

Sons in Retirement



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December 2017

Big SIR sez:

Hooray! It's December - - Party Time! And our Holiday Party is Wednesday, December 13 at Michaels. Everybody will have a good time! Again this year we are again requiring advance registrations. If you haven't reserved yet, call Bob Simons right away at (408) 246-4374. Howard Trudeau will be installing our Officers for 2018:

- Big SIR - Foster Kinney
- Little SIR - Roy Dreisbach
- Treasurer - Pete LoPresto
- Assistant Treasurer - Carl Orta
- Secretary - Chris Vasquez
- Assistant Secretary - Phil Yurtis
- Director - Paul Butler
- Director - Mark Castro
- Director - Gary Hornberger
- Director - Al Stratz

Get to know your officers. Thank them for volunteering. Make some suggestions for activities for our branch. And come to the Holiday Party. Richard McGrath will be handling decorations. Roy Dreisbach will be handling the raffle, We'll see you there!

Also, say "Hello" to our new members, Phil Vollmer and Don Specht. They would like to meet all of you!

The Full Moon for December will be The Full Cold Moon, rising on December 3, 2017. It is a "Supermoon" - appearing bigger and brighter than any other Full Moon this year. Because it is at "perigee," the point in its orbit at

which it is closest to Earth, it will appear 8% wider and 16% brighter than average. So, enjoy it all month!

And, if you're up early, the Big Dipper is appearing to the northeast starting around 3:00 AM - it is huge and it is vertical, with the scoop up and the handle down.

I hope you are enjoying being with your fellow SIRs at our activities. Golf is every Thursday at 9:30 AM at nearby courses. Bowling is every Tuesday at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino at 12:45 pm. Bocce is first and third Tuesdays at Hillview Senior Center in Los Altos at 2:00 PM. And we play cards after our monthly lunch meeting at Michaels. New members are always welcome at any of these activities.

Lunch December: Noon **Personal orders this month**

People you know are retiring all the time. Invite them to enjoy our excellent food, excellent speakers, and the camaraderie of the members of SIR Branch 5. We will even buy their first lunch.

As we complete our calendar year 2017 at SIR Branch 5, I want to thank all of you who have volunteered your time and talent to make this a very successful year. As we look forward to the New Year 2018, I want to remind you that dues are due, \$30.00, I want to wish all of you a Very Happy New Year!

We'll see you there!

Foster Kinney, Big SIR
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(650) 299-9479

December Branch 5 Calendar

- Dec. 5 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- Dec. 7- Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
- Dec. 13 – Holiday Party at Michaels (2nd Wednesday)
- Dec. 14 - Golf at Shoreline – 9:30 AM
- Dec. 19 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- Dec. 21 - Golf at Moffett – 9:30 AM
- Dec. 28 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM
- Jan. 2 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

SPEAKER

No speaker this month.

Attendance **Report**

30 members

1 speaker

31

Tom Donahue

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Membership **New Members**

- Donald F. (Don) Specht, 869 Terrace Dr., Los Altos, 94024, 408-313-4467 don@mauiimaging.com
- Clyde P.(Phil) Vollmer, 16240 Greenridge Tr., Los Gatos, 95302, 408-358-2472, Kathleen, pvollmer2@comcast.net

2018 Dues Due

This is a reminder that dues for 2018 for SIR-5 members are now due and payable in the amount of \$30. You may pay at the next SIR-5 event or mail your payment to

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Pete LoPresto. His address is 1384 Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Make your checks payable to SIR Branch 5.

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### Roster Changes

None reported

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December- January Birthdays

- Dec 3 Gary Hornberger
- Dec 14 Jere Austin
- Dec 23 John Raymond
- Dec 28 Robert Hertz

- Jan 13 James Loos
- Jan 15 Paul Camenzind
- Jan 20 Emmett Hearn
- Jan 26 Paul Butler
- Jan 31 Chuck Cali

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### SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES

November 15, 2017– 10:00 AM

- 1.The meeting was called to order at 10 AM.
2. There was a quorum present with eight attendees. In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Pete LoPresto, Bob Simons, Al Stratz, Paul Butler, Gary Hornberger, Roy Dreisbach, Foster Kinney, Dan Haley, Tom Donahue and Carl Orta. (attendance attached)
3. The minutes were approved for October.
- 4 There were no visitors or guests.
- 5.Big SIR reports:  
New member Phil Vollmer was inducted in November. Foster called for the membership to get to know new member Phil Vollmer.  
New Member Don Speck (sic) will be inducted today. He already joined us at bocce on the first Tues-

day. Both of these new members should have their contact information in the December Newsletter. Gary corrected the spelling of Don Specht and said that he would introduce Mr. Specht at today’s meeting. Foster stated that he would like personal information of the new members to get into the newsletter. He would like the name and address of all roster changes for the new members.

There is a 12-page report from the Silicon Valley Institute for Regional Studies that between now and 2025 up to 300,000 workers will retire in the Silicon Valley. We offer an opportunity to socialize – “adding years to your life and life to your years.” Any retirees you know, invite them to SIR. Foster introduced the article and stated that this would be a good opportunity to find new members and also for publicity.

6. Paul reported that he has done an analysis of the membership information and discovered that 29 of the 60 members have some kind of Lockheed affiliation. Paul stated that 3 members have Raychem affiliation there are two from Hitachi. He said that many are from the Los Altos area and he surmised that the reason is that they have friends in the area and this is how they find out.

