

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

September means that Fall is approaching and will be officially here when we meet next on September 28. Football is starting at all levels, high school, college, and the NFL. Baseball is winding down. It doesn't appear that a team from either side of the bay will be in the playoffs. We'll have to relish the memories of the World Series last year. All in all, fall is a great time of the year.

The forty-one of us who attended the August luncheon enjoyed John Mascali's talk on the history of Moffett Field. I've lived and worked near Moffett for over 40 years, but learned new things about this historic facility. Captain Mascali's background flying P-3's out of Moffett certainly gave his talk authenticity. This was typical of the interesting speakers that **Little SIR Al Stratz** has been arranging this year. Interesting speakers are just another good reason to plan to attend our luncheon meetings every month, along with the good food and pleasant company. **Remember our next luncheon is September 28.**

Another highlight of the August luncheon was the unanimous approval by the Branch 5 members of the slate of officers for 2012. The Branch is fortunate that these talented and capable members have stepped up to serve. Be sure to attend the November 16 luncheon to witness the "swearing in" of the new officers.

The Branch Executive Committee took an unfortunate, but necessary, action at our meeting on August 24, when it voted to accept the resignation of three members, and to terminate the memberships of seven others. None of these ten members have attended a

meeting this year, nor have any of them made their annual contribution. This "purging" of the roster will result in a smaller roster, of course, but one that is made of members who will actively participate. The recruitment of new members is now even more important. It will depend on all of us seeking out friends and inviting them to lunch.

See you at the next lunch on September 28.

Howard Trudeau, Big SIR

Lunch, Sept. 28th

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

Entrees: Chicken saute sec, and Meat Loaf with Mushroom Sauce

Dessert: Sherbet

STATE WEB SITE

On August 15, 2011, the SIR Webpage will be updated to a new look. The internet address (URL) of the new webpage is the same as before (www.sirinc.org).

The SIR Webpage provides new or interested persons an introduction to SIR and access to some basic information about us. It is intended to attract potential new members and to provide a gateway to member information. The MEMBER INFORMATION can be located by using the "Branch Administrative Materials" button in the lower left corner of the new webpage. That

link will take the user to all of our member information just like the old webpage did.

Please take a look after August 15th and provide any feedback to the INFOSYS Committee Chairman, Dean Steichen at DJSTEICH@COMCAST.NET

Dean Steichen

INFOSYS Committee Chairman, SIR-inc

SPEAKER

Erika Amir is a geologist at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and is Program Director for the **Bay Area Earthquake Alliance**. She coordinates all Alliance activities and directly plans the continued growth of the Alliance. Unique to the West Coast, the Alliance is a non-governmental coalition of more than 160 member groups and organizations, all with a common mission of earthquake awareness and preparedness.

Her experience both in consulting and teaching inform us of her work with the Alliance. She has seen firsthand how a lack of understanding of regional seismic and geologic hazards leads to great financial and personal costs. Passionately devoted to bringing essential earth science knowledge to the public, Erika believes that preparedness is the antidote to fear. She is a popular speaker and much of her work at the USGS is in outreach and education on Bay Area geology, earthquake science, and earthquake preparedness.

Please attend and learn about preparedness. We all remember the Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989.

Attendance Report

We had following present at the SIR Luncheon on August 24:

- 41 members
- 1 guest
- 1 speaker
- 43 total

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

Membership Report July 2011

Membership Changes:

New: none
Resigned: None at this time, will be updated from the drop out list
Deceased: Jeff Denton (died in 2010 no headcount change)

Membership Status:

Active: ___ 89
Inactive: ___ 10 (2 no Bulletin)
Widows on mailing list: _ 4

Current Mailing List:

Active members: 89, 69 by email and 20 by snail mail

Total Mailing: 128, 98 by email and 30 by snail mail.

