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Big SIR sez:

Here we are in August, the Solar Month. No, I am not trying to sell you solar panels. It is just that so much is going on in our sky during August this year!

First, the Full Moon is Monday, August 7. Some Native American tribes called the August Moon the "**Sturgeon Moon**" because they knew that the sturgeon of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this Full Moon. They also called August's Moon the "**Full Green Corn Moon**."

Different tribes had different Moon name preferences. Other examples for August are: "**Wheat Cut Moon**" (San Ildefonso, and San Juan), or "**Moon When All Things Ripen**" (Dakotah Sioux) or "**Blueberry Moon**" (Ojibway).

So, take your pick - Sturgeon Moon, Full Green Corn Moon, Wheat Cut Moon, Moon When All Things Ripen, or Blueberry Moon. Just remember to check the sky on August 7 for this month's Full Moon.

Second, there is a special night for "shooting stars" on Saturday, August 12. In the Northern Hemisphere, the annual August Perseid meteor shower probably ranks as the all-time

favorite meteor shower of the year. This major shower takes place during the lazy, hazy days of summer, when many families are on vacation. And what could be more luxurious than taking a siesta in the heat of the day and watching this summertime classic in the relative coolness of night? No matter where you live worldwide, the 2017

Perseid meteor shower will probably produce the greatest number of meteors on the mornings of August 11, 12 and 13. In a dark, moonless sky, this shower often produces 50 or more meteors per hour. But this year, in 2017, we'll have to con-

Lunch date: Noon

Salads:

Entrees:

Dessert:

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tend with the glaring light of a bright waning gibbous moon, which rises at mid-evening. But a good number of these Perseid meteors are bright, so you should be able to see some Perseids, despite the

moonlit glare. So, be sure to check it out!

Third, on Monday, August 21 around noon there will be a total eclipse of the sun. While the best viewing will be to the north of us - the total eclipse will go southeast from Oregon to South Carolina - we should get about 76% coverage of our sun between 10:15 and 11:37 AM. Don't be surprised when the day gets a bit darker in the late morning. I warned you! Just don't look directly at the sun - use eclipse glasses available at your local library, or project the image on a piece of paper. If you really must see the total eclipse, go to the little town of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where the total eclipse will linger the longest - 2 minutes and 40 seconds. Just don't expect to stay there - all lodging has been sold out for months!

Then, fourth, come on down to Michaels for our monthly lunch. It'll be just a regular day on the fourth Wednesday, August 23.

(Careful, August has 5 Wednesdays this year, but we meet on the fourth Wednesday!) No solar spectacles; just a friendly group of retirees. Bring a friend - we'll buy his lunch! Our July Barbeque was again a big success. More about that in our next newsletter.

Bocce will be Tuesdays,

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August 1 and 15 and then September 5 in Los Altos from 2:00 to 4:00 PM or so and golf every Thursday. Enjoy being with your friends and getting some fresh air! See you there!

Foster Kinney
Big SIR, Branch 5

August Branch 5 Calendar

- August 1 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- August 3 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
- August 10 - Golf at Shoreline – 9:30 AM
- August 15 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- August 17 - Golf at Moffett – 9:30 AM
- August 23 – Lunch Meeting at Michaels
- August 23 – Cards at Michaels – after meeting
- August 24 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM
- September 5 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

SPEAKER

Lynette M. Parker is a member of the Clinical Faculty (Immigration Practice Area) of the Alexander Community Law Center, Santa Clara University School of Law. She has been teaching and supervising law students handling immigration cases since March 2000. She has

co-authored “Representing Survivors of Human Trafficking: A Promising Practices Handbook,” 1st edition published in 2010 and 2nd edition in 2014 by Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), and has authored a *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* article titled “Increasing Law Students Effectiveness When Representing Traumatized Clients: A Case Study of the Katharine & George Alexander Community LawCenter.” Ms. Parker has been a member of the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking since 2005, and a commission member of the Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Commission since 2014. She was awarded the FBI’s Community Leadership Award for 2014 for her working in serving survivors of human trafficking

Giants Baseball

Chapter 5 is scheduling our annual trip to see the Giants play the Rockies at AT&T Park. Right now they are fighting to stay out of the bottom of the division, but the Giants have ALWAYS come back at the end of the season. The game is Wednesday, September 20, starting time 12:45PM and the tickets are \$40.00 each.

