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Big SIR sez:

It's spring in "The Valley of Heart's Delight." This is a beautiful time of the year with all of the trees in blossom, although uncomfortable to those with allergies.

It is a pleasure to report that Branch 5 now has an official Secretary. As I reported last month, the Nominating Committee recommended **Ken Christie**. Ken accepted the position and was duly sworn in at the March 24 luncheon meeting. On the subject of Branch Officers, I have asked the Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers for 2011 and provide it to me by May 31. I will present it for approval at the June Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meeting and, if approved, publish the proposed names in the July Bulletin. The official election will be held at the August luncheon meeting. I ask each member of Branch 5 to give serious thought to serving as an officer in 2011. Do your part to keep the Branch alive and thriving. If you would like to serve, please contact either me, or Past Big SIR **Ted Hinshaw**, who is the chairman of the Nominating Committee.

If you missed the March 24 Luncheon Meeting, and 49 of you did, you missed an interesting presentation by Kristina Rockhold on the Rengstorff House and Shoreline Park. Henry Rengstorff, who built the home for his family, was a successful immigrant from Germany who did a lot to develop this area. Little SIR, **John Geibel**, has done a great job of finding good speakers and reacting to last minute cancellations. If you know of an interesting speaker, please call John. John is also responsible for our special events, and has started the planning for the July

Barbeque and the December Holiday Party. If you are willing to help with either of these events, please contact John. Don't forget, the Holiday Party will be December 15. Save the date.

There seemed to be some confusion about reimbursement of guests' lunch costs. This was clarified at the March 24 BEC meeting. When a current member brings a prospective member to a luncheon meeting, the member should pay for the guest's lunch. If the guest decides to become a member, the sponsoring member can be reimbursed for the cost of the guest's lunch after the new member's induction.

Fifty-Seven members have made

Lunch, April 28th

Salads: Mixed Greens,
Spinach with Mushroom
and Egg,
Caesar, and Antipasto
Hot Entrees: Sirloin Tips
and Breast of Chicken,
Herb Butter Sauce
Dessert: Sherbet

their annual contribution for 2010. Thank you! This is a good start, but there are forty-one of you who haven't paid. The annual contributions provide the funds to keep Branch 5 operating. While you have your checkbooks out to pay your taxes this month, write a check for \$25.00 and send it to **Don Harryman**, Treasurer. Let's get to 100% participation so I can quit writing about it.

Enjoy spring!

Howard Trudeau
Big SIR

SPEAKER

Our speaker is Fred LaCosse.

The title of his presentation is "Your American Freedoms: Protect Them or Lose them."

He has recordings of the founding fathers of our country and he asks them questions and responds to them as if it is an interview. The reviews from other SIR groups has been very good, so it should be quite entertaining.

Attendance Report

Again we didn't do too well at the March luncheon as our attendance dropped to only 49 members and 2 guests. Unfortunately, this may be the norm as our membership continues to decline. It's important that you support our branch by attending the luncheons so make the effort on April 28 and enjoy a little fellowship with your fellow members.

Ray Odell

Attendance Chairman

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Membership

March 24, 2010

Membership Report

In Memory of: Thomas F. Damon #428

New members: None

Membership Changes: None

Membership Status:

Active: _____98

Waiting: _None

Inactive: _5 (2 no Bulletin)

Widows on mailing list: _3

Current Mailing List:

128, 89 by email and 39 by snail mail.

Member Record Updates: None

Al Stratz

Membership Chairman

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March Birthdays

- Don Harryman 03/15
- Robert V. Merk 03/16
- George J. Hossfeld, Jr. 03/04
- Robert H. Carlstead 03/12

April Birthdays

- Tom A. Loughead 04/04
- Ernest F. Wuthman 04/29
- Herbert R. Warne 04/24
- Robert C. Parsons 04/06
- James E. Wilhelm III 04/20
- G. Richard Hilbers 04/12
- Adrian A. Flakoll 04/16
- Kenneth E. Liddicoat 04/08

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

March 23, 2010

With a quorum present, BIG SIR, Howard Trudeau, convened the meeting at 10 AM, at the Mountain View Golf Course Pro Shop conference room. The minutes of the February 24, 2010 meeting were approved

without change.

BIG SIR – Howard Trudeau Announced that Ken Christie would be the new Secretary. Mr. Christie agreed to serve and was sworn in as the new Branch 5 secretary.

Directors and Officer liability coverage was discussed. The SIR State Insurance Committee has determined that the cost of obtaining Officer and Director Liability insurance exceeds 5% of the prior year budget. It was moved seconded and passed that Branch 5 cannot afford to purchase this type of liability insurance and the Branch elects to be covered by the provision of Section 5239 of the California Corporations Code.

3. A discussion regarding new member lunches came to the following conclusion: When a member brings a guest to the monthly lunch meeting, the member is responsible for the cost. If the guest decides to become a member and is inducted into Branch 5, the member who initially brought him to lunch will be reimbursed for the cost of the guest’s lunch by applying to the treasurer. A motion to this effect was introduced, seconded, and passed.

