

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

Summer begins on June 21, so let's start thinking about summer activities. Arrangements are coming together for the **Summer Barbeque on July 27**. Fred Van Kirk has signed up **Russ Guarino's Lighthouse Swing Duo** for our musical entertainment. Entrees this year will be Santa Maria Tri-tip and Rosemary Chicken with assorted salads and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert, all for \$25 per person. Wives and friends are invited. This is one of the two SIR events that women are invited to attend. Make sure that your guests have it on their calendar. **Be ready to signup at the June 22 luncheon.**

Welcome to **Larry Hansen** and **Jack Todd** who were inducted as new members at the May luncheon. We have seven new members so far this year, a great start! We'd like to welcome more new members, so invite your friends to lunch and show them what a great branch we have. The forty-four members who attended the May luncheon heard an interesting presentation about the Hubble Space Telescope by Ron Sheffield. The Hubble has unveiled a lot about the universe as it has made ob-

servations out to nearly 13 billion light years, the edge of the universe. Mr. Sheffield's presentation is a fine example of the excellent speakers that **Little SIR Al Stratz** has been scheduling. These interesting talks, now audible to everyone because of our new microphone, are a good reason to come to lunch and to bring a friend.

**SIR State Vice President Jim**

### **Lunch,** **June 22:**

**Salads:** Spinach with Mushroom and Egg, Caesar, and Mediterranean 3 Bean

**Entrees:** Meat Loaf with Mushroom Sauce and Breast of Chicken with Herb Butter Sauce

**Dessert:** Sherbet

**Stedman** recently sent out membership data for the first quarter of 2011. There are 145 Branches spread across the northern part of the state from Mount Shasta down to Bakersfield. Current membership is 18,774, down about 300 since December 2010, even though 724 new members have joined. Luncheon attendance averages 65 per cent of the membership. Branch 5 statistics are similar: our current membership is 95, down 3 since December 2010, even though we have added 7 new members. Our

luncheon attendance has been averaging 51 per cent of the active membership.

See you at the next luncheon on June 22.

*Howard Trudeau*  
Big SIR

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**SUMMER BARBEQUE**  
**JULY 21**  
**WIVES AND FRIENDS**  
**INVITED,**  
**ENTERTAINMENT,**  
**RAFFLE PRIZES,**  
**GREAT FOOD,**  
**SANTA MARIA TRI-TIP,**  
**CHICKEN,**  
**SALADS,**  
**STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE**  
**\$25.00 PER PERSON**

**SIGN-UP AT JUNE 22 MEETING**  
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## **ROSTER CHANGE**

Inside Front Cover: Change in Meeting Date for October:

**October 26 Meeting has been changed to October 19** **(note:**

**meeting is now on the 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Wednesday this month)**

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## **SPEAKER**

With the earthquake in Japan and subsequent damage to the nuclear facilities there, Garry Thomas will add to his story of

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last November when he gave an interesting picture of the nuclear power industry. He will tell us about how he believes this Japanese problem will affect the future use of this source of energy in the United States. I think there is broad interest in this issue among our members, as indicated by the reception given to his presentation in November.

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## Attendance Report

May 25, 2011

Unfortunately we suffered a dramatic drop in attendance today to a low of 44 members and one guest. I did receive a record number of calls from members to let me know they would be unable to attend the luncheon today and for that you are to be commended. We would rather have you at the luncheon but when you cannot make it for what ever reason, it's good to give me a call to let me know you will be absent.

*Ray Odell*

Attendance Chairman

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## Membership

Charles Michel has passed away.

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## Roster Changes

No data received

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## May-June Birthdays

### May Birthday List

Loyd E. Ellis	5/26
Peter S. LoPresto	5/4
Norm M. Nazzal	5/23
William E. Chamberlin	5/7
Donovan H, Alvik	5/9
Paul H. Krug	5/26
Ben F. Guess	5/28
James H. Swanson	5/20

Merle O. Evers	5/22
Quentin H. Burden	5/2
Russell F. Scott	5/4
Neil A. Daniels	5/7
Calvin Cook	5/19

### June Birthday List

Edward Schwabecher	6/13
Lester E. Spring	6/10
Albert E. Stratz	6/26
Elias Botto	6/10
Frederick N. VanKirk	6/8
Allen E. Small	6/7
Wayne L. Richter	6/11
Richard A. Dole	6/1
Daniel T. Haley	6/2
Dean L. Johnson	6/8
N. Duane Stauffer	6/7

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

May 25, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. A quorum was present. Those attending were: Wayne Richter-Asst. Secretary, Paul Butler-Membership, Al Stratz-Little Sir, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Ray Odell-Attendance, Art Kraemer-Asst. Treasurer, Al Gardner-Parliamentarian, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Howard Trudeau-Big Sir, Ed Nazzal-Webmaster, and Art Schmid-Secretary.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.
4. Big SIR Report:
  - Inactive Members: It was noted that such members are hard to contact. Wallace Leung was removed from the inactive list.
  - The October meeting will be moved forward to the 19<sup>th</sup>. The reason for this is that we are cooperating with Michaels so that they can host a 3-day retreat which would otherwise conflict with our normally scheduled date.
  - Our summer BBQ will be held on July 27. Fred Van Kirk has arranged for a musical group to play at this activity. The menu will be announced in the June Bulletin.
  - A slate of proposed new officers will be presented at the June meeting.
  - An e-mail has been received from

Bulletin Editor, Les Spring, reporting that he now has a back-up bulletin editor, David Spaulding. Dave should regularly be sent a copy of all information to go in the monthly bulletin. His address for this position is: sirbulletin-spauld@sbcglobal.net.

