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Big SIR sez:

We had an outstanding speaker at our last meeting, Spencer Christian, the weather forecaster on KGO-TV and formerly of Good Morning America. He gave us a fascinating talk about his career and the people he has interviewed, including five presidents and the current presidential candidates. He also gave us a weather forecast for Branch 5 golf the next day. Thanks to Chris Vasquez and Al Stratz and inviting these interesting speakers to our meetings.

Our annual Holiday Party will be



held on **December 14th** at Michaels. This is the second Wednesday in December. The entertainment will include a presentation by Martha Kendall. She has entertained our branch in the past with stories and songs of the Erie Canal and Stephen Foster. We'll have raffle prizes, including wood-working pieces by our fellow SIR John Whittier. Individual sign-up flyers were passed out at the October meeting and will be available again at the November

meeting. Please complete these and either give them to me at the November meeting or mail them to me no later than December 1st. Please note that we are requesting advance reservations and payment prior to the party.

Thanks to Chris Vasquez and Paul Camenzind for bringing guests to the last meeting. We enjoyed meeting them and hope they enjoyed the meal and Christian's talk. Please follow their example and bring a friend to a meeting.

Due to conflicts with upcoming meetings, bocce in Redwood City has been cancelled in November and December. Bocce in Los Altos will still be held on November 1st and December 6th. Come join us at the Los Altos Senior Center for a fun game that's easy and free to play. Bocce in Redwood City will return in January.

The November 16th meeting will feature Steve Elliott, Managing Director of Real Estate Development at Stanford University. Please note that this is the third Wednesday of the month. We'll see you then.

Gary

Lunch 11/16/16: Noon

Salads:

Spinach with Eggs and Mushroom

Caesar

Pasta Primavera

Entrees:

Crab and Shrimp Cannelloni
Sirloin Tips

Dessert:

Chocolate Mousse

November Branch 5 Calendar

- November 1 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- November 3 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
- November 9 - **Bocce cancelled**
- November 10 - Golf at Shoreline - 9:30 AM
- November 16 - Lunch at Michaels - 11:00 AM
- November 16 - Cards at Michaels - 1:30 PM
- November 16 - **Bocce cancelled**
- November 17 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
- November 24 - No golf
- December 1 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
- December 6 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

SPEAKER

Steve Elliott

Managing Director, Real Estate Development

Stanford University - Land, Buildings & Real Estate

Steve Elliott joined Stanford University in August 2005 and has been responsible for developments including the Rosewood Hotel & Office Development in Menlo Park, new Stanford Faculty Housing developments, and the proposed Stanford in Redwood City campus.

Prior to joining Stanford, Steve was Senior Vice President of Investments and Portfolio Management at GIC Real Estate, Inc., the real estate investment arm of the Government of Singapore. Steve was also with William Wilson & Associates and Aetna Real Estate Investments.

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Steve received his B.A. in Economics and Business from UCLA and his MBA from the Yale School of Management

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 REGIS-
TRATION

- 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

\$35.00 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE

RESERVATION FORMS AT OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS

GARY HORNBERGER (408) 264-5029 ghornberger@earthlink.net or FOSTER KINNEY (650) 299-9479 fostertkinney@gmail.com

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**Attendance Report**

**10/26/2016**

37 Members  
2 Guests  
1 Speaker  
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*Tom Donahue*

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Membership

No data received

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**Roster Changes**

No data received

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November Birthdays

- 11/1 Peter Brooks
- 11/14 Roger Teter
- 11/15 Ronald Fredlund
- 11/29 James Stevens

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**SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES**

SIR Branch 5 Meeting Minutes Executive Committee Meeting October 26, 2016

(Attachments of documents discussed)

- 1. Gary Hornberger called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. There were five members in attendance: Gary Hornberger, Pete LoPresto, Roy Dreisbach, Chris Vasquez and Paul Butler. We did not have a quorum. (Mid-way through the meeting the following members joined, Dan Haley, Greg Kemist, Al Stratz, and Tom Donahue, which constituted a quorum.)
- 2. **Additions or correction to minutes of September 28, 2016 BEC meeting and approval:** There were no additions or corrections to the minutes and the minutes were approved.
- 3. **Introduction of Visitors and Guests** - There were no visitors or guests
- 5. **Big SIR reports:**
  - a. Chris Vasquez to be Acting Secretary with Paul Krug's resignation - Chris Vasquez confirmed he would be acting secretary with Paul Krug's resignation
  - b. Chris Vasquez to introduce today's speaker in Foster Kinney's absence - Chris Vasquez confirmed he would be introducing today's speaker, Spencer Christian in Foster Kinney's absence
  - c. Roy Driesbach to conduct birthday raffle in Foster Kinney's absence - Roy Dreisbach confirmed he would conduct the birthday raffle in Foster Kinney's

absence. Pete LoPresto stated that his daughter-in-law was working on birthday cards for next month and January d. Officer Training date TBD - Gary Hornberger stated that officer training would normally done by the region and area governors but because both were out for various reasons he stated that the training is "up in the air". Gary stated there would be more to follow.

e. Carol agreed to plaque at Michaels – Howard Trudeau to pursue - Gary stated that Howard Trudeau is working the details of placing the plaque with Carol

6. **Secretary's Report** – Chris Vasquez had nothing to report

7. **Treasurer's Report** and approval (see attached) - Pete LoPresto gave the treasurer's report. Income is \$712. Expenses are \$986.30. Losses are \$274.30. YTD loss is \$913.86. Pete also stated that the balance is \$1335.93. He stated that free lunch given to guests has accounted for the majority of the losses. Pete stated that he estimated Holliday expenses would be around \$1000 with \$500 going for Christmas gifts. Gary interjected that he has a budget that he will go over later in the meeting.

