

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

The speaker at our Sept. 24 meeting was Lawrence E. Stone, the Santa Clara County Assessor, who gave a very lively and interesting talk.

The speaker at our next meeting to be held on October 22 will be our very own Ed Nazzal, who will speak on the subject of orchids.

We received two new members at our last meeting, Ed Soohoo and Don Andreas (I'll have to check on his spelling and will call you). Welcome to you both, we're happy to have you!

We have another new applicant whose name is Dittmer Bupert who was a guest of Jack Raymond. He will be inducted at our next meeting. Thanks to Jack for introducing Dittmer to us.

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## Speaker

Our own Ed Nazzal, a retired chemist, has been growing orchids since 1984. His primary interests are in New and Old World Lady Slipper orchids and cool growing orchids. He has a small greenhouse where he grows mostly tropical species and hybrids. He also grows a large variety of cool growing orchids outdoors.

Ed's very interested in native orchid species of the Bay area and California. He has many pictures of local orchid species that he encoun-

ters during weekly hikes. Whenever he travels, he looks for orchids. He has thousands of pictures of orchids in their native habitats in California, and in Central and South America.

Ed is also very interested in orchid seed germination, has made few hybrids and developed a technique for orchid seed germination without the use of sophisticated lab equipment.

### Lunch, 10/22

#### Salads:

Spinach with Mushroom and Egg

Caesar

Tomatoes Vinaigrette

Med. 3 Bean

#### Entrees:

Breast of Chicken, Herb

Butter Sauce

Beef Stroganoff

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

### Orchids Demystified

Have you ever wondered why that beautiful orchid that you got as a gift never bloomed again but slowly declined and died?

Orchids thrive on every continent except Antarctica. There are more orchids that grow in cool climates than most people think. California alone has 35 species of orchids growing naturally one even grows in Death Valley. There are also about half a dozen species that grow in our own backyard of Santa Cruz Mountains.

In this talk Ed will discuss the basic cultural requirements for orchid to thrive and dispel some myths associated with orchids along with some very interesting facts about orchids that make them so interesting from a cultural and biological point of view.



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Attendance Report

9/24/14

40 members

1 speaker L. Stone

1 guest

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Tom Donahue

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## Membership

No data received

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SIR BRANCH 5

HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 17, 2014

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. PORK LOIN ROAST, GREEN PEPPERCORN SAUCE
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 OCTOBER 22ND
AND NOVEMBER 19TH MEET-
INGS

OR BY PHONE OR EMAIL:

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GARY HORNBERGER (408) 264-5029
ghornberger@earthlink.net

Roster Changes

No data received

October Birthdays

- 10/9 Harold Wellmerling
- 10/12 Chris Vasquez
- 10/15 Lloyd Lettis
- 10/21 Stan Kazul
- 10/23 Albert Donahue
- 10/27 Howard Trudeau
- 10/30 Roy Dreisbach

SIR BRANCH 5

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

September 24, 2014

Today's speaker will be Lawrence E. Stone, the Santa Clara County Assessor.

Secretary Report: Proposed wording for publicizing SIR 5 meetings through the "Calendar" section of the Mount View Voice, the Palo Alto Weekly, and the Almanac was discussed. The Calendar item will be submitted when issues related to managing a free lunch incentive and discrepancies within the SIR 5 website are resolved.

Branch membership as of September 1, Branch 5 is 63 active members. This is an increase of two new members inducted at the August meeting. Attendance at the August Luncheon was 35 or 56%.

As of August 28, the Cash Balance was \$3,841.68. This is a year to date profit of \$0.68. Income during August was \$769.00 and expenses were \$1,005.00.

The Giants baseball game attendance was 26 SIR members.

The Holiday Luncheon will be December 17. A budget of \$250.00 was approved for prizes.

Respectfully submitted.

Paul Krug, Branch 5 Secretary

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**GOLF**

No data received

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MAC Group

MAC users should contact W A Ross <waross@closereach.com> (Skip) for information on this group.

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**TRAVEL NEWS**  
**FOR AREA 16,**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35,**  
**& 51.**

Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide through the state publication SIR HAPPENINGS. Use the website: [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) click travel

**Samples from Branch 35:**

**October 9 - 23, 2015 - Eastern Mediterranean Cruise :** This 11 day cruise aboard the Celebrity Reflection starts with two pre-cruise nights in Rome with two guided tours of ancient Rome and the Vatican. The cruise visits legendary cities such as Istanbul, Athens, Ephesus, Naples, Mykonos, and Santorini and ends in Rome. The price ranges from \$5380 to \$6100 per person double occupancy depending on cabin selection. For information and reservations contact the SIR escorts: Jim Stoner (408) 238-8458 or Larry Martinson (408) 238-07

**November 4 -17, 2014 - Spain:** Spend 13 days experiencing historic and culturally diverse Spain, including 6 UNESCO World Heritage sites, while only having to pack three times. Starting in Madrid (4 nights) and proceeding to Valencia (4 nights), then on to Barcelona (4 nights). Read details of the trip in the October Travel Bulletin. For more information and reservations contact SIR travel Escorts, Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) or Roy Jordan (408-735-8765).

