

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

**Please note that the October luncheon date has been changed from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>.**

This was the better option offered to resolve a scheduling conflict at Michael's. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this date change may cause the membership.

We are pleased to announce that Paul Krug has agreed to be our Branch 5 Secretary for the year 2013. This completes our slate of officers for next year.

The Board of Directors has established the Al Gardner Award to recognize the member with the greatest number of years with perfect attendance, at the end of each year. A summary of rules to qualify is printed here. Branch 5 Member Al Gardner passed away in 2011, having lived into his nineties, and had accumulated 28 years of perfect attendance. Ken Liddicoat is the current leader with 21 years.

Our speaker for October 31 is Steve Blank. Steve is a local high tech manager, who has started and sold several companies; and now he is a speaker and author who will tell us his view of the evolving business world.

Bring a friend to lunch on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Come with or without a costume!

Big SIR *Al Stratz*

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## **SPEAKER**

**Steve Blank: will speak on the "Secret History of Silicon Valley"**

Steve's talk and slides will start with World War II through the 60's with bomber radar to Stanford microwaves. It will include Professor Fred Terman's role in starting the companies that became Silicon Valley, including Bill Shockley's role.

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### Lunch, 10/31

**SALADS:** Caesar

Moroccan Bean

Tortellini, Primavera

**Main Courses**

Salmon Picatta

Pork Loin, peppercorn  
sauce

Wild Rice

Vegetables

**Dessert**

Ice cream sundae

We were asked to change the luncheon date from Oct. 24 to Oct. 31 by Michael's. I hope this does not cause too much inconvenience. It is the best solution to an error at the restaurant. In return, the menu has been upgraded, at no extra charge. Thank you.

*Al Stratz*

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 12, 2012

SAVE THE DATE

INVITE YOUR WIFE OR A FRIEND

GOOD FOOD

GREAT COMPANY

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

RAFFLE PRIZES

SIGN-UP AT THE NOVEMBER

MEETING

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 offbeat".

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## **Attendance**

### **Reports**

**August 22, 2012**

45 Members representing 65 % of total membership

1 --Region #5 officer George Kranen

1 -- SIR President Jim Stedman

1 Guest

1 Speaker- Jeanne Smith

49 TOTAL

Respectfully Submitted

*Duane Stauffer*

Attendance Chairman

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**September 26, 2012**

45 Members- Representing 64 % of membership

1 Speaker

1 Guest

45 TOTAL

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attendance Chairman

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## **Membership**

No changes reported

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## **Roster Changes**

No changes reported

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# **November Birthdays**

- Nov 8 Arthur R.Kraemer
- Nov 15 Ronald D. Fredlund
- Nov 29 James R.Stevens

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

## **SEPTEMBER 26, 2012**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

A quorum was present. In attendance were the following: Paul Butler-Membership, Albert Stratz-Big Sir, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Fred Van Kirk-Director, John Geibel-Assistant Secretary, Art Kraemer-Assistant Treasurer, Duane Stauffer-Attendance and Art Schmid-Secretary. Also in attendance were members Howard Trudeau and Pete LoPresto.

2. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as presented. The Secretary had nothing further to report.

3. Big SIR Report-Albert Stratz. The FORM 27 Monthly Branch Membership Report was presented which shows an Active Membership of 69, and a current membership goal of 71.

Our speaker today will be Andy Doty who was a tail gunner on a B29 in WW2. He has published a book titled, "Backwards into Battle." Al has a copy of the book, available for our reading.

A brief discussion was held regarding how we might improve our membership numbers. Howard Trudeau noted that we have taken in about 13 members over the last two years. It was thought that the use of membership cards might have benefited such growth. Paul Butler will ask at the Welcoming Table regarding card usage, and if such are needed, he can make them up on his computer.

At our luncheon meetings we should also encourage our attendees to ask their friends to visit to hear interesting speakers, and thus to consider joining.

