

# Sons in Retirement



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December, 2016

## **Big SIR sez:**

— We're all looking forward to our annual Holiday Party, which will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at Michaels, starting at 11:30 AM. We have 64 members and guests registered for the party, so it will be a nice crowd. Duane Stauffer has agreed to be our Master of Ceremonies. Entertainment will include a presentation by Martha Kendall who has entertained our branch in the past with stories and songs. Our raffle prizes include beautiful woodworking pieces by John Whittier, wine from Greg Kemist and See's candy. If you need to make any changes to the signup sheet you submitted, please call me as soon as possible at (408) 264-5029 so that we can notify the restaurant.

Thanks to all our members who brought guests to the meetings this year. Due to your efforts our membership has remained constant at 62. In addition, we will be inducting one and possibly two new members at our January meeting. Foster Kinney, your incoming Big SIR, has set of a goal of "75 by '25" and I'm sure we can achieve that with everyone's help.

As the outgoing Big SIR, I would like to thank all the members of the Branch Executive Committee, committee members and all those who have contributed their efforts to make Branch 5 a continuing success over the years. It takes a team effort to organize lunches, speakers, newsletters, activities and special

events. We are all grateful for those who have done this in the past and continue to do so in the future. Foster Kinney has agreed to serve as Big SIR for the next two years and no one is better prepared than he to take over leadership of our branch.

**SIR BRANCH 5**  
**HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2016**  
**SOCIAL TIME 11:30 AM**  
**LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM**  
**GUESTS AND SPOUSES**  
**INVITED**

**CHOICE OF FOUR ENTREES –**  
**Please select one at registration**

1. PORK LOIN ROAST, GREEN PEPPERCORN SAUCE
2. BREAST OF CHICKEN, PORTOBELLO
3. BROILED SALMON, LEMON BEURRE BLANC
4. WILD MUSHROOM CREPES (VEGETARIAN)

Lunches includes seasonal greens, vegetables, potato du jour, French rolls and vanilla ice cream , with crème de menthe sauce

**RAFFLE PRIZES**  
**\$35.00 per person in advance**

Happy Holidays to all and we'll see you at the party.

*Gary*

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### **2017 Dues and Lunch Increases**

Due to increases in our lunch costs and operating costs, your Branch Executive Committee has approved the

following increases for 2017:  
 Lunch Costs - \$25.00  
 Annual Dues - \$30.00

We appreciate your understanding of these increases. Our dues and lunch costs have remained the same for the past few years. Annual dues may be paid at any lunch meeting or by sending a check to Pete LoPresto, 1384 Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Please make checks payable to "SIR-5".

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### **December Branch 5 Calendar**

- December 1 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
- December 6 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- December 8 - Golf at Moffett – 9:30 AM
- December 14 – Holiday Party at Michaels - 11:30 AM
- December 15 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
- December 22 – Golf at Los Lagos – 10:00 AM
- December 29 - Golf at Shoreline – 9:30 AM
- January 3 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

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## **SPEAKER**

**"Failure Is Impossible. The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton"**

Martha Kendall will explain her motives for writing about Stanton, the founder of the Women's Rights Movement in America. In her anecdote-filled program, she will describe the life and times of this 19<sup>th</sup> Century leader.

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Thanks to an imaginary time machine, Elizabeth Cady Stanton herself is also expected to make an appearance!

Martha Kendall 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 as Dean of Language Arts. She has written twenty books ranging from college texts to picture books for children

As for the program she'll present today, listeners have called it "entertaining, informative and inspiring."

