

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

Hey, it's the month of May, and another YOU BETTER NOT FORGET! . . . yes, that's Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14. Whatever you do, do it with savoir faire! And then, at the end of the month, on Monday, May 29 is Memorial Day, a day to honor and remember those that have gone on before us. Maybe you will even go to a parade!

We have instituted a raffle to end our monthly meetings. Remember, you have to show that you are carrying your SIR Business Card to win. Our first winner, in March, was Les Spring. In April, it took 5 drawings to find our winner, Greg Kemist. A golfer, he won a wine cork with a golf ball. So, remember to carry (and use) your SIR Business Cards. If you need more, just email Paul Butler, paul973@sbcglobal.net, and he will bring them to the next meeting.

We welcome our May Speaker, Mitch Klein, Music Director for the Peninsula Symphony. Then you are invited to their Summer Concert at Hillview Park at Hillview and San Antonio in Los Altos on Saturday, June 17. Bring a blanket and chairs and a picnic and a bottle of wine, and a warm jacket to put on when the sun sets. Rehearsal starts at 6:00 PM and the concert at 7:00 PM

We have been invited to Sons in Retirement Theatre Day presented by Broadway by the Bay at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City on Sunday, June 11 at 2:30 PM. They will present "Smokey Joe's Cafe," a musical set in the 50's with themes of love, life and togetherness and over forty of rock 'n roll's greatest hits including "Stand By Me", "Jailhouse Rock" and "On Broad-

way." We have special SIR discount pricing of \$46.00 Orchestra and \$38.00 Balcony (note: there is no elevator.to the balcony.) To purchase by credit card visit www.broadwaybythebay.org/SIR.

The weather is nice now, so you can enjoy some time with your fellow SIRs at the bocce court in Los Altos on the First and Third Tuesdays, and on the golf course every Thursday. Check our Calendar for locations.

The Full Moon is May 10, called the Full Flower Moon, marking a time of increasing fertility, with temperatures warm enough for safely bearing young, a near end to late frosts, and plants in bloom. So, check it out and then come on down to Michaels on the fourth Wednesday, May 24, for our Monthly Lunch. Bring a friend - we will pay for his lunch..

Foster

Lunch 5/24: Noon

Salads

Spring Mix Greens
Tomato and Cucumber,
Vinaigrette

Antipasto

Entrees

Snapper Monterey
Beef Stroganoff

Dessert

Chocolate Mousse

Orientation after the May Meeting, presented by Phil Yurtis and Gary Hornberger. Everybody is invited to learn about SiR, especially new members.

May Branch 5 Calendar

May 2 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
May 4 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
May 11 - Golf at Shoreline - 9:30 AM
May 16 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
May 18 - Golf at Moffett - 9:30 AM
May 24 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels
May 24 - New Member Orientation at Michaels - After Lunch Meeting
May 24 - Cards at Michaels - After Lunch Meeting
May 25 Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM
June 6 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

SUMMER BARBEQUE

JULY 26, 2017

HAPPY HOUR 11:00 AM

LUNCH SERVED 12 noon

GUESTS AND SPOUSES INVITED

MENU

ROSEMARY CHICKEN
SANTA MARIA TRI TIP
BAKED BEANS
SALADS
STRAWBERRY SUNDAE

RAFFLE PRIZES

\$30.00 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE

RESERVATION FORMS
AVAILABLE
AT MAY 24 AND JUNE 28
MEETINGS

SPEAKER

Mitchell Sardou Klein, Music Director and Conductor, Peninsula Symphony

Mitchell Sardou Klein, whose performances on four continents have garnered wide acclaim, enters his 29th season as Music Director and

Conductor of the Peninsula Symphony, and his 17th season as founding Music Director of the Peninsula Youth Orchestra. He regularly guest conducts orchestras in California, throughout the United States, and in Europe.

He has appeared frequently on national and international broadcasts, including National Public Radio, the Voice of America, the WFMT Fine Arts Network, PBS Television, and KQED television. He lives in Oakland, California with his wife, violist Patricia Whaley. Their daughter, Elizabeth, lives and works in New York City.