Member Record Updates: none

Paul V Butler
Membership Chairman

Membership Report AUGUST 24, 2011

New Members: None

Deceased: Tom Loughead, Badge 29

Resigned:

Terrance Donovan, Badge 30
John Stefanki, Badge 205
Gerardus Staal, Badge 288

Terminated:

Lloyd Ellis, Badge 4
Charles Jacobson, Badge 32
Wendell Alexander, Badge 38
LeRoy Thornton, Badge 52
John Ackerman, Badge 169
George Kerber, Badge 308
Clifford Maurer, Badge 315

Membership Status:

Active ___ 78
Inactive ___ 1 (receives Bulletin)

Paul V Butler
Membership Chairman

~~~~~ September Birthdays

Adel I. Nazzal 09/22
Kenneth V. Christie 09/03
Donald W. Drews 09/23

~~~~~ Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

SIR BRANCH 5
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum of 8 was present. Those attending were: Don Harryman-Treasurer, Ray Odell-Attendance, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Al Stratz-Little Sir, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Paul Butler-Membership, Howard Trudeau-Big Sir and Art Schmid Secretary. Big Sir Report-Howard Trudeau.

- Data from the Annual SIR State Board Meeting: There are 145 branches in the state, totaling 18,717 members. Branches are purging inactive members. Branch 35 has 400 members with 200 typically at lunch. Year 2013 will be the 55th anniversary of SIR. State assets total \$102,000. Area governor, Stan Barkey has resigned.

- Our summer barbeque was attended by 51 people. The net cost of the barbeque was \$488.54.

The estimated expenses for the Holiday party to be held Dec. 14, 2011, total \$705, including costs for prizes and the musical group. It was moved that a budget of \$705 be authorized for the Holiday party. The motion was seconded and passed.

Secretary's Report-Art Schmid: The secretary's report was accepted as presented. A copy is on file. The slate of officers for year 2012 is: Big Sir-Al Stratz, Little Sir-Ken Christie, Secretary-Art Schmid, Assistant Secretary-John Geibel, Treasurer-Don Harryman, Assistant Treasurer-Art Kraemer, Director-Fred Van Kirk, and Director-Ken Liddicoat. We currently have only 8 members on the board, and can have

10. We should solicit the Branch for two more directors, preferably younger in age to improve the age balance of the Board. A copy of Form 20, Branch Personnel for the Year, was provided to be filled in and submitted by the Secretary by August 31.

Treasurer's Report-Don Harryman: Our Monthly Beginning cash balance was \$5578.57, and the Ending balance was \$5294.73. Sixty nine have paid this years' contribution. The complete report is on file. For comparison, in 2007 our balance was \$6100 or \$42.41 per member, while for 2011 our balance was \$5300 of \$58.43 per member. The state assessment is \$1.00/yr./member.

Attendance Report-Ray Odell. Attendance wasn't taken at the successful annual barbeque. However, at the June 22 luncheon, there were only 46 members and 2 visitors. Surprising since the Hubble Space Telescope was the speaker's topic. Sixteen Form-4 letters were sent to members who hadn't met their attendance or contribution requirements. Of these, the following resigned: John Stefanki-Badge 205, Gerardus Staal-Badge 288 and Terrance Donovan-Badge 30, who resigned for health reasons. There was no response from the remaining 7 who are now subject to termination. It was moved, seconded and passed to terminate these 7 members. They are: Lloyd Ellis-Badge 4, Charles Jacobson-Badge 32, Wendell Alexander-Badge 38, LeRoy Thornton-Badge 52, John Ackerman-Badge 169, George Kerber-Badge 308, and Clifford Maurer-Badge 315.

Membership-Paul Butler: After accounting for the resignations and terminations and one deceased member, Tom Loughead, we currently have 78 active members. It was noted that four widows receive the bulletin. Fred Van Kirk will call them to verify their continued interest in the bulletin. An Action item was given that Les Spring, Paul Butler and Fred Van Kirk meet to update the Roster and Mailing Lists. The new roster will be distributed after updating.

Little Sir-Al Stratz; Today's speaker is John Moscali who is on the Moffet Field Board of Directors and will speak on the history of Moffet Field. Our

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speaker next month will be Erika Amer of the USGS, who will speak on earthquakes.

Miscellaneous:

Art Kramer sent sympathy cards to the widow of Tom Loughead and to Duane Stauffer, whose wife died.

