

# Sons in Retirement



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## Big SIR sez:

The annual audit of our Treasurer's records was performed this year by member Lloyd Lettis. His report indicates that our Treasurer's records are in good order. We owe Lloyd a "thank you" for performing this Service on very short notice. Our Auditor for the past ten years has been Zeke Sicotte, who was not able to perform this year for health reasons. So, Lloyd, being familiar with audits and with the Treasurer's function, volunteered to do the job. We thank you Lloyd, and also thank Zeke for his ten years of service as Auditor and wish him well in his recovery to good health.

Attendance at the February luncheon was 39 members and two guests – that was nine fewer members than in January. I expect that attendance will improve in March, since the food at Michael's is so good and getting better each month! In addition, Ed Schwabecher has engaged Tiffany Mikles who will discuss dementia care. Everyone should hear her program.

Branch 5 is eligible to propose a member for the Honorary Life Member Award, which is based on contribution to the Branch and worthy of recognition. After careful consideration, the Board felt that Les Spring's record was outstanding and would qualify. This application will be submitted and should be approved, without question.

We received five additional annual fees, which leaves us with 50% paid. If you have not yet contributed, please mail your check to Treasurer Don Harryman, or bring to our March 28<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

See you at Michael's, and bring a friend!

*Al Stratz*

## SIR Happenings

The Winter 2012 edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:  
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>  
President Stedman's front page article

### Lunch, March 28th

**Salads:** Mixed Greens ,  
Spinach with Mushroom and Egg, Caesar, Mediterranean 3 Bean  
**Entrees:** Roast Turkey, Sirloin Tips  
**Dessert:** Sherbet

reviews our membership goals.

## SPEAKER

Tiffany Mikles has been working with seniors since 1988 and is a strong advocate for people with dementia. She is an Alzheimer's Foundation of America Qualified Dementia Care Provider.

She is also a public speaker and group facilitator. She is currently facilitating three dementia caregiver support groups in the South Bay.

Tiffany is a Santa Clara Valley native. She and her husband have one son, two dogs and four turtles. Her family lives in northern California.

On March 28, 2012 Tiffany will talk about "Your Brain Matters" covering an Explanation of the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's disease, A review of normal aging and ways to keep our brain healthy.

## SIR DAY WITH THE GIANTS

When: AUGUST 2, 12:45 PM  
Who: GIANTS VS METS  
Where: AT&T PARK/BOX SEATS/SECTION 131  
Cost: \$34.00 PER TICKET  
TO SIGN UP CONTACT: FRED VAN KIRK  
@ 650-948-7435

## Attendance Report

JANUARY 25, 2012  
47 MEMBERS -REPRESENTS 68.1% OF MEMBERSHIP  
1 REGION #5 DIRECTOR  
1 SPEAKER  
4 GUESTS  
53 TOTAL

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FEBRUARY 22, 2012  
39 Members: Represents 56.5% OF MEMBERSHIP  
2 SPEAKERS  
2 GUESTS  
43 TOTAL  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
DUANE STAUFFER  
ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN

## Membership

No changes

## Roster Changes

none

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**March Birthdays**

Robert H. Carlstead 3/12  
 Don Harryman 3/15  
 Robert V. Merk 3/16  
 Robert W. Simons 3/31  
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board**

SIR BRANCH 5  
 February 22, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. A quorum was present. Those attending were: Paul Butler-Membership, Ed Schwabecher-Program Chairman, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Art Kraemer-Assistant Treasurer, Albert Stratz-Big Sir, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Duane Stauffer-Attendance, Don Harryman-Treasurer, and Arthur Schmid-Secretary.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.
3. **Auditors Report-Lloyd Lettis:** A detailed auditors report was given and a copy is on file. Our Treasurer's records were found to be in good order. Our beginning cash balance on Jan 1-2011 was \$5406.92 and the ending balance on Dec 31 was \$3971.27. This shows a deficit for the year of \$1435.65. If not changed, our balance would be zero after three years. Some suggestions for reducing the annual deficit are given in the full report on file.
  - a. It was moved that we accept the Auditor's report. Seconded and Carried.
  - b. In lieu of our financial condition, it was moved that we just get a speaker and not have paid entertainment at our summer BBQ. Seconded and carried.
4. **Monthly Cash Report- Don Harry-**

**man:** Our Beginning Cash Balance was \$4131.27, and the Ending Cash Balance was \$4362.59. At this time, only 30 members have paid their annual dues. The detailed report is on file.