8. **Committee Reports:**

**Attendance** – Tom Donahue - stated that the numbers were 34 attending with 2 guests and 1 speaker at the last meeting.

**Bulletin** – Les Spring - Les Spring was not present to report on the bulletin.

**Membership** (see attached) - Paul Butler - Paul Butler stated that there are no new members, no one resigned, one applicant and no one was deceased during the last period. He stated there are 61 members and one inactive member. He stated that eight members are receiving bulletins via US mail and he has received no corrections to names and addresses. During the Form 27 review, Gary stated that there was a 61 headcount and that of the 11 guests that 6 have become members with the conversion rate of 65%. All agreed that was good

**Golf** - Gary Hornberger reported out that Howard Trudeau would again coordinate golf next year. Gary also stated there will be a golf banquet on January 17 at Michael's. He

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reported that he is the current holder of the big trophy and looks forward to passing it on to the new recipient.

**Recruiting/Retention** – Gary Hornberger reported that Chuck Cali and Pete Nonchek (sp?) would be guests today

**Speakers** – Chris Vasquez reported that Spencer Christian is today’s speaker and Steve Elliott, Stanford real estate development director will speak in November.

**Web Master** – Ed Nazzal was not in attendance

**Activities** - Gary Hornberger reported Bocce in Redwood City is cancelled until January. He said Bocce in Los Altos would be the first Tuesday of the month from 2 to 4 PM on November 1 and December 6. Greg Kemist reported that he expects approximately six for bridge and people enjoy it. He stated that people stick around after the meeting to play and they usually play about two rounds.

9. Old Business:

**a. Holiday Party** – Gary Hornberger reported on the holiday party and plans to distribute flyers. He passed out a sample (see attached). He stated that there would be advance paid reservations only. He said that fliers would have an envelope attached that the members can either hand in today or mail in no later than December 1. He said that Carol of Michael’s said that there is an option of canceling just prior to the event. In such a case money can be returned to the member. There was a discussion of the two alternatives to host the holiday party with alternative one being favored. Greg Kemist volunteered to donate some wine for the raffles. All agreed that this would be a good way to save funds and thanked Greg. Gary said that at the December meeting new officers would be inducted.

10. New Business:

a. Under new business Pete LoPresto stated that he is in his fourth year as Treasurer and the only one who signs the checks. Also able to sign is Al Stratz. He stated that Chase Bank needs a death certificate for Art Kramer in order to take him off the signing roster. Pete said that he wants to put Don Andrews on the sign-age as the Assistant Treasurer.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Vasquez  
Acting Secretary

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GOLF

Sunnyvale golf
10-6-16

Greg Kemist	79 net 63
Gary Hornberger	86 net 65 CTPP CTPP
Ching Hwang	89 net 67
Phil Yurtis	94 net 69
Shum Mukherjee	95 net 69
Jim Stevens	99 net 71
Howard Trudeau	108 net 73
Mark Castro	97 net 74
Jiries Nazzal	107 net 75
Norm Nazzal	99 net 76
Richard McGrath	86 net 77
Jere Austin	117 net 82
Carl Orta	116 net 84
Azmi Habib	128 net 93
Anwar Dughman	136 net 101

Moffett Field golf
10-13-16

Richard McGrath	79 net 69
Ching Hwang	92 net 70 CTPP
Phil Yurtis	97 net 71
Greg Kemist	88 net 72
Jiries Nazzal	110 net 77
Jere Austin	114 net 77
Howard Trudeau	116 net 80
Mark Castro	106 net 82
Jim Stevens	112 net 83
Azmi Habib	127 net 90

Sunnyvale golf
10-20-16

Jim Stevens	99 net 70
Jiries Nazzal	103 net 71 CTPP
Gary Hornberger	93 net 72
Mark Castro	97 net 73
Richard McGrath	82 net 73
Phil Yurtis	99 net 74
Jere Austin	116 net 81
Carl Orta	124 net 91
Azmi Habib	131 net 96
Greg Kemist	62/13 holes
Ching Hwang	21/4 holes

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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. (canceled Nov. & Dec.) 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 (note the extra "t") to tell him you are coming to Redwood City or Carl Orta , 650-868-5221, carlcal54@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/, which includes travel news from other branches .

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

**EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
CUPERTINO**

Co-Chairmen: Bob Taggart  
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650-3212654 and  
Doug Anderson  
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**Prizes:** Alan Gaudie

With over 30% of the session behind us, there are only two games separating the top four teams. Our immediate goal: **More women Bowlers**, more men, also. 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**  
**jamesdlunt@yahoo.com**  
**Cell ----(408) 921-5085**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday—Nov 10 ,2016 , at 11:00 AM**

**Wives and guests welcome Rain cancels; Helmet required**

**Los Gatos Creek Trail**

**The Ride:** We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos for lunch. Then, we ride back for a total of 15 miles.

**Directions:** Go South on I-280 (past Highway 17) to Meridian

(South); turn right. Go to Willow Street (the third stoplight); turn right. Take Willow Street until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please reply to James Lunt, as per above, or contact Gordon Tong (408) 242-0557 or at gordy6850@gmail.com

Some of the SIR bicyclists have been experimenting with establishing a 4th Thursday of the month ride. This ride will be more unstructured with the objective of finding new, paved and safe biking trails to add to the standard 9 SIR ride list. Some of these new trails may be outside of the Immediate Bay Area. The riding pace is a little faster depending on the riders, bike trails are new to the riders so there may be some backtracking and are not always well marked/identified so it makes for a more adventurous ride. If interested, please talk with Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong.

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