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Big SIR sez:

Thank you to those who have signed up for our annual summer barbeque. If you didn't sign up at the luncheon, have changed your mind, or weren't at the luncheon, **it's not too late**. Call me at 408-257-6703 or send me an email at HTRUDEAU@AOL.COM. **The cut-off date is July 15**. The food will be great. The raffle prizes will be special. The musical entertainment will be Russ Guarino's Light-house Swing Duo, playing from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Our buffet will be served at about noon.

At the June 22 Executive Meeting, Membership Chair Ray Odell informed us that he had issued Form 4 letters on June 7 to sixteen members who had failed to meet the attendance requirements by missing either four consecutive meetings, or six meetings in the past year, without a valid excuse, and had not made their contribution for 2011. Six members responded to Ray with their resignation. Two of them have health issues, one has moved out of the area and another has significant caregiver responsibilities. Ray is still awaiting a reply from 9 members.

This sharp drop in membership emphasizes our need for new members. We are off to a good start with 7 new members so far this year. I encourage every member to invite a guest to lunch who might be interested in membership in SIR Branch 5.

This is the "half-way point" of my second year as your Big SIR. Thank you for your support and words of encouragement. Have a safe Fourth of July. See you at the Barbeque!

Howard Trudeau
Big SIR

Lunch,

SUMMER BARBEQUE

JULY 27

TRI TIP, CHICKEN,
CORN ON THE COB,
SALADS
AND STRAWBERRY
SHORTCAKE

WIVES AND FRIENDS
INVITED

ENTERTAINMENT
PRIZES

\$25 PER PERSON

CONTACT
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SPEAKER

No speaker, just music and gifts at the **July 27th** BAR-B-Q..

Attendance Report

As our membership declines so

does our attendance at the Luncheons. At the June 22 luncheon we had 46 members plus the speaker and his guest. We could do with some more members at lunch as well as any of your friends who are potential members to join SIR.

On July 27 we are having our annual barbeque with spouses invited. If you weren't present at the June luncheon and would like to attend contact Big SIR Howard and let him know you wish to attend the barbeque and how many will be there. The cost \$25. For those who do wish to come to the barbeque but did not so indicate on the Sign In Sheet you can also contact Howard and add your name to the list. There will also, be entertainment so come and enjoy. So far 42 have indicated their intentions to come to the barbeque

This month I sent 16 letters to members who have failed to meet their attendance requirements and had not made their annual contribution asking them to let us know their intentions regarding their SIR membership. So far six have responded indicating they wished to resign, had moved, transferred to another branch or had a spouse with health problems requiring full time care. The remaining nine have until the next meeting to respond or their membership

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will be terminated by the board.

Ray Odell

Attendance Chairman

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**Membership**

June 23 2011

**Membership Report**

**Membership Changes:**

- New: none
- Resigned: none
- Deceased: none

**Membership Status:**

- Active: \_\_\_\_\_ 95
- Inactive: \_\_\_\_\_ 10 (2 no Bulletin)
- Widows on mailing list: \_ 4

**Current Mailing List:**

- Active members: 95,
- 75 by email and 20 by snail mail
- Total Mailing:** 133,
- 102 by email and 30 by snail mail.

**Member Record Updates:** none

*Paul V Butler*

Membership Chairman

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Roster Changes

None

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**July Birthdays**

- Wendell B. Alexander 7/12
- Gordon E. Brandt 7/13
- Azmi J. Habib 7/11
- William T. Homan 7/25
- John Stefanki 7/14

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

JUNE 22, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. A quorum was present. Those attending were: Fred Van Kirk-Director, Wayne Richter-Assistant Secretary, Al Stratz-Little Sir, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Ray Odell-Attendance, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Howard Trudeau-Big Sir, and Art Schmid-Treasurer.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

4. Big SIR Report-Howard Trudeau: It was noted that Inactive Members Chester Hays and John Behrs were removed from the inactive membership list.

