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Big SIR sez:

The speaker scheduled for our November 20th luncheon notified us on November 19th that he was ill and unavailable. After many calls to prospects, we were able to contact Ron Freund, who gave an excellent talk on the current state of electric vehicles. Ron was very entertaining and informative. We expect to reschedule Rick Deutsch in the New Year to talk about the Great Wall of China.

SIR Membership Dues for 2014 are being accepted in December. Please send \$25 check, payable to SIRs Branch 5, to Pete LoPresto, or pay at December luncheon.

The annual Holiday Luncheon is Wednesday, December 11th. Reservations can still be made by calling Fred Van-Kirk 650-948-7435. Menu information is included in this Bulletin. Don't miss

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE SIR BRANCH 5 HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 11, 2013

**SOCIAL TIME 11:30 AM
LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM**

GUESTS AND SPOUSES INVITED

**CHOICE OF FOUR ENTREES –
PLEASE SELECT ONE AT
SIGN UP**

1. ROAST BEEF, ENGLISH CUT, AU JUS
2. BREAST OF CHICKEN, PORTOBELLO
3. BROILED SALMON, LEMON BEURRE BLANC
4. WILD MUSHROOM CREPES (VEGETARIAN)

Lunches Include Seasonal Greens, Vegetables, Potato Du Jour, French Rolls and Vanilla Ice Cream With Creme De Menthe Sauce

RAFFLE PRIZES

\$30.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR

**SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 4TH
BY PHONE OR EMAIL:**

FRED VAN KIRK (650) 948-7435
fnvk@sbcglobal.net or
GARY HORNBERGER (408) 264-5029
ghornberger@earthlink.net

this popular party.

We are pleased to have Gary Schlossberg, Wells Fargo Management, as our speaker on January 22, 2014. He will be discussing economic issues for the

coming year.

See you all on December 11.

Big SIR
Al Stratz

2014 Dues Due

You may pay your \$25.00 dues at the December lunch or mail to Pete LoPresto, 1384 Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Make checks out to SIR Branch 5.

SPEAKER

Holiday party.. No speaker

Attendance Report

NOVEMBER 2013
BRANCH #5

43 MEMBERS
2 GUESTS
1 SPEAKER

46 TOTAL

Our attendance of 43 members represents 61% of

our total membership.

This is the final attendance report for 2013.

This year represents the largest number of members with perfect attendance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FIFTEEN. WE WILL RECOGNIZE THEM AT OUR JANUARY 2014 MEETING.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane Stauffer
Attendance Chairman

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**Membership**

No changes

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Roster Changes

None

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**December Birthdays**

- 6 Bernard Meseth
- 11 Robert Carter
- 14 Jere Austin
- 23 John Raymond
- 28 Robert Hertz.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board
November 20, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM. A quorum of BEC board members was present. In attendance were Al Stratz, Big SIR; Art Schmid, Little SIR; Pete LoPresto, Treasurer; Art Kraemer, Assistant Treasurer; Fred Van Kirk, Director; Ken Liddicoat, Director; Duane Stauffer, Attendance; Greg Kemist, Director; Howard Trudeau, Assistant Secretary; and Paul Krug, Secretary.

The minutes of the June 19 meeting were approved as written.

A substitute speaker will discuss the electric automobile through 2013.

The January speaker will be an economist from Capital Management of San Francisco.

Total income for the year is \$1652.50. Last month we had three freebees. Year to date profit is \$210.97. The Branch will break even for the year. We are ending the year with three nonpaid members.

As of now we will recognize that we are paying dues, not making a voluntary contribution. Either pay the \$25.00 dues at the December lunch or mail to Pete LoPresto.

Make checks out to SIR Branch 5.

A motion to tip \$100 to each of the two waiters, for a total of \$200 was approved.

Membership Report: Membership has neither increased nor decreased for the month. There are 70 active members and one inactive member. There was discussion on approaches to increase attendance.

Seventeen members have perfect attendance for the year and recognition for perfect attendance was discussed. There is the Art Gardner award for long term perfect attendance.

Paid up attendance is 69.

Paul Butler was absent because of his wife's illness. The Branch will send a card to Paul for his wife Jacque.

The Holiday Lunch will be held on December 11, and will have four menu selections; roast beef, salmon, Portobello chicken, and vegetarian. The lunch price is \$30.00. Signup for the Holiday Luncheon is at today's meeting.

New officer's pins were passed out for 2014, including the pin for the ex-Big SIR.

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A motion to approve the 2014 calendar was approved by unanimous vote.

Al Stratz was thanked for his good service as Big SIR.

The call for adjournment was approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Paul Krug

Branch 5 Secretary

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**GOLF**

**Sunnyvale Golf Course**

**11-4-13**

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Ed Nazzal     | 91 net 69   |
| Jim Stevens   | 103 net 78  |
| CTTP, CTPP    |             |
| Jiries Nazzal | 116 net 89  |
| Fred Van Kirk | 136 net 100 |

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**Santa Clara Golf and Tennis**

**11-14-13**

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|---------------|------------|
| Greg Kemist   | 83 net 68  |
| CTTP, CTPP    |            |
| Ed Nazzal     | 92 net 70  |
| Naim Nazzal   | 93 net 71  |
| Jiries Nazzal | 101 net 73 |
| Jim Stevens   | 101 net 75 |
| Azmi Habib    | 116 net 79 |

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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/, which includes travel news from other branches .

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**MACINTOSH USERS**

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Contact Skip Ross 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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Bowling BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51

EVERY TUESDAY,
HOMESTEAD LANES,
HOMESTEAD AND
STELLING,
SUNNYVALE.

No Data Received

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**Biking**

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

No ride this month

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