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## Attendance Report

November, 2016

- 38 Members
- 3 Guests
- 1 Speaker

Tom Donahue

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## Membership

November 16, 2016

### Membership Changes:

- New: Chuck Cali
- Resigned: none
- Applications: one
- Deceased: none

### Membership Status:

- Active: \_\_\_\_\_ 62
- Inactive: \_\_\_\_\_ 1

**Paul V Butler**

Membership Chairman

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## Roster Changes

Chuck Cali, new member

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## December Birthdays

- 12/14 Jere Austin
- 12/23 John Raymond
- 12/28 Robert Hertz

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## SIR BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES

November 16, 2016

1. **Meeting called to order** at 10:05 AM.
2. **A quorum** of at least six board members was confirmed.
3. **In attendance** were Gary Hornberger, Roy Dreisbach, Paul Butler, Howard Trudeau, Tom Donahue, Foster Kinney, Chris Vasquez, Pete LoPresto, Dan Haley, Albert Stratz (attendance list attached).
4. **The October 26, 2016 BEC** meeting minutes were approved.
5. **There were no visitors or guests.**
6. **Pete LoPresto gave the treasure report** (attached) He reported \$839 in income, \$958.75 in expenses, \$119.75 in losses, \$1033.61 in YTD losses, and stated 2017 dues are projected to be \$25. Pete also reported a \$12 fee from Chase bank. Pete said that he expected more money at the end of the year from 2017 dues collected. The board proposed to tip \$100 per waiter at the holiday event. Pete also reported that he expected to be under budget by \$1000 by the end of the year Pete said that the majority of the losses were due to free lunches. The treasurer's report was approved.
7. **Big Sir reports:**
  - A. Gary reported that officer training has been canceled. He stated that the outgoing officers would train the incoming officers.
  - B. Gary reported that Foster and himself we're going to meet with Carol and discuss the 2017 lunch costs today. He expected a 5% increase. Gary also mentioned that on occasion it would be necessary to provide our own mic system.
  - C. Gary said, new member Chuck Cali will be inducted today. He stated that brings our membership up to 62 members. Chuck was approved as a member.

D. Gary reported that Paul Butler was going to be a director and personally thanked Paul for his service to the organization.

**8. Secretaries report:** Chris Vasquez reported no input as the secretary.

**9. Committee reports:**

**Attendance-Tom**

Donahue: Tom reported 37 attendees at the last meeting that included two guests and one speaker. (attached)

**Bulletin:** Les Spring did not report, as he was not in attendance.

**Membership:** Form 27 (attached).

Paul Butler

reported 61 members as of November and with the addition of Chuck Cali we would be even for the year. He also reported that throughout the year we had 65% attendance.

**Golf:** Howard provided the schedule, (attached) and said that currently there are three foursomes and that sometimes there are four foursomes. Gary thanked Howard for his management of the golf program.

Howard reported further that the golf group is signed up for all four courses and that the golf banquet is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Recruiting/retention:**

Foster reported that Carl is working on the possibility of two additions: Ernie Solomon and Pete Horchek as possible members.

**Speakers:** There was discussion about the certificate of appreciation for John Donahue. It was decided that Foster would work this with the speaker today. Al read the biography of the current speaker.

**Webmaster:** it was no report as Ed was not in attendance.

**Activities:**

Foster reported that Bocce is working out well and is expected to occur the second Wednesday of the month. He also said that Bocce in Redwood City would be canceled until January and Carl and he are working out a plan.

Gary reported that there would be no cards today although he had brought a deck of cards if anyone wanted to play.

**10. Old business:**

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A. Holiday party: Gary reported that the holiday party is scheduled and that there are 32 sign-ups with \$1120 collected so far. He stated that there is a December 1 cut off for sign-ups and he expects approximately 55 people. Gary stated that salmon is the most popular dish followed by pork loin, mushroom crepes and chicken.

Gary also stated that he would make an announcement about the party today. He said that we will need a good sound system for the party and Chris offered to provide the system.

**11. New Business:**

A. Nomination of Paul Butler for director: Howard moved to have a vote today by the membership on Paul Butler as the director. The board voted and approved Paul Butler as a candidate for director.

B. Approval of meeting, bocce and golf schedules for 2017: (attached), The gold and meeting schedules were presented to the board and Foster spoke to the bocce schedule and

explained that it would be the first second and third weeks taking place in Los Altos and Redwood City beginning in January. Foster said the schedule would be finalized in January. Gary made a motion to approve the schedules. It was seconded and the board approved the schedules for 2017.

