

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

The 2010 Roster was distributed at the February meeting. If you did not receive a copy, pick one up at the March meeting. Please examine the listing for yourself. If corrections are needed, please give them to **Al Stratz**, our Membership Chairman. Our declining membership is obvious in the roster, noticeably thinner than last year's. This is the first year that Golden Gate Travel did not publish the roster free-of-charge. In return for a substantial discount in the printing charges, Copyamerica of Palo Alto was permitted to place their ad on the back cover. This firm also prints our bulletin each month.

The Nominating Committee has recommended **Ken Christie** for the position of Secretary. The Executive Committee approved this recommendation. We look forward to seeing Ken at the March meeting. Due to health issues, **Emmett Hearn** resigned his Director position on the Executive Committee. We owe our thanks to Emmett for all that he has done for the Branch. Past Big SIR **Fred Van Kirk** has volunteered to take Emmett's position, and was approved by the Executive Committee. Thank you, Fred, for serving as acting Secretary for the past two meetings, and thank you for stepping forward to serve as a Director.

I would like to wrap up the annual contribution campaign as soon as possible. The end of the first quarter of the year would be great. If you haven't made your contribution for 2010, send \$25.00 to **Don Harryman**.

The declining membership in Branch 5 is a serious concern for all of us on the Executive Committee. We cannot provide the activities that inter-

est our members without an adequate number of members to participate. We can see this in the declining attendance at our monthly meetings. Only 49 members attended the February meeting. Participation in golf, our most popular activity, is also declining. I invite all of you to suggest recruiting techniques that will attract our target audience, retired men, to come to a meeting and take a good look at us. We need your input. It would be great if we could induct even one or two new members each month. Please, give me your ideas. Bring a friend to a meeting.

Thank you for your supportive comments over the past two

Lunch, March 24th

Salads: Mixed Greens, Spinach with Mushroom and Egg, Caesar, Antipasto
Entrees: Crab and Shrimp Canneloni, Chicken Marsala
Dessert: Ice Cream

months. It is a privilege to serve you as Big SIR. Let's keep the Spirit of Branch 5 alive!

Howard Trudeau

MARCH SPEAKER

Rudy Tenes is a Retired Professional Bullfighter from Mexico. He will talk about the history of Bull Fighting and several bullfighters from different countries including the United States. He started training with young bulls at the age of ten. He can cover the finer points of bull fighting such as the functions of a Toreador and a Matador

Attendance Report

Attendance was down rather dramatically from last month with a total of 49 members and 1 guest present. The speaker might have been of less interest to some since not everyone is a golfer **but** he had to cancel at the last minute and we had a substitute speaker who spoke on security both from a business standpoint and as it applies to individuals. He did a good job. Your loss. You should always try to make it to our luncheons as surprises do occur.

Ray Odell, Attendance Chairman

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## Membership

February 24, 2010

**Membership Report**

**In Memory of:** None

**New members:** None

**Membership Changes:** None

**Membership Status:**

Active:   9

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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Gordon Brandt 's (Member #18) ZIP code is 94024. The 4 was erroneously omitted in the new roster.

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Birthdays

No data received...

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## SIR HAPPENINGS

Continued—

The February edition of has just been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/index.htm>

President Buck's column on the front page tells us what he thinks it will take to stop our serious decline in membership.

You can also learn more about our State leaders on page 2 entitled, "Spotlight on SIR Officers."

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

February 24, 2010

There being a quorum, Big SIR, Howard Trudeau, convened the meeting at 10:05 AM, at the Mountain View Shoreline Golf Course Pro Shop conference room.

The minutes of the January 27, 2010, meeting were approved without change.

The following reports were submitted: **BIG SIR**-Howard Trudeau:

The Nominating Committee advised that Ken Christie was almost fully recovered and would be willing to serve as Secretary assuming his health continues to improve. Ken thought he would be able to take over at the March meeting. It was moved, seconded and approved that Ken Christie become Branch Secretary effective March 24, 2010, pending his continued recovery. (Best Wishes, Ken!)

Emmett Hearn, a long time member and Director, advised that due to ill health he would not be able to continue his duties as a Director on the Branch Executive Committee (BEC). Among Emmett's many contributions to the BEC was his handling of the mailing of the Branch Bulletin.

Howard Trudeau made a motion that Fred Van Kirk be appointed to replace Emmett on the BEC. The motion was seconded and passed. Fred will take over the mailing of the Bulletin and work with Al Stratz, Membership Chairman, to coordinate which members receive the Bulletin via email vs snail mail.

The 2010 Membership Roster has been printed and distributed to the members of the BEC. Member's copies are available at the sign-in table. It is requested that each member check his listing for any errors and to report same to Al Stratz.

There are ten active members who are eligible for special recognition as Senior SIR (over age 90) and one member, over age 95, who is eligible for recognition as a Super Senior SIR. Ken Liddicoat will prepare special tags to be added to these members badges. The Big Sir will arrange to have special certificates prepared for presentation at a future meeting.

Members attention is directed to the recent issue of "SIR HAPPENINGS" for an article about the State Big SIR, Buck Kendrick, whom many of the members know. It can be found by going to SIR Inc.org.

Anyone interested in running for a State SIR office must apply by April 1. See the Big SIR for details.

Big SIR received information from the State Executive Committee regarding Branch insurance requirements. He is looking into this matter at the present time and will report back to the BEC.

ACTING SECRETARY-Fred Van Kirk-Nothing to report.

TREASURER-Don Harryman:

The cash balance as of January 31, was \$6,338.09. The cash balance at the start of 2010 was \$6,111.76.

Only 43 out of 99 active members have as yet to make their 2010 contribution. The annual contribution of \$25.00 should be sent to Don Harryman ASAP.