5. **Attendance Report- Duane Stauffer:** Attendance for the Jan. 25 meeting was 48 members, 4 guests and one speaker for a total of 53. Forty eight members make up 68.6% of our falling active membership of 70.

6. **Membership Report- Paul Butler:** There are no membership changes to report. We have 70 Active, one Inactive and 4 Widows on the mailing list. It was suggested that the four widows be contacted re their interest in remaining on the mailing list. The full report is on file. The FORM 27 Monthly Branch Membership Report submitted by Big SIR, Al Stratz, corroborates the above information, and includes data for each month as well as attendance data. A copy of this form is on file.

7. **Program Chair Report- Ed Schwabecher:** Ed presented an interesting chart which shows Branch 5 membership interest in 26 different activities ranging from Wine Tasting to Local Transportation projects.

Today's speakers are Charles Grant and Kristina Perino who will speak about the Rengstorff House. In March we are to hear about the Dementia Care Coaching Organization.

The full report is on file and lists other topics coming up in future months.

8. **Old Business:**  
 Ken Liddicoat recommended that we consider Les Spring as a candidate for the position of Honorary Life Member (HLM), and provided a nice resume of Les's numerous contributions over the years.

It was moved and seconded that Les Spring be awarded the position of Honorary Life Member. The motion was passed by a 100% vote of the members.

It should be noted that Ken Liddicoat has also been honored with this award some time ago. Thanks and congratulations hereby go to both of these Honorees!

9. **New Business:** The subject of Branch Officer and Directors Liability Insurance was discussed. Branch 5 has received a determination made by the SIR State Insurance Committee that the cost of obtaining such Liability Insurance exceeds 5% of the prior year's budget. Therefore it was moved that Branch 5 cannot afford to purchase this type of liability insurance, and the Branch elects to be covered by the provision of Section 5239. This motion was seconded and carried.

10. There being no further business, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Arthur Schmid*  
 Secretary  
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**GOLF**

**Sunnyvale golf course**  
**Feb 2**

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Jere Austin    | 100 net 70 |
| Stan Kazul     | 102 net 72 |
| Kamel Totah    | 107 net 73 |
| Howard Trudeau | 105 net 74 |

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Art Kraemer   | 91 net 72      |
| Naim Nazzal   | 92 net 74 CTPP |
| Adel Nazzal   | 95 net 74      |
| Jiries Nazzal | 102 net 76     |

**Santa Clara golf course**  
**Feb. 9**

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Adel Nazzal   | 93 net 72                |
| Jim Stevens   | 98 net 73                |
| Jiries Nazzal | 101/49 net 75 CTPP, CTPP |
| Jim Loos      | 103/53 net 75            |

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Wayne Richter | 110/53 net73 |
| Azmi Habib    | 110/58 net73 |
| Jere Austin   | 107 net 76   |

**Shoreline golf course**  
**Feb 16**

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Jere Austin   | 104 net 72      |
| Adel Nazzal   | 94 net 73 CTPP  |
| Jiries Nazzal | 103 net 75 CTPP |
| Azmi Habib    | 112 net 75      |

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Jim Stevens 103 net 77

**Los Lagos golf course**  
**Feb 23**

Naim Nazzal 88 net 69  
Art Kraemer 89 net 70  
Adel Nazzal 95 net 75 CTPP  
Jiries Nazzal 103 net 76  
Jim Stevens 104 net 79 CTPP

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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:

A panel of at least four experts from the SPAUG membership will answer your questions. The chances of your question being addressed will be enhanced if you email your question in advance to Jim Dinkey at jimdinkey@jimdinkey.com

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**MAC Group**

Contact Skip Ross, 541-857-6224, [waross@closereach.com](mailto:waross@closereach.com) to join this e-mail group where SIR members in all branches can exchange Mac-related news, get answers to questions and share experiences

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

\*\*\*\*\*NEW TRIPS\*\*\*\*\*

**Jul. 25, 2012 : "LES MISERABLES"** at Orpheum Theater \* (Br. 74) Escorts Allen Daily 408/265-8140 and Don House 408/268-1703. Depart VTA lot on Capital Expwy. at 9:45 AM for Pier 39 in San

Francisco. After time for lunch and browsing, continue on to the theater to enjoy one of the most acclaimed musicals ever, "LES MISERABLES" from your Loge seat. Make full payment of \$124 pp with application, payable to Cruise Adventure Unlimited Trust Fund, and mail to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

**Jan. 14-27, 2013 | Tahitian Breeze**  
**Vacation |**

(Br. 114) Tour Escorts Larry Martinson (408-528-0746) and Jim Stoner (408-238-8458). Start with a 2-night stay at the luxurious Intercontinental Hotel in Papeete, Tahiti, breakfast included.