C. Increase in dues, lunch costs and party costs for 2017: After discussion it was moved that dues be raised to \$30 per year in 2017 and lunch costs be raised to \$25 per lunch in 2017. This motion was seconded and approved.

D. Badges for 2017 officers: It was decided that Paul Krug would surrender his secretary's badge. Paul Butler said he had surplus badges but they were old and yellowed. Gary said we need two director badges and an assistant treasurer badge. Gary moved that we approve the purchase of these three badges at \$16 apiece. The motion was voted upon, approved and Howard volunteered to order the badges.

E. There were no new business items.

Howard publicly commended Gary for his two years' of service as the Big Sir of our branch and everybody thanked Gary and applauded.

Gary stated that it had been an honor and that

Foster was fully prepared and trained to assume the new responsibilities. He also appreciated everyone's thanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Vasquez*  
SIR Branch 5  
Acting Secretary

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**GOLF**

**Sunnyvale golf course**

**11-3-2016**

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Richard McGrath | 77 net 68       |
| Jires Nazzal    | 101 net 69      |
| Gary Hornberger | 92 net 71       |
| CTTP            |                 |
| Shum Mukherjee  | 97 net 71       |
| Jim Stevens     | 102 net 73 CTTP |
| Phil Yurtis     | 99 net 74       |
| Mark Castro     | 101 net 76      |
| Jere Austin     | 113 net 78      |
| Azmi Habib      | 129 net 94      |

**Shoreline Golf**

**11-10-2016**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Richard McGrath | 75 net 66 CTTP |
| CTTP            |                |
| Shum Mukherjee  | 3 net 67       |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 99 net 67      |
| Gary Hornberger | 89 net 68      |
| Phil Yurtis     | 93 net 68      |
| Mark Castro     | 96 net 71      |
| Jim Stevens     | 102 net 73     |
| Azmi Habib      | 130 net 95     |

**Sunnyvale golf course**

**11-17-2016**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Gary Hornberger | 90 net 69      |
| Jere Austin     | 108 net 72     |
| Richard McGrath | 83 net 75 CTTP |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 107 net 76     |
| Mark Castro     | 106 net 80     |
| Norm Nazzal     | 104 net 81     |
| Jim Stevens     | 110 net 81     |
| Anwar Dughman   | 126 net 91     |
| Charles Shamieh | 131 net 96     |

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**MAC Group**

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

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**Bocce Ball**

Foster Kinney is reserving the two bocce courts at Red Morton Park in Redwood City (1400 Roosevelt) on the second & third Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for members of SIR-5 and their guests. We also play at the Los Altos Senior Center at Hillview at 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

We have enough bocce balls for 8 players, so there is plenty of room.

And the cost is FREE!

Please contact Foster 650-299-9479, or

email [fostertkinney@gmail.com](mailto:fostertkinney@gmail.com) (note the extra "t") to tell him you are coming to Redwood City or Carl Orta, 650-868-5221, [carlcal-54&sbcglobal.net](http://carlcal-54&sbcglobal.net) if you are coming to Los Altos

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**Tennis:**

Tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park, 777 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, at 8:00 a.m. 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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**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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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35,**  
**& 51**

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415-407-4000

**Prizes:** Alan Gaudie

There are immediate positions for new bowlers. Our immediate goal: **More women Bowlers.** We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads in Cupertino at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per week.

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**Biking**

**Jim Lunt, 408-252-6804**

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No Biking in December

**Q & A for the season**

- Q. Where do elves go to vote?  
A. The North Poll
- Q. What's red and white and falls down the chimney?  
A. Santa Klutz
- Q. What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?  
A. Frostbite
- Q. What do you get if you cross mistletoe and a duck?  
A. Christmas quacker
- Q. Which elf is the best singer?  
A. Elfis Presley
- Q. What do you get when you eat Christmas decorations?  
A. Tinsellitis

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