Our summer barbeque will be held at Michaels on July 27. The cost is \$25 per person, and wives and guests are invited. Entertainment will be by Russ Guarino's Lighthouse Swing Duo. Our Branch will provide lunch for the musicians.

Ted Hinshaw has a full slate of officer candidates to be submitted for approval at our next Board meeting.

Form 27 for June 1 was provided (a copy is on file). We presently have 95 active members and 5 inactive members. We had no guests last month and will not induct a new member today. We have inducted 7 new members thus far this year.

Our monthly luncheon attendance has been about 50% of the active membership. We must do a better job with our call list. Little SIR, Al Stratz agreed to look into it.

According to a report received from State VP Jim Stedman, the State SIR membership is 18,774, a drop of about 300 for the year to date. Luncheon attendance averages 65% for all of the branches in the state.

5. Little SIR Report-Al Stratz: The speaker for today is Garry Thomas who will speak on Nuclear Energy. Garry is a former General Electric employee.

6. Treasurer's Report-Don Harryman: The formal report was presented and a copy is on file. Our monthly beginning cash balance was \$5641.25, and the ending cash balance is \$5732.07. Thirty members have not made their annual contribution.

7. Attendance/Budget Report-Ray Odell: A full report was given and a copy is on file.

Highlights are as follows: Sixteen Form 4 letters were sent to members who had failed to meet their attendance requirement and have not made annual contribution. Of these, 6 resigned for various reasons. They are: Dennis Boilard, Huang Hwang, Rex Ling, Henry Miller, Ben Guess, and

Gerardus Staal.

One member responded that he has a conflict with a course he is taking. He is contemplating his membership options. Nothing was heard from nine others and hence they are subject to termination. Based on the above, it was moved and seconded that if the members who were sent a Form 4 letter do not respond within one month, that member shall be terminated. The motion was carried.

8. There being no further new or old business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Schmid, Secretary

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**GOLF**

DATE

**Sunnyvale 6-2-11**

- Jim Swanson 94 net 69
- Ben Guess 87 net 70
- Jim Stevens 100 net 73 CTPP
- Art Kraemer 94 net 76 CTPP

**SANTA CLARA 6-9-11**

- Norm Nazzal 86 net 65 CTPP
- Jim Stevens 94 net 66
- Jim Swanson 93 net 68 CTPP
- Howard Trudeau 98 net 68
- Jere Austin 102 net 69
- Azmi Habib 110 net 74

**Shoreline 6-16 -11**

- Jim Swanson 89 net 64
- Norm Nazzal 87 net 66 CTPP
- Jim Stevens 97 net 69
- Adel Nazzal 91 net 70 CTPP
- Jere Austin 96 net 62
- Howard Trudeau 100 net 70
- Azmi Habib 112 net 75

**Los Lagos 6-23-11**

- Naim Nazzal 88 net 68 CTPP
- Adel Nazzal 91 net 70
- Jires Nazzal 97 net 70 CTPP
- Jere Austin 106 net 73
- Azmi Habib 110 net 74
- Wayne Richter 116 net 80

**MOFFETT FIELD 6-30-11**

- Adel Nazzal 93 net 70
- Jim Swanson 99 net 73 CTPP
- Naim Nazzal 98 net 76
- Wayne Richter 110 net 71
- Jere Austin 110 net 74

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Stan Kazul 107 net 75

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CompuSIR

Chairman,

Jim Dinkey, Branch 35

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The CompuSIR group meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon for a brown bag lunch at the Palo Alto Elks—4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.

• The following speaker(s) are currently scheduled:

Speaker - Andy Marken, President, Marken Communications

Topic - Get Ready for Your Next Purchase

Andy Marken has been involved in the marketing of storage technology for more than 15 years. His experience includes work with Panasonic, Verbatim, Matsushita, Plasmon, Nikon, Mitsubishi Chemical and a number of hard drive manufacturers. Andy will discuss what was real and what seems to have staying power. He will emphasize smartphones, tablets, apps and content, but he will also discuss any other products you find of interest.

