

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

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### **Branch 5 Calendar**

## **Big SIR sez:**

Well, here we are in September. School has started and vacationing grandkids have gone home. Quiet has returned to your homestead. Feels like summer is over, but officially autumn begins on Friday, September 22.

The month starts with Labor Day on Monday, September 4. Hope you had a nice family bar-be-que. Then it's bocce at Los Altos on Tuesday, September 5. Followed by the Full Moon on Wednesday, September 6. This is usually known as the **Full Corn Moon** because it traditionally corresponds with the time of harvesting corn. And Thursday, September 7 is golf at Sunnyvale. That's a pretty busy week, so maybe you'd like to just relax on Friday, September 8.

Come and join your fellow sports fans at the SIR Branch 5 Day at the Giants on Wednesday, September 20. It's an afternoon game against the Rockies, and we have good seats reserved. We have some extra tickets available, so you can invite a friend or neighbor. Tickets are only \$40.00, so let Greg Chemist know at 650-465-1106, or [gregkemist@gmail.com](mailto:gregkemist@gmail.com).

You can celebrate the even-stein day and night on the Fall Equinox as fall begins on Friday, September 22, and then come on down to Michaels on the fourth Wednesday, September 27 to our Branch 5 Monthly Lunch. You will have a chance to elect our Branch

5 Officers for 2018. These Members have volunteered to stand for election to serve our Branch. We hope you will vote them in:

- Big SIR: Foster Kinney
  - Little SIR: Roy Dreisbach
  - Treasurer: Pete Lo Presto
  - Assistant Treasurer: Carl Orta
  - Secretary: Chris Vasquez
  - Assistant Secretary: Phil Yurtis
  - Director: Paul Butler
  - Director: Mark Castro
  - Director: Gary Hornberger
  - Director: Al Stratz
- Foster Kinney*, Big SIR  
[fostertkinney@gmail.com](mailto:fostertkinney@gmail.com)

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### **Lunch,**

- Salads:
- Spinach with Eggs and Mushroom, Tomato and Cucumber
- Three Bean
- Entrees:
- Snapper Monterey
- Meatloaf with Mushroom Sauce
- Dessert:
- Chocolate Mousse

**SPEAKER**The speaker for September 27 is Denise Gluhan, Fire captain for Santa Clara County Fire Dept.

Her topic : Protection of home and possessions in the event of a major catastrophe, such as an earthquake.

Carl Orta, a member of SIR Branch 5, is a member of the County Fire Board, and supports Captain Gluhan in her effort to inform the public of how to prepare for such an emergency. **BE PREPARED!**

Denise's professional bio for ref-

erence, as a speaker, at the lunch. 20 years in the Fire Service 16 years at Santa Clara County Fire (County Fire)

Current assignment Fire Captain on Special Assignment as Community Emergency Response Team Instructor/Coordinator Licensed Paramedic by the State of California American Heart Association First Aid/CPR Instructor Member of County Fire's Special Operations Task Force Certified HazMat Specialist Certified California State Fire/ Hazmat Instructor

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## **Attendance Report**

No data t his month

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## **Membership Changes**

none

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## **Roster Changes**

none

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## **xxxx Birthdays**

- 9/22 Adel Nazzal
- 9/27 David Spaulding
- 9/27 Ching Hwang

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- 10/12 Chris Vasquez
- 10/31 Shum Mukherjee
- 10/23 Albert Donahue
- 10/27 Howard Trudeau
- 10/31 Roy Dreisbach

10/15 Lloyd Lettis

## **SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board**

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## **MINUTES**

### **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes For August 23, 2017–**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM

A quorum was confirmed. The meeting attendees were Chris Vasquez, Carl Orta, Dan Haley, Pete LoPresto, Albert Stratz, Bob Simons, Paul Butler, Foster Kinney, Roy Dreisbach, Gary Hornberger, Tom Donahue

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of June 28, 2017 and the minutes were approved.

There were no visitors or guests.  
Big sir reports:

a. Foster reported that the state is trying to order license plate holders and a sample is forthcoming by September 15th. He asked if there was interest. The board did not express interest.

Foster said when the sample arrives he will raise the issue again.

b. Foster inquired of the board if we should order SIR hats. Foster proposed ordering a set of 10. Foster stated he would check into this.

c. Foster reported that area 13 has nine mid-peninsula branches and needs an area governor to start in January. Election to be held this coming Friday. He asked for interest. There was no expressed interest. Foster said he would report in September who this will be.

d. Foster gave kudos to everyone for a fine July barbecue.

e. Foster reported Jerry Ely starts today as the money collector. Chuck Cali will be assisting and appears to be the most experienced. Pete LoPresto volunteered to step out towards the end of the board meeting to assist. Pete will help determine who will be the chief revenue.

6. Secretary's report - Chris Vasquez, The secretary had nothing to report.

7. Treasurers report and approval - Pete LoPresto

Pete reported \$1290 in income with 43 paid lunches. He reported \$1367 in expenses for a loss of \$77. Pete reported that the barbecue revenue was 1290 dollars and the expenses were \$1272.50 for a profit of \$17.50. Pete has been working with Chase bank. He stated that two people are currently on the account, himself and Al Stratz. He mentioned that Art Kramer is still on the list. Pete stated that he is working on getting Carl Orta as a signatory on the account. He is in need possibly of the articles of incorporation and Foster stated that he has the charter if needed. The SIR branch five executive committee approves the appointment of Carl Orta as Assistant Treasurer. The committee further authorizes Carl Orta to be added to the SIR Southern Peninsula Branch account at Chase Bank in order to conduct financial transactions of the Branch.

