

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

Our August luncheon speaker was Jeanne Smith, who gave us a reason to review our personal estate plans to make sure we don't burden our heirs with unnecessary problems in the settlement of our affairs. Her suggestions were well received and prompted many questions.

The membership was also able to witness the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to Les Spring for his outstanding record of volunteering his time and talent to the operation of SIRs Branch 5 over the past twenty years. Les continues to contribute each month by editing and producing this Bulletin. The presentation was made by SIRs State President Jim Stedman, with Regional Vice President George Kranen in attendance. Congratulations, Les.

The 2013 Slate of Officers for Branch 5 was presented:

**Big SIR:** Al Stratz

**Little SIR:** Art Schmid

**Secretary:** Volunteer Needed

**Asst. Secretary:** Howard Trudeau

**Treasurer:** Pete LoPresto

**Asst. Treasurer:** Art Kraemer

**Director:** Ken Liddicoat

**Director:** Fred Van Kirk

Will you volunteer to be Secretary?

The September 26th speaker is Andy Doty, who will inform with his WWII experiences as a B-29 tail-gunner in the War with Japan. He and his crew were forced to bail out over the Pacific Ocean, near the end of the war, losing three of eleven crew members. I've read his book "Backwards into Battle". It should be an interesting program.

Branch 5 needs new members. We only have 70. active members Please

bring a friend to lunch.

See you on the 26th.

*Al Stratz*

Big Sir

### **Lunch., Sept. 26**

**Salads:** Spinach with  
Mushroom & Egg

Caesar Tomatoes Vinai-  
grette

**Entrees:** Chicken Saute  
Sec, Meat Loaf with  
Mushroom Sauce.

**Dessert:** Sherbert.

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## **SPEAKER**

Our September 26 meeting speaker will be Andy Doty, Stanford Director of Community Relations, Emeritus. Andy retired from Stanford in 1993 and published a book in 1997 about his experience as a B-29 tail gunner on 21 missions over Japan in World War II. His talk is drawn from those experiences and has been favorably received by many bay area groups. It deals with a generation of young men who took up arms without hesitation to avenge a wrong, set the world right, and insure a better future.

The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce named Andy the city's "outstanding professional" in 1989 and Avenidas of Palo Alto cited him for "A Lifetime of Achievement" award in 1995. Andy and his wife live in a retirement community in Palo Alto.

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## **SIR Happenings**

The Summer 2012 edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

President Stedman's front page article reviews our membership goals and ends with this thought: "Please take full advantage of your SIR membership, be a participant, invite your friends to join and enjoy retirement more."

The SIR website has borrowed the travel page from "SIR Happenings" and you may click here to see the new link.

[http://sirinc.org/new\\_site/travel.html](http://sirinc.org/new_site/travel.html)

and then click on "Click to see a sample of SIR trips being planned"

I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition.

*Don MacGregor*

Editor, SIR Happenings

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## **Attendance Report**

No Data Received... :-(

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## **Membership**

No changes

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## **Roster Changes**

No changes

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## **Sept. Birthdays**

Ken Christie 9/3  
Adel Nazzal 9/22  
Donald Drews 9/23

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

**SIR BRANCH 5  
August 22, 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, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Art Kraemer-Assistant Treasurer, Ken Liddicoat- Director, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Al Stratz-Big Sir, John Geibel-Assistant Secretary, Howard Trudeau-Past Big Sir, and Arthur Schmid-Secretary.

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

3. Big SIR Report-Al Stratz. The FORM 27 Branch Membership report was presented, showing June meeting attendance of 39 members, representing 56% of our membership. We also had one guest and one visitor

4. Howard Trudeau reported on the July 25 BBQ. Expenses were: Prizes \$85.43 and Meals: \$1298.50, for a total of \$1383.93. Income was 53X\$25= \$1325. Net cost to our branch was \$58.93. The approved budget was \$150.00, so the results were excellent.

We will discuss the Holiday party next month.

5. The proposed slate of officers for our branch was presented. The slate is as follows: Big SIR-Al Stratz, Little SIR-Art Schmid, Treasurer-Pete Lo-Presto, Assistant Treasurer-Art Kraemer, Secretary-(a volunteer is needed), Assistant Secretary-Howard Trudeau, Director-Ken Liddicoat, and Director-Fred Van Kirk.

It was moved that this slate of officers be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried

6 Secretary's Report-Art Schmid. The Secretary has been asked to submit a completed SIR FORM 20 to the Branch Executive Committee by August 25. This has now been done and is accepted. The Form simply asks for

Branch meeting information, Branch officer information, plus contact information for Travel, Bulletin and Webmaster personnel.