4. Treasurers Report-Don Harryman. For the month, our beginning cash bal-

ance was \$4200.22, and the ending cash balance was \$4049.15. The complete report is on file.

Three members have not yet paid their dues.

5. Attendance Report-Duane Stauffer: Our typical attendance is 45 to 49 persons. Officers Stedman and Kranen attend periodically, plus our guest speakers, who are all included in attendance records.

Of our total membership of 70, an average of 46 attend the monthly meetings.

Some years ago, our membership was in the hundreds.

6. Membership-Paul Butler. We have 70 active and one inactive member. Our inactive member, who though inactive, likes to receive the bulletin.

The cost of mailing the bulletin will be evaluated around the end of the year in case procedural changes should be made.

7. Special Projects-Art Kraemer. No related mailings have been required recently.

8. Howard Trudeau has done the planning for the Holiday party which is to be held December 12. Entrees will be English Cut roast beef, Broiled Salmon, and Wild Mushroom Crepes.

Expected income is about \$250, while expenses are to be \$120 for entertainment and \$150 total for 10 prizes, for a net cost of \$20.

It was moved that the holiday budget be approved. The motion was seconded and carried. The full proposal is on file.

9. Howard Trudeau has presented two proposed regulations, one relating to perfect attendance rules, the other related to Perfect Attendance recognition. These proposals are significant in their content and include the potential establishment of the Al Gardner award to the member with the greatest number of years of perfect attendance.

It was moved seconded and carried that these proposals be adopted. Both proposals are on file.

It should be noted that these proposals though well thought out and well written, will still require very minor modification prior to their implementation. It is thought that this will occur via final discussion at our next

meeting.

Our thanks go to Howard, who has obviously been a busy man.

10. Prior to the close of our meeting, Al Stratz reiterated that the speaker today will be Andrew Doty who was a B29 tail Gunner during WW2. Further details about the speaker and his book are part of the Big SIR report given above.

11. The approximate cost of mailing the bulletin was discussed. Those not needing a mailed copy, should make it known in order to reduce our mailing costs.

There being no further business, it was moved we adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arthur Schmid*

Secretary

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### SUMMARY:

PERFECT ATTENDANCE  
RECOGNITION

ESTABLISHES THE AL GARDNER AWARD TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBER WITH THE GREATEST NUMBER OF YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

PER RULE 101: A MEMBER WHO IS NOT PRESENT AT A BRANCH 5 MEETING IS ABSENT UNLESS:

MEMBER HAS ATTENDED A MEETING OF ANOTHER BRANCH AND HAS PROVIDED CERTIFICATION OF THAT ATTENDANCE TO THE ATTENDANCE CHAIR.

IF LATE EMERGENCY OR EVENT PRECLUDES ATTENDANCE AT ANOTHER BRANCH MEETING, MEMBER MAY PETITION ATTENDANCE CHAIR TO ATTEND A MAKE-UP MEETING IN THE FOLLOWING MONTH, IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR BRANCH 5 MEETING. ATTENDANCE CHAIR WILL REPORT HIS ACTION ON PETITION AT THE NEXT BEC MEETING.

Approved by Branch 5 BEC on September 26, 2012

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**GOLF**

**Sunnyvale golf course**

**9-6**

|             |            |      |
|-------------|------------|------|
| Ed Nazzal   | 88 net 65  | CTTP |
| Jere Austin | 99 net 67  |      |
| Norm Nazzal | 89 net 68  |      |
| Jim Swanson | 94 net 70  | CTTP |
| Greg Kemist | 87 net 71  |      |
| Stan Kazul  | 108 net 77 |      |

**Moffett Field golf course**

**9-13**

|                |            |      |
|----------------|------------|------|
| Howard Trudeau | 97 net 65  | CTTP |
| Jere Austin    | 99 net 67  |      |
| Azmi Habib     | 106 net 69 |      |
| Ed Nazzal      | 96 net 73  |      |
| Greg Kemist    | 89 net 73  |      |
| Art Kraemer    | 94 net 73  |      |
| Jim Stevens    | 101 net 73 | CTTP |
| Norm Nazzal    | 97 net 76  |      |

