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Big SIR sez:

We had the honor of meeting our new Area Governor, Creed Morgan, at our last luncheon. Our Regional Director, Bob Fox, introduced him. Creed will assist Bob in the providing guidance for the four branches in Area 16. Creed has been Big SIR at Branch 35 and has a wealth of experience in branch operations. We are fortunate to have both Bob and Creed on our team.

It was with great sadness that we learned about the passing of fellow SIR, Paul Pickert. Paul was an attorney who loved reading, golf and travel. He had been a member of Branch 5 since 2006. We will miss him and our thoughts go out to his family.

Thanks to our newer members who have joined the committees that are so vital to our branch operations. Ed Soohoo is our new Assistant Revenuer, taking the place of Roy Dreisbach, who is now our Assistant Treasurer. Orville Plum, Flemming Nielsen and Phil Yurtis have joined the Member Contact Committee. Chris Vasquez is our now Assistant Secretary, in addition to working with Al Stratz on the Speaker Committee. They join so many of our members who are continuing on in their committee roles. Branch 5 could not operate without the dedication of these individuals.

Howard Trudeau and Greg Kemist have published the 2016

Membership Roster, which was distributed at the January meeting. There will be additional copies available at the February 24th meeting. Please call Howard if there are any changes to your information in the roster.

Lunch, 2/24/16, Noon

Salads:

- Spring mix greens
- Tomato & cucumber vinaigrette
- Moroccan bean

Entrees:

- Beef lasagna
- Breast of chicken, marsala

Dessert:

- Sherbet

Greg Kemist and Shum Mukherjee are in the process of organizing a card group for our branch. Cards were the second most requested activity, after bocce, in the survey that Chris Vasquez prepared last year. Please respond to the email they sent out recently with your preferences.

We're looking forward to the February 24th meeting where Gizela Zebroski will be speaking on the Berlin airlift. It should be a good one, so join us and bring a friend.

Gary



SPEAKER

Gizela Zebroski will be speaking on

THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

In 1948 Stalin blocked all land passages to the Western Zones of Berlin. That resulted in his taking 2.3 million people hostage. He wanted to get the Western Allies out of Berlin and take charge of the city. Truman understood that if he gives up Berlin, he would also have to give up Western Germany. "No way will we surrender what American men fought and died for. We shall stay." Thus he faced the showdown between communism and democracy. The talk explains the circumstances under which this battle was won as well as the the story of Hal Halverson, the Candy Bomber. His gift of two sticks of chewing gum to the children of Berlin resulted in a peace offering between the American people and Germany. They became allies fighting a common foe.

That's the story in a nutshell.

Attendance Report

SIR5 Attendance: January 27,2016

40	Members
3	Guests
<u>1</u>	Speaker
44	

In addition, Al Stratz had perfect attendance for the year 2015.

Tom Donahue

2015 Perfect Attendance (14)

Butler, Cook, Donahue, Dreisbach, Harryman, Hearn, Kraemer, Krug, Lettis, LoPresto, Raymond, Soohoo, Spring, VanKirk

New to "perfect attendance" (6)

Butler, Donahue, Krug, Lettis, Soohoo, VanKirk

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Membership

ANOTHER REMINDER

It's membership dues time. We are at 50% who have paid. Let's make it 100% again this year.

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February Branch 5 Calendar

- Feb. 2 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- Feb. 4 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
- Feb. 10 - Bocce at Redwood City - 3:00 PM
- Feb. 11 - Golf at Moffett - 9:30 AM
- Feb. 17 - Bocce at Redwood City - 3:00 PM
- Feb. 18 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
- Feb. 24 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels - 11:00 AM
- Feb. 25 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM
- Mar. 1 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

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Roster Changes

No changes this month

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February Birthdays

- 2-22 Kamel Totah
- 2-22 Russell Carrier
- 2-23 Ted Hinshaw
- 2-24 Thomas Fenton

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SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board

MINUTES

JANUARY 27, 2016,

1. Region 5 Director Bob Fox, New Area Governor Creed Morgan, and Branch 5 Auditor Lloyd Lettis were introduced.

Bob Fox and Creed Morgan emphasized that all branches and the State SIR are concentrating on recruiting new members this year.

Lloyd Lettis approved the audit of the books and accounts for our branch.

2. New BEC Members Roy Dreisbach, Assistant Treasurer, and Chris Vasquez, Assistant Secretary, were introduced and presented with Director Badges.

