

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

Well, here we are in November. Enjoy the fall colors. It is starting to cool, and we will see some rain, so don't forget your sweater and umbrella! Daylight Saving Time ends, so remember to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 5. Celebrate your patriotism on Veterans' Day, November 11, and enjoy your family on Thanksgiving, November 23. Our monthly meeting is on the third Wednesday this month, so we won't interfere with any Thanksgiving travel plans.

November's full Moon will appear on November 4. It was named the **Beaver Moon** by both the colonists and the Algonquin tribes because this was the time to set beaver traps before the swamps froze, to ensure a supply of warm winter furs.

Have you wondered what is that bright star in the east just above the horizon at sunrise? Well, wonder no more - it is Venus. It is brightest around 7:00 AM. In other months, Venus is that bright star in the west, just after sunset.

We welcome our new member, Paul Vollmer, who was inducted at our October meeting. Paul was sponsored by Howard Trudeau. Now, at our November meeting we will induct another new member, Don Speck, who is sponsored by Gary Hornberger. Say "hello," introduce yourself, and keep these new members coming! Remember, someone sponsored you, and now it is your turn to sponsor someone else.

SIR Day at Broadway by the Bay at the Fox Theater in Redwood City is Sunday, November 12, at 2:30 PM. They will be presenting "Singing in the Rain," and have discounted tickets (\$46.00 for orchestra level and \$38.00 for balcony) for SIR members and their guests. You can order tickets at broadwaybythebay.org/SIR or call (650) 579-5565. Don't forget to tell them that you are a member of

Sons in Retirement!

Hallowe'en is over. Hope you had lots of Trick or Treaters! The stores are giving you plenty of motivation to begin to plan for Christmas, so it is time to make your reservation for our Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 13. It is Pay in Advance, so send your reservation and check for \$35.00 each to Bob Simons, 418 Montclair Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051.

You can enjoy the fellowship of fellow SIR members by bowling at the Homestead Lanes in Cupertino every Tuesday at 12:45 PM, or bocce at Hillview Senior Center in Los Altos on the first and third Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00, or golf every Thursday or playing cards after our meetings. Guests are always welcome! Then come on down to Michaels **on the third Wednesday, November 15**, to our regular monthly meeting. Bring a friend - we'll buy his lunch. And we'll see you there!

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Lunch 11/15
Turkey

And

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SIR BRANCH 5 HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 13, 2017

SOCIAL TIME 11:00 AM
LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM
GUESTS AND SPOUSES INVITED
CHOICE OF FOUR ENTREES -
PLEASE SELECT ONE AT
REGISTRATION

1. PORK LOIN ROAST,
GREEN PEPPERCORN SAUCE
 2. BREAST OF CHICKEN,
CORBON BLEU
 3. BROILED SALMON, LEMON
ON BEURRE BLANC
 4. WILD MUSHROOM
CREPES (VEGETARIAN)
- LUNCHEES 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
LAST DAY FOR RESERVATIONS -
DECEMBER 1

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November Branch 5 **Calendar**

- Nov. 2- Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
Nov. 7 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
Nov. 9 - Golf at Shoreline - 9:30 AM
Nov. 15 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels (**3rd Wednesday**)
Nov. 15 - Cards at Michaels - after meeting
Nov. 16 - Golf at Moffett - 9:30 AM
Nov. 21 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
Nov. 23 - No Golf (Thanksgiving)
Nov. 30 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM
Dec. 5 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

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SPEAKER

November 9

Horace Hines BIO Baseball Talk

The title of the talk is "The Science and Strategies of Baseball".

Horace Hines, Ph. D

Horace earned a bachelor's degree at Auburn University in Alabama and his doctorate in Biophysics from UC Davis. He enjoys learning about and talking on many subjects. One of his favorites is **Baseball**. Horace started playing baseball in Little League when he was seven years old. He mainly played catcher since he had a good arm for throwing out runners and worked well with pitchers. In Pony League, he batted 470! Horace could not hit a curveball so his baseball "career" ended in Pony League when he was about 16 after playing for about 10 years. He's been a Giants fan since 1984 when the family moved to San Jose. He rooted for them even through the lean years in the 80's when they lost 100 games! He took his family to the 1989 World Series game which was the only one called on account of an EARTHQUAKE. He enjoys the strategy of the game within the game between the batter and the pitcher. Baseball is a game of probabilities and he like understanding both the strategies and the physics of what is going on. He hopes his talk will give you a better appreciation of the advantages the picture has and how hard it is to get a hit.

