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Big SIR sez:

Please remember to call Howard Trudeau by December 1st, this Saturday, to reserve your place at the annual Holiday Party on December 12th! Details are printed elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Our November 14th luncheon speaker was Robert Walker, who encouraged us to become "Better Wine Drinkers". He spoke for 20 minutes, and then took questions from the Members for another 20 minutes. He was very well received, and he appreciated the enthusiasm of the audience.

Our next regular meeting is January 23, 2013, and the speaker is scheduled to be a representative of an organization called Outreach of Asian Art Foundation, and the title: "Shen Yun – The Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture and its Global Impact". This sounds very interesting. I hope all members will plan on attending January 23rd, and bring a guest, a friend who might be interested in becoming a member of SIRs.

By the way, guests and their sponsors should plan to arrive 20 -30 minutes early, so that they may have an opportunity to meet as many members as possible before lunch, be introduced at

lunch, and have the sponsor use the microphone to tell us something about his guest, particularly about his vocation and employer. Members are interested in knowing where he is from. Your guest is interested in knowing who we are and what we do. He should meet as many members as possible, to that end.

Please join me at the Holiday Party on December 12th.

Big SIR Al Stratz

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 12, 2012

INVITE YOUR WIFE OR A FRIEND

MENU:

ROAST BEEF - \$30

SALMON - \$30

VEGETARIAN - \$25

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

RAFFLE PRIZES

**SIGN-UP By CONTACTING
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**YOU MUST SIGN UP BY
December 1**

January Speaker



Mr. David Zhang

Many people in the west have long been interested in China. This is true today more than ever before. The ethical values and principles derived from traditional Chinese culture helped create 5-thousand years of splendor in Chinese history. Unfortunately this rich tradition was interrupted by the communist regime. With the present state of the world, understanding the true China has never been more important.

SPEAKER

The **entertainment** for our December meeting will be a singing group called the Star-Geezers. This is a group of energetic 75+ musicians who delight in presenting American music which is "upbeat and off-beat".

They have over 240 years of combined musical experience which is longer than the United States has been a country. The diverse repertoires of the four musicians include '50's and '60's, bluegrass, jazz and sacred songs. These, plus some novelty songs provide a truly enjoyable show.

They have been entertaining audiences for more than 5 years in churches, retirement homes, charitable organizations and concert venues. They have three CD's including one with Christmas songs which will be featured in their performance at SIR 5.

They feature Mike Beamer on lead guitar, Jim Reynolds on rhythm guitar, Ballard French (a SIR member) on his own, home made bass, and Stan Kullbom on vocals

Attendance Report

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR THE MEETING OF 14 NOVEMBER, 2012

43 MEMBERS ---REPRESENTS
63 % OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP
1 SPEAKER
44 TOTAL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
DUANE STAUFFER

ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN

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### **Membership**

No data received

### **Roster Changes**

No data received

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December Birthdays

- Bernie Meseth 12/6
- Bob Carter 12/11
- Jere Austin 12/14
- Jack Raymond 12/23
- Bob Hertz 12/28

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

November 14, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Those in attendance were: Fred Van Kirk-Director, Art Kraemer-Assistant Treasurer, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Paul Krug-Secretary 2013, Howard Trudeau-2013 Assistant Secretary, Pete LoPresto-Assistant Treasurer, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Al Stratz-Big Sir, Paul Butler-Membership, Dan Haley-Greeter, John Geibel-Assistant Secretary, and Art Schmid-Secretary.

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

3. Our secretary has an action item to check on the acceptability of holding a meeting without a quorum, as occurred last month.

4. **Big SIR Report**-Al Stratz. The Form 27 Branch Membership Report was presented which shows that we have added 5 new members during the year, while our goal was 7. We presently have 70 active members, of whom an average of 63% attend monthly meetings. The full report is on file.

Via our webmaster listing, a lady named Xiao contacted Al Stratz via e-mail about her willingness to speak at our January 23 meeting on the subject of "The Outreach of the Asian Art Foundation." Al will look into the general suitability of this subject for our Branch

5. **Membership**-Paul Butler.

