

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

Our April 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting was the setting for SIR Branch 5 to honor one of our most active and loyal members over the past 22 years. Ken Liddicoat was given the Honorary Life Membership Award, presented by SIR State President Jim Stedman, in recognition of his years of Service to Branch 5. Ken has served as an officer, director or a committee chairman almost every year since he became a member in 1990. That is a record that we should all try to follow. In addition, he has not missed a monthly luncheon in those 22 years.

A new member was also inducted at the April luncheon. His name is Dave Sperry, and his sponsor is Fred Van Kirk. Welcome Dave, and we look forward to seeing your Yosemite exonomia at your next presentation.

There are approximately 20 members who have not paid their annual fee. Would all please make sure you have paid?

Now the sad news. Zeke Sicotte passed away Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Stanford Hospital from esophageal cancer. Zeke has been our Auditor for the past ten years and was very helpful this year, even though recovering from his illness. He will be missed by his many SIR friends. We offer our sympathy to his family.

*Al Stratz*

Editor's note: The memorial

service will be Tuesday May 29 at 1:00 at the First Congregational Church in Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road (corner of Embarcadero). There is a parking lot on Louis Road.

### **Lunch, 5/23**

**Salads:** Spinach w/mushroom and egg,

*Mediterranean 3 bean  
Red potato and dill*

**Entrees:** Beef Ravioli, Marinara  
Roast Turkey

**Dessert:** Chocolate Mousse

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## **SPEAKER**

**Dana Litwin will address how the "The Open Space Authority" protects and preserves some of the most beautiful and valuable natural lands, working farms, ranches, and wildlife habitat in Santa Clara County. These natural areas give us clean air and water, recreation, and healthy, locally grown food. We help people get connected to the land through education and outreach, and our trail systems and preserves. For more information, please visit [www.openspaceauthority.org](http://www.openspaceauthority.org)**

**Dana Litwin supervises the volunteer and outreach programs for the Open Space Authority, and has worked in the fields of conservation, community outreach, and volunteer program management for over ten years. For those looking for an opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of our area Dana is a good resource to get ideas from.**



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## **Attendance Report**

APRIL 25, 2012

46 MEMBERS REPRESENTING  
65 % OF TOTAL MEMBERS

1 REGION " 5 " OFFICER-  
GEORGE KRANEN

1 SIR'S PRESIDENT- JIM STED-  
MAN

1 VISITORS  
2 GUESTS

1 SPEAKER

52 TOTAL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*DUANE STAUFFER*  
ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN

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**Membership**

No data received

**Roster Changes**

No data received

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**May Birthdays**

- Donovan H. Alvick
- Quentin H. Burden
- Calvin Cook
- Neil A. Daniels
- Merle O. Evers
- Paul H. Krug
- Peter S. LoPresto
- Norm M. Nazzal
- Russell F. Scott, Jr.
- James H. Swanson

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

April 25, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.  
A quorum was present. In attendance were the following: Ed Schwabecher, -Program Chairman, Paul Butler-Membership, Albert Stratz-Big SIR, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Duane Stauffer-Attendance, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Howard Trudeau-Director/Past Big SIR, and Arthur Schmid-Treasurer.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.
3. Big SIR Report-Al Stratz:  
Visitors today include State President Jim Stedman and George Kranen who is a Region 5 Director and Area 16 Acting Governor.  
Ken Liddicoat is to receive an Honorary Life Member award and pin to be presented by Jim Stedman during our lunch meeting.  
Thanks to the efforts of Fred Van Kirk, Dave Sperry will be received

- today as a new member of our branch.
4. Secretary's Report-Arthur Schmid. This secretary received an e-mail from Dwight Sale, the Database Mgr. SIRinc, giving SIR rule 178 which states in effect that the Secretary must send a copy of our Branch roster to the State Secretary, the Area Governor and Regional Director. Howard Trudeau reported that he does this each year when the directories are printed. That solves this particular issue.
  5. Treasurer's Report-Don Harryman. For the month of March, the Beginning cash balance was \$4465.07 and the Ending cash balance was \$4527.98. The detailed report is on file.  
Forty nine members have paid their 2012 dues.
  6. Attendance Report-Duane Stauffer: Attendance at the March 28 meeting includes 49 members (70% of our total) one Region 7 director, 2 guests and 1 speaker, for a total of 53 in attendance. This is our best recent attendance. Report copy is on file.
  7. Membership Report-Paul Butler: Two members resigned as reported last month. We have one new member, David Sperry, who we welcome to our Branch.  
We have 1 Inactive and 71 Active members. Four Widows are on the mailing list. 55 members are reached by e-mail and 16 by conventional mail.  
The full report is on file.
  8. Howard Trudeau presented the estimated expenses for the summer BBQ, which are 10 prizes at \$15.00 each for \$150.00 total. The admission price is to be \$25.00 each. No-shows increase our cost.  
Howard recommends we approve a budget of \$150.00 for this event. It was moved that this budget be approved. Seconded and carried. Actual expenses from last year were: \$165.04 for 10 door prizes, \$349 for the Russ Gaurino Lighthouse Duo incl. 2 meals, meal cost: 51 meals at \$24.50 ea. = \$1249.50.  
Income: 51 attendees at \$25.00=\$1275. Net Cost: \$488.54.
  9. Ed Nazzal, our webmaster, reported that the website is up to date.
  10. Ailing Members: Bill Homan was hospitalized after suffering a heart at-

tack while on a cruise. Any cards should be sent to his home. Neil Daniels suffered from a fall in his backyard. Bernie Meseth is recovering from some skin surgery.