The SIR Branch 5 Treasurer, Mr. Don Harryman, will maintain a record of the financial transactions regarding a new member and birthday lunches. The Branch 5 Officer nominating committee was established for 2011 and will be comprised of: Ted Hinshaw, Les Spring, and Fred van Kirk. They have been requested to propose a slate

of Branch Officers for 2011 and provide it to the BIG SIR by May 31.

EVENTS – There are still a few openings for the May golf outing and Kamel Totah will make an announcement at lunch today.

Two cases of wine have been secured for the July bar-b-que and the event planning is on schedule.

OFFICER Reports –

Al Stratz – Membership - There are 98 active members in Branch 5.

Ray Odell – Treasurer – The treasurer’s report for 2009 and the budget for 2010 were provided and accepted. The branch surplus has remained constant.

John Geibel – Christmas Party – The entertainment budget was established at \$200. There is a banjo group that performs at that amount of compensation. John will obtain the contact information from Branch 51.

Joe Ames – Travel – The summer trips still have openings as does the fall bus trip to Oregon. Joe will remind the members to sign up quickly.

There was no new or old business brought before the BEC. A call for adjournment was moved, seconded, and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ken Christie
Secretary*

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GOLF February

Feb. 2 Sunnyvale

Jim Stevens 102 net 76 cttp

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Jiries Nazzal 104 net 76 cttp
 Naim Nazzal 103 net 84

Kamel Totah 108 net 78
 Fred Van Kirk 115 net 78
 Wayne Richter 117 net 80

Feb. 11 Santa Clara

Adel Nazzal 91 net 67 cttp,cttp
 Jim Loos 93 net 69
 Azmi Habib 110 net73

Feb 18 Moffett Field

Adel Nazzal 98 net 73 cttp
 Naim Nazzal 97 net 77
 Jim Stevens 106 net 78

Howard Trudeau 107 net 73
 Wayne Richter 114 net 75
 Kamel Totah 110 net 78

Feb. 25 Los Lagos

Naim Nazzal 91 net 73
 Jim Stevens 100 net 75
 Adel Nazzal 99 net 77

Wayne Richter 112 net 78
 Jere Austin 108 net 80 cttp
 Azmi Habib 118 net 84
 Howard Trudeau 116 net 85 cttp

GOLF
March

Santa Clara

Jere Austin 100 net 71
 Jim Stevens 99 net 72
 John Geibel 102 net 73

Kamel Totah 103 net 72
 Howard Trudeau 107 net 74 cttp
 Wayne Richter 114 net 77
 Fred Van Kirk cttp

Sunnyvale

Jim Stevens 93 net 66
 Adel Nazzal 96 net 72
 Naim Nazzal 95 net 75 cttp

Kamel Totah 108 net 77
 Howard Trudeau 112 net 79
 Azmi Habib 116 net 79

Spring Valley

Adel Nazzal 89 net 66
 Jiries Nazzal 93 net 66

Naim Nazzal 86 net 66
 Jim Stevens cttp

Wayne Richter 106 net 71
 Fred Van Kirk 107 net 72
 Azmi Habib 107 net 72
 Kamel Totah cttp

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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 Meeting**

The Trials and Tribulations of Creating a DVD of Video and Photos by Maurice Green

Having been foolish enough to *volunteer* for the job, Maury will recount the trials and tribulations of producing a DVD video of his own 50<sup>th</sup> college reunion. Along the way he will demonstrate some of the basic techniques of storyboarding, video editing and animation.

Maury is the President of the Silicon Valley Computer Society and leader of the Digital Imaging and Multimedia group. He is a former member of the National Press Photographers Association and a current member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals.

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

Coming Soon: Special **NEW YEAR'S EVE** Tour!! A tour not to miss!

Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

Call the Escorts for Complete Information, Flyers and Reservations for the Tours

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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35,**  
**& 51**

**EVERY TUESDAY – HOMESTEAD LANES, HOMESTEAD AND STELLING, SUNNYVALE.**

Play starts at 1pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm  
 Join us for the Winter Tournament. Please call Art England at 650-948-5828 for more information.

Season High Scores through March 16:

Highest games:  
 Bill Nye: 212  
 Chuck Huff: 203  
 Tim Eastham: 202  
 Jeff Grundy: 184

Highest "3 game series":  
 Bill Nye: 538  
 Tim Eastham: 529  
 Chuck Huff: 499  
 Bob Taggart: 495

Highest handicap games:  
 Bill Nye: 257  
 Chuck Huff: 254

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Bob Taggart: 251  
Dick Frakes: 244

Highest handicap series:

Bob Taggart: 681  
Bill Nye: 673  
Art England: 669  
Arnie Satterlee: 663

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# Biking

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078 [GXB366@aol.com](mailto:GXB366@aol.com)**

To ride or ask questions, please contact me.

**2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday— April 8, 2010, 11:00 AM**

**Wives ands guests welcome Rain cancels;  
Helmet required**

**New Ride Location: Brisbane/Oyster Point:** We will ride the flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles going south from the Walmart Tower in Brisbane to South Airport Blvd. (near SFO) where we will have lunch at a McDonalds (no other choice) then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

**New Ride Directions:** Take 101 north past SFO to Sierra Pt. Parkway (next exit past the Oyster Point exit); turn right at the intersection. At the next intersection turn left on Marina Blvd. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and park in the large parking lot just past the Walmart tower.

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