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**TRAVEL NEWS**

**FOR AREA 16,**

**BRANCHES 5, 35,**

**& 51**

Still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

**How about surprising your spouse or significant other and joining fellow Sirs for a hassle-free, one day, Thursday excursion?**

Here are three SIR sponsored, one day excursions offered in addition to the trips shown in our regular Travel Bulletin. You can learn more by contacting the escort directly .

**Aug. 25, 2011 - Lodi Horse Show & Wine Tasting** Visit the Sargent

Equestrian Center in Lodi to see many horse breeds in action including the Clydesdales. Enjoy a hosted buffet lunch, wine tasting and a pipe organ concert at the beautiful Harmony Wynelands Winery. Finish off with wine tasting at Michael Davis Winery plus a box of fruit to take home. Price is \$110 per person, which includes motor coach transportation and driver gratuity, with pickups in San Carlos and Millbrae. For information and reservations, contact Dan Miller (650) 591-3314

**Sept. 22, 2011 - Carmel Valley** Visit the National Steinbeck Center, a multi-sensory museum offering three distinct visitor experiences including the John Steinbeck Exhibition Hall - a journey through the Nobel Prize-winning author's life and work, the Rabobank Agriculture Displays that explore the roots of Salinas Valley agriculture, and changing galleries that host exhibitions of regional and national importance. Enjoy a hosted lunch in Carmel Valley, followed by wine tasting at Bernadus Winery or Parsonage Winery. Then browse and visit art shops in charming Carmel Valley and return with a stop at the San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission. Price is \$118 per person, which includes motor coach transportation and driver gratuity, with pickups in San Carlos and Millbrae. For information and reservations, contact Dan Miller (650) 591-3314.

**Nov. 17, 2011 - Theater Night** A musical and historical snapshot of The Great White Way, highlighting the years of 1947 and 1966.

This limited engagement at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City will feature Broadway stars performing songs from Brigadoon, Finian's Rainbow, Cabaret, Mame, I Do I Do!, Sweet Charity and more. The trip includes an early evening pickup in order to enjoy a hosted dinner

with a glass of wine at Portobello Grill, followed by an 8:00 p.m. performance of "Broadway By The Year." The price is \$130 per person, which includes the hosted dinner, theatre ticket, motor coach transportation and driver gratuity, with pickups in San Carlos and Millbrae. For information and reservations, contact Dan Miller (650) 591-3314.

For information on other SIR travel events, see the Branch 35 website at <http://www.closereach.com/sir/newletters/travel1107.pdf>

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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

Assistant: **BOB TAGGART**

Prizes: **ROY ROBINSON**

Play starts at 1 pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50 pm Join us for the Spring/Summer Tournament. We bowl on a handicap system, so all bowlers have an equal chance winning the team and individual prizes. Each season, teams are revised and always have a cross section of bowlers by ability. If you're new, it's easier if you call Art in advance so we will be prepared

Tournament High Scores through June 14

Highest "3 game series":

Tim Eastham: 602

John Synder: 562

Jeff Grundy: 500

Highest game:

Bob Taggart: 224

Earl Pampeyan: 192

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Fred Schwalbach: 182
Highest handicap "3 game series":
Chuck Huff: 672
Roger Anderson: 648
Jerry Coe: 620
Highest handicap game:
Arnie Satterlee: 269
Art England: 233
Bill Nye: 230
Bowler is listed only once above, and in the category where he has the highest ranking.

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler - (650) 494-8078**

**Ride** - We will ride a flat, 14-mile round-trip route to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional

5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond near the Palo Alto Airport (a total ride of 19 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

**Directions** - Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. To get there from Palo Alto, go south on El Camino, to Grant Rd. and turn right. The first street past the 3rd traffic light is Sleeper Ave. Turn left and go 8 blocks to a small park at the end of Sleeper Ave.. Park your car along the curb.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jerry Butler, (650-494-8078) [GXB366@aol.com](mailto:GXB366@aol.com) or Karl Reseck, (650-941-8837) [karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org).

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