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Big SIR sez:

Start your second half of 2017 with a BANG! It's July 4 - go see a parade, have a picnic, watch some fireworks, sing Happy Birthday America! Hope you did all of these things!

July is the month of the **Full Buck Moon**. At this time, a buck's antlers are in full growth mode. This Full Moon was also known as the **Thunder Moon** because thunderstorms are so frequent during this month. Take your pick - Buck Moon or Thunder Moon - just don't forget to take a look at the full moon in its magnificence. It all happens on July 9.

Our Birthday Boy for July is Flemming Nielsen and for August is JW Whittier. We will celebrate both at our August 23 monthly lunch. The June Raffle was won by Orville Plum, who had his SIR Business Cards right there in his wallet! Don't forget, you must show your SIR Business Card to win the monthly raffle.

I am sorry to report that Hermann Grothmann passed away on March 11. He was our inactive member and many of you will remember him.

It was a pleasure to give out Senior Sir Certificates honoring our members who turn 90 in 2017: Don Andrews, Cal Cook, Flemming Nielsen and Fred Van Kirk. Take a moment to congratulate them!

July is also the time for our Summer Barbeque, July 26. This meet-

ing is co-ed, so come one, come all, and bring your wife or significant other. Chris Vasquez will bring his "band," Duane Stauffer will M-C, Roy Dreisbach will conduct the raffle, and Richard and Diane McGrath are in charge of decorations. You can still register by sending your check for \$30.00 each to Bob Simons, 418 Montclair Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051. Just get your check in the mail by Monday, July 17. We are working with advance reservations only. Everyone is looking forward to a fun time!

SIR BRANCH 5 SUMMER BARBEQUE JULY 26, 2017

**HAPPY HOUR 11:00 AM
LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM**

GUESTS AND SPOUSES
INVITED

MENU

ROSEMARY CHICKEN
SANTA MARIA TRI TIP
BAKED BEANS

SALADS

STRAWBERRY SUNDAE

RAFFLE PRIZES

\$30.00 PER PERSON IN
ADVANCE ONLY

RESERVATION FORMS
AVAILABLE
PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 17

CONTACT
BOB SIMONS (408) 246-4374
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Meanwhile, bocce will be Tuesdays July 18 and August 1 in Los Altos from 2:00 to 4:00 PM or so, and golf is every Thursday. Enjoy your time with your SIR friends.

And, invite a friend to check us out at our fourth Wednesday lunch. We will buy his lunch!

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July Branch 5 Calendar

July 4 – No Bocce
July 6 - Golf at Sunnyvale 9:30 AM
July 13 Golf at Shoreline 9:30 AM
July 18 -Bocce at Los Altos 2:00 PM
July 20 - Golf at Moffett – 9:30 AM
July 26 – Summer BBQ at Michaels
July 27 Golf at Los Lagos -10:00 AM
Aug 1- Bocce at Los Altos 2:00 PM

AUGUST SPEAKER

(No speaker in July)

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 Law Center.” 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.

Attendance Report

No data received

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**Membership**

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Roster Changes

Hermann Grothmann passed away June 11th.

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**July-August Birthdays**

July 8 Flemming Nielsen  
 July 11 Azmi Habib  
 July 25 William Homan

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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Branch 5

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes For June 28, 2017– 10:00 AM

1. Call to order. 10:10 AM 1a. 12 Attendees Foster Kinney Roy Dreisbach Pete Lopresto Carl Orta Richard McGrath Paul Butler Phil Yurtis Al Stratz Bob Simons Fred Van Kirk Dan Haley Don Andrews
2. Confirm quorum of six Board members. Achieved 10:15 AM.
3. No additions or corrections to minutes of May 24, 2017 BEC meeting and approval.
4. Introduction of Visitors and Guests. None.
5. Big SIR reports:

a. Our Inactive Member, Herman Grothmann died March 11, 2017, but no one knows who he is. We now have 60 active members and no inactive members.

b. Duncan Mac Vicar, Area Governor will not be here today, and had cancer surgery with good prognosis. Roy and Foster will present Senior Sir Certificates.

c. Election for Area 13 Governor for 2018 will be held at the Big SIR meeting on August 25. If anybody is interested, please see Foster.

d. Carl Orta has agreed to be Assistant Treasurer for the rest of this year.

e. We need to activate our Nominating committee for 2018 Officers? August meeting Al will present slate.

f. State Sir has included in our quarterly billing a \$15 charge for the State Annual Meeting in August 6. Pete will pay it.

7. Treasurer’s Report and approval – Pete LoPresto Income \$905 Expense \$916.50 Loss \$1.50 YTD Gain \$1312.92 Balance \$2849.

8. Committee Reports: **Attendance** – Tom Donahue ; **Membership** - Paul Butler No changes—60 members; **Recruiting/Retention** –Bob

Simons starts in July. Note: Lloyd Lettis is the longest member ; **New Member Orientation** - Phil Yurtis 6 new members oriented by Gary Hornberger. Gary has updated Orientation slides presentation.

Activities - Carl Orta – Bocce. None recently—too hot - **Golf** Shum Mukherjee - **Cards**.

9. **Old Business**: a. July BBQ. We have 15 members signed up. BEC Members should sit at separate tables and urge signups at today’s meeting. Checks for BBQ must be postmarked by Mon 7/17 so ommitment can be made for food.

10. **New Business**: a. Items from Board Members Carl Orta approved as Assistant Treasurer

11. **Call for adjournment**. Motion to adjourn at 11:06AM

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**GOLF**

|                       |            |
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| Sunnyvale Golf Course |            |
| 6-1-2017              |            |
| Richard McGrath       | 73 net 63  |
|                       | CTTP       |
| Mark Castro           | 94 net 65  |
|                       | CTTP       |
| Jim Stevens           | 96 net 67  |
| Greg Kemist           | 86 net 72  |
| Gary Hornberger       | 96 net 75  |
| Howard Trudeau        | 110 net 75 |
| Jere Austin           | 111 net 76 |
| Charles Shamieh       | 119 net 84 |
| Azmi Habib            | 125 net 90 |

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| Shoreline Golf Course |            |
| 6-8-2017              |            |
| Phil Yurtis           | 87 net 61  |
| Mark Castro           | 97 net 67  |
|                       | CTTP       |
| Richard McGrath       | 78 net 68  |
| Jere Austin           | 115 net 78 |
| Greg Kemist           | 99 net 84  |
|                       | CTTP       |

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| Moffett Field Golf Course |            |
| 6-15-2017                 |            |
| Jim Stevens               | 97 net 67  |
| Mark Castro               | 101 net 71 |

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|-----------------|------------|
| Gary Hornberger | 95 net 73  |
| Howard Trudeau  | 112 net 74 |
| Azmi Habib      | 117 net 79 |
| Jere Austin     | 119 net 81 |
| Charles Shamieh | 122 net 84 |

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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.



Carl Orta measures to see who is closest in bocce

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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/](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, 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**

COME RIDE WITH US. RIDING IS AS MUCH FUN NOW AT AGE 60 OR 75 PLUS AS IT WAS AT AGE 10.

**Thursday—July 13, 2014, 11:00 AM**

**Wives ands 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, 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 below or Gordon Tong (408) 242 0557 or at [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com)

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