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Big SIR sez:

Our Holiday Party on December 12th was a big success with 52 members and guests in attendance. Howard and Sue Trudeau produced another delicious meal, excellent program with Music by The Geezers and attractive raffle prizes for almost everyone. Thank you both.

Our speaker for the January 23rd luncheon is described in a nearby column. Mr. David Zhang promises a very interesting talk about China. The cost for lunch will now be \$22. This is the first increase from Michaels in the four years we've been at this location. We hope the \$2 increase is agreeable to all members.

One of our goals for the New Year is to increase membership. Please help by bringing a guest to the January luncheon.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2013.

Big SIR *Al Stratz*

SPEAKER



Lunch, January 23

Salads: Mixed Greens
Pasta Primavera
Red Potato & Dill
Caesar

Entree: Meat Loaf with
Mushroom Sauce
Chicken Saute Sec

Dessert Chef's Choice

On current world issues, particularly about China. Mr. Zhang frequently appears on NTDTV's news chat program and serves as the Mandarin news anchor on multi-cultural channel 32.

In addition to his public involvement, Mr. Zhang has a Masters degree in accounting from Brigham Young University, and has been a mainframe software engineer of IBM Corp for 13 years. Mr. Zhang is an avid world traveler, a US patent holder and a writer. He current-

ly resides in San Jose with his wife and daughter.

About the Presentation

Many people in the west have long been interested in China. This is true today more than ever before. The ethical values and principles derived from traditional Chinese culture helped create 5-thousand years of splendor in Chinese history. Unfortunately this rich tradition was interrupted by the communist regime. With the present state of the world, understanding the true China has never been more important. Titles "Shen Yun--The Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture and its Global Impact", the presentation has been given to over 50 Rotary clubs and some Kiwanis clubs in Bay Area since May 2011. Audience members told us that the presentation was "inspiring", "heart-touching", "thought-provoking", "informational", "fresh", and "entertaining".

Attendance Report

No Data From Ladies' Day Luncheon

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Membership

No Data From No Meeting

Roster Changes

No Data From No Meeting

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**Birthdays**

- 1/13 Jim Loos
- 1/25 Paul Camenzind
- 1/20 Emmett Hearn
- 1/26 Paul Butler

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

No Meeting : Ladies' Day Luncheon

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**GOLF**

Santa Clara golf course  
Dec 13

- Jere Austin           105 net 74 CTPP
- Jim Stevens         102 net 74 CTPP
- Greg Kemist         90 net 76
- Gary Horn berger 96 net 76

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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:
- (Note: SPAUG speakers also speak to COMPUSIR)

*Commemorating
SPAUG's 30th
Anniversary*

*Featured Speaker:
Hank Skawinski*



SPAUG is one of the few computer clubs that have or will achieve a 30th anniversary. That's only a few months short of the lifetime of the PC itself. One indication of a successful computer club is the quality of speakers it regularly attracts. Our featured 30th-Anniversary speaker is Hank Skawinski, a perennial SPAUG favorite. If you've heard him, you know he's good. If you haven't heard him, trust us—he's good. Hank will talk about what he wants to talk about—knowledgably and in detail. It's likely to be about the latest things he's learned, and be based on his day-to-day experience dealing with the problems of maintaining, building, and using computers and related devices. He'll likely have something to say about Microsoft, about Linux, about some new product that's grabbed his fancy, and about something that's peeved him that shouldn't have. Hank builds computers and maintains hundreds of computers for places where performance is critical. He's the über-guru to SPAUG's gurus. He's smart, knowledgeable, informative, and entertaining. Have a computer problem or question? Present it to Hank at this meeting.

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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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**Start 2013 off right by taking advantage of any of these three, highly recommended trips.**

**July 10-28, 2013 - Baltic Cruise: London to St Petersburg and back.** Fly to London and transfer to Southampton to board the Crown Princess for a 14-day cruise of the North and Baltic Seas, with calls at Oslo, Norway, Gothenburg, Sweden, Tallinn, Estonia, and two days at St. Petersburg, plus Helsinki, Stockholm, and Brussels; returning to Southampton for transfer to your flight home. The cost per person double occupancy, not including air fare, will range from \$3950 to \$5445. Contact escorts Jim Hohenshelt 1-408-394-7226 or 1-408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 1-408-735-8765.