- A Monthly Branch Membership report (Form 27) was provided and a copy is on file. It shows present membership of 94, plus 5 on inactive status. Fifty four percent of active members attended the last luncheon meeting.
- 5. Little SIR Report: Al Stratz
  - Our speaker today will be Ron Sheffield who will speak on the Hubble SpaceTelescope.
  - Our June speaker will be Gary Thomas who will speak on Nuclear Energy.
  - For August we will have John Mascoli to speak on the history of Moffet Field.
  - For September, our speaker is to be Erica Amer to speak on the USGS. Future speakers will be announced.
- 6. Membership report-Paul Butler.
  - We accepted 5 new members through last month. This month we will induct Larry Hansen and Jack Todd as new members.
  - Member Charles Michel has passed away.

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## GOLF

### Shoreline Golf Course

5-5-11

Jiries Nazzal	96 net 66 cttp
Jim Stevens	98 net 70
Wayne Richter	107 net 70
Howard Trudeau	102 net 72 cttp

### Santa Clara Golf

5-12-11

Ben Guess	83 net 66 cttp
Jiries Nazzal	95 net 66
Naim Nazzal	89 net 68
Jim Stevens	102 net 75 cttp

### Sunnyvale Golf

5-19-11

Art Kraemer	83 net 64 cttp
Jiries Nazzal	96 net 68
Jim Stevens	98 net 71
Jim Swanson	97 net 73 cttp
Jere Austin	108 net 75
Fred Van Kirk	113 net 77

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Azmi Habib 114 net 78

**Los Lagos Golf**

5-26-11 (Plugged and sanded greens)  
2 putts max.

Jim Stevens 85 net 58

Naim Nazzal 87 net 66

Adel Nazzal 89 net 68 cttp, cttp

Jere Austin 101 net 69

Azmi Habib 112 net 76

Jiries Nazzal 106 net 78

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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 **Palo Alto Elks—4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.**

The following speaker(s) are currently scheduled:

**JUNE 8: RED CALUB** – General Manager Micro Center, Saanta Clara.- will discuss the Big Movers, Entertainment Equipment and Specialty items available. Red has helped many members over many years at the Micro Center.

**Please note that Compusir will be going to the Computer History Museum at 2 PM on June 8. Be sure to notify Jim Dinkey by e-mail at [jimdinkey@jimdinkey.com](mailto:jimdinkey@jimdinkey.com) to get a reservation.**

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**

Still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

You can read the State SIR newsletter called SIR HAPPENINGS at the state website [www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)

There is much information about the overall Picture of SIR and includes travel news from other branches.

**TRAVEL OFFERINGS FROM OTHER BRANCHES**

*July 11-23, 2011*

***Denali Explorer Cruise***

Fly from San Jose to Anchorage. The trip includes five land nights, with stays in Anchorage, Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge, and Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. A full day guided natural history tour of the Denali Wilderness is included. Travel from Mt McKinley to Denali and to Whittier is by rail on the Midnight Sun Express, with ultradome windows. Then a seven night cruise on the Diamond Princess from Whittier to Vancouver, featuring unsurpassed views of glaciers and scenic coastlines and one day stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan. Costs range from \$3793 to \$4695 PPDO. Offered by Branch 62 Travel. Call Jim Hohenshelt at 408-241-4421.

*August 1-12, 2011*

***Grand Scotland & Ireland Tour***

This is a 12 day trip with a professional driver and guide. To name just a few of the many interesting things we'll see and do: a ferry from Scotland to Ireland, a scenic cruise on Loch Ness, whiskey tasting and a tour of the Blair Athol Distillery, reserved seats for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, tours of Edinburgh and Belfast and a visit to the Edinburgh Castle and much, much more. Cost is \$3995 PPDO.

Offered by Areas 5 & 20 Travel. Call Neil Jameson at 831-336- 2476

**OTHER TRIPS ALSO AVAILABLE ON PAGE 12 OF SIR HAPPENINGS**

[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/)

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

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

ART ENGLAND 650-948-5828

[Anm\\_Eng@att.net](mailto:Anm_Eng@att.net)

Assistant: BOB TAGGART

Prizes: ROY ROBINSON

Play starts at 1pm - 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 May 17:**

Highest "3 game series":

John Synder: 562

Bob Taggart: 492

Fred Schwalbach: 479

Highest game:

Tim Eastham: 206

Earl Pampeyan: 192

Roy Robinson: 167

Highest handicap "3 game series":

Chuck Huff: 672

Jeff Grundy: 625

Roger Anderson: 617

Highest handicap game:

Art England: 233

Bill Nye: 230

Bill Finkemeier: 222

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**

**2nd Thursday – June 9, 2011**

SIR Area #16 bike rides regularly start at 11:00 AM the **2nd Thursday of the month.** Wives and Guests are welcome. **Bring bike, helmet and a jacket if it is windy. Rain will cancel.** Attendance averages 10-15 riders.

More are welcome. Rides are planned to be 15-20 miles on paved bicycle trails (so that almost any type of bike is usable) with some optional ride distances. The pace is moderate and riding on streets is kept to a minimum and includes a restaurant lunch break.

**COYOTE CREEK TRAIL (South San Jose)**

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**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 under 101. Turn left on the service road next to the Holiday Inn and park in the Holiday Inn parking lot behind the building nearest building on the right.

IF YOU PLAN TO RIDE OR HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE

**CONTACT :** CHAIRMAN ALTERNATE Jerry Butler ,Karl Resick 650-494-9078 **OR** 650-941-8837 gxb366(at)aol.com karl.resick(at)

**FUTURE RIDES**

- July 14 Stevens Creek/Shoreline Park
- August 11 Coyote Hills-Alameda Creek
- Sept 8 Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point Shore Trail
- October 13 Los Gatos Creek
- Nov 10 Foster City Bay Trail

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**RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

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