

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

Our speaker at the April luncheon, **Fred LaCosse**, was one of the most entertaining and inspirational speakers that we have had during my tenure in SIR. It was great that fifty-seven of us were there (**best attendance in three months!**) to hear Fred “interview” the Founding Fathers of our nation. We heard the amazing story of how our democratic republic was born, the checks and balances built into our government that protect us from tyranny, and how our unique values and individual rights give hope to mankind. For me, it was an amazing renewal of all that I learned about the founding of our country in American History classes taken many years ago. Thanks to **Little SIR John Geibel** for scheduling this speaker. A video montage from Fred’s speech is available at [www.lacosse.net](http://www.lacosse.net).

After 15 years as Travel Chairman, **Joe Ames**, has announced that he is stepping down. Joe submitted his resignation to the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on April 28. His resignation will be effective in June, following the Portland, OR tour. We owe Joe, and his wife Dorothy, a deep debt of gratitude for their service to not only Branch 5, but also to Area 16, where he also served as the Travel Chairman. Any member of Branch 5 who is interested in becoming Travel Chairman should contact me. This can be a very rewarding job for

anyone who likes to travel.

I recently received a letter from SIRinc Chairman, “**Buck**” **Kendrick** discussing Resolution 1-2010, **SIR New Member Recruitment Directive**. The SIRinc Board of Directors has noted that the total membership of SIR branches has declined from about 32,000 members in 1992 to about 20,000 members at the end of 2009. Thirty branches have closed since 1999, 13 during the last 3 years. The Board is placing more emphasis on recruiting new members and has

### **Lunch, May 26th**

**Salads:** Mixed Greens, Spinach with Mushroom & Egg, Caesar, and Tomatoes Vinaigrette

**Entrees:** Roast Turkey and Meat Loaf

**Dessert:** Ice Cream

established a goal for each branch to induct new members at the rate of at least 10% of the branch membership at the end of the previous year. For Branch 5, this means that we must induct 10 new members each year to sustain our current level. So how are we doing? After four months, we have inducted 2 new members. Let’s keep it up. **Be sure to invite a friend to be your guest for our next luncheon meeting on May 26.**

There are still about 35 members who have not paid their Contribution for this year. **Don’t be a dead-beat.** Send your check for \$25 to

our Treasurer, **Don Harryman**, 26987 Elena Rd., Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. We need your contribution to keep the Branch operating.

**Save the date: Our annual Summer Barbeque will be held on Wednesday, July 28. Guests are welcome. There will be an early sign-up, so make your plans and invite your guests now. Who are you going to invite?**

*Howard Trudeau*

Big SIR

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## **SPEAKER**

Ethan Winston, Valley Transportation Authority Media Relations.

Ethan is a nine-year Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority employee presently assigned to the media relations department. In addition to making public presentations and working with the media and other stakeholders, he also provides public relations support to many of VTA’s construction projects.

Last year, in April, Ethan was named VTA’s administrative employee of the month.

He grew up in the area, attending Pioneer High School in San Jose and graduating from San Jose State University with a degree in journalism. He currently is a resident of Santa Clara. In his spare time, Ethan is an accomplished landscape photogra-

pher.

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## Attendance Report

Attendance at the April 28, 2010 luncheon was an improvement over the preceding two months. We had a total of 57 members and two guests present. It would be great if we could keep the number for lunch near 60 or better so keep up the good work.

*Ray Odell*  
Attendance Chairman

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## Membership

April 28, 2010

**In Memory of: Richard D. Foster #163**

**New members: David E. Gielow #31**

**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: Frank Herterich has a new Email address:**

[l.herterich@comcast.net](mailto:l.herterich@comcast.net)

*Al Stratz*  
Membership Chairman

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## May Birthdays

Peter S. LoPresto	05/04
Ben F. Guess	05/28
James H. Swanson	05/20
Philip J. Craner	05/06
Quentin H. Burden	05/02
William Chamberlin	05/07
Neil A. Daniels	05/07
Donovan H. Alvik	05/09
Merle O. Evers	05/22
Russell F. Scott Jr.	05/04
Loyd E. Ellis	05/26
Calvin Cook	05/19

Norm M. Nazzal 05/23

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

April 28, 2010

With a quorum present BIG SIR, Howard Trudeau, convened the meeting at 1006 at the Mountain View Golf Shop Conference room.

The minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were accepted without change. Mr. Ray Odell was provided with a spare copy of those minutes.

### BIG SIR Howard Trudeau:

1. BIG SIR received an urgent message from the state nominating committee apprising him that the long time State secretary was departing. An urgent request for a nominee to fill that position was made. Any interested candidate should complete Form 43 and submit it to the state board for consideration.

2. Buck Kendrick sent a letter to the BIG SIR describing Resolution 1-2010 which is a directive for the purpose of recruiting new members. Each branch will submit Form 27 (enclosed in Buck's letter) for each monthly meeting that details the attendance and new member identification. Membership has declined from a peak of 32,000 to the present count of 20,000 and the organization must take steps to counter this trend. The board welcomes any ideas for recruiting new members, particularly in the area of attracting the "baby boomer" generation who are reaching retirement age.

3. Little SIR will miss the May meeting and provided BIG SIR with information on the speaker, Mr. Ethan Winston.

4. The July bar-b-que planning is moving on schedule. It was decided to drop the sausage entrée on the basis of lack of interest and modest cost savings. Chicken and ribs will be the only meat dishes available at the bar-b-que. A sign up sheet will be at the main desk at the June lunch so we can get a count for the bar-b-que.