Attendance Report October

- 30 member signups
- 1 speaker
- 1 speaker guest
- 1 guest
- 33



Membership

Nothing reported

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### Roster Changes

None reported

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Nov.-Dec. Birthdays

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

- 12/3 John Hornberger
- 12/14 Jere Austin
- 12/23 John Raymond
- 12/28 Robert Hertz

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### **SIR Branch 5 Executive Committee Meeting** **October 25, 2017- Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order 10:07 a.m.
2. A quorum of six Board members was confirmed. In attendance were, Chris Vasquez, Gary Hornberger, Fred Van Kirk, Paul Butler, Roy Driesbach, Foster Kinney, Mark Castro, Dan Haley, Pete LoPresto, Al Stratz and Tom Donahue.
3. There were no additions or correction to minutes of September 27, 2017 BEC meeting and the minutes were approved.
4. Gary Hornberger introduced Fred Van Kirk as a guest
5. **Big SIR reports:**

a. Foster reported that the new Governor for Area 13 is Ken Newton, former Big SIR (2010) for Branch 35. He also stated that the total national membership is approximately 15,000 members.

b. Foster reported that SIR Day at Fox Theater in Redwood City will be November 12, 2:30 P.M. featuring SINGING IN THE RAIN. He stated that approximately 50 seats will be reserved and there will be a ticket discount around \$38 for the balcony and \$46 for orchestra seating. Foster provided flier samples as well that he said he would pass out during the luncheon.

c. Foster reported that the Christmas Party will be December 13, and we need volunteers. He also stated that during the training session earlier this week it was discussed that the word "SIR" should be capitalized with a few exceptions including when it refers to single person on a certificate, which he displayed.

d. Foster reported that Greg Kemist is scaling back his SIR activities starting in January. He will do the Roster Book in December. Foster said that we possibly should be looking for volunteers to help with such administrative duties as the generation of sympathy cards and certificates.

e. Gary Hornberger reported he has a guest today, Don Speck, who formerly worked at Lockheed.

f. Foster reported that he has agreed to be a member of the Stanford care-consulting group, which deals with frail adult medical aid. He also stated that a good slogan for SIRS could be "adding years to life-life to years". It was suggested that a member from this group could be a great potential speaker. Foster stated that he would get the information to Al Stratz.

**6. Treasurer's Report and approval** – Pete LoPresto stated for September we had \$805 income and \$799 in expenses, which yielded a six-dollar gain. Pete said the reason for the gain was that someone had paid their dues in advance, which added to our coffers. Pete stated the YTD gain is \$1148.33 and the resulting balance is \$2,685.20. (report attached) Gary Hornberger passed out the 2017 holiday party budget, (attached) which prompted discussion. He stated the Christmas party tickets for the event would be \$35 based on past expenses and anticipated food costs. There was discussion about possibly raising the dues to \$35 next year but this was tabled pending reviewing the budget numbers at the end of the year. It was reported that some baseball game tickets were unsold and that there was a bill for five tickets amounting to \$200. A suggestion was made that we require advance payments for such special events in the future. It was proposed that if we do a Giants game next year that we have sign-ups by June and collect the funds. All agreed this was the best approach. Pete went on to report an

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October balance of \$2198.68. Foster stated that Greg might be presenting a bill for cards and other administrative items. Pete stated that he has an inventory of speaker cards and will provide them to Roy when needed. Pete also reported that he went to Chase bank with Carl Orta to place him on the account but that because of some new Chase regulations that they have to wait until November. He stated that Art Kramer was still on the account. All shared in Pete's frustration.

**7. Committee Reports:**

**Attendance** – Tom Donahue - Tom Donahue reported 31 in attendance last meeting, 2 speaker tickets and one guest, for a total of 34. Foster called for the October numbers to be included in the Newsletter. Tom agreed. Tom also requested his e-mail be added to the Newsletter distribution.

**Bulletin** – Les Spring was not in attendance.

**Membership** - Paul Butler - Paul reported that Phil Vollmer will be a new member and that one application is out to Richard Garcia. Paul stated that there are 60 members and 54 members are utilizing e-mail. There was a discussion about Cal Cook and Pete proposed that we pay Cal's dues rather than have him inactive on the roster. We tabled this discussion for future meeting. Paul confirmed that Form 28 includes Paul Vollmer and Ed Soohoo no longer on the roster. It was decided that if a guest attends a luncheon as a prospective member and has a caregiver the guest would receive one free lunch. There was a discussion about member "comfort issues" at crowded lunches, transfers and nearby branches having waiting lists. The question was posed as to why not publicize our branch for those on waiting lists and someone said it was a sponsor issue and that the prospective member wanted to be in the branch of the sponsor. Foster stated he might have a discussion with other SIRS Branch leadership on this issue.