7. Treasurer's Report-Don Harryman. The Form 28 Monthly Cash report was given and is on file. For the month, the beginning cash balance was \$4310.49 and the ending cash balance was \$4200.23.

8. Membership Report-Paul Butler. We presently have 70 Active and one Inactive member. Member Neal Daniels has passed away. Our current mailing consists of 56 by e-mail and 15 by conventional mail. Four members have not yet paid their annual dues. The full report is on file

9. George Kranen, director of Region 5 which contains 5 branches, visited today. There will be an officer training meeting in October. The Area 16 governor's job is presently vacant.

10. Art Kraemer sent a get-well card to our member Ed Schwabecher, and a sympathy card to the family of former member Neil Daniels who passed away recently.

11. Our speaker today will be Jeanne K. Smith who is an estate organization expert. Her firm of Exit Stage Right, LLC works with families in crisis, downsizing and clutter control. Her work has been featured in the AARP Magazine and the Wall Street Journal.

12. Newer member Dave Sperry expressed an interest in forming a tennis group if sufficient interest is shown.

13. Ed Nazal would like to receive information on upcoming speakers when available so that they can be listed on our web page.

14. Our September speaker is to be Andrew Doty who served in World War 2 as an aircraft tail gunner. This promises to be quite interesting.

We are looking for speakers for October and beyond, so suggestions are being sought

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Arthur Schmid*  
Secretary

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**GOLF**

**Sunnyvale Golf Course**

**8-2**

Norm Nazzal	87 net 65
Art Kraemer	86 net 66
Jiries Nazzal	96 net 68 CTTP
Jere Austin	101 net 69
Azmi Habib	110 net 74
Stan Kazul	107 net 76 CTTP

**Shoreline Golf**

**8-16**

Jim Stevens	88 net 59 CTTP
Ed Nazzal	89 net 65
Wayne Richter	103 net 66 CTTP
Jiries Nazzal	100 net 71
Jim Swanson	96 net 72
Azmi Habib	113 net 76

**Los Lagos Golf**

**8-23**

Ed Nazzal	87 net 64
Jim Stevens	92 net 65
Norm Nazzal	87 net 66
Jiries Nazzal	95 net 68 CTTP
Greg Kemist	85 net 70
Howard Trudeau	102 net 71 CTTP

**Moffett Field Golf**

**8-30**

Azmi Habib	107 net 70
Fred Van Kirk	114 net 77
Wayne Richter	114 net 77
Jim Stevens	102 net 74
Ed Nazzal	98 net 75
Gary Hornberger	95 net 76
Jere Austin	113 net 81 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:

Topic: Frugal Computing - The Use of the Tools for Windows Already Provided or Available Free

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**Speaker:** Stan Hutchings

Stan, a retired Lockheed Martin Rocket Scientist, has been working and playing with computers since the TRS-80.

He will demonstrate **MS Moviemaker**, **Google Docs** (as a free replacement for Microsoft Office), **Freemake Video Converter**, **Windows Photo Gallery**, and **Irfanview**.

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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.

**Avoid the airport hassle by taking a SIR cruise from San Francisco in 2013.** Treat your spouse or significant other to one of the following three SIR cruises sailing from San Francisco in 2013.

**March 31 - April 10, 2013 - Mexican Riviera Cruise** - Roundtrip from San Francisco aboard the Grand Princess. This eleven day cruise starts and ends in San Francisco. Ports of call include Catalina Island, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas and San Diego. Costs range from \$1470 to \$1898 per person, double occupancy and include home pickup, all taxes and fees, all tipping for drivers and porters, all shipboard meals and entertainment, pre-trip orientation, cocktail party and a bottle of wine. Only a \$100 trip deposit is required and an on-board credit of \$100 is available for retired military. Contact escorts Rollo Parsons 1-408-268-5245 or Brian Serpa 1-408-227-7658.

**April 10 - 25, 2013 - Hawaiian Islands Cruise** - Roundtrip from San Francisco aboard the Grand Princess. This 15-day cruise starts and ends in San Francisco. Cruise through the Golden Gate to and from sunny Hawaii with stops at Honolulu (Oahu), Nawiliwili (Kauai), Lahaina (Maui), Hilo (Hawaii) and Ensenada (Mexico). Included are transportation to and from the pier from The Villages and

the Capitol Light Rail station, a complementary bottle of wine, port taxes, Travel Guard Group Protection Plan and porter tips. The price ranges from \$2400 to \$3880 per person, double occupancy. Contact escorts, Bill Rodman 1-408-274-4521 or Hank Clark 1-408-223-6466.

