

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

The November lunch will be held on the third Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, instead of the fourth, because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Our speaker will be Rick Deutsch, whose presentation is "The Great Wall of China – An Engineering and Social Marvel". Rick is a "Cold War" Air Force Veteran, and is retired from a marketing career in Silicon Valley.

As a member of the National Speakers' Association, he gives over 40 presentations a year, ranging from adventure talks to motivational keynotes at museums, college associations, and companies.

Join us for lunch on November 20<sup>th</sup> and hear Rick's presentation.

The new officers for the year 2014 will take their oath at the November meeting. They are:

- Big Sir Art Schmid
- Little Sir Awaiting a Volunteer
- Treasurer Pete LoPresto
- Asst. Treasurer Art Kraemer
- Secretary Paul Krug
- Asst. Secretary Howard Trudeau
- Director Ken Liddicoat
- Director Fred Van Kirk
- Director (new) Gary Hornberger
- Director (new) Greg Kemist

We thank each of our officers for volunteering to lead Branch 5 through the year 2014. We would appreciate another volunteer to serve as Little Sir. Won't someone step forward to fill this vital position? That would complete our

compliment of officers.

See you at Michael's on November 20<sup>th</sup> – bring a friend.

Big SIR *Al Stratz*

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### **Lunch, November 20**

Salad; Harvest Salad with Apples and Dried Cranberries

Fruit Ambrosia

Entrees:

Roast Turkey & Stuffing  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Yams

Vegetables

Dessert: Pumpkin Pie

## **SPEAKER**

Rick Deutsch, is a "Cold War" Air Force Veteran, and is retired from a marketing career in Silicon Valley. He is an avid scuba diver, bicyclist, rafter, and hiker. He's written the only guide book to Yosemite's Half Dome and has done this strenuous hike an amazing 40 times.

As member of the National Speakers Association, he gives over 40 presentations a year ranging from adventure talks to motivational keynotes at museums, colleges, associations, and companies. He is in demand as a guest lecturer on Cruise Ships and travels extensively .

### **The Great Wall of China - An Engineering & Social Marvel**

3,000 years in the making, traversing 4,000 rugged miles, it is

one of the greatest engineering accomplishments of mankind. It is the symbol of China's history, Power, and perseverance. Qin Shihuang, the founder of China (of Terra Cotta soldier fame) built a massive barrier to keep the Mongols out in 200 BC. Then the Ming Dynasty built it even better and longer in the 15th Century. Learn why and how this project - more difficult than the pyramids - was done. "You are not a man of courage if you do not climb the Great Wall."

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## **Attendance Report**

Attendance Report for October 23, 2013

BRANCH #5

43 Members

1 Director Region 5-George Kranen

2 Speakers

46 total

Attendance of 43 members is 62% of total membership. Seventeen members have perfect attendance for the year.

Respectfully submitted

*Duane Stauffer*

Attendance Chairman

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## **Membership**

No changes..

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## **Roster Changes**

No Changes..

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# November Birthdays

Art Kraemer 11/8  
Ronald Fredlund 11/15  
James Stevens 11/29

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## 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 CRÈME DE MENTHE SAUCE

RAFFLE PRIZES

\$30.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR  
SIGN UP AT NOVEMBER 20TH MEETING

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# Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

September 25, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 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; Paul Butler, Membership; Greg Kemist, Director; Howard Trudeau, Assistant Secretary; Ed Nazzal, Webmaster; George Kranen, Director, Region 5; and Paul Krug, Secretary.

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

George Kranen, Director of Region 5 will be a guest at today's meeting.

Big SIR Al Stratz distributed the Form 27, Monthly Branch Membership Report through August. There are 70 active members and 1 inactive member. Meeting attendance in September was 49 or 70%.

The year's goal for 2013 is to enroll a minimum of 7 new members. To date we have attained 6, leaving one more member to be recruited to meet the 2013 goal. To assist in recruitment, brochures that list SIR activities will be ordered that can be given with the invitation card to prospective members.

Today's speakers are James Codromac and Kevin Keyes, who speak on misunderstood government entitlement programs designed to protect your estate.

The speaker for November 20 will be Rick Deutsch, who will discuss "The Great Wall of China."

**Treasurer Report:** Pete LoPresto reported five members have not paid this year's contribution. The quarterly assessment by SIR of \$1.25 per head was paid by the Treasurer, based on 69 members.

Total paid meals last month were 49, with 2 non-paying for a total of 51.

Total year-to-date profit is \$339.12  
**Membership Report:** Membership is stable at 69 with one inactive.

### **Old Business:**

The Holiday Lunch to be held on December 11, and will have four menu selections; roast beef, salmon, chicken, and vegetarian. A \$30.00 lunch price was decided. A fee of \$200 was allocated for entertainment by the Geezers and \$250 was allocated for

wine and candy prizes. Signup for the Holiday Luncheon will be at the November meeting.

Ed Nazzal reported the Branch website is up and running.

Art Schmid attended a Little Sir training meeting in Vallejo and gave a summary of the subjects covered.