**Recruiting/Retention** – Bob Simons was not in attendance – It was stated that Howard Trudeau brought a guest last month – Phil Vollmer – being installed today

**New Member Orientation** - Phil Yurtis was not in attendance. There was a discussion about having the orientation when a new member is installed, possibly doing it one on one when the new member arrives. It was decided that we would continue to do the ori-

entation as new members accumulate, periodically several times a year.

**Speakers** – Al Stratz - Al reported that our November speaker is Horace Hines who will talk about baseball science and strategies, and the difficulty of a batter hitting balls.

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

**Christmas Luncheon** - Gary Hornberger reported that he will pass Christmas party reservation forms at the luncheon and they should be returned to Bob Simons.

8. There was a discussion about gifts for the **Christmas luncheon** and it was proposed to adopt Gary Hornberger's budget for the Christmas party and Roy made the motion and Al seconded the motion. The budget was voted on and adopted.

It was proposed that someone look into music for the Christmas luncheon, possible "the star gazers", and Gary stated that he would find out the contact information.

**Activities** - Gary Hornberger reported a hiking group may be forming and he was meeting with Shum Mukherjee on the subject today.

9. **Old Business:**

a. Report on October Training, October 23 - Roy reported that the training this week was good and that they talked about member relations in a general discussion. Foster stated they will continue SIRS training once a year and there were three in attendance from Branch 5 this year, Roy Dreisbach, Gary Hornberger and himself. He said that the recruiting portion of the meeting had good attendance and one of the ideas from a successful branch was to have wine giveaways available to sponsors who got new members. Foster also stated that it might be a good idea to join a parade in a local city.

b. Officers and Directors for 2018 were elected at our September Meeting. They will be installed at the Christmas Party.

c. Foster reported Carol has agreed to serve a Thanksgiving Menu for our November 15 Meeting.

d. Foster asked Chris if he would get Branch 5 included with Branches 35 and 51 in Los Altos Town Crier as well as the Mountain View Voice, in a section titled SEN-

IORS on their GOINGS ON page. Chris agreed. It was decided that Foster's email and contact information will be included in the articles and also on the website.

10. **New Business:** No new business

11. **Items from Board Members** - Mark Castro stated that one of the branches pays in advance for golf and has some kind of a process for this that we might be interested in. Foster reported that Bob Simons has the duty for organizing the July and December events next year as well.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Vasquez  
SIRS Branch 5 Secretary

**GOLF**  
**Sunnyvale golf**  
**10-5-17**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Naim Nazzal     | 95 net 67  |
| CTTP, CTTP      |            |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 99 net 67  |
| Greg Kemist     | 83 net 69  |
| Phil Yurtis     | 97 net 74  |
| Mark Castro     | 103 net 77 |
| Azmi Habib      | 112 net 77 |
| Jim Stevens     | 102 net 77 |
| Gary Hornberger | 105 net 84 |

**Shoreline Golf**  
**10-12-17**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Jiries Nazzal   | 99 net 66  |
| CTTP            |            |
| Mark Castro     | 97 net 70  |
| Naim Nazzal     | 99 net 70  |
| Gary Hornberger | 95 net 73  |
| CTTP            |            |
| Jere Austin     | 110 net 73 |
| Jim Stevens     | 103 net 77 |
| Azmi Habib      | 121 net 84 |
| Shum Mukherjee  | 53/9       |
| Orville Plum    | 101        |

**Moffett Field golf**  
**10-19-17**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Phil Yurtis     | 95 net 71  |
| Richard McGrath | 82 net 73  |
| CTTP, CTTP      |            |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 107 net 74 |
| Mark Castro     | 107 net 79 |

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- Greg Kemist 95 net 80
- Gary Hornberger 107 net 83
- Jim Stevens 112 net 85
- Azmi Habib 128 net 90
- Jere Austin 130 net 92

**Los Lagos golf  
10-26-17**

- Richard McGrath 74 net 65 CTPP
- Gary Hornberger 90 net 68
- Ed Nazzal 92 net 69 CTPP
- Mark Castro 100 net 74
- Phil Yurtis 99 net 76
- Jim Stevens 105 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 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/](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**

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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** November 9 **FOSTER CITY BAY TRAIL**

**11/9 Ride:** We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from the Oracle Headquarters to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point for lunch, and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

**Directions:** Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/ Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point.

**COME RIDE WITH US**

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