONA \$1160 – 1675pp dbl** Es-cort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

LOTS TO SEE and DO in OREGON!

June 9 – 15 ; 5 Days ; **FESTIVALS & ROSES TOUR (No Flying!)**
\$1465pp dbl
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

CRUISE on Board the SEA PRINCESS;

May 22 – June 1, **2010** ; 11 Days ; **ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE (Round Trip from San Francisco)**
\$1416 – 2551pp dbl Escort: Arthur Lloyd 650-851-0998

ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS

Aug 31 – Sep 10, **2010**; 11 Days ; **PASSION PLAY in OBERAMMERGAU & GERMAN HI-LIGHTS** **\$2838pp dbl + Air-fare** Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101

\$200 Re-fundable Reservation Deposit!

Call the Escorts for 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

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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](mailto:gxb366@aol.com) or  
[tgreg@surf.free.com](mailto:tgreg@surf.free.com)

**Peter Barba (Sept. ride only)**

[Peter\\_Barba@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:Peter_Barba@stanfordalumni.org), 650-949-4191  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday—Sept 10, 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 windbreaker.

**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.

**If you plan to ride, please contact me.**

**FUTURE RIDES**

October 8 Los Gatos Creek

November 12 Coyote Creek (So. San Jose)

**RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

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