11. Program Chairman-Ed Schwabecher. Today's talk is about "Springtime in Yosemite" to be presented by Thomas Smith a seasonal ranger at Yosemite, plus a past Big SIR and area Governor.

Ed is very actively working with several speakers for our forthcoming meetings which will cover such subjects as a transportation related tour, construction of a major bridge, seismology, the Computer History Museum and more. Don't miss any of these talks!

There being no further business, it was moved that we adjourn. Seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arthur Schmid,*  
Secretary

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**GOLF**

Sunnyvale golf

4-5-12

Jim Stevens	93 net 68
Jere Austin	103 net 72 cttp
Art Kraemer	92 net 73
Ed Nazzal	95 net 74 cttp
Howard Trudeau	106 net 74

Shoreline golf

4-19-12

Ed Nazzal	87 net 65 cttp
Jim Stevens	100 net 74
Naim Nazzal	95 net 74 cttp

Jere Austin	100 net 68
Kamel Totah	104 net 68
Azmi Habib	108 net 74

Los Lagos golf

4-26-26

Jim Stevens	98 net 73
Jiries Nazzal	101 net 73
Ed Nazzal	98 net 77
Azmi Habib	111 net 75
Jere Austin	111 net 80
Fred VAn Kirk	119 net 83 cttp
Gary Hornberger	91 cttp

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**CompuSIR**

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**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:

Andy Marken will be the CompuSIR speaker in May. Andy specializes in unique items that entrepreneurs cannot easily market for themselves. He will be bringing several things for display.

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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/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/), which includes travel news from other branches. Some examples are:

**Aug 26-27, 2012** □ **El Dorado Reno "Oh What A Night"** □ (Br 32) Escorts: John Pletsch 408-274-2992 or Mike Console 408-246-1080. Touring internationally since 2009, "Oh What A Night" takes a nostalgic trip down memory lane to celebrate the hit songs of Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons, whose story is told in the musical "Jersey Boys". Tour includes round trip motorcoach, one night stay at the El Dorado, buffet dinner and breakfast, casino stop at the Sparks Nugget and the performance of "Oh What A Night". All taxes, gratuities and luggage handling are included. Cost is \$165 per person double occ (\$24 additional for single occ). Make checks payable to Frontier Travel & Tours Trust Acct and mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121.

**Nov, 28-29, 2012** □ **Christmas at The Eldorado, Reno** □ (Br. 74) Escorts are Allen Daily, 408/265-8140 and Don House, 408/268-1703. The annual Christmas Show during our one night's stay at the ELDORADO will be a captivating performance of ALADDIN. The trip will include our private cocktail party, buffet dinner, reserved seating for the show,

breakfast buffet, play time at the Nugget, a \$5 cash and \$5 food bonus, rest stops at the Black Oak and The Nut Tree Plaza, driver's tip and loads of fun. The price is \$185/pp, dbl. occ. and \$15 sgl. suppl. Mail your Reservation Form and full payment made out to Cruise Adventures Unlimited, to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

\*\*\*\*\***ONE DAY TRIP**\*\*\*\*\*  
**July 25, 2012** □ **"Les Miserables"** at Orpheum Theater □ (Br. 74) Escorts Allen Daily 408/265-8140 and Don House 408/268-1703. Deluxe coach to Pier 39 with free time for lunch/shopping. We then have reserved seats for a matinee performance of the fabulous "LES MISERABLES" at the Orpheum Theater". The price is \$124 /p payable to Cruise Adventure Unlimited Trust Fund. Mail with application to Allen Daily, 1580 Trona Way, San Jose, CA 95125.

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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

**ATTENTION NEW BOWLERS:** Join the Spring/Summer session that started on May 1st. We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads - in Cupertino. Play starts at 1:00 P.M. Come bowl us next Tuesday! The Winter/Spring season ended on April 17th and the final results are below - a mere "1/2 point" separated the winners from the 2nd place team:

**1ST PLACE**  
 Chuck Huff, Jerry Ososkie, Bill Finkemeier

**2ND PLACE**  
 Bill Webster, Bob Taggart, Fred Schwalbach

**3RD PLACE**  
 Jeff Grundy, Earl Pampeyan, Doug Anderson

**4TH PLACE**  
 John Snyder, Hal Knowlton, Roger Anderson, Ptah Bennet

**5TH PLACE**  
 Tim Eastham, Roy Robinson, Alan Gaudie, Mac McKim

**6TH PLACE**  
 Bill Nye, Art England, Arnie Satterlee, Jerry Coe **HIGH SERIES**  
**SCRATCH**

1st - Chuck Huff: 549  
 2nd - Tim Eastham: 548  
 3rd - Bob Taggart: 531

**HIGH GAME SCRATCH**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - John Snyder: 222  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tim Eastham: 213  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Doug Anderson: 199

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Alan Gaudie: 692  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jeff Grundy: 663 (Tie)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Earl Pampeyan: 663 (Tie)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hal Knowlton: 663 (Tie)  
**HIGH HANDICAP GAME**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Doug Anderson: 266  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bill Finkemeier: 261  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bill Webster: 255

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**  
[GXB366@aol.com](mailto:GXB366@aol.com)  
**2nd Thursday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Wives and guests are welcome.**  
**RAIN CANCELS. HELMET REQUIRED. Location: Foster City Bay Trail**  
**Ride:** We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from Oracle to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point. We will have lunch there

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and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

**Directions:** Exit Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then make an immediate turn left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this 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 contact Jerry Butler (see above)

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