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Big SIR sez:

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It is an honor to serve you as Big Sir this year. It will be challenging, but I am fortunate to have a group of fellow officers and board members who are very capable and willing to help me.

The challenge this year is the same as it has been the last few years – declining membership. We must begin to recruit new members at a rate greater than we have experienced in recent years. The first step in that effort is to bring a friend to lunch. Each of us can do that and we must have guests at lunch for Branch 5 to remain viable.

The Holiday Party was successful thanks to the efforts of Fred Van Kirk and Howard Trudeau, and to Sue Trudeau who provided the surprise prizes awarded in the drawing.

It's time to make your annual contribution of \$25. Treasurer Don Harryman is ready and waiting for your check – you can bring your check to the next luncheon on January 25th. The Program looks most interesting. I will meet you there.

Al Stratz—

Lunch **January 25**

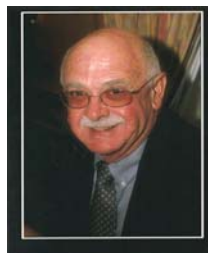
Salads: Mixed Greens, Caesar, Pasta Primavera, and Red Potato with Dill

Entrees: Meatloaf with Mushroom Sauce and Chicken Saute, Mashed Potatoes

Dessert: Ice Cream

SPEAKER

Lawrence Tartaglino received his Bachelor's and MBA degrees from San Jose State University. He worked in management for a multinational pharmaceutical company, owned his own business, and taught accounting and finance classes at a California community college. Since retiring, he has enjoyed developing talks and speaking on subjects including business and maritime history, and travel. His casual, engaging style has gained him the reputation as a knowledgeable speak-



er, and an exceptional storyteller. He has traveled with Princess Cruises as an Enrichment Speaker.

His talk for our January meeting is titled:

THE AMERICA'S CUP: ITS LONG ROAD TO SAN FRANCISCO

The America's Cup is the most coveted sporting trophy in the world. This program examines the men, the organizations, and the yachts that helped create the romance of the "Auld Mug". Using photographs and stories, we examine the fortunes and reputations gained and lost in pursuit of The Cup.

Message from State SIRS President, Jim Stedman

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT IS SUCCESSFUL BRANCHES ARE IMPROVING

Our goal was to recruit 1,900 new members in 2011. Branch leaders exceeded this goal by recruiting and inducting 2,100 new members. This is an outstanding accomplishment which puts to rest the idea that newly retired men are not joiers. They will join SIR branches that are

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appealing. But this successful year is only a start.

The SIR organization fell on hard times in recent years. Overall membership declined from about 32,000 members in 1990 to about 18,000 now. 44 branches failed and closed in the last 12 years. We know why this happened. We lost our focus on maintaining a good balance of newer and older members in our branches. We did not recruit enough new members annually to maintain a good proportion of newer members and our branches became less appealing and lost members.

Our challenge now is to restore this balance. We have found that recruiting new members every year at the annual rate of at least 10% of membership is needed. We met and exceeded this goal in 2011. So when Branch leaders remind you to sponsor a new member, please respond by inviting your retired friends and acquaintances to join. Each successive year this goal is met the proportion of newer members in your branch will increase. Over time balance will be restored and your improved branch will be there for you and for those who come after you.

Attendance Report

No report for December.

Membership

No report for December.

Roster Changes

No report for December.

January 2012 Birthdays

- Paul Butler January 26
- Paul Camenzind January 15
- Jim Loos January 13
- Emmett Hearn January 20

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

No meeting held in December.

GOLF

December 2011

Sunnyvale golf course Dec 1,2011

Azmi Habib	106 net 70
Wayne Richter	126 net 90
Fred Van Kirk	35 net 99
Naim Nazzal	91 net 73
Jim Swanson	100 net 76
Adel Nazzal	99 net 78
Robert Brenner	96 CTPP

Santa Clara golf course Dec 8 2011

Adel Nazzal	91 net 70	CTTP
Jim Stevens	96 net 71	CTTP
Azmi Habib	113 net 76	
Wayne Richter	119 net 82	
Jim Swanson	107 net 83	
Fred Van Kirk	123 net 86	

Los Lagos golf course Dec 22

2011

Azmi Habib	108 net 72	CTTP
Naim Nazzal	91 net 73	CTTP
Jim Stevens	100 net 76	
Wayne Richter	113 net 77	
Jiries Nazzal	110 net 84	

CompuSIR Chairman,

Jim Dinkey, Branch 35
2nd Wednesday, January 11, 12:30 p.m. at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

Topic - Editing Your Videos Speaker - Maurice Green. President, Silicon Valley Computer Society

Now that the holidays are over, many of us have videos of family celebrations. Maury will demonstrate some of the techniques that can be used with the video editing software, Pinnacle Studio 15 Ultimate, to convert your video files into DVDs. He will compare the capabilities of Pinnacle Studio to professional level programs like Avid Media and Adobe Premiere Pro. Maury is a former member of the National Press Photographers Association and a current member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals. Note: To get on Compusir mailing list go to: <http://mailman.svpal.org/mailman/listinfo/compusir16> or Jim Dinkey at [jimdinkey\(at\)jimdinkey.com](mailto:jimdinkey(at)jimdinkey.com).

