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Big SIR sez:

Happy New Year! It is amazing that we're beginning the second decade of the 21st century. It seems like only yesterday that we were worried about Y2K.

It is an honor to be serving you as Big SIR. I have been a member of SIR Branch 5 since October 2007, so I still have a lot to learn, and I will need a lot of help. Fortunately, my fellow officers and board members are very experienced and willing to help.

Our challenge this year is to keep the Branch viable. Our membership has steadily declined over the past few years. We must stop the decline and begin to recruit new members. I will need the help of all of the members of the Branch. What are the things that make member-

ship attractive to you? What other activities would you like to have available? Who are your friends and associates that can be invited to join our Branch?

I will appreciate receiving any ideas that you

Lunch,

January 27th

Salads: Caesar, tomatoes vinaigrette, spinach with mushroom and egg, and antipasto

Entrees: beef Stroganoff, and breast of chicken with herb butter sauce

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

have that will improve the Branch and recruit new members. I'm open to suggestions and will welcome any ideas that you have that will make the Branch better.

A special thank you to John Geibel and his help-

ers for arranging the wonderful Holiday Party. I was not able to attend, but those who were there have told me that they enjoyed the delicious lunch and the entertaining Boomerang Barbershop Quartet.

As a final note, a reminder that the annual contribution is due in January. If you haven't taken care of it yet, please bring it to the January meeting, or send it by mail to Don Harryman, Treasurer.

My best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy 2010. See you on the 27th.

Howard Trudeau
Big SIR

SPEAKER

Bill Randolph will be our speaker.

Bill is 77 years old and

he accomplished a feat a couple of years ago that few people have ever done. He flew solo around the world in a single engine airplane that he built. It should be a very interesting talk.

Attendance Report

Those that attended the Christmas Luncheon had a great time.

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**Membership**

No changes to report since no board meeting.

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February Birthdays

- 21 Sheldon D. Sicotte 02/22
- 124 Theodore Hinshaw 02/23
- 35 Lawrence Langston 02/28
- 156 Kamel I. Totah 02/22
- 20 John J. Geibel 02/12
- 362 Henry A. Koehler 02/13
- 145 Alvin Soderquist 02/23
- 188 Donald H. Sweet 02/02
- 140 Russell C. Currier 02/22
- 258 Joseph W. Ames 02/16
- 50 Paul C. Pickert 02/07
- 11 Hwang Huang 02/22

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

November Board meeting

**No data received...**

**Sorry**

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GOLF

Sunnyvale 3 Dec.

- Jere Austin 97 net 67
- Adel Nazzal 94 net 71
- Bernie Meseth 103 net 73
- Kamel Totah 105 net 76
- Jim Stevens 105 net 80 cttp
- Azmi Habib 120 net 83

Los Lagos 17 Dec.

- Adel Nazzal 88 net 67 cttp
- Jim Stevens 92 net 69
- Jiries Nazzal 97 net 70
- Naim Nazzal 90 net 72 cttp
- Kamel Totah 104 net 76
- Wayne Richter 117 net 83

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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:

**Jan 13**—Cathy Marshall—A pragmatic look at personal digital archiving

**Feb 10**—Digital 3D Entertainment – Why Now and How?

We are seeing an explo-

sion of activity, products and services pop up tout- ing 3D. Why is this hap- pening now? Didn't 3D die back in 1953? Find out why it is different this time, including some be- hind the scenes technical and business details that few people know about unless you are deep in the industry.

Gary Sasaki is President of DIGDIA, a market analysis and strategic con- sulting firm focused on digital entertainment and media markets. Prior to DIGDIA, he was with HP, the last ten years in HP Labs with a focus on find- ing new billion dollar businesses.

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

SEE Frank, Dean & Sammy in RENO

Feb 25 – 26 : 2 Days
The RAT PACK is BACK!
\$141 pp dbl:
 Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

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CRUISE on Board the SEA PRINCESS

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May 22 – June 1: 11 Days
**ALASKA'S INSIDE PAS-
SAGE (Round Trip from
San Francisco)**

\$1416 – 2551pp dbl Es-
cort: Arthur Lloyd 650-851-
0998

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**LOTS TO SEE and
DO in OREGON!**

June 9 – 15 : 7 Days
**FESTIVALS & ROSES
TOUR (No Flying!) \$1425
pp dbl**

Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-
8387

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**ONCE EVERY TEN
YEARS**

Aug 31 – Sep 10 11 Days
**PASSION PLAY in
OBERAMMERGAU &
GERMAN HI-LIGHTS
\$2838pp dbl + Airfare**

Escorted By: Talbot Tours
408-879-0101

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Call the Escorts for Com-
plete Information and Reser-
vations for the trips.
(See Flyers for details)

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**Bowling  
BRANCHES 5, 35,  
& 51  
EVERY TUESDAY –**

**HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING, SUNNY-  
VALE.**

Play starts at 1pm - Practice  
lanes available at 12:50pm

Join us for the  
Winter Tourna-  
ment.

Due to the expected clos-  
ing of Palo Alto Bowl, the  
group will be moving to  
Homestead Lanes near  
Homestead and Stelling in  
Sunnyvale as of January 1.  
They will continue to bowl  
on the same day and time.

If the change in location  
get's you interested in bowl-  
ing with the group, please  
call Art England at 650-  
948-5828 for more informa-  
tion.

Results of the Fall Tourna-  
ment:

High Scratch: High  
Handi-

capped: Game  
Tim Eastham 223  
Arnie Satterlee 267

Series  
Bill Nye 522  
Bill Finkemeire 678

1st. Place Team(tie): Tim  
Eastham, Jerry Coe, Dick  
Frakes

1st. Place Team(tie): Chuck  
Huff, Roy Robinson, John  
Synder

3rd. Place Team: Mario

Bonecelli, Bob Taggart,  
Fred Schwabach  
4th. Place Team: Arnie  
Satterlee, Bill Finkemeire,  
Bill Nye

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Top Handicapped Series on  
last tournament day:

1st: John Synder 656  
2nd: Hal Knowlton 642  
3rd: Bob Taggart 616  
4th: Tim Eastham 575  
5th: Jerry Coe 567

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Biking

Peter Barba (for Jan. ride)
peter_barba@stanfordalumni.org

**2nd Thursday — Jan 14,
2009, 11:00 AM; Wives
ands guests welcome :
Rain cancels;
Helmet required**

**Coyote Hills-- Alameda
Creek -- Niles/Fremont**

**Ride: We will begin the
ride at the Coyote Hills
Park and continue on
the Alameda Trail to
Niles where will have
lunch at a restaurant in
downtown Niles . The
ride is flat and approxi-
mately 9 miles each way,
with an optional loop
with a scenic view of the
bay that adds about one
mile (a total ride of 19
miles).**

**Directions: Take high-
way 84 across the Dum-**

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barton Bridge past the toll booth to the first exit, which is Paseo Padre Parkway . Turn left and go one mile to Paterson ranch road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the toll booth (\$5 per car or show your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the park office and museum; park there.

If you plan to ride contact me, as per above.

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