

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

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We were honored at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and luncheon by the presence of Region 5 Director, George Kranen, who advised us of a vacancy at the SIRs State level administration in the office of Area 16 Governor. The candidate for this position must have been a past Big Sir. If you are interested in being the new Governor, we would be pleased to recommend you to George and his committee.

The March 27<sup>th</sup> speaker was Martha Kendall, who entertained us with stories about the life of Stephen Foster, America's first professional composer. She also sang some of his songs, while playing the banjo and guitar. Martha received a standing ovation by everyone in attendance.

Our Web Master Ed Nazal reminded us that we should update our website by posting a picture of

Branch 5 officers for 2013. We can take this photo at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, if all officers can be in attendance. Please note the date on your calendar.

We inducted two new members at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting: Roy Dreisbach and Geoff Thompson, sponsored

### **Lunch, April 24**

**Salads:** Mixed Greens  
Caesar  
Red Potato and Dill  
Pasta Primavera

**Entrees:**  
Breast of Chicken, Herb Butter  
Sauce  
Beef Stroganoff

**Dessert:**  
Ice Cream

by Howard Trudeau and Jack Raymond, respectively. Welcome to SIRs! Our branch now has 70 active members.

Our April 24<sup>th</sup> speaker is Michael Hemp, who will tell us interesting stories about Cannery Row in

Monterey – more details in nearby column.

There are still twenty members who have not paid their annual \$25.00 fee for 2013. Please send your check to Pete LoPresto, 1384 Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Bring a friend to lunch and join us April 24<sup>th</sup> at Michaels.

Big SIR *Al Stratz*

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## **SPEAKER**

A Cannery Row historian and Consultant. Michael Hemp, our guest speaker, will provide insight into "THE CANNERY ROW YOU MAY NOT KNOW".

An amble through some of the lesser known highlights of history and Steinbeck's world-famous fiction of it. From his book, "CANNERY ROW, The History of John Steinbeck's Old Ocean View Avenue.

Michael will put some meat on the bones of a ma-

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major tourist attraction on the Monterey Peninsula and a significant early contributor to the economic development of the whole area. Michael will also share tidbits of his experiences as a researcher, writer, photographer and author.

Michael is a UC Berkeley grad in International Relations/Political Science. He served as a Captain in the USAF as a Special Intelligence Briefing Officer to three Commanders (Nazarro, Compton, Holloway) of the Strategic Air Command. He is also a veteran of Special Operations in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam

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**Attendance Report**

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**Roster Changes**

Please send any corrections to the 2013 Roster to htrudeau@aol.com. The 2013 Roster was distributed at the January 23 Luncheon. If you do not have one, they will continue to be available at future lunches.

**New Members to add:**  
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**Thompson, Geoffrey O.**  
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**Change**  
 Inside Front Cover:  
**June 26 meeting changed to June 19**

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**April Birthdays**

4/6 David Sperry  
 4/8 Kenneth Liddicoat

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

3/17/13

No Data Received

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**GOLF**

**Sunnyvale golf course**  
**3-7-2013**

Ed Nazzal 95 net 72  
 Greg Kemist 88 net 73  
 CTPP, CTPP  
 Jim Stevens 101 net 75

**Santa Clara golf course**  
**3-14-2013**

Art Kraemer 92 net 71  
 Norman Nazzal 93 net 71  
 CTPP  
 Greg Kemist 87 net 72  
 Ed Nazzal 95 net 72  
 Jim Stevens 107 net 81  
 CTPP

Howard Trudeau 96 net 65  
 Jiries Nazzal 94 net 67  
 Azmi Habib 106 net 69

**Shoreline Golf course**  
**3-21-2013**

Ed Nazzal 89 net 65  
 Jim Stevens 96 net 68  
 Greg Kemist 84 net 69 CTPP  
 Jere Austin 104 net 73  
 Jiries Nazzal 101 net 74 CTPP

**Los Lagos Golf course**  
**3-28-2013**

Gary Hornberger 89 net 67  
 Jere Austin 96 net 67 CTPP  
 Greg Kemist 82 net 68 CTPP  
 Jim Stevens 103 net 77

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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:

**April 10th:** SPAUG experts answer questions from the floor and submitted in advance  
 JIM DINKEY (493-9307)

**MACINTOSH USERS**  
**Skip Ross 541-857-6224**  
[waross\(at\)closereach.com](mailto:waross(at)closereach.com)

Contact Skip Ross to join this e-mail group where SIR members

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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**

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. Samples are:

**May 3, 2013**  **Horse Races at Golden Gate Fields**

(Br 32 & 54) Escorts John Pletsch (408-274-2992) and Mike Console (408-246-1080) are doing a one day trip to Golden Gate Fields the day before the Kentucky Derby. You can bet on the Derby that day as well as races at Golden Gate Fields and other Race Tracks. Pick-up will be at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the Park & Ride South Lot area "G" off of Capitol Expressway at Highway 87. Cost: \$90 includes Motor Coach Transportation, a great Buffett luncheon, indoor Club House seating, and Driver tip. Betting is on your own, but if you don't bet, you can't win!! Call John Pletsch or Mike

Console to reserve a spot. Make checks out to ALAMO TOURS & TRAVEL. Mail checks to: John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave., San Jose, CA 95121

**December 4, 2013**  
**Beach Blanket Babylon**

(Br 141) Escorts Brian Serpa (408-227-7658) and Rollo Parsons (408-268-5245). Beach Blanket Babylon is the longest running musical revue in theater history. It's a zany spoof of pop culture and politics, highlighted by extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats. After the show (where we have center and side box seats), dinner with wine is hosted at nearby Capp's Restaurant—great food and service.

We'll arrive early enough in San Francisco for Christmas sightseeing and shopping. Trip also includes deluxe motor coach transportation and dinner and driver gratuities. Price: \$178 per person. Please send your application and check payable to "Cruise Adventures Unlimited Trust Account" to Brian Serpa, 6091 Pietz Court, San Jose, CA 95123. This one sells out so make your reservations early. Brochure available.

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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35,**

**& 51**  
 EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
SUNNYVALE.

**Co-Chairmen:**  
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 Doug Andeson

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415-407-4000 **Prizes:** Roy Robinson

Two-thirds of the Winter/Spring league has been completed and the first-place team has a commanding 9-point lead. Many position changes are expected in the next few weeks, with only 7 points separating the second and last place teams. Four-point sweeps each week are not uncommon. New bowlers are welcome to start on any Tuesday. With the 'handicap system', everyone has the opportunity to be a winner. We bowl at 1:00 PM. Call either Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

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**Biking**

Jerry Butler – (650) 494-8078  
 GXB366@aol.com  
 2nd Thursday—April 11, 2013, 11:00 AM  
 Wives and guests 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 for lunch, and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

**Directions:** Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/ Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate 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, as per above, or Karl Reseck at (650)941-8837, karlreseck@stanfordalumni.org

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