3. Big SIR report:
a. Paul Pickert passed away December 19, 2015.

b. The Al Gardner Award goes to Don Harryman. this will be presented at today's lunch meeting. There were 15 members with perfect attendance in 2015. They will be awarded commemorative ribbons at today's lunch meeting.

c. No changes in membership in December. We remain with 62 active members and 1 inactive member.

d. Region 5 Big SIR meeting January 29, to be conducted by Bob Fox. Gary Hornberger and Foster Kinney will attend.

4. Greg Kemist is investigating a Branch 5 Day at the Giants - and is considering June 14 against Milwaukee or August 30 against Arizona. Greg will email members to help choose the date. Seat choice will be similar to the past two years. Shum Mukherjee is investigating a bridge game activity.

8. Golf schedules and bocce schedules will be published in the Newsletter.

9. Recruiting emphasis will be on Distributing business cards and SIR flyer, and introducing officers and BEC Members to our membership.

We will have a Branch 5 Orientation for our recent members from 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 following our Member Lunch on April 27.

10. Our speaker today is Michelle Gouldsberry, Community Outreach for VTA, speaking about future transportation needs for the Santa Clara Valley. February Speaker is Gizela Zebroski, speaking about the Berlin Air Lift.

11. Pictures from the Christmas Party are on the website. Thanks to Lee Hornberger for taking pictures at our parties.

Respectfully submitted,
Foster Kinney

Acting Secretary, SIR Branch 5

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GOLF

No Data received. See next month.

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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

Bocce for February

Tuesday, February 2 - Los Altos - 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 10 - Redwood City - 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 17 - Redwood city - 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Bocce for March

Tuesday, March 1 - Los Altos - 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 9 - Redwood City - 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 16 - Redwood City - 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

For Los Altos, contact Carl Orta - carlcal54@sbcglobal.net or (650) 868-5221

For Redwood City, contact Foster

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Kinney -
fostertkinney@gmail.com (note the extra "t")
 or (650) 299-9479

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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/, which includes travel news from other branches.

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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35,**  
**& 51**

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

**BOWLING**

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 415-407-4000  
 Prizes: Roy Robinson  
 The first three positions were "up for grabs" as we bowled our final week, the results are below. Last

week, prior to the start of our new session, we had "The Sweeps", when each bowler won money. More than \$2,000 was paid to the bowlers, so think about joining us and sharing in this mini-bonanza. The next session starts on February 2nd - a perfect time for you to participate.. We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads in Cupertino at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per week.

**FALL - WINTER SESSION -**  
**FINAL RESULTS**

- 1ST PLACE**  
 Jim Holman, Harold Kaye, Jerry Ososkie, Tim Eastham  
**2ND PLACE**  
 Les Fisher, Robert Dunn, Alan Grundie, Chuck Huff  
**3RD PLACE**  
 Arnie Satterlee, Ranney Thayer, Fred Schwalbach, John Faucett  
**4TH PLACE**  
 Patrick Wong, Fred Emmenegger, Al Runge, Joe Enos  
**5TH PLACE**  
 Bill Webster, Jay Jonekait, Bob Taggart, Doug Ericsson  
**6TH PLACE**  
 Ptaah Bennett, Doug Anderson, Rick McColloch, Ron Nakamoto  
**7TH PLACE**  
 Erv Erickson, Ken Jones, Darryl Walker, Phil Vanderwerf  
**8TH PLACE**  
 Hutch Hutchinson, Carl Moyer, Roy Robinson, Ed White  
**HERE ARE THE**  
**WINNERS - FINAL**

**HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Phil Vanderwerf: 609  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ed White: 575  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tim Eastham: 557

**HIGH GAME - SCRATCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Ron Nakamoto: 242  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Doug Ericsson: 225  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jerry Ososkie: 210

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jay Jonekait: 694  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Al Runge: 687  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Doug Anderson: 685  
**HIGH HANDICAP GAME**  
 1<sup>st</sup> - Jim Holman: 267  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chuck Huff: 266  
 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bill Webster: 259

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Biking

Jim Lunt, 408-252-6804
jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

2Nd Thursday— February 11 2016
 11:00 AM

Wives ands guests welcome
 Rain Cancels; Helmet Required
Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)

Ride: We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Four Points Sheraton Inn at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel parking lot for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the round trip to 12 miles.

Directions: The Four Points Sheraton Inn is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park in the hotel parking lot behind the furthest hotel building on the right. If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jim Lunt as per above

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