Two days of free time to explore the boundless beauty and captivating cultures of this French Polynesian city. Then go aboard the luxurious Marina, one of the newest Oceania Cruise Line ships, for a 11-day cruise exploring the islands of Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea, Bora Bora, Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa, and Rangiroa. We'll also cruise the Tuamotu Archipelago before returning to Papeete. We will get off the ship in the a.m. and check into day rooms at the Sofitel Resort to rest up before our evening flight back to CA.

Oceania Cruises offers the finest cuisine at sea, served in a wide variety of distinctive open-seating restaurants at no additional charge. Round trip transfers from the Villages and VTA station to San Jose Airport, Airfare, transfers in Papeete, 2-night accommodations plus day a room, 11 nights on board Oceania Cruise Lines "Marina" including all meals and tips, \$150 shipboard credit per cabin, \$445 per person, government fees and taxes are all included in the price, starting at \$5,850 per person double occupancy, B 4 Balcony cabin. Deposit of \$1,000 pp, payable to Around the World Travel/YTC Trust Account should be mailed to Larry Martinson 9029 Village View Dr. San Jose, CA. 95135. Brochure available.

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**Bowling**

**BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51**

EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,

SUNNYVALE. Co-Chairmen:

Bob Taggart [chtaggart@earthlink.net](mailto:chtaggart@earthlink.net)  
650-321-2654

**Prizes:** Roy Robinson  
Doug Anderson  
[marktintl@aol.com](mailto:marktintl@aol.com)  
415-407-4000

Every Tuesday - Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino. Play starts at 1:00 PM, with practice lanes available at 12:50 PM. Join us for the Winter/Spring League. We bowl on a handicap system, so each bowler has an equal chance of being on a winning team, as well as, winning weekly individual prizes. Each season, teams are revised and there is always a cross section of bowlers, by ability. We have completed a third of the season but there are **immediate** openings. The cost is \$12 per week and the lanes provide free bowling shoes and balls, of course.

If you are interested, please call Bob or Doug in advance - or just show up.

**RESULTS** - Year-To-Date and Weekly Standings, through February 13, 2012

**1ST PLACE TEAM**

Chuck Huff, Jerry Ososkie, Bill Finkemeier

**2ND PLACE TEAM**

Bill Webster, Bob Taggart, Fred Schwalbach

**3RD PLACE TEAM**

Tim Eastham, Roy Robinson, Alan Gaudie, Mac McKim

**4TH PLACE TEAM**

Jeff Grundy, Earl Pampeyan, Doug Anderson

**5TH PLACE TEAM**

Bill Nye, Art England, Arnie Satterlee, Jerry Coe

**6TH PLACE TEAM**

John Snyder, Hal Knowlton, Roger Anderson, Ptah Bennet

**HIGH SERIES SCRATCH**

1st - Jeff Grundy: 528

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2nd - Earl Pampeyan: 525

3rd - Art England: 480

**HIGH GAME SCRATCH**

1st - John Snyder: 197

2nd - Bob Taggart: 196 (Tie)

2rd - Chuck Huff: 196 (Tie)

**HIGH SERIES HANDICAP**

1st - Alan Gaudie: 692

2nd - Bill Webster: 660

3rd - Ptah Bennet: 646

**HIGH GAME HANDICAP**

1st - Bill Finkemeier: 241

2nd - Roy Robinson: 237

3rd - Jerry Ososkie: 236

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler (650)494-8078**

2nd Thursday, March 8, 11:00 a.m.

Wives and guests welcome. Rain cancels. Helmet required.  
**Ride** - We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Park and continue on the Alameda Trail to Niles, where we will have lunch at a restaurant in down-town Niles. The ride is flat and approximately 9 miles each way, with an optional loop that has a scenic view of the bay and adds about one mile, for a total ride of 19 miles. **Directions** - Take Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth to the first exit, which is Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch Road and turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the toll booth (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District Season Pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the park office and museum and park there.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please reply to Jerry Butler (above) or to Karl Reseck at 650-941-8837,

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