

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

The San Francisco Giants won the World Series. Wow! That is something that they haven't done since they moved to San Francisco in 1958, the same year that Sons in Retirement (SIR) was founded. Next year when **SIR Day at the Giants** comes around, we'll have a chance to see the World Champions in action.

Sorry that I had to miss the last luncheon on October 27. Attendance was good and I've been told that the speaker was good. My thanks to **Little SIR, John Geibel** for conducting the meeting in my absence, and for arranging the speaker. John is planning a great Holiday Party on December 15. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. Why not be a Table Captain for the Party and sign up those who you want to sit with? Just let John know at the next meeting. **The next meeting, by the way, is on November**

17. At this meeting, we will induct the members of the 2011 Branch 5 Executive Committee.

If you were at the October meeting, you received your personalized SIR Branch 5 business cards to use when inviting potential

Lunch, November 17

- Harvest Salad with Apples and Dried Cranberry
- Fruit Ambrosia Salad
- Roast Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Yams
- Vegetables
- Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
- Pumpkin Pie

new members to a meeting. If you were not there, see **Membership Chair Al Stratz** to obtain your cards. Progress in recruiting new members has been encouraging. Two new members were inducted at the October 27 meeting. Three guests were in attendance at the October meeting and re-

ceived applications for membership. Let's hope that they enjoyed themselves enough to decide to join. Our goal for 2010 is 10 new members. We may not make it, but we'll be close if the three guests decide to join. Help keep the Branch alive by inviting your friends to join SIR.

In preparation for next year's roster, members are requested to re-view their entry in the current roster to validate the accuracy. Report any changes to Membership Chair, Al Stratz. If you don't have a current roster, copies will be at the sign-in table at the November luncheon.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Howard Trudeau

Big SIR

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Remember meeting is **3rd** Wednesday in both November and December.

SPEAKER

John is still working on this, so come be surprised along with the rest of us. He'll have a winner as usual....

December Ladies' Day Luncheon Information

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

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Each entree is served with seasonal greens, vegetables, potato du jour, French rolls, coffee and sherbet.

The luncheon will be Dec 15th. I am still working on the entertainment.

We will need to know who is attending and what entree they will want.

Also anyone who would like to be a table captain is welcome to and contact people and give us their menu choices

John Geibel

Attendance Report
October 27, 2010

Really good attendance at the October 27 SIR Luncheon with 55 members and 3 Visitors present, including the speaker. The better than average attendance had to be due to the speaker as the meal is essentially the same very month, good to excellent. Let's keep up the good work. We need this kind of participation every month

Membership 97
(Lost one to Inactive and picked up two new members, Albert T. Donahue#33 and Paul H. Krug #34)

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman
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**Membership**  
October 27, 2010

**In Memory of: None**

**New members:**  
Albert T. Donahue, #33,  
Paul H. Krug, #34

**Membership Changes:**  
Gordon Miller to Inactive;  
very ill

**Membership Status:**  
Active: \_\_\_\_\_ 97

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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November Birthdays

Rex C. Ling
James R. Stevens
Arthur R. Kraemer
Ronald D. Fredlund
Thomas F. Damon
Alvin A. Rathbun

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

October 27, 2010

No official meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

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GOLF

Sunnyvale 10-7

Jiries Nazzal 97 net 70
Jim Stevens 101 net 76 cttp
Adel Nazzal 98 net 77
Art Kraemer cttp

Howard Trudeau 100 net 68
Azmi Habib 111 net 75
cttp
Stan Kazul 110 net 80

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Santa Clara 10-14

Adel Nazzal	91 net 70
Naim Nazzal	94 net 73
Jim Stevens	98 net 73
Art Kraemer	cttp

Moffett Field 10-21

Adel Nazzal	98 net 76
Jim Stevens	106 (46) net 79
Azmi Habib	118 (56) net 79
Jere Austin	cttp

Los Lagos 10-28

Naim Nazzal	84 net 64
Jim Stevens	92(46) net 68 cttp
Adel Nazzal	89(48) net 68 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:

**Hank Skawinski** Speaking about: **What Hank will talk about. Bring your questions.**

**Note: NO DECEMBER 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**

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

**No data received.... Hopefully next month we can do two months.**

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Biking

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2nd Thursday— November 11, 11:00 AM Wives ands guests Welcome. Rain Cancels; Helmet Required. Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)

Ride: We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Holiday Inn-San Jose-Silicon Valley. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the Holiday Inn for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the roundtrip to 12 miles.

Directions: The Holiday Inn is located South of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing over 101. Turn left on the service road next to the Holiday Inn and park in the Holiday Inn parking lot behind the building on the right.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please “reply” to or contact Jerry Butler, as per above, or contact Karl Reseck at 650-941-8837, karlreseck@stanfordalumni.org

No ride is scheduled for December.

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**California Sons in Retirement (SIR)**

By [Harry Hubinger](#)

**Update:** When we last met our retired hero, Rob, he had just returned from his first-ever SIRs meeting.

Rob’s mind was a bit muddled. The meeting had been OK. The guys he met had all been friendly and helpful. The lunch itself was about a six on Rob’s scale of zero to ten. The meeting was precise, and the boss at the head table, who apparently held the title of Big SIR, had kept things moving – a trait Rob appreciated. He had enjoyed the speaker. Once again, the presentation had been about the right length – not too long – but entertaining enough to keep his interest. One of the officers had given him an application blank with only a mild amount of perceived pressure.

So, considering all this, what stood in Rob’s way of filling out the application and signing on?

In short, he missed a younger crowd. It was a step for Rob to admit he fit into the group. He needed a little push, and how was he to get it?

Well, when he left the meeting he had been given a monthly newsletter. As he paged

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through it he began to find himself leaning toward joining. Then a bright idea came to him. He looked at the newsletter and found the guy in charge of golf. He recognized that he would like some of the other activities as well. It would be fun to get back to bridge, maybe a little poker, and the idea of an exploratory walk with the group appealed – but the true test for Rob would be golf.

He called the person listed as chairman of golf and lied just a bit by telling him that he was joining the branch and would love to meet some of the men for a game of golf. The chair told Rob how to log onto the branch golf web site and how to register to find the upcoming events. Then he said, “Rob, because you’re new I will put you with a

group of men with about your skill level until you are properly registered.”

Well, the golf match did it for Rob. He arrived about a half hour before his tee time. The three other guys he was to play with greeted him. He didn’t have to hassle with tee times, and the other players were great. (By the way, he beat two of them which helped.) And, the price was under what he paid on the weekends.

The three men all loved golf, talked up their SIR branch, and were loose and easy to be with.

It didn’t take Rob long to fill in his application and send it along. After all, they were scheduled to play again next week. He might just check out the walking group. That one didn’t even require a sign-up sheet.

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