Attendance Report
4/26/17

36 members
1 speaker
1 guest
38total
Tom Donahue

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**Membership**

No changes reported

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Roster Changes

None reported

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**May Birthdays**

- 5/1 Anwar Dughman
- 5/4 Peter LoPresto
- 5/9 Donovan Alvik
- 5/16 Charles Scanlan
- 5/19 Calvin Cook
- 5/20 James Swanson
- 5/23 Norm Nazzal
- 5/25 Edmund Soohoo
- 5/29 Richard McGrath

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Honor Flight applications for our members as Veterans, Guardians or Volunteers are available. If interested, contact Al Stratz, 650-948-0490.

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**SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES**

**April 26, 2017**

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

Confirm quorum of six Board members – quorum was confirmed. See attached attendance list.

Additions or corrections to minutes of March 22, 2017 BEC meeting and approval - The minutes were approved.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests – No guests in attendance.

Big SIR reports:

Foster reported on a meeting that occurred at the villages where the new structure was previewed. Foster reported the State SIR now has 125 branches, down 20% since 1997 and 14,700 members, down 50% since 1997. They are reorganizing to regions and eliminating areas. Duncan MacVicar, Big SIR of the big Branch 35 will be the new Director of our 9 peninsula branches. Foster reported he was successful in lobbying to maintain the nine branch group from South San Francisco to San Jose (Southern Peninsula) based on the good relationship that the leaders have. Our Region 7 will have 14 branches. Meisner will be Region 7 leader. Foster also reported that there will be absences this year. He reported that Gary, Carl and Bob Hertz are currently not here. He reported that next month he will be gone, in June Gary will be gone, and Foster will be gone in July.

Foster stated that Training will be available at the Villages , May 1 for Officers and May 9 for RAMP.

Foster stated Branch 5 was incorporated on March 5, 1962, but the charter was granted on February 26, 1964. He stated we will celebrate our 55th Birthday in 2019. Don Andrews stated that he has to resign as assistant treasurer due to personal reasons. Foster stated that Bob Simons has agreed to be the recruiting chair. Ed Soohoo has been asked and has agreed to be the temporary money taker at the door during the

luncheon. Foster reported that Chuck Cali has agreed to be a money taker as well. Paul volunteered to step up to be a money taker today.

Planning has begun for our July 26 Summer Barbeque. We need a money collector, to receive the advance-payment checks. Foster reported that planning has begun for the July barbeque and the branch has already received checks. Foster asked if someone would volunteer to be a money collector for the event. Bob Simons was asked and agreed to collect checks. Pete volunteered to help and also planned to donate four bottles of wine as well as scotch and crown royal!

Gary will be in charge of the barbeque and it was agreed that there would be 15 door prizes.

Foster emphasized that SIRS is a way to make lifetime friends.

Secretary’s Report – Chris Vasquez stated nothing to report.

Treasurer’s Report (attached) and approval – Pete LoPresto went over the financial report attached. Income is \$1035 and expenses are \$1040.95 with a loss of \$5.95. The year to date gain is \$1300.58. Today there are five unpaid members. Pete reported that the gain is because of dues collection. He also reported that he has emailed members who have not paid their dues and is following up. He reported there may be a possible termination of a member and that would take our roster down to 60. Foster volunteered to follow up with the member.

Committee Reports:

Attendance – Tom Donahue reported that the last meeting 42 people had lunch which included 40 members one speaker and one guest. Tom volunteered to help with the awards presentation.

Bulletin – Les Spring was not in attendance.

Membership (report attached) - Paul Butler reported Fenton may resign which would take us down to 60 with 1 inactive. Paul stated for the raffle drawing today Whittier made a wine stopper which Foster showed.

Golf – Phil reported that all is going well and this past month rain was the only problem.

Recruiting/Retention – Foster re-

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ported there is a new chair, Bob Simons. Foster noted that SIRS information was in the local town crier paper in Los Altos and all agreed that Carl probably had submitted the article. Bob suggested that a prize be given for the member who brings in the most members and all agreed that "invite a friend" works the best. Foster reported that our SIRS branch may be invited to "Broadway by the Bay" which will be a service event.