5. The Branch 5 nominating committee is close to completing their list of nominees. A new opening came up when Mr. Joe Ames announced that he will be leaving the travel directors office soon. Joe has been our travel chairman for FIFTEEN years and will be sorely missed. His marketing and organizational skills made SIR travels worthwhile and thoroughly enjoyable adventures.

On a more somber note, Mr. Howard Hushbeck is undergoing three dialysis treatments a day and will be unable to perform the new member name tag trinket preparation or any other branch function. Art Kraemer will take over these duties.

### Officer Reports

*Membership – Al Stratz – Branch 5 has 98 active members. One passed away recently and we inducted a new member this date. Therefore, our overall headcount remained the same.*

*Treasurer – Don Harryman –A number of members have not made their yearly contribution to date. Your secretary is one of the delinquents, but the check will be in the mail before the end of this month. Don is setting up a new checking account and is negotiating with banks to get the best deal available.*

*Web Site – Ed Nazal – Ed has the new SIR format ready for inspection. He would like to get a few photos of the Branch 5 officers.*

*Remembrances – Art Kraemer - Art received approval to send condolence messages to the widows of a few recently departed members. The board decided that messages would be more appropriate than flowers.*

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## GOLF

### Sunnyvale 4-1-10

Ed Nazzal	93 net 69
Jim Loos	97 net74
Jim Stevens	104 net 74
Azmi Habib	111 net 74
Kamel Totah	109 net 78
Wayne Richter	115 net 78

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**Sunnyvale 4-8-10**

Jim Loos 94 net 70 cttp  
 Ed Nazzal 97 net 74 cttp  
 Jim Stevens 108 net 82  
 Howard Trudeau 99 net 66  
 Jere Austin 102 net 72  
 Wayne Richter 117 net 80

**Los Lagos 4-29-10**

Ed Nazzal 91 net 69  
 Azmi Habib 107 net 73  
 Jim Stevens 99 net 74 cttp  
 Jim Loos 98 net 75  
 Howard Trudeau 107 net 76 cttp  
 Jere Austin 107 net 78  
 Kamel Totah 117 net 87

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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:**

**May 12 :** Kevin Lynn, Leader, Windows Special Interest Group  
 Topic: MS Office 2010 Suite (Beta) – Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook, InfoPath, One Note, and SharePoint

**ALSO -** Don Heinsen, Manager, CompNet Services

**Topic:** Experience with network-oriented features

**JUNE:** Hank Skawinski-build own computer

**JULY:** Bob Harrington-fiber optic networks

**AUG:** Jerry Celillo (Foothill College)

**SEP:** Dan Gallo (Microcenter)

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

I have been Branch 5's Travel Chairman for 15 years..

The first tour I escorted was a New Year's cruise in the Western Caribbean on December 29<sup>th</sup> 1995.

We will have had a total of 1074 Travelers go on our tours.

We have been twice to China.

We have been thru the Panama Canal twice.

We have gone to Alaska twice, both times with 38 SIR.

We have been to Russia twice.

We have been to Australia and New Zealand.

We have gone around the Horn of South America with 46 SIR.

We have had 2 great land tours to the South-West.

We have had 14 New Year's tours with one in London, England, one in Paris, France and two in Victoria BC.

We have been to 45 countries plus Hawaii and Alaska and also 6 Continents.

We have gone on 22 Cruises.

We have been to Latitude Zero and crossed the International Date Line. We have crossed the Equator and the Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn.

I will have escorted 50 tours for a total of 490 days of travel in 15 years for SIR Area 16. (1.3 years of traveling)

We Travelers paid the Travel Companies approximately \$2,250,000 for the tours.

My wife Dorothy, who is my valuable assistant, has been on all the tours.

For those of you who have traveled with us, I hope you had as

much enjoyment from the tours as both of us have had. Thank you for traveling with us.

After the Portland, OR, tour in June, I will be resigning as Branch 5's Travel Chairman.

Thank you all for allowing me to perform this function, it's been a ball.

*JOSEPH W. AMES...*

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

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

**Art England 650-948-5828**

[Ann\\_Eng@att.net](mailto:Ann_Eng@att.net)

**EVERY TUESDAY – HOME-STEAD LANES, HOMESTEAD AND STELLING, SUNNY-VALE.**

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

Join us for the Spring/Summer Tournament. If you're new, it's easier if you call Art in advance so we will be prepared.

**Results of the Winter Tournament:**

**High Game Scratch:** 1st: Chuck Huff, 2nd: Jeff Bundy, 3rd: Dick Frakes

**High Series Scratch:** 1st: Bill Nye, 2nd: Tim Eastham, 3rd: John Synder

**High Game Handicap:** 1st: Bob Taggart, 2nd: Bill Webster, 3rd: Earl Pampeyan

**High Series Handicap:** 1st: Fred Schwalbach, 2nd: Art England, 3rd: Arnie Satterlee.

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**1st. Place Team:** Chuck Huff, Earl Pampeyan, Alan Goudy

**2nd. Place Team:** Dick Frakes, Art England

**3rd. Place Team:** John Synder, Bob Taggart, Bill Finkemeier

**4th. Place Team:** Tim Eastham, Roy Robinson, Jeff Bundy

**Highest Handicap Series on last tournament day:**

- 1st: Chuck Huff 630
- 2nd: Bob Taggart 611
- 3rd: Bill Nye 603
- 4th: Bill Webster 589
- 5th: Arnie Satterlee 577

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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 and guests welcome ; Rain cancels; Helmet required**

**Location: Los Gatos Creek Trail:** We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos for lunch. Then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

**Directions:** Go South on I-280 (past Highway17) to Meridian; turn right. Go to the Willow Street (the second stoplight); turn right. Take Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.

**If you plan to ride, please advise Jerry Butler, as per above, or Karl Reseck at (650)941-8837, [karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org).**

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