For tickets contact Greg Kemist at greg.kemist@gmail.com or 650-465-1106. Come join us!

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**August Birthdays**

- Aug 2 Mark Castro
- Aug 3 Carl Orta
- Aug 4 John Whittier
- Aug 7 Jines Nazzal
- Aug 19 Larry Hansen
- Aug 21 Arthur Schmid

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SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES

No meeting in July..

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**GOLF, July**

Sunnyvale golf course  
7-6-2017

- Greg Kemist 80 net 65 CTPP
- Mark Castro 94 net 67
- Jere Austin 110 net 75 CTPP
- Phil Yurtis 104 net 79

Shoreline golf course  
7-13-2017

- Phil Yurtis 90 net 64
- Richard McGrath 74 net 64
- Jim Stevens 94 net 65
- Greg Kemist 85 net 69
- Jere Austin 106 net 69 CTPP
- Mark Castro 102 net 73
- Gary Hornberger 96 net 74
- Howard Trudeau 111 net 74

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**CTTP**

Azmi Habib 115 net 78  
Charles Shamieh 124 net 87

**Moffett Field golf  
7-20-2017**

Jim Stevens 95 net 67  
Phil Yurtis 99 net 72  
Howard Trudeau 111 net 73  
Norm Nazzal 103 net 75  
Richard McGrath 84 net 76

**CTTP**

Greg Kemist 91 net 76  
Mark Castro 104 net 76  
Azmi Habib 118 net 80  
Jere Austin 127 net

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**Branch 5 Golfer Achieves
Milestone**

Richard McGrath, our fellow member, shot his age at Los Lagos Golf Course on July 27th. Richard's 68 matched his age with a tremendous round that was admired by all the fellow SIRs.

He joins Jere Austin who also shot his age on the same course several years ago. Richard treated us to a celebratory round of beverages after his accomplishment. We congratulate him and appreciate all he has done to inspire us on the course.

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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 ball play in Los Altos. All members/guests/ & spouses are welcome. We play from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and it's free. There is no residency requirement. The courts are at the Hillview senior center, next to Room 10, 97 Hillview Ave.

For 2017 we are going to play on the FIRST and THIRD Tues. of each month. We plan to keep the Redwood City courts as a back-up venue as needed, on the third Wed. of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Come join us, stay active and learn a new sport.

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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**

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**

(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. 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.

TIM EASTHAM (366-2449)

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~Biking

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If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt as above, or Gordon Tong at gordy6850@gmail.com

Thursday Aug, 10,2017, 11:00 AM
Wives ands guests welcome Rain cancels; Helmet required

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

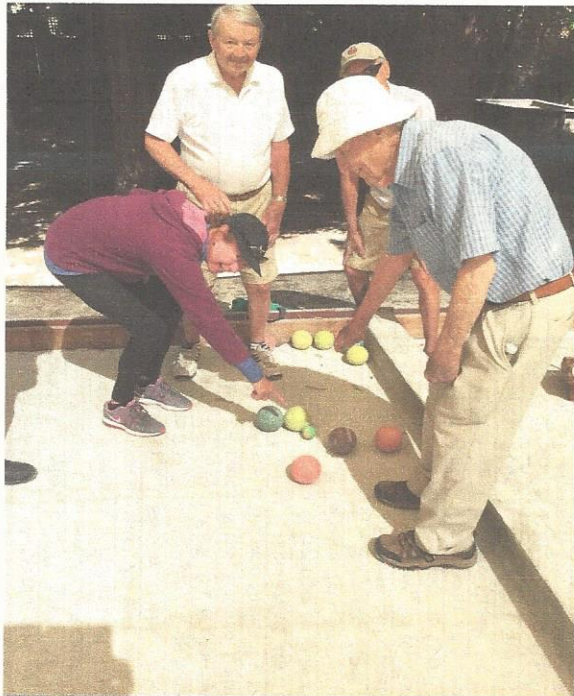
Ride: We will ride a flat 14-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, near the Palo Alto Airport (a total ride of 19 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

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 3rd 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.

This ride is flat, but it does have three overpasses that can be a challenge but remember they can also be fun.

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Mark Castro fell into the lake, #1 hole at Sunnyvale and played the rest of the round with mud up to his knees. Love that guy!



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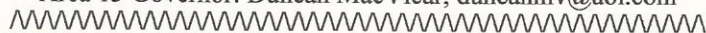
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