**Shoreline golf course**

**9-20**

|               |            |      |
|---------------|------------|------|
| Greg Kemist   | 72 net 56  |      |
| Ed Nazzal     | 92 net 69  | CTTP |
| Jere Austin   | 101 net 69 |      |
| Norm Nazzal   | 92 net 70  | CTTP |
| Azmi Habib    | 108 net 71 |      |
| Jiries Nazzal | 99 net 71  |      |
| Jim Swanson   | 99 net 74  |      |

**Los Lagos golf course**

**9-27**

heavy watering of course  
golf carts limited to cart path

|                |            |      |
|----------------|------------|------|
| Howard Trudeau | 95 net 65  | CTTP |
| Jim Stevens    | 103 net 75 |      |
| Jiries Nazzal  | 104 net 77 |      |
| Azmi Habib     | 112 net 78 |      |
| Fred Van Kirk  | 123 net 87 | CTTP |

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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:

**Program:** John Buck will demonstrate how the Babylon Toolbar, which acts like

a virus, can be removed from both Internet Explorer and Firefox.

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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 .

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

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Prizes: Roy Robinson

We are several weeks into the Fall/Winter league, which started on August 28th. As always, the bowlers are moved around to form new teams and there are different leaders already. The rankings will continue to change before the final Tuesday in mid-December.

We have immediate openings for bowlers of any level. Call either Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

**STANDINGS THROUGH**  
**WEEK #4**  
**1ST PLACE**

Arnie Satterlee, Roy Robinson, Hal Knowlton

**2nd PLACE**

Alan Gaudie, Fred Schwalbach

**3RD PLACE**

Harold Kaye, Jeff Grundy, Jerry Ososkie

**4th PLACE**

Ptah Bennett, Bill Finkemeier, Tim Eastham

**5TH PLACE**

Bill Webster, Doug Anderson, Bob Taggart

**6TH PLACE**

Jerry Coe, Earl Pampeyan, Chuck Huff

**HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH**

1<sup>st</sup> - Tim Eastham: 527

2<sup>nd</sup> - Earl Pampeyan: 460

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jeff Grundy: 457

**HIGH GAME - SCRATCH**

1<sup>st</sup> - Doug Anderson: 195

2<sup>nd</sup> - Bob Taggart: 192

3<sup>rd</sup> - Hal Knowlton: 161

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**

1<sup>st</sup> - Alan Gaudie: 642

2<sup>nd</sup> - Jerry Coe: 623

3<sup>rd</sup> - Ptah Bennett: 587

**HIGH HANDICAP GAME**

1<sup>st</sup> - Jerry Ososkie: 238

2<sup>nd</sup> - Bill Finkemeier: 227

3<sup>rd</sup> - Roy Robinson: 215

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**  
**2nd Thursday, October 11,**  
**11:00 a.m. Wives and guests**  
**are welcome. RAIN CANCELS,**  
**HELMET REQUIRED.**

**Location: Coyote Hills/ Alameda Creek -- Niles/Fremont**

**The 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 downtown Niles. The route is flat and approximately 9 miles each way, with an optional loop giving a scenic view of the bay that adds about one mile (a total ride of 19 miles).

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**Directions:** Take Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge and go past the toll booth to the first exit, which is Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch road. Turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park 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 where you can park.

**If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jerry Butler as per above, or Karl Reseck, 650-941-8837, karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org.**

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**Dear Sons In Retirement,**

Neil Daniels passed away this spring.

Sorry to be so late in getting this to you, but I did want to make sure it went out in SIR5 news. He very much enjoyed the last years with SIR5 .

Sincerely,  
Annamarie Daniels

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