We currently have one inactive and 71 active members. Our mailing list consists of 50 receiving information by e-mail and 21 by conventional mail.

Member Howard K. Okamoto has transferred in from Branch 149 and will be installed today. Welcome!

Paul is having business cards made up for each member for outreach purposes.

It has been requested that all e-mail addresses be provided for inclusion in the membership roster.

The full report is on file.

6. **Treasurer's Report**-Don Harryman.

For the month, the Beginning Cash balance was \$3947.70 and the Ending Cash Balance was \$3776.37. The full report is on file.

The annual audit occurs during the first part of the year.

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7. **Attendance Report**-Fred Van Kirk. Attendance at our October 31 luncheon was 37 members, 2 guests and one visitor for a total of 40.

8. **Special Projects**-Art Kraemer. There are no new illnesses to be addressed. However, Howard Trudeau has received a very nice letter from Ed Schwabecher who is hospitalized at Kaiser, and is also receiving treatment for cancer at Stanford Hospital. His treatment is complex, and he deserves our cards and prayers.

9. Two **meeting dates** were under consideration for our December meeting. It was moved that our December meeting be held on Dec. 11. The motion was seconded and carried.

The names of those planning to attend should be in today if possible.

10. **Miscellaneous:** A listing of the meeting dates for the coming year was provided.

11. The **speaker today** will be Bob Walker speaking on "How to be a Better (More knowledgeable) Wine Drinker.

There being no further business, it was moved we adjourn. Seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Schmid  
Secretary

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GOLF

No data received

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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:

There is no meeting in December. The next scheduled meeting is January 9th.

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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/, which includes travel news from other branches .
SIR 55TH ANNIVERSARY ALASKA CRUISE aboard the GRAND PRINCESS August 28 – September 7, 2013
San Francisco to San Francisco Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm, Ketchikan, Victoria B.C.
\$ 1579 - \$ 3300 (11 days)
Contact Art Lloyd 650-384-6424
Or Sonoma Travel 888-900-7772

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**Bowling  
BRANCHES 5, 35,  
& 51  
EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND**

**STELLING, SUNNYVALE.**

(BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51) We bowl on a handicap system, so all have an equal chance. Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by ability. **Tuesdays at Homestead Lanes: Homestead and Stelling in**

**Sunnyvale.** Be there by **12.45.** New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me in advance so we will be prepared.

**STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK #13**

**1ST PLACE**

Alan Gaudie, Fred Schwalbach

**2nd PLACE**

Arnie Satterlee, Roy Robinson, Hal Knowlton

**3RD PLACE**

Bill Webster, Doug Anderson, Bob Taggart

**4TH PLACE**

Ptah Bennett, Bill Finkemeier, Tim Eastham

**5TH PLACE**

Jerry Coe, Earl Pampeyan, Chuck Huff

**6TH PLACE**

Harold Kaye, Jeff Grundy, Jerry Ososkie

**HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH**

1<sup>st</sup> - Fred Schwalbach: 504

2<sup>nd</sup> - Chuck Huff: 501

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jeff Grundy: 431

**HIGH GAME - SCRATCH**

1<sup>st</sup> - Doug Anderson: 191

2<sup>nd</sup> - Bob Taggart: 169

3<sup>rd</sup> - Alan Gaudie: 151

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**

1<sup>st</sup> - Bill Webster: 642

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ososkie: 624

3<sup>rd</sup> - Ptah Bennett: 569

**HIGH HANDICAP GAME**

1<sup>st</sup> - Arnie Satterlee: 224 (Tie)

1<sup>st</sup> - Tim Eastham: 224 (Tie)

3<sup>rd</sup> - Harold Kaye: 195

**The Winter/Spring League starts on January 9th - 1:00 PM** - and we can accommodate any (all) newcomers who may be interested.

They can call Doug (415-407-4000) or show up at Homestead Lanes at 12:30 PM.

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Biking

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.

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

NO RIDE IN DECEMBER

Next ride will be January 10th

To Ride – contact Jerry Butler or Karl Resick
CHAIRMAN ALTERNATES

Jerry Butler Karl Resick
650-494-8078 **OR** 650-941-8837
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