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Big SIR sez:

November is the month when we honor military veterans and when we give thanks for all the blessings that we have received. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed an Armistice Day on November 11 to honor those Americans who died in World War I. It became an annual commemoration in 1926, and a legal holiday in 1938. In 1954, Congress replaced "Armistice" with "Veterans" and it has been known as Veterans Day since, to honor all military veterans. I salute all of the military veterans in Branch 5, many of whom are members of what Tom Brokaw called the "greatest generation," the group that served with valor in World War II. Thank you for your distinguished service.

Branch 5 will give thanks and celebrate Thanksgiving at our next luncheon on Wednesday, November 16. It will be an opportunity to honor our military veterans and to recognize the members of Branch 5 who have volunteered to serve the branch as officers in 2012. We will swear in the new officers after dessert. Thank you to all of them for coming forward to serve the branch next year.

At the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on October 19, it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that Sir Ken Liddicoat be nominated as our next Honorary Life Member, joining Sirs Al Gardner and Ray Odell. Quoting from Rule 24, "The purpose of the HLM is to recognize exceptional and extraordinary service by a member to SIR." After the Regional Director and the State President approve the nomination, an appropriate award ceremony will be held, likely next year.

The BEC meets in the Pro Shop Con-

ference Room at 10:00 am each month, before the Branch luncheon meeting. Attendance by the Branch Officers and Directors is required, however the meeting is open to any Branch 5 member who wishes to attend. If you are new to SIR, want to get to know the officers, or wonder what goes on "behind the scenes"; drop in at the BEC meeting. The BEC does not meet in July or December.

Don't forget our Holiday Party on December 14. Guests and spouses are invited. There will be musical enter-

Lunch, November 16th

Traditional Thanksgiving

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



tainment and a raffle of special prizes. Sign-up sheets and menu selections will be available at the November luncheon. Last day to sign-up will be Thursday, December 1. The cost is \$25 per person.

See you on the 16th at our Thanksgiving luncheon.

Howard Trudeau
Big SIR

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**HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 14
WIVES AND GUESTS
INVITED**

**MENU:
CHOICE OF:
ROAST BEEF, ENGLISH CUT AU
JUS
BREAST OF CHICKEN, FLOREN-
TINE
BROILED SALMON
SPINACH AND CHEESE
TORTELLI, AL PESTO**

**MUSICAL
ENTERTAINMENT
RAFFLE
\$25 PER PERSON
SIGN-UP AND ENTRÉE SELEC-
TION AT NOVEMBER
LUNCHEON
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SPEAKER

ROBERT A. BURMEISTER, Ph.D.

Dr. Robert A. Burmeister has a broad background in technology management, with extensive experience in both industrial research and academic research environments. He worked with Bill Hewlett in the development of LEDs, and how LEDs will eventually be our main lighting source. He is currently President of Saratoga Technology Associates, a firm specializing in R&D and Global Technology Management, based in Saratoga, California. Prior to this he was the founding Director of the US-Japan Technology Management Center at Stanford University, established as a center of excellence in

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technology management research and education related to Japan. He was also Consulting Professor of Electrical Engineering at Stanford with special interest in advanced optoelectronics.

His major industrial research experience spans more than 20 years at the Hewlett-Packard Company in Palo Alto, California.,

Attendance Report

We had the following present at the SIR Luncheon on October 19:
45 members
1 speaker
46 total
Ken Liddicoat for Ray Odell,
Attendance Chairman

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Membership

Joe Ames, Elias Botto, and David Gielow resigned. Inactive members terminated were John Ackerman, Wendell Alexander, Lloyd Ellis, Charles Jacobson, George Kerber, Clifford Maurer, and Leroy Thornton

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November Birthdays

Arthur R. Kraemer 11/8
James R. Stevens 11/29
Ronald D. Fredlund 11/15

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

SIR BRANCH 5
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum of 7 committee members were present. Those in attendance were: Wayne Richter-Assistant Secretary, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Al Stratz-Little SIR, Howard Trudeau-Big SIR, Paul Butler-

