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Big SIR sez:

Our February 27th meeting speaker, Ellen Corman, Stanford University Medical Center Trauma Service, gave an excellent presentation describing conditions in our homes that could lead to falls and injuries, and how to avoid them. Falls in the home are the major cause of death among seniors.

Our March 27th meeting speaker will be Martha Kendall, who will entertain us with a story of the life of Steven Foster, America's first professional song writer. Martha may be remembered for her presentation for us on the Erie Canal in 2011. Her bio and program description appear in a nearby column. It should be an excellent program. Plan on attending.

Annual donations have slowed to a crawl – only half of the active members have contributed for 2013. Send your \$25 to Treasurer Pete LoPresto: 1384 Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale 94087 or bring check to March 27th luncheon. This donation is the only source of revenue to operate Branch 5.

There were three guests in attendance at the February 27th luncheon, thanks to Greg Kemist, Jack Raymond and Howard Trudeau. Let's hope this is the start of a trend that will increase our membership by at least 10% for the year. We need seven new members to meet our goal and maintain our membership at 68. I hope we will have three or more guests on a regular basis – please help out.

Don't forget the date for the June luncheon is June 19 not June 26.

Fred Van Kirk is taking ticket orders for the Giants-Milwaukee Braves baseball game on Thursday, August 8, SIR

Day at the Giants. Fred's phone is 650-948-7435.

Big SIR *Al Stratz*

SPEAKER

Doo-Dah!

From "Camptown Races" to "Hard Times" and "Oh Susanna," the tunes written by Stephen Foster defined the American character for more than a hundred years. In her presentation, Martha Kendall performs some of

Lunch, 3/27

- Salads: Mixed Greens,
Spinach with Mushroom and Egg.
Caesar
Mediterranean 3 Bean
- Entrees: Crab and Shrimp
Canneloni
Rosemary Chicken
- Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

Foster's most beloved music and tells the poignant story of the life of America's first professional songwriter.

Martha Kendall is a singer and multi-instrumentalist. She performs on Joe Weed's record "Swanee, The Music of Stephen Foster." Whether she's playing cello in classical string ensembles, fiddling in a country band or singing swing tunes, her love of music shines through. Her program "Doo-Dah!" has been called "both informative and entertaining," and attendees remark that she brings alive the music of their childhood.

Many people who know Martha as a musician are delighted to discover she is also an accomplished

academic. She holds a B.A. (Phi Beta Kappa) in English and Spanish from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in English from Stanford, and an M.A. in Social Science from San Jose State University. She taught for many years at San Jose City College and retired in 2009 as Dean of Language Arts. She has written twenty books ranging from college texts to picture books for children. She grew up in Rochester, New York, but now makes her home in northern California.

Attendance Report

FEBRUARY 27, 2013 MEETING

44 MEMBERS
2 SPEAKERS
3 GUESTS

49 TOTAL

ATTENDANCE OF 44 MEMBERS REPRESENTS 65% OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 68

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

DUANE STAUFFER
ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN

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SIR HAPPENINGS

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

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

President Dettmer's front page article reviews our membership goals.

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Membership

None

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# Roster Changes

NONE

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Birthdays

- 3/12 Robert Carlstead
- 3/15 Don Harryman
- 3/16 Robert Merk
- 3/31 Robert Simons
- 3/15 Pipat Temiyasathit

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# Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

February 27, 3013

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM.  
 Those in attendance were: Al Stratz – Big SIR, Ken Liddicoat – Director, Art Kraemer – Assistant Treasurer, Fred Van Kirk – Director, Paul Butler – Membership, Duane Stauffer – Attendance, Howard Trudeau – Assistant Secretary, Pete LoPresto – Treasurer, Art Schmid – Little SIR, Don Harryman – Visitor, Dan Haley – Greeter, Paul Krug – Secretary.

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

3. The SIR Officer’s Liability Statement was presented to the Executive Committee for approval and inclusion in the Executive Committee minutes as requested by Dwight Sale. The inclusion of the text in the minutes was approved. The text of the statement is as follows:  
 Pursuant to the provisions of California Corporations Code 5239, effective January 1, 2002, Branch Number 5 has received a determination made by the SIR State Insurance Committee, which reveals that the cost of obtaining Officer and Directors Liability Insurance exceeds 5% of the prior year budget. This constitutes a good faith effort to obtain such insurance and

we therefore defer to the Sections 5239, which states “There shall be no personal liability to a third party for monetary damages on the part of a volunteer director or volunteer executive officer of a nonprofit corporation subject to this part, caused by the director’s or officer’s negligent act or omission in the performance of that person’s duties as a director or officer. Therefore, it is moved, seconded and passed that Branch Number 5 cannot afford to purchase this type of liability insurance and the branch elects to be covered by the provision of Section 5239.”

- 4. Form 27 was presented by Big SIR, Al Stratz. Membership is 68. Guests attending the January meeting elected not to join.
- 5. a. Form 20 was submitted in accordance with the requirements of the SIR Leaders Guide for the change of Treasurer to Pete LoPresto and Secretary to Paul Krug. Receipt of the Form 20 was acknowledged by Dwight Sale, who sent by return email a copy of changed State records.
  - b. Hard copies of the roster were mailed to the State Roster Chairman, Dwight Sale, Region 5 Director, George Kranen, and the Big Sirs of Branches 90, 35, 51, and 16.
- 6. The new State President is Richard Dettmer and he has presented ambitious goals for SIR, which include:
  - a. Membership retention
  - b. New section formation
  - c. New membership recruitment
  - d. Full staffing of State Officers
- 7. The topic of Stanford University Medical February speaker, Ellen Gorman, was “Farewell to Falls.”
- 8. Improving membership was discussed. The importance of introducing a guest to other members, staying with him to make him comfortable, and follow up in the days following the meeting to encourage him to join were the primary topics.
- 9. a. The January Treasurer’s report was distributed showing account activity in disbursements, receipts, and current account balance.
  - b. In accordance with Article 6, Rule 227 of the SIR Manual financial records must be maintained for seven

years, which include a. Tax Returns, b. Monthly Financial Statements, c. Bank Statements, d. Check Stubs, and e. Invoices Paid. Treasurer, Pete LoPresto, requested approval to discard these records if they are greater than seven years old. This request was approved by the Executive Committee.