**If Staying at Home, Enjoy Beach Blanket Babylon –**

December 3, 2014: Take this one day excursion to a performance of the longest running musical revue in theater history that is a zany musical spoof of pop culture with extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats. The excursion includes deluxe motorcoach transportation from/to San Jose Light Rail Lot G, free time for shopping & browsing in San Francisco, center and side box tickets for Beach Blanket Babylon 5:00pm show, followed by hosted dinner with wine at Capp's Restaurant, The cost is \$189 per person. For information and reservations contact the SIR escorts: Hank Clark (408) 223-6466 or Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521.

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Compusir:

Compusir: is a self-help computer discussion group that is open to SIR members of Branches 5, 35 and 51.

Dinner meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM, at Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.

Discussions cover a wide range of issues related to the P.C. Contact is Jim Dinkey, Branch 35, 650-493-9307.

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**Tennis:**

Tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park, 777 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto, at 8:00 AM, when doubles are formed. Late arrivals will play as sets are completed.

Skill level is about 2.5. Contact is Bob Kamin, 650-322-4300.

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Bowling

Branches 5, 35, &

51

We bowl on a handicap system, so all have an equal chance. Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by ability. Tuesdays at Homestead Lanes: Homestead and Stelling in Sunnyvale. Be there by 12.45. New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me in advance so we will be prepared.

The **first list** below shows the final results of the **SUMMER/FALL** session. After 16 weeks, this is the first time there was a tie for first place.

The **second list**, which is unusual, shows the standings after one week of the **FALL/WINTER** session. There is a 4-way tie for first place and a 3-way tie for fifth place.

The current session consists of eight 3-man teams, which is expanding to 4-man teams as new bowlers join. There are immediate openings so, stop by next Tuesday.

- **SUMMER/FALL - Final Standings:**

1st PLACE - Tie

Joe Enos, Earl Pampeyan, Tim Eastham

1st PLACE - Tie

Darryl Walker, Doug Ericsson, Robert Dunn

3rd PLACE - Tie

John Faucett, Alan Gaudie, Jeff Grundy

3rd PLACE - Tie

Ptah Bennett, Roy Robinson, Chuck Huff

5th PLACE -

Perry Brown, Doug Anderson, Al Runge. Fred Emmeneggor

6h PLACE -

Bill Finkemeier, Jerry Ososkie, Phil Vanderwerf

7th PLACE

Bill Webster, Fred Schwalbach, Bob Taggart

8th PLACE

Harold Kaye, Arnie Satterlee, Ron Nakamoto

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

- 1st - Perry Brown - 590
- 2nd - Phil Vanderwerf - 584
- 3rd - Bob Taggart - 571

HIGH GAME - SCRATCH

- 1st - Tim Eastham: 226
- 2nd - Joe Enos: 213
- 3rd - Robert Dunn: 211

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

- 1st - Darryl Walker: 713
- 2nd - John Faucett: 681
- 3rd - Jeff Grundy: 680

HIGH HANDICAP GAME

- 1st - Doug Anderson: 263
- 2nd - Bill Finkemeier: 259
- 3rd - Alan Gaudie: 254

FALL/WINTER - Week #1

1st PLACE - Tie

Bill Webster, John Faucett, Phil Vanderwerf

1st PLACE - Tie

Ptah Bennett, Fred Schwalbach, Perry Brown

1st PLACE - Tie

Bill Finkemeier, Jerry Ososkie, Robert Dunn, Tim Eastham

1st PLACE - Tie

Alan Gaudie, Arnie Satterlee, Doug Ericsson

5th PLACE - Tie

Harold Kaye, Harold Kaye, Joe Enos

5th PLACE - Tie

Erv Erickson, Darryl Walker, Bob Taggart

5th PLACE - Tie

Roy Robinson, Carl Moyer, Ron Nakamoto

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**Biking**

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

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**2nd Thursday — Oct 8, 2014, 11:00 AM**

**Wives ands guests welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required.**

**Coyote Hills / Alameda Creek — Niles/Fremont**

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

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**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 Jerry Butler, as per above, or Karl Reseck, at 650-941-8837, [karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org)  
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