Membership, and Art Schmid- Secretary. Ed Nazzal-Webmaster arrived later.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented. The Secretary was requested to provide a status report for our branch on each Senior, Super Sr. and Century SIR Awardee as to whether they are Active, Inactive, Deceased or status Unknown. All changes to the status of the above Awardees, as well as to our Honorary Life Members (HLM's) are to be reported to the State Certificates Chairman on a timely basis. The procedure to be followed for this data submission is to follow the directions of the Oct. 17, 2011 e-mail from Dwight Sale which are provided as an attachment to these October 19 minutes.

3. Big SIR-Howard Trudeau: The Branch goal for new active members for this year is 10. We have inducted 7 new members to date. The total number of active members on this date is 78, our goal for year-end is 98. We have 15 members who are under age 75, and 15 who are over age 90. We need three guests today, if the Branch is to meet its goal of 10 new members for the year. Joe Ames, a long-time active member has resigned. He will be missed.

The Honorary Life Member (HLM) position was discussed. Based on his very active service, Ken Liddicoat was nominated to receive this recognition. The nomination was seconded and carried, with thanks given to Ken. Thanks are given to Ed Nazzal who does our web page, a copy of which is attached. There will be no business meeting in December, but the December Holiday party will include an extended menu, a raffle of special door prizes and a musical trio.

4. Little SIR-Al Stratz. Al attended a State Big SIR Training Meeting in Vallejo which included three speakers. Historically, state SIR membership rose quickly to 30 thousand and then flattened out. Some suggestions: Attendance of wives at meetings has provided increased networking. Good direction should be given to the Little SIR at the beginning of his service. Richmond has the high-

est attendance. A copy of data provided in a Breakout Session (Form 27) is on file. We could consider inviting general members to the Executive Board meeting. Inactive members terminated 8/24/11: John Ackerman, Wendell Alexander, Lloyd Ellis, Charles Jacobson, George Kerber, Clifford Maurer and LeRoy Thornton. Resigned: Elias Botto and David Gielow.

Al reported that all contribution checks have been received. This is the first time in many years that 100 per cent of the active members have made their annual contribution.

This month's speaker is a member of the FBI. Our speaker next month is a very knowledgeable retired HP executive who along with Bill Hewlett developed the LED.

5. Monthly Cash Report-Don Harryman. Our beginning cash balance was \$5002.05 and the ending balance for the month was \$4960.09. The detailed report is on file.

6. Membership Report-Paul Butler. Joseph Ames, #258, just resigned and will be missed. Membership Status: 75 Active, 1 Inactive and 4 Widows on the mailing list. Our mailing goes to 59 members by e-mail and 17 by conventional mail. The complete report is on file.

7. There being no Old or New business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Schmid
Secretary

Attachment 1: Procedure for member data submission to the SIR State Certification Chairman

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GOLF

Santa Clara Golf Oct 13

Jim Stevens 91 net 64
Ed Nazzal 88 net 66
Jiries Nazzal 93 net 66
Jim Swanson 95 net 71
Naim Nazzal 95 net 77 CTPP
Jere Austin 100 net 68
Howard Trudeau 101 net 69
Wayne Richter 111 net 74 CTPP

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Shoreline Golf Oct. 20

Ed Nazzal	84 net 62 CTPP
Jim Stevens	93 net 66 CTPP
Jim Swanson	92 net 68
Kamel Totah	105 net 70
Fred Van Kirk	128 net 91

Los Lagos Golf Oct 27

Art Kraemer	84 net 65 CTPP
Jim Stevens	94 net 68
Naim Nazzal	89 net 71
Ed Nazzal	96 net 75 CTPP

Howard Trudeau	98 net 67
Wayne Richter	112 net 76
Jere Austin	107 net 77

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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:

**2nd Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 12:30 p.m. at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306.**

**NO COMPUSIR MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

**Topic - Whatever Hank Will Talk About**

**Speaker - Hank Skawinski, Owner/Manager, Datawise**

Yes, that topic is flippant, but it's also true, because regardless of the title we give it, Hank will talk about what Hank will talk about - knowledgeably and in detail. It's likely to be about the latest things he's learned, and be based on his day-to-day experience dealing with the problems of maintaining, building, and using computers and related devices. He'll likely have something to say about Microsoft, about Linux, about some new product that has grabbed his fancy, and about something that has peeved him that shouldn't have.