10. The Executive Committee received a proposed change to the free birthday lunch of giving the recipient a check for \$22. The proposed change is to give a “Good for one SIR-5 Lunch” card signed by Big Sir, which is redeemable at the next SIR meeting. A copy of the proposed card was distributed for review. The Executive Committee approved this proposed change.

11. The Committee Attendance Chairman, Duane Stauffer, report is as follows:

Member attendance at the January lunch was 68% of the active membership.

- a. 42 Members
  - b. 2 speakers
  - c. 1 guest
- Membership Report
- a. 68 active
  - b. New members – none
  - c. Resigned – none
  - d. Deceased – Howard Hushbeck

– a sympathy card sent to Howard’s wife

e. Total mailing – 50 emails and 18 USPS

12. The Christmas Luncheon report was presented, which shows total expenses of \$1,661.39 and a profit of \$13.61. It was decided to use the same entertainment, The Geezers, for next year’s Christmas Luncheon, although their price was increased from \$120 to \$200.

13. The July Barbecue will follow the same format as last year. There will be no entertainment. There will be ten \$15 door prizes and a raffle.

14. The June meeting will be June 19 instead of the fourth Wednesday.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

*Paul Krug*  
 SIR Secretary

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GOLF

Santa Clara golf course
2-14-13

Jiries Nazzal	92 net 64	CTTP
Ed Nazzal	93 net 69	
Jim Stevens	98 neat 72	CTTP
Howard Trudeau	104 net 73	
Azmi Habib	115 net 78	
Jere Austin	109 net 78	

Los Lagos golf course
2-28-13

Jere Austin	89 net 59
Greg Kemist	79 net 64
Art Kraemer	65 net 65
Naim Nazzal	91 net 70
Jiries Nazzal	99 net 72
Ed Nazzal	96 net 73
Jim Stevens	98 net 73
Howard Trudeau	106 net 76
Azmi Habib	112 net 76
Fred Van Kirk	119 net 83

Historical Note: Jere Austin, age 89, shot an 89.

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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:

There is no speaker for the March luncheon meeting of CompuSIR. However, you are invited to join in the 11:30 a.m. lunch offered by the Lodge where you can always find others discussing computer problems and solutions

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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 . Samples:

Wednesday, April 17, 2013 _The Jersey Boys_

(Br. 74) Escorts: Allen Daily (408-265-8140) and Don House (408-268-1703). We will take a deluxe coach to Pier 39 with free time for lunch and shopping, then proceed to the Curran Theatre for our reserved Loge seating for an entertaining afternoon of familiar music. The price is \$125 per person. Brochure with Application is available from Allen Daily.

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 Buffet 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.

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

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

**Co-Chairmen:** Bob Tagart [chtaggart@earthlink.net](mailto:chtaggart@earthlink.net) 650-321-2654  
Doug Andeson [marktintl@aol.com](mailto:marktintl@aol.com) 415-407-4000 **Prizes:** Roy Robinson

We have completed the 7th week of the Winter/Spring league, with only 8 points separating first and last place - a rather close spread. New bowlers are welcome to start on any Tuesday. Give it some thought, then give it a try - you will be bowling with a sterling group of men. With the 'handicap system', anyone and everyone has the opportunity to be a winner. We bowl at 1:00 PM every Tuesday at Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads - in Cupertino.

Call either Bob or Doug if you have any questions.

**STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK #7**

**1ST PLACE**

Harold Kaye, Arnie Satterlee, Tim Eastham

**2nd PLACE**

Alan Gaudie, Ron Nakamoto, Hal Knowlton

**3RD PLACE**

Bill Webster, Jeff Grundy, Earl Pampeyan

**4th PLACE - (TIE)**

Jerry Coe, Jerry Ososkie, Bob Taggart

**4th PLACE - (TIE)**

Ptah Bennett, Roy Robinson, Chuck Huff

**6TH PLACE**

Bill Finkemeier, Doug Anderson, Fred Schwalbach

**HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH**

1<sup>st</sup> - Bob Taggart: 483

2<sup>nd</sup> -Tim Eastham: 473

3<sup>rd</sup> - Alan Gaudie : 428

**HIGH GAME - SCRATCH**

1<sup>st</sup> - Ron Nakamoto: - 203

2<sup>nd</sup> - Arnie Satterlee: 161

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jeff Grundy : 155

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**

1<sup>st</sup> - Bill Finkemeier : 649

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2<sup>nd</sup> - Ptah Bennett : 627

3<sup>rd</sup> - Hal Knowlton: 593

**HIGH HANDICAP GAME**

1<sup>st</sup> - Jerry Coe: - 236

2<sup>nd</sup> - Roy Robinson: 214

3<sup>rd</sup> - Bill Webster: 203

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Biking

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

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2nd Thursday — March 14, 2013, 11:00 AM Wives and guests welcome Rain cancels; Helmet required

Coyote Hills/ Alameda Creek — Niles/Fremont

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 ride is flat and approximately 9 miles each way, with an optional loop with a

scenic view of the bay that adds about one mile (a total ride of 19 miles).

Directions: Take highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge 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; park there.

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact me, as per above, or Karl Reseck at 650-941-8837,

karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org

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