

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

The December Bulletin is usually where the outgoing Big SIR says farewell. However, as you may know, I have the honor of serving as your Big SIR for another year. Thank you for the vote of confidence. I feel that I know the job much better now than I did when I started the job last January, and I look forward to 2011 being an even better year for Branch 5. I am grateful for the support and help that I have received throughout the year from the officers, directors, committee chairs, and all of the members who have volunteered their services. Thank you, especially, to outgoing Little SIR, **John Geibel** to all of his help and for his hard work as Speaker Chairman and Special Events Chair. Many of you who have attended the luncheons this year have commented about the very interesting and entertaining speakers. The Summer Barbeque was enjoyed by all, and the Holiday Party on December 15 will be great.

I'm looking forward to working with the new slate of officers, who were installed at the November luncheon. Thank you to each of them for stepping forward to serve the Branch. We will need the support and en-

## **Lunch, December 15th**

Roast Beef, English cut, au jus	
	\$23
Broiled Salmon	\$22
Spinach and Cheese	
Tortellini, al pesto	\$16

Each entree will be served with seasonal greens, vegetables, potato du jour, french rolls, coffee and sherbet.

couragement of all of the Branch 5 members as we strive to make the Branch even better.

We welcomed **Paul Camenzind**, into Branch 5 at the November luncheon, our sixth new member in 2010. We now have 98 active members, down three from a year ago. There are two applications in process. These new members will be inducted at the January meeting. Be on the lookout for new members. Invite a friend to lunch.

I hope to see many of you and your guests at the Holiday Party on December 15. John Geibel has arranged for musical entertainment and promises a raffle of some fine wines. If you haven't done so, please let John know that you will be attending, and note your entrée selection.

It is time again to send your annual contribution of \$25.00 to

our Treasurer, **Don Harryman**. Get out your checkbook and send a check to Don. If you want to save the postage, our Assistant Treasurer, **Art Kraemer**, will be collecting contributions at the sign-in table before each luncheon.

My best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a safe, healthy New Year.

*Howard Trudeau*  
Big SIR

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## **SPEAKER**

In lieu of a speaker, Adam Roskiewicz on guitar and Sally Terris on recorder, will play an assortment of holiday music for our entertainment. There will also be a drawing for wines at the meeting.....

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## **Attendance Report**

**November 17, 2010**

Attendance was down a little from last month but still looking ok. We had 50 members and 5 visitors present. Remember, the Christmas luncheon will be on December 15, a week earlier than normal and your significant other is invited. We look for-

ward to a good turnout that day.

*Ray Odell*

Attendance Chairman

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### Membership Report

**November 17, 2010**

In Memory of: None

New members:

Paul V. Camenzind #36

Membership Changes: None

Membership Status:

Active: \_\_\_98

Waiting: \_\_\_None

Inactive: \_6 (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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### December Birthdays

John B. Raymond	12/23
Terrance M. Donovan	12/07
George D. Omran	12/14
George Kerber	12/01
Charles T. Minor	12/07
John M. Ackerman	12/24
Bernerd M. Meseth	12/06
Jere J. Austin	12/14
Raymond T. Odell	12/15
Donald D. Miller	12/17
Robert G. Hertz	12/28
Clifford E. Maurer	12/25

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board November 17

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. A quorum was present. Those attending were Fred Van Kirk-Director, Art Schmid-Secretary, Howard Trudeau-Big Sir, Don Haryman-Treasurer, Ken Liddicoat-Director, John J. Giebel-Little Sir, Ray Odell-Attendance Chairman, Albert Stratz and Paul Butler-Membership Committee.
3. The Branch Form 27 Membership Report was provided and is on file. As of November 10, total active membership is 97, Inactive-6, Total number of new members this year to date-5, Goal was 10. Number of members reclassified or terminated this year to date-9.
4. Today's speaker is Gary Thomas, a nuclear engineer.
5. Art Schmid was installed as the new secretary. He was given a copy of the current roster, in addition to a copy of the following formal documents:  
THE SIR MANUAL  
A Brief History of the Founding of Sons in Retirement, Inc.  
The Articles of Incorporation (Important)  
The Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 2009
6. It was reported that we have two helpful servers. The Branch is charged a service fee of 18% of the lunch price, most of which goes to them. It was suggested that we provide an end of year tip of \$100.00 for each server. A motion for this was made, seconded and passed.
7. Thirteen people have not paid their annual contribution this year. A discussion was begun of what to do about those who don't pay and don't attend meetings. This was

tabled until January.