Authorization of Check Signatures: It was agreed by the Board that Big SIR – Howard Trudeau, Little SIR-Al Stratz, Treasurer-Don Harryman, and Assistant Treasurer-Art Kraemer be authorized to sign checks for our branch. Our account is with Chase Bank, on 3rd and Main Street in Los Altos. Chase Bank will be contacted to initiate new signature authorization documents.

There being no further business, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Schmid, Secretary

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**GOLF**  
**August**

**Sunnyvale Golf 8-4-11**

- Jiries Nazzal 92 net 63
- Adel Nazzal 91 net 70 CTTTP
- Naim Nazzal 92 net 73
- Jere Austin 103 net 70
- Howard Trudeau 101 net 71
- Azmi Habib 108 net 72 CTTTP

**Santa Clara Golf 8-11-11**

- Jim Stevens 86 net 59 CTTTP
- Naim Nazzal 81 net 62
- Jim Swanson 90 net 65
- Jere Austin 103 net 70 CTTTP
- Azmi Habib 114 net 77
- Howard Trudeau 108 net 78

**Shoreline Golf 8-18-11**

- Jere Austin 97 net 64
- Jiries Nazzal 98 net 69
- Howard Trudeau 102 net 70
- Naim Nazzal 91 net 72
- Azmi Habib 110 net 73
- Jim Stevens 102 net 75 CTTTP

**Los Lagos Golf 8-25-11**

- Adel Nazzal 87 net 66
- Azmi Habib 102 net 66
- Wayne Richter 110 net 74
- Jiries Nazzal 103 net 76
- Naim Nazzal 95 net 77 CTTTP

- Jim Stevens 104 net 78
- Fred Van Kirk 116 net 80 CTTTP

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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:

You have computer questions about topics not usually addressed during our monthly meetings. This is your second chance to have your questions answered by SPAUG experts, who are experienced in many areas. You may even find that you have knowledge or insight to share. This will primarily be an audience-directed event. Some Caveats: this event is intended to be for information sharing, not to stump the experts. This event is intended to be participatory. If you find you have expertise or experience worth sharing please do so either as part of the event or later.

This event is the second of two.

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

Still looking for a new travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

See <http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/2426919/590726411/name/2011%2009%20Travel%20Bulletinfor%20Br35.pdf> for the four pages of various trips from one day to several weeks. Trip lengths shown vary through October 2012.

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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
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.

Results of the Spring/Summer Tournament:

- 1st. Place Team:** Jeff Grundy, Roy Robinson, Bill Finkemeier
- 2nd. Place Team:** Bob Taggart, Earl Pampeyan, Jerry Coe
- 3rd. Place Team:** Chuck Huff, Dick Frakes, Arnie Satterlee, Hal Knowlton
- 4th. Place Team:** Tim Eastham, Art England, Bill Webster

High Series Scratch: 1st: Tim Eastham, 2nd: Chuck Huff, 3rd: Dennis McFerran

High Game Scratch: 1st: John Snyder, 2nd: Fred Schwalbach, 3rd: Earl Pampeyan

High Series Handicap: 1st: Roy Robinson, 2nd: Alan Gaudie, 3rd: Bill Finkemeier

High Game Handicap: 1st: Arnie Satterlee, 2nd: Bob Taggart, 3rd: Jerry Ososkie

Highest Handicap Series on last tournament day:
1st: Dennis McFerran
2nd: Hal Knowlton

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3rd: Bob Taggart
4th: Bill Finkemeier
5th: Jeff Grundy

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**Biking**

JERRY BUTLER 650-494-8078  
GXB366@aol.com

**2nd Thursday, September 8, 11:00 a.m. Wives and guests welcome. RAIN CANCELS, HELMET REQUIRED.**

**Ride - Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point:** We will ride the paved flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6.5 miles from Poplar Beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point, to just past the town of Princeton. We will return to Princeton where we will have lunch, then ride the same trail back for a total ride of about 13 miles.

**Directions -** Take I-280 north (approximately 15 miles) to

Highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on Highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot, near the port-a-johns. Driving time is about 45 minutes. It may be windy and cold, so be sure to bring a wind breaker and gloves.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Jerry Butler, at 650-494-8078 or GXB366@aol.com

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