Zeke Sicotte has completed his internal audit of the Branch 5 financial reports for the year 2009. He has found that the reports accurately present the bank balance of \$6,111.76 at December 31, 2009. He also found the records maintained by the Treasurer to be in excellent order. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the Auditor's Report. It was also moved, seconded and passed that in the future a Golf Fund Financial Report be submitted to the BEC at the end of each year and that it be Audited with the Treasurer's report. (Thank

you both, Don and Zeke, for your effort.)

Ray Odell advised that he would have a Budget for 2010 prepared for the March BEC meeting.

LITTLE SIR-John Geibel:

At the last minute the Little SIR was advised that the speaker he had scheduled would be unable to attend the meeting. John was able to secure an able replacement on short notice.

We are looking for a speaker for March. Please contact John if you have any suggestions.

John is also looking for members who would like to be on a speakers committee.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN-Al Stratz:

There are currently 99 active members and 5 inactive members. Our current mailing list indicates we are sending out 128 Newsletters per month, 89 by email and 39 by "snail" mail.

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN-Ray Odell:

Our total attendance at the January meeting was 57 and 4 guests. This is the best attendance we have had in months.

TRAVEL CHAIRMAN-Joe Ames: Nothing to report.

GOLF-Wayne Richter:

Wayne had a box of various SIR pins, bolo ties and buckles of which he had become the custodian. There was discussion of what should be done with these items. It was decided to present these to members on special occasions such as those receiving a free lunch on their birthdays.

SPECIAL PROJECTS AND GOOD SAMARITAN-Howard Hushbeck:

1. Howard is home but still not 100%. The BEC sends its best wishes.

There was no old or new business brought before the BEC. A call for adjournment was moved, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Van Kirk
"Acting Secretary"

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**GOLF**

February

No Data Received

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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:

March 10 Meeting Location: This meeting will be held at the Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. It is in the NE (toward the bay and Moffett Field) corner of the San Antonio–East Charleston intersection. Take the far right-hand lane of San Antonio that turns into a one-way frontage road. Parking is available in the lot in front of the Media Center building and on San Antonio Road. **Media Center Directions:** <http://tinyurl.com/yguts4y>.

March 10 Pre-Meeting Meal: Because downtown Los Altos is quite far from the Media Center, the March 10 pre-meeting lunch (11:45 am) and dinner (5:45 pm) will be held at the **Green Elephant Gourmet** in the shopping center at the SE corner of Middlefield and Charleston. From there, it’s a short trip to San Antonio and the Media Center. “Green Elephant Gourmet provides fine Burmese and Chinese Cuisine. Both cuisines emphasize freshness, health, lightness and visual appeal.

Green Elephant Gourmet Directions, Menu, : <http://www.greenelephantgourmet.com/>

March 10 Meeting—Description
Topic: **Public Access Television and Community Media Centers**
Speaker: **Elliot Margolies, Midpeninsula Media Center**
<<http://midpenmedia.org/>>

A tour of the Media Center operations and studio is included.

The Midpeninsula Community Media Center

- provides video production and editing services,
- offers classes and seminars,
- broadcasts local government meetings, and
- operates cable TV channels serving Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, and Stanford. Elliot Margolies, founding Executive Director of the Midpeninsula Community Media Center, will present a history of public access television and community media centers. He will highlight the technical changes that have impacted the role of community media centers.

He has produced and facilitated community-based media on the Midpeninsula since 1984. He now works as Strategic Initiatives Director for the Media Center and takes on a variety of other video, writing, and consulting projects as an independent contractor.

April 14: Hank Skawinski (tentative)

May 12: Kevin Lynn (tentative)

NOTE: SIR’s are welcome at either meeting time 12:30 or 7:15 pm. To get on CompuSIR mailing list : <http://mailman.svpal.org/mailman/listinfo/compusir16> OR Jim Dinkey at [jimdinkey\(at\)jimdinkey.com](mailto:jimdinkey(at)jimdinkey.com)

JIM DINKEY (493-9307)

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

**CRUISE on Board the SEA PRINCESS**

**ALASKA’S INSIDE PASSAGE (Round Trip from San Francisco)**

May 22–June 1, 2010 (11 days)  
\$1416 – 2551 pp dbl  
Escort: Arthur Lloyd 650-851-0998

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

**FESTIVALS & ROSES TOUR (No Flying)**

June 9-15 2010 (5 days) \$ 1425 pp dbl  
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

**ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS PASSION PLAY in**

**OBERAMMERGAU + GERMAN HIGHLIGHTS**

Aug 31-Sep10,2010(11 days)  
\$2838ppdbl+air

**\$200 Refundable Reservation Deposit!**

Escort: TALBOT TOURS 408-879-0101

Call escorts for information & reservation

See Flyers for details.

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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. If the change in location get’s you interested in bowling with the group, please call Art England at 650-948-5828 or Anm_Eng@att.net for more information.

CHANGE IN BOWLING ALLEY:
Note we have moved to Homestead Lanes near Homestead and Stelling in Sunnyvale.

Season High Scores

Highest games:

- Bill Nye: 212
- Tim Eastham: 186
- Bob Taggart: 183

Highest “3 game series”:

- Bill Nye: 538
- Tim Eastham: 516
- Bob Taggart: 495

Highest handicap games:

- Bill Nye: 257
- Bob Taggart: 251
- Arnie Satterlee: 239

Highest handicap series:

- Bob Taggart: 681
- Bill Nye: 673
- Arnie Satterlee: 663

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# Biking

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

**2nd Thursday— February 11, 11:00 AM ; Wives ands 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 Jerry Butler (see above), or Karl Reseck, (650)941-8837), [stanfordalumni.org](http://stanfordalumni.org)**

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