8. John Geibel reported that the Christmas meal sign-up sheet will be provided today. Entertainment will be by two symphony members.
9. Membership-We have one new member, Paul Camenzind, sponsored by Russell Scott, bringing our total membership to 98.
10. Ray Odell presented a detailed attendance report, a copy of which is attached.
11. We received a thank-you card from the Rathbun family in response to our earlier card of encouragement.
12. Howard Trudeau will provide details on how we can access the Sir Inc. Org web site, if needed, together with the appropriate password, to obtain limited access materials.
13. Copies of the minutes are to be sent to Howard Trudeau and Les Spring at the end of the meeting month.
14. This will be the last business meeting of the year 2010. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Art Schmid  
Secretary

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### GOLF Sunnyvale 11-1-10

Art Kraemer	86 net 68
Jim Loos	93 net 69
Naim Nazzal	92 net 71 cttp
Jim Stevens	103 net 78 cttp
Howard Trudeau	96 net 68
Azmi Habib	105 net 69
Jere Austin	102 net 71

### Spring Valley 11-18-10

Naim Nazzal	86 net 66
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Art Kraemer 88 net 71 cttp  
Ed Nazzal 94 net 74

Howard Trudeau 96 net 67  
Stan Kazul 97 net 68  
Wayne Richter 105 net 70  
Ben Guess 93 net 78 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 speaker(s) are currently scheduled:

**No meeting in December. See you next month.**

**January:** Chuck Esposito of the FBI on cybercrime.

**February:** Gary Sasaki on CES meeting.

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

Still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

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

We bowl on a handicap system, so all have an equal chance.

Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by ability.

**No data received**

BILL FINKEMEIER (323-2177)

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**

**No ride this month.** See you in 2011.

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

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

President Buck’s Challenge on the front page tells us about the positive membership trends as a result of our recent emphasis on the problem and the increasing use of Form 27. He shares many of his thoughts on SIR in general.

The "Spotlight on SIR Officers features Vice President Jim Stedman and State Secretary Eckart Sellinger.

I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition.

*Don MacGregor*  
Editor, SIR Happenings

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**California Sons in Retirement (SIR), Part 4**  
by [Harry Hubinger](#)

**Fourth of a four-part series dealing with retirement.**

**Update:** The enjoyable path of our fictional hero, Rob, continues as he “repots” himself after retiring from full-time business activities and discovers SIR.

Well, it has been over two and a half years now since Rob packed his belongings at work and headed home. In some re-

spects it’s hard to believe. He still remembers, talks about it, and even occasionally hears from some of the old gang. But, the freedom he now enjoys more than overcomes his desire to return to work.

One of the major contributions to his retirement enjoyment has been the membership in SIR (Sons in Retirement.) Admittedly he approached joining with a bit of trepidation, but that is now long gone. He plays golf with the branch almost weekly and has gone on several week-long outings put on by the State SIR organization. He’s back to playing cards several times a month as well. His wife has joined him and other SIR couples on morning walks and day-long exploratory trips to local venues. Although they have not gone on any of the international trips as yet, the possibility of their joining the travelers remains strong.

Best of all, Rob, has made a number of new friends. Similar to work, he found some guys he identified with and a few with which he had nothing in common. Here he was allowed to choose and soon became quite close to a number of the men. He sits with them at lunch and often stays for a drink with them after golf.

But now Rob was faced with a new dilemma – one which required some thought. He was asked, by the nominating committee, to become an officer in his branch.

Rob had joined SIR purely for selfish reasons. He had been

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lonesome and at loose ends, and the organization had remedied that. The fact that there were about twenty thousand SIR members and one hundred and twenty plus branches in northern California was of minor interest to him. He focused on his own branch of about one hundred and twenty members and didn't bother about the details.

But now Rob began to feel a little guilty about his early selfish reasons. He had received a great deal of pleasure from SIR; and, being the kind of person he was, he realized he needed to return the favor and give something back. And, becoming an officer in his branch might solve that need.

He had often wondered early on how SIR could do so much without membership fees. How could

they put on so many events at a reasonable price? Then he learned there were no paid employees or positions. All of this work was being done by volunteers, and now he was being asked to give back a little of what he had been given. Frankly, it seemed more than fair to him.

As you've probably guessed, Rob became an officer, and, well, the rest is history. I'll leave it to you to finish the story.

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