The call for adjournment was approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

*Paul Krug*  
Branch 5 Secretary

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## GOLF

### Sunnyvale golf

#### Oct. 3

Greg Kemist	78 net 63
Art Kraemer	89 net 67 CTPP
Jim Stevens	95 net 69 CTPP
Azmi Habib	106 net 70
Howard Trudeau	104 net 73
Jere Austin	111 net 78
Fred Van Kirk	132 net 96

### Santa Clara golf

#### Oct. 10

Azmi Habib	109 net 72
Ed Nazzal	96 net 74
Art Kraemer	98 net 76
Greg Kemist	91 net 76 CTPP, CTPP
Jim Stevens	104 net 78
Jere Austin	112 net 79
Howard Trudeau	118 net 87

### Shoreline golf

#### Oct. 17

Ed Nazzal	89 net 66
Greg Kemist	86 net 71 CTPP
Jiries Nazzal	99 net 71
Jere Austin	111 net 76 CTPP
Azmi Habib	115 net 78
Jim Stevens	106 net 80

### Los Lagos golf

#### Oct. 24

Norm Nazzal	86 net 65
Greg Kemist	80 net 66
Ed Nazzal	92 net 71 CTPP
Jim Stevens	96 net 72
Azmi Habib	111 net 76
Jim Loos	103 net 79

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Howard Trudeau 112 net 82  
 Fred Van Kirk 121 net 86 CTPP

**Moffett Field golf**  
**Oct. 31**

Greg Kemist 95 net 80  
 Ed Nazzal 104 net 82  
 Jim Stevens 108 net 82  
 Fred Van Kirk 135 net 98

"Golf Awards and Luncheon will be on Dec. 17th at Shoreline, 12 Noon"  
 For info call Kamel at 650-949-4891

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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 ... such as: **December 7, 2013** All

**Aboard! For the Santa Cruz Holiday Lights Tour** (Br 21) Escorts Ron Berube (408-829-5588) [vinter101@gmail.com](mailto:vinter101@gmail.com) and Dick Kohl (408-268-0428) [dakohl@pacbell.net](mailto:dakohl@pacbell.net). We start off with a late hosted lunch in a private room setting at the **Shadowbrook Restaurant** in Capitola. An enchanting Old World setting overlooking Soquel Creek, with fern lined paths and the famous "cable car" elevator. After our lunch we will be re-board our Royal Motor Coach for the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Here we will board the **Roaring Camp Holiday Lights Train**. Roaring Camp trains are known for their vintage excursion cars that will be adorned with thousands of colorful lights. We will travel through the streets of old Santa Cruz while singing along to seasonal carols, listen to musical entertainment and even enjoy a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. **What better way to start off your 2013 holiday season!** All-inclusive price is \$158 per person. If you were not able to pick up an

announcement brochure at your SIR luncheon Travel Table, please email me and I will get a brochure out to you right away. The application includes menu choices and therefore it is important that we receive this information for each participant as soon as possible. **April 2, 2014** **MAMMA MIA! is coming to San Francisco!** (Br 21) Escorts Ron Berube (408-829-5588 - [vinter101@gmail.com](mailto:vinter101@gmail.com)) and Dick Kohl (408-268-0428 - [dakohl@pacbell.net](mailto:dakohl@pacbell.net)). Your trip begins via deluxe motorcoach transportation to Pier 39 with hosted lunch at the Fog Harbor Restaurant. This is followed by a 2:00 p.m. matinee performance of the smash musical hit **MAMMA MIA!** at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco. Due to the popularity of this musical, we were only able to obtain a limited amount of tickets for this performance. Therefore, it is important that you get your reservations in as soon as possible. Special all inclusive tour price \$153.00. Contact Ron or Dick for more information.

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**CompuSIR**

CompuSIR has disbanded as a PC users group meeting at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge. You are invited to join and attend meetings of SPAUG (Stanford-Palo Alto Users Group for PC) held at the Lodge. You can find information about its programs at [www.pa-spaug.org](http://www.pa-spaug.org).

PC users looking for computer help may also be interested in the Computer Class and Computer Help Drop-In Programs offered by the Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 Remington Drive, in Sunnyvale.

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**Macintosh Group**

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, 1:00 p.m.**  
**HOMESTEAD LANES,**  
**HOMESTEAD AND**  
**STELLING,**  
**SUNNYVALE.**

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

After 6 weeks into our Fall/Winter session, the 'cream' is rising to the top. The first place team has a 3-game lead over their closest challenger. This session started on September 17. There are immediate openings for new bowlers of any level, so simply show up any Tuesday. A mere \$13 covers 3 games of bowling, shoes, a bowling ball and all the coffee you want..

**STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK #6**

**1st PLACE**

Bill Webster, Roy Robinson, Jerry Ososkie

**2nd PLACE**

Ptah Bennett, Al Runge, Chuck Huff

**3rd PLACE**

Alan Gaudie, Ron Nakamoto, Harold Kaye

**4th PLACE**

Arnie Satterlee, Bruce Karney, Hal Knowlton, Fred Schwalbach

**5th PLACE**

Jerry Coe, Earl Pampeyan, Doug Anderson, Tim Eastham

**6th PLACE**

Bill Finkemeier, Jeff Grundy, Bob Taggart

**HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH**

1st - Al Runge: 471  
 2nd - Chuck Huff: 433  
 3rd - Doug Anderson: 432

**HIGH GAME - SCRATCH**

1st - Ron Nakamoto: 182  
 2nd - Alan Gaudie: 164  
 3rd - Jerry Ososkie: 161

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**

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- 1st - Harold Kaye: 601
- 2nd - Hal Knowlton: 592
- 3rd -Tim Eastham: 564

**HIGH HANDICAP GAME**

- 1st - Arnie Satterlee: 228
- 2nd - Bill Finkemeier: 214
- 3rd - Fred Schwalbach: 205

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**Biking**

**Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078**

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**2nd Thursday—**

**November 14, 2013, 11:00 AM**

Wives ands 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/Ralstis 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

The SIR rides are planned for the second Thursday of the month. The list for the for the rest of this year follows:  
December – (No Ride)

**RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

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