**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 Princess Cruises' 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

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\$1579 to \$3300 per person double occupancy and include transportation to and from the pier and the Alaska Salmon Bake Excursion. Contact Branch 35 travel committee chairman Ed Pausa 1-650-324-0322 or Walter Weber 1-408-371-8925.

**September 7, 2013 - America's Cup Finals.** Watching America's Cup races in San Francisco Bay may be a once in a lifetime experience. Board the Bay Celebration motor launch in Jack London Square for a cruise to the boundary of the race course and watch the Oracle Team defend the Cup against the winner of the Challenge Elimination series. The cost will be approximately \$160 per person plus a possible extra charge to be determined by the America's Cup organization. The cruise includes round trip transportation and a catered lunch.

Contact escorts Jim Hohenshelt 1-408-394-7226 or 1-408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 1-408-735-8765. For more information on other SIR travel events see our Travel Bulletin available on the Branch 35 website: <http://www.closereach.com/sir/newsletters/travel1301.pdf>

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

Co-Chairmen: Bob Taggart

chtaggart@earthlink.net 650-321-2654 Prizes: Roy Robinson Doug Anderson mark-tintl@aol.com 415-407-4000 We finished the Fall/Winter league on December 11th and there were changes in some team positions on the final day. While the first place won by a comfortable 6-1/2 games, there were only 1-1/2 games separating second through fourth places. We are taking a break for the holidays, then starting the Winter/Spring league on January 8th. This is the perfect time for new bowlers - of any level - to join us. With the 'handicap system', anyone and everyone has the opportunity to be a winner. We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads - in Cupertino. Call either Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

FINAL STANDINGS

1ST PLACE

Alan Gaudie, Fred Schwalbach

2nd PLACE

Ptah Bennett, Bill Finkemeier, Tim Eastham

3RD PLACE

Bill Webster, Doug Anderson, Bob Taggart

4TH PLACE

Arnie Satterlee, Roy Robinson, Hal Knowlton

5TH PLACE

Harold Kaye, Jeff Grundy, Jerry Ososkie

6TH PLACE

Jerry Coe, Earl Pampeyan, Chuck Huff

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

1st - Tim Eastham: 582
 2nd - Chuck Huff: 542

3rd - Fred Schwalbach: 524
HIGH GAME - SCRATCH
 1st - Bob Taggart: 231
 2nd - Jeff Grundy: 215
 3rd - Roy Robinson: 200
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES
 1st - Harold Kaye: 699
 2nd -Tie - Earl Pampeyan: 674
 2nd -Tie - Hal Knowlton
HIGH HANDICAP GAME
 1st - Bill Webster: 275
 2nd - Doug Anderson: 247
 3rd - Arnie Satterlee: 241

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**

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**2nd Thursday, January 10, 11:00 a.m. Wives and guests are welcome. RAIN CANCELS, HELMET REQUIRED.**

**Location: Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)**

**Ride:** We will ride a flat 14-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond near the Palo Alto Airport (a total ride of 19 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

**Directions:** Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path located at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. To get there from Palo Alto, go south on El Camino and turn right on Grant Rd. Turn left on the first street past the 3rd traffic signal, which is Sleeper Ave. Go 8 blocks to a small park at the end of Sleeper Ave. and park your car along the curb.

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

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HIKING

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4th Friday, January 25. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Wives & Guests are welcome. Rain on hike day cancels the hike.

Location: Skyline To The Sea Trail, Santa Cruz County - Meet at the Saratoga Gap Vista Point parking lot at the intersection of Hwy. 9 and Hwy. 35 (Skyline Boulevard).

Directions: Go to the town of Saratoga, take Hwy. 9 up to its intersection with Skyline Boulevard (Hwy. 35) and turn left into the Vista Point parking lot. Driving time will be about 35 minutes from your house.

Hike: We will hike part of the "Skyline to the Sea Trail" from Saratoga Gap To Waterman Gap at the intersection of Hwy. 9 and Hwy. 236. This is a one-way hike of about 6.3 miles long with an elevation loss of 1,200 ft. The hike will go through a redwood and oak forest along the Skyline to the Sea Trail, which follows Hwy. 9. Lunch will be at the Waterman Gap Trail Camp. Please try to ride-share because we will shuttle all hikers back to the Saratoga Gap parking lot at the end of the hike. Bathrooms are available 1- 3/4 miles into the hike and at the end of the hike at the trail camp.

Lunch: Bring a lunch or snack and water.

Fees: None required.

Caution: Wear layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Hiking boots are recommended.

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