Hank builds computers and maintains hundreds of computers for places where performance is critical. He's the *über-guru* to SPAUG's gurus. He's smart, knowledgeable,

informative, and entertaining. Have a computer problem or question? Present it to Hank at this meeting.

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

Still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

You might consider either of the following two trips to enjoy the colors and nature of Spring in the Western Hemisphere. Good luck and happy travel.

Feb. 22 - March 1, 2012 - The Wonders of Costa Rica. Experience the lush forests, magnificent waterfalls, rumbling volcanoes, endless coastlines and diverse ecosystems in a place that preserves its delicate ecology for all to enjoy along with some of the most spectacular scenery you will ever experience. This SIR trip includes: Round trip Air, 18 meals, Motor Coach, Hotels, Professional Naturalist Tour Director, all Admissions per itinerary, and all tips. The cost is \$2579 double occupancy or \$3179 single. A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations with an optional cancellations insurance also available at \$200 per person payable with the deposit. For more details contact escorts Mike Console (408-246-1080) or John Pletsch (408-274-2992).

April 11-16, 2012 - National Cherry Blossom Festival. Celebrate the beauty of spring in Washington DC as the nation celebrates the festival's 100th anniversary. This SIR trip includes reserved seating at the Cherry Blossom parade, Tram tour of Arlington National Cemetery, many National Memorials, visit to the Kennedy Center, Smithsonian Institution's, Stephen F. Udvar-Hazy Center displaying over 335 aircraft including the Space Shuttle Enterprise and the Enola Gay, Mt. Vernon, the Newseum and a Potomac River Cruise. Included are home pick-up, round-trip airfare, 6 nights first class accommodations, 8 meals, professional tour manager, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach and all taxes

and gratuities. The price is \$2170 per person double occupancy (single \$2470). For more details contact escorts, John Pletsch (408-274-2992) or Mike Console (408-246-1080).

For more information on other SIR travel events see the Travel Bulletin available on the Branch 35 website: <http://www.closereach.com/sir/newsletters/travel/1102.pdf>.

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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 Summer/Fall 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 Oct. 11:**

Highest "3 game series":

- Tim Eastham: 620
- Dennis McFerran: 539
- Jeff Grundy: 529

Highest game:

- John Snyder: 213
- Bill Nye: 205
- Chuck Huff: 204

Highest handicap "3 game series":

- Roy Robinson: 691
- Bob Taggart: 668
- Bill Webster: 658

Highest handicap game:

- Alan Gaudie: 268
- Hal Knowlton: 251
- Earl Pampeyan: 250

Bowler is listed only once above, and in the category where he has the

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highest ranking.

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Biking

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078
2nd Thursday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. Wives and guests
welcome. Rain cancels, helmet required.
NO BIKE RIDE IN DECEMBER.

Ride - Foster City Bay Trail. We will ride the flat Foster City
Bay Trail for about 10 miles from Oracle to the Poplar Creek
Golf Club at Coyote Point. There, we will have lunch, and
then return. The ride is approximately 20 miles round trip. It
might be a bit windy so bring a jacket or windbreaker.
Directions - Exit Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/Ralston.
Turn right on Marine Parkway, then make an immediate left
onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded park-
ing lot with restrooms to the left of the 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 or have questions, please reply to Jerry But-
ler, as per above, or Karl Reseck at 650-941-8837,
karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org.

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