New Member Orientation - Phil Yurtis reported that next month he will provide an orientation. Foster reported he called all new members to participate and called upon Phil to work with Gary to update the slideshow.

Speakers – Al Stratz reported that there was a good write up in the Newsletter on today's speaker who will talk about drones. Tom, the speaker, has 37 years of experience with SRI. Al reported that Mitch Klein will be the speaker for May. He said Mitch is the music director for the Peninsula Symphony. Al reported that he is working on the June speaker.

Web Master – Ed Nazzal – not in attendance.

Activities - Carl Orta – Bocce – Not in attendance.

Shum Mukherjee – Cards – Not in attendance.

Greg reported that he was able to secure a "decent price" for the Giants game. He proposed that we attend the September 20th game against the Rockies. He reported that the average price will be \$40 per seat. The BEC agreed to the September 20th date. Greg also passed out samples of a get well card that he created on Shutterfly. All agreed that Greg's work on this is "absolutely terrific" and gave Greg kudos for his great work. Greg will sign the cards on behalf of "your friends at" SIRS, Branch 5.

No Old Business.

New Business- Foster passed out a brochure on how to prevent falls. Pete reported that the assessment fees have gone up 20% or \$1.50 per member.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Vasquez  
Secretary

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GOLF

Sunnyvale golf course

4-6-17

Jim Stevens	92 net 63 CTTT
Jiries Nazzal	103 net 70 CTTT
Gary Hornberger	92 net 71
Mark Castro	103 net 75
Phil Yurtis	102 net 77
Jere Austin	112 net 77
Richard McGrath	87 net 78
Azmi Habib	120 net 84
Charles Shamieh	122 net 86
Anwar Dughman	128 net 92
Naim Nazzal	99 DNF
Howard Trudeau	109 DNF

Moffett Field golf

4-20-17

Jim Stevens	102 net 72 CTTT
	CTTT
Richard McGrath	83 net 73
Greg Kemist	89 net 73
Jiries Nazzal	108 net 74
Jere Austin	112 net 74
Howard Trudeau	113 net 75
Mark Castro	105 net 76
Azmi Habib	120 net 82
Charles Shamieh	125 net 87
Anwar Dughman	143 net 105

Los Lagos golf

4-27-17

Greg Kemist	81 net 67
Mark Castro	96 net 69 CTTT
Jiries Nazzal	100 net69
Phil Yurtis	95 net 71
Jere Austin	109 net 74
Jim Stevens	103 net 76 CTTT
Adel Nazzal	100 net 77
Azmi Habib	114 net 79
Charles Shamieh	123 net 88
Anwar Dughman	134 net 99

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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

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(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

James Lunt (408) 252 6804

Cell (408-921-5058)

jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

2nd Thursday— May 11, 2017 ;11:00 AM Wives ands guests welcome Rain cancels; Helmet required

Brisbane/Oyster Point

The Ride:

We will ride the flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles going south starting from the parking lot next to the empty former Walmart Tower building in Brisbane, and ending at South Airport Blvd. (next to SFO) where we will have lunch at a sandwich shop, then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

Driving Directions:

Take 101 north past SFO to Sierra Pt. Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point Blvd.exit). At the first intersection, stop, and turn right, then, immediately stop at the next intersection and turn left, which is Marina Blvd., going left. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the former Walmart Tower building (looks like a big ship) on the left side, turn left into a large public parking lot with a short boulevard entrance. We will meet there.

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact

**James Lunt (above) or Gordon Tong (408) 242-0557
gordy6850@gmail.com**

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### ***Memorial Day***

Do you remember the National Moment of Remembrance? As Memorial Day approaches, it is time to pause and consider the true meaning of this holiday. Memorial Day represents one

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day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution they have made to securing our Nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day. In this time of unprecedented success and prosperity throughout our land, all Americans should come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and to observe a universal "National Moment of Remembrance" on each Memorial Day. This memorial observance represents a simple and unifying way to commemorate our history and honor the struggle to protect our freedoms. We encourage Americans everywhere, to pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. (local time) on Memorial Day, to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all.