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

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Check out these supplemental local excursions! We are now offering four supplemental local excursions in addition to the Area 5 & 20 Coordinated Travel Committee selections.

Feb. 16, 2012 - River Rock Casino: Enjoy deluxe motor coach transportation to the River Rock Casino in Geyserville, CA, with five hours of play time at the casino, \$30 of free play and a \$10 coupon for lunch. Departs at 7:30 a.m. from San Carlos and returns at 5:30 p.m. Price is \$74 per person, including driver gratuity. For more details or to sign up, contact escort Dan Miller (650-591-3314).

March 16, 2012 - Chabot Space & Science Center: Spend the day visiting the Chabot Space and Science Center, a Smithsonian affiliate. This excursion includes deluxe motor coach transportation, admission to Chabot Space and Science Center, tickets to the shows SolarMax and Tales of the Maya Sky and a hosted lunch at Spangler's Restaurant. De-parts at 9:00 a.m. from San Carlos and returns at 6:00 p.m. Price is \$110 per person, including driver gratuity. For more details or to sign-up, con-tact escort Dan Miller (650-591-3314).

April 19, 2012 - Puppies & Peanuts: Visit the Canine Compan-

ions for Independence campus in Santa Rosa, have lunch at the Union Hotel and tour the Charles M. Schultz Museum. Deluxe motor coach transportation de-parts at 8:00 a.m. from San Carlos and returns at 6:00 p.m. Price is \$114 per person, including driver gratuity. For more details or to sign up contact escort Dan Miller (650-591-3314)

May 21 - 23, 2012 - Yosemite & Chukchansi: This excursion includes deluxe motor coach transportation, two-night accommodations at Chukchansi Gold Resort with \$20 slot play and \$20 food coupons towards breakfasts, the entrance fee at Yosemite National Park, a two-hour guided valley tram tour, lunch at the Ahwanhnee lodge, a one-hour ride on the Yosemite sugar pine railroad, a barbecue steak luncheon, and two dinner vouchers. Departs May 21 at 7:30 a.m. from San Carlos and returns May 23 at 6:30 p.m. The price including luggage handling and driver gratuity is \$535 per person double occupancy, or a single supplement of \$110. For more details or to sign up, contact escort Dan Miller (650-591-3314).

For information on other SIR travel events, see our January Travel Bulletin at the luncheon Travel Table or on our Branch 35 website at <http://www.closereach.com/sir/newsletters/travel1201.pdf>

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

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

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Prizes: Roy Robinson  
Every Tuesday - Homestead Lanes at Homestead & Stelling in Cupertino. Play starts at 1:00 p.m. with practice lanes available at 12:50 p.m. Join us for the Winter/Spring Tournament. We bowl on a handicap system, so all bowlers have an equal chance of winning the individual and team prizes. Each season, teams are revised and always have a cross section of bowlers, distributed by ability. If you're new, it's easier if you call Bob or Doug in advance so we will be prepared. Our new season starts Jan. 3.

**FINAL RESULTS -Tournament High Scores through Dec. 6, 2011**  
**1st PLACE TEAM**

Bill Nye, Jerry Ososkie, Bill Webster, Fred Schwalbach

**2nd PLACE TEAM**

John Snyder, Earl Pampeyan, Dick Frakes

**3rd PLACE TEAM**

Bob Taggart, Jeff Grundy, Bill Finkemeier, Roger Anderson

**4th PLACE TEAM**

Dennis McFerran, Art England, Alan Gaudie, Doug Anderson

**HIGH SERIES SCRATCH**

**1st:** Tim Eastham: 620 **2nd:** Chuck Huff: 569 **3rd:** Jeff Grundy: 529

**HIGH GAME SCRATCH 1st:**

John Snyder: 213 **2nd:** Bob Taggart: 210 **3rd:** Hal Knowlton: 198

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP:** Roy

Robinson: 691 Dennis McFerran: 689 Bill Webster: 658

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**HIGH GAME HANDICAP** 1st: Alan Gaudie: 268 2nd: Jerry Ososkie: 265 and Bill Nye: 265  
Each bowler is listed above, only once, in his highest ranked category.

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**

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2nd Thursday Jan 12, 2012, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required. Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)

**Ride:** We will ride a flat 14-mile round-trip 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. From Palo Alto, go south on El Camino, to Grant Rd.; turn right. The first street past the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic signal is Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Go 8 blocks to end of Sleeper Ave. to a small park. Park your car along the curb.

**To ride or for info, contact me (see above), or Karl Reseck, (650) 941-8837, karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org**

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