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Big SIR sez:

It was wonderful to see so many members and their guests at the annual Holiday Party. Our appreciation goes to Fred Van Kirk and Duane Sauffer for planning the event. Everyone went home with a gift and three lucky raffle winners received SIR wine stoppers and bowl created by JW Whittier. Please check out the pictures from the party on our web site.

Our Branch Executive Committee was sworn in for 2016, including two new members. Chris Vasquez will be our Assistant Secretary and Roy Dreisbach will be our Assistant Treasurer. We appreciate their dedication to the branch and look forward to their input at the BEC meetings next year.

Our Treasurer, Pete LoPresto, has reminded us that our annual dues of \$25 may be paid either directly to him or at our next meeting on January 27th. We would like to have 100% participation as soon as possible and save Pete from having to send out reminders. Our monthly lunch cost will remain at \$22.

Branch 5 currently has 62 active members. The goal set by the State SIR is an increase of one new member by the end of 2016. Foster Kinney, our

Recruiting Chairman, has championed a long-term goal of "75 by '25". While many SIR branches lost membership, we were successful because our members brought so many guests to our monthly meetings. Please continue to bring your friends and we'll treat them to a good meal, an interesting speaker and fine companionship.

Lunch 1/27/16, Noon

Salads:

- Caesar
- Tomato and Cucumber, Vinaigrette
- Red Potato and Dill

Entrees:

- Crab and Shrimp Cannelloni
- Meatloaf with Mushroom Sauce

Dessert:

- Ice Cream

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and we'll see you on the 27th when our speaker will be Michelle Gouldsberry from the Valley Transportation Authority.

Happy New Year!

Gary

Reminder: Don't forget to pay your \$25 dues for 2016.

SPEAKER

Michelle Gouldsberry
VTA Community



Outreach

Michelle Gouldsberry conducts community outreach for the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Envision Silicon Valley effort. Envision is VTA's approach to working with community leaders and residents to discuss current and future transportation needs, identify solutions, and craft funding priorities. She held a similar role for the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority, which was responsible for building

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Route 85 and making improvements to Highways 101 and 237.

Michelle has her own communications consulting business. She has worked with a range of clients in technology, biopharmaceuticals, financial services, and education. Earlier in her career, she served as a public relations manager for a Peninsula investor relations firm and an account representative for a San Jose public relations firm. She began her career as broadcast journalist, working for a syndicated television newsmagazine run by KCRA-TV in Sacramento and as a general assignment reporter in Beaumont, Texas.

Michelle has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University.

Attendance Report

attendance at the Holiday Party was ::

- Members - 34
- Guests - 23
- Musicians - 3
- Total - 60

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**Membership**

Paul Pickert, passed away on December 19th., January 15th services,9:30 at Villa Sienna.

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Roster Changes

No changes

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**January Birthdays**

- 1/13 James Loos
- 1/15 Paul Comenzind
- 1/19 Thomas Adams
- 1/20 Emmett Hearn
- 1/26 Paul Butler

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SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES

December

No Meeting...

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**GOLF**

Sunnyvale golf course

Dec. 17

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| Gary Hornberger | 93 net 71  |
| CTTP            |            |
| Jim Stevens     | 101 net 75 |
| Howard Trudeau  | 114 net 79 |
| Jere Austin     | 116 net 79 |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 113 net 81 |
| Azmi Habib      | 126 net 90 |
| Carl Orta       | 110        |
| Shum Mukherjee  | 54/9       |
| CTTP            |            |

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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 Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for members of SIR-5 and their guests. Starting 1/12/16 we also play at the Los Altos senior Center at Hillview at 2 p.m. We have enough bocce balls for 8 players, so there is plenty of room. And the cost is FREE!

Please call Foster 650-299-9479, or email [fostertkinney@gmail.com](mailto:fostertkinney@gmail.com) (note the extra "t") to tell him you are coming.

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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

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

Co-Chairmen:

- Bob Taggart
cbtaggart@earthlink.net
650-321-2654
- Doug Anderson
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415-407-4000

Prizes: Roy Robinson

This is the tightest competition ever. With a mere 3 weeks re-

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maining, there are 3 teams tied for first place! Last month Phil Vanderwerf threw 8 strikes in a row (9, if the 1st frame of the next game were included) for a League high 268~~! The next session starts on February 2nd - a perfect time for you to join us. at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$15 per week.

FALL - WINTER SESSION
- WEEK #13

1ST PLACE - TIE

Jim Holman, Harold Kaye, Jerry Ososkie, Tim Eastham

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Les Fisher, Robert Dunn, Alan Grundie, Chuck Huff

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Arnie Satterlee, Ranney Thayer, Fred Schwalbach, John Faucett

4TH PLACE

Patrick Wong, Fred Emmenegger, Al Runge, Joe Enos

5TH PLACE

Ptah Bennett, Doug Anderson, Rick McCollogh, Ron Nakamoto

6TH PLACE

Erv Erickson, Ken Jones, Darryl Walker, Phil Vanderwerf

7TH PLACE

Bill Webster, Jay Jonekait, Bob Taggart, Doug Ericsson

8TH PLACE

Hutch Hutchinson, Carl Moyer, Roy Robinson, Ed White

HERE ARE THE WINNERS

Week #13

HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH

1st - John Faucett: 531

2nd - Ed White: 458

3rd - Chuck Huff: 410 - TIE

3rd - Joe Enos: 410 - TIE

HIGH GAME - SCRATCH

1st - Phil Vanderwerf: 197

2nd - Les Fisher: 178

3rd - Doug Ericsson: 154

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

1st - Doug Anderson: 685

2nd - Ptah Bennett: 663

3rd - Roy Robinson: 567 - TIE

3rd - Erv Erickson: 567 - TIE

HIGH HANDICAP GAME

1st - Ranney Thayer: 246

2nd - Arnie Satterlee: 226

3rd - Bill Webster: 202

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**Biking**

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

**jamesdlunt@yahoo.com**

SIR Bike Rides are regularly on the second Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. Wives and guests are welcome.

Bring bike, helmet (required), and jacket if windy. Rain will cancel the ride. The rides are planned to be 15 to 20 miles of paved bicycle trails, with a lunch break about the halfway mark.

The pace is moderate and riding on streets is kept to a minimum. The rides are social and exercise events, so we stop about every two miles, regroup and continue on.

**2nd Thursday— January 14, 2016, 11:00 AM**

**Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)**

**Ride:** We will ride a flat 14-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, near the Palo Alto Airport (a total ride of 19 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

**Directions:** Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. From Palo Alto, go south on El Camino, to Grant Rd.; turn right. The first street past the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic signal is Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Go 8 blocks to the end of Sleeper Ave. to a small park. Park your car along the curb.

To ride or for info, contact James Dell Lunt (408) 252-6804, [jamesdlunt@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesdlunt@yahoo.com)

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President's Letter
December 2015

On January 1, we will have a new SIR President named Don Dill. My responsibility will shift to head of the nominating committee. It will be the job of my committee to help continue SIR by choosing good leaders.

I need the help of all of our members to do the job properly. There are Sirs who think they do not have time or that the job is too hard. Are these the same men who had successful careers?

I have had nothing but support and encouragement from the leaders I have worked with in SIR. Every position I held from branch director, Little Sir, Big Sir, Area Governor and on through State President has been a small price to pay for the fellowship and fun and brotherhood I have received in SIR.

We are all volunteers in Sons in Retirement. Our leaders come from our members. To paraphrase a famous President, "Ask not what your organization can do for you; ask what you can do for Sons in Retirement."

I am waiting on your call.
Bob Hairston 707-252-0252
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Holiday Party Photos





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