7.Foster stated that people who retired in this area tend to gravitate towards Northern California according to the article and those who are from the Midwest tend to go back when they retire. Foster stated that he would forward the report to the head of SIR. The report is available here: <https://jointventure.org/publications/institute-publications/1614-special-report-preparing-for-a-silicon-valley-retirement-surge>

8.Secretary’s Report – Chris Vasquez reported that he had developed an article to place in local periodicals to draw attention to our branch and passed out the copy. Gary stated that the SIR motto is “friends for life“. Chris stated that he would incorporate this

in the article. Carl Orta stated that he provides more detail on what is available recreationally at our branch in the Los Altos Town Crier. Foster recommended that Carl continue to provide information to the Town Crier and Chris will provide information to other local periodicals to promote our branch. (attached)

9. Treasurer’s Report and approval – Pete LoPresto reported in October we had \$806 income, \$1285.52 expenses with a loss of \$479.52. He stated that among the expenses was \$200 for unused San Francisco Giants tickets and money for postage and supplies. He stated the year to date gain was \$668.81. He said that last year at this time we had a balance of \$1536. He said this year we have \$2200. The treasurer’s report was accepted. (attached)

#### 8. Committee Reports:

**Attendance** – Tom Donahue reported that we had 31 paid lunches last luncheon, 34 attendees including two speakers and one Guest. Foster said that he is working with a branch 35 member on the possibility of a transfer to our branch due to an accessibility issue. Foster reminded the BEC that for prospective new members we provide one free lunch as a tryout.

**Membership** - Paul Butler reported that we have one new member Don Specht and there is not much other activity. He also stated that he is in need of badges and we should consider buying some for next year. Foster stated that he is working on securing about 10 hats. It was agreed that the report SIR would contain 61 headcount, which will include Vollmer and Specht. (attached)

**Speakers** – Al Stratz reported that in January the speaker will talk about sepsis. Al reported that the name of the speaker is Kelly Nguyen. He reported that today’s speaker would talk about the physics of baseball.

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**Activities** - Carl Orta – Carl presented the bocce ball schedule and stated that Redwood City will remain a back up in the event of rain. The schedule was handed out and approved by the BEC. (attached)

Gary Hornberger - Gary presented the **schedule for 2018** and made a special thanks to Howard Trudeau for putting this together. The schedule was approved by the BEC. (attached)

Foster Kinney – **Cards** - Foster proposed cards the fourth Wednesday of the month after each luncheon meeting. This was approved by the BEC.

**9. Old Business:**

a. Christmas Party

1. Bob Simons – reservations - Bob Simons passed out a list of sign-ups for the holiday luncheon. (attached) This showed 14 members signed up to date with 11 guests. Foster encouraged all to get their money in. Foster stated that he would announce a reminder today to sign up for the holiday event. Gary volunteered to give out forms to those who have not received them yet. Bob reported that he would prepare meal tags and name-tags for the event. Bob reported that the totals need to be in to Pete by December 1. Bob will give the head-count Carol on December 8. Pete said he needs the money by December 13. Pete reminded those in attendance that dues for 2018 will be \$30 and are due at anytime but most are collected in January.

2. Foster Kinney – MC – Foster said he will serve as the MC

3. Carl Orta – photographer - Carl will be sitting in as the photographer for the holiday event and Foster requested that he place the photos on our website.

4. Richard McGrath – Foster reported that Richard would provide decorations

5. Roy Dreisbach – raffle and prizes - Roy said he would be responsible for procuring 20 prizes: 10 bottles of wine and 10 boxes of Sees candy. Also JW will provide three wooden bowls and it was agreed that Roy would put a call out for any other donations for the holiday event for prizes.

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6. Howard Trudeau – induction of 2018 officers - Foster requested that a picture of the new officers be placed in the newsletter.

Pete reported that he would get the names of the waiters with Carol’s input on holiday gifts for them.

Foster reported that there will be no entertainment or speaker and this will give an opportunity for us to have an extended lunch which he has heard that the spouses enjoy.

It was agreed that the name of the event should be holiday party. It was also agreed that an email should go out to all members reminding them of the party. Gary agreed to work this with Paul.

Foster reported that Mark Castro has volunteered to be the new administrator.

All agreed that we need a “party chair” for the July and December events. Carl recommended that we approach members not currently participating for volunteer positions. Foster stated that he would announce a request for volunteers.

**10. New Business**

a. Items from Board Members - There was no new business.

11. Call for adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Vasquez*

Secretary - SIR Branch 5

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GOLF

Sunnyvale golf course

11/2/17

Phil Yurtis 90 net 67

CTTP

Howard Trudeau 103 net 68

CTTP

Jiries Nazzal 100 net 69

Norm Nazzal 96 net 69

Jim Stevens 96 net 70

Mark Castro 100 net 73

Charles Shamieh. 108 net 73

Azmi Habib 115 net 80

Jere Austin 117 net 82

Los Lagos golf course

11/30/17

Jiries Nazzal 98 net 68

Ed Nazzal 99 net 75

Mark Castro 104 net 77

Howard Trudeau 112 net 77

CTTP, CTTP

Jere Austin 113 net 78

Azmi Habib 115 net 80

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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. 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**

[jamesdlunt@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesdlunt@yahoo.com)  
(408-252-6804)

Cell (408-921-5058)

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt as above, or Gordon Tong at

[gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com)

**(No ride in December)**

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