**August 28 - September 7, 2013 - State SIR 55th Anniversary Cruise.** Join fellow Sirs on the State SIR 55th Anniversary Trip. This celebration will be a ten-day Golden Age Cruise aboard the Grand Princess from San Francisco to Alaska via the Inland Passage. Ports of call include Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, and Victoria, B.C., with an exclusive SIR gold panning adventure and salmon bake in Juneau. Prices will range from \$1579 to \$3300 per person, double occupancy and include shipboard gratuities, shipboard credit, a cocktail party, transportation to and from the pier, wine, gifts, and the Alaska Salmon Bake Excursion. For information, contact Ed Pausa 1-650-324-0322 or Walter Weber 1-408-371-8925.

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

Co-Chairmen: Bob Tagart  
[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 BOWLERS:**

The final results of the Spring/ Summer league are listed below. The Fall/Winter league started on August 28th and we have immediate openings for bowlers of any level. We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads - in Cupertino.

Plan to join us next Tuesday - play starts at 1:00 PM. For only \$12 for you

receive: 3 games, free bowling balls, bowling shoes and coffee. Plus, a 10% discount on food. They, arguably, have the BEST cheeseburger in the county and it is a mere \$4.50, including tax.

Call either Bob or Doug if you have any questions..

### **FINAL TEAM STANDINGS**

#### **1ST PLACE**

Ptah Bennett, Doug Anderson, Chuck Huff

#### **2nd PLACE**

Roger Anderson, Jerry Ososkie, Tim Eastham

#### **3RD PLACE**

Bill Finkemeier, Arnie Satterlee, Fred Schwalbach

#### **4th PLACE**

Bill Webster, Alan Gaudie, Earl Pampeyan

#### **5TH PLACE**

Harold Kaye, Jeff Grundy, Hal Knowlton

#### **6TH PLACE**

Jerry Coe, Roy Robinson, Bob Taggart

#### **HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH**

1<sup>st</sup> - Tim Eastham: 630

2<sup>nd</sup> - Chuck Huff: 550

3<sup>rd</sup> - Hal Knowlton: 514

#### **HIGH GAME - SCRATCH**

1<sup>st</sup> - Bob Taggart: 217

2<sup>nd</sup> - Jerry Ososkie: 215

3<sup>rd</sup> - Alan Gaudie: 192

#### **HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**

1<sup>st</sup> - Roy Robinson: 700

2<sup>nd</sup> - Doug Anderson: 683

3<sup>rd</sup> - Bill Webster: 652

#### **HIGH HANDICAP GAME**

1<sup>st</sup> - Arnie Satterlee: 266

2<sup>nd</sup> - Fred Schwalbach: 256

3<sup>rd</sup> - Bill Finkemeier: 248

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## Biking

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**

2nd Thursday, September 13, 11:00 a.m.

Wives and guests are welcome. RAIN CANCELS, HELMET REQUIRED.

**Location: Los Gatos Creek Trail.**

**The Ride:** We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles, from Blackford School to the

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town of Los Gatos, where we will stop for lunch. Then will ride back for a total of 15 miles.

**Directions:** Go South on I-280, past Highway 17, to Meridian (South); turn right. Go to Willow Street (the third stoplight); turn right. Take Willow St. until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.

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

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### General Info

If you are in a vehicle accident you know that you should exchange information with the other driver(s) in or witnessing the accident. What information do you provide? You think you know because you have been driving for many years. In this age of identity

theft what if the accident was staged with the intent of getting your personal information? Now, what information do you provide, what do you not provide and what else should you do?

The Washington Post has published an interesting article (at the link) addressing these questions. Additionally, if you have a smartphone there is an application called WreckCheck that will walk you through what to do and what pictures to take with your phone camera. Here is the link:

**[http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/the-color-of-money-what-information-to-share-after-an-auto-accident/2012/08/14/ea635822-e645-11e1-936a-b801f1abab19\\_story.html?wpisrc=nl\\_headlines\\_nonlocal](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/the-color-of-money-what-information-to-share-after-an-auto-accident/2012/08/14/ea635822-e645-11e1-936a-b801f1abab19_story.html?wpisrc=nl_headlines_nonlocal)**

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Area 16 Governor: -TBD-

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