Pete stated there is a possibility of a couple of members possibly leaving. One of the members Ed Soohoo is ill. Greg Kemist will be asked to send a "Thinking of you" card to Ed.

#### 8. Committee reports:

a. Attendance - Tom Donahue Tom was not in attendance at the time

b. Bulletin - Les Spring, Les was not in attendance

Membership - Paul Butler. Paul reported that there have been no new members and no resignations and we have been consistent at 60 members for three months. He reported that there are two possibilities for new members with two applications out for Rich Garcia and Bill Quackenbush. He also reported that 56 members could be reached via email. Paul said that he would remind the membership that if they have any changes to emails, phone numbers or addresses to contact him.

It was suggested that this notice be put in the newsletter. It was reported one member has not paid their dues and Foster suggested that this person be dropped from the list when the new roster is published.

Golf - Howard Trudeau, Gary re-

ported for Howard, that golf is doing very well. He stated that Howard is a great organizer and emails out the tee times and they have an average of 10 people playing every time. He also stated that three new members have been referred through the golf program.

Recruiting/retention - Bob Simons will report in September.

New member orientation - Phil Yurtis. Phil was not in attendance.

Speakers - Al Stratz, Al reported that we are expecting an interesting speaker today to talk about human trafficking. Her name is Lynette Parker and she is the supervising attorney at the Santa Clara law school in charge of this area. He stated that next month the speaker would be Denise Gluhan on who is a fire captain for Santa Clara County who will speak on the protection of seniors and their possessions during an emergency. Al reported that he is working on the October speaker.

Webmaster – Ed Nazzal. Ed was not in attendance.

Activities - Carl reported that bocce ball is going well with an average of 3 to 6 people playing. He publishes this information in the newsletter. Gary suggested announcing this at the meeting. Gary also suggested that Les Spring could send a "blast" out via his email list for the newsletter. Foster reported that Card's would be played today if members were interested.

#### 9. Old business:

a. Review and recap July barbecue - Roy Dreisbach and Bob Simons. Bob passed out a summary of the summer barbecue signed up. He reported that 26 members attended and that it was well done. He stated that the members paid in advance and he also volunteered to do the December party. Board members comments included great job and Foster wanted to make sure that the minutes reflected appreciation for Bob and all those who helped for their hard work. Bob reported that the decorations were outstanding and Richard and Diane McGrath and did a

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great job as well as Duane Stauffer as the MC. Foster also wanted to make sure that everybody appreciated Dolce Musica's performance.

10. New business:

a. Nominations for 2018 officers and directors - Al Stratz, Al passed out the proposal for branch five officers for 2018. Big SIR - Foster Kenny, Little SIR - Roy Dreisbach, Treasurer - Pete LoPresto, Secretary - Chris Vasquez, Assistant Treasurer - Carl Orta, Assistant Secretary - Phil Yurtis, Directors - Paul Butler, Gary Hornberger, Al Stratz

b. Gary Hornberger mentioned that Form 20 needs to go to the state. He stated that it is the secretary's responsibility and Chris Vasquez offered to work with Gary to get this done.

c. It was suggested that to jazz up the newsletter people should submit pictures of activities such as bocce ball and golf. It was decided that if people have pictures they should send them to Les Spring for inclusion in the newsletter.

d. Carl Orta is to complete the assistant treasurer form and get this to Pete LoPresto.

e. It was reported that there are remaining tickets for the Giants game and people should be reminded and to contact Gary Kemist if interested. It was suggested that an announcement be made at the meeting.

f. Foster said there was great enthusiasm for the barbecue and also posed the question that there seems to be a need for a leader for parties and perhaps some of the new members may sign up for this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08  
Respectfully submitted,

Chris Vasquez

Branch 5 SecretaryF

**GOLF**

**Sunnyvale golf course**

8-3-17

Greg Kemist	80 net 65
Richard McGrath	74 net 66 CTTTP
Howard Trudeau	101 net 66
Phil Yurtis	91 net 67 CTTTP
Jere Austin	107 net 72
Mark Castro	100 net 73
Jiries Nazzal	106 net 73
Charles Shamieh	116 net 81
Azmi Habib	121 net 86

**Shoreline golf course**

8-10-17

Phil Yurtis	88 net 63 CTTTP
Jiries Nazzal	101 net 67 CTTTP
Greg Kemist	86 net 71
Jere Austin	108 net 71
Naim Nazzal	100 net 72
Shum Mukherjee	95 net 73
Howard Trudeau	111 net 74
Mark Castro	105 net 77
Azmi Habib	114 net 77
Charles Shamieh	114 net 77

**Moffett Field golf course**

8-17-17

Jim Stevens	93 net 65
Naim Nazzal	94 net 65 CTTTP
Jiries Nazzal	100 net 65
Mark Castro	95 net 67
Jere Austin	106 net 68
Howard Trudeau	110 net 72
Phil Yurtis	100 net 76
Charles Shamieh	115 net 77
Azmi Habib	117 net 79

**Los Lagos golf course**

8-24-17

Jiries Nazzal	92 net 59
Gary Hornberger	84 net 63 CTTTP
Naim Nazzal	92 net 65
Howard Trudeau	104 net 69
Ed Nazzal	93 net 70
Mark Castro	96 net 70
Jere Austin	105 net 70 CTTTP
Greg Kemist	85 net 71
Jim Stevens	98 net 72
Azmi Habib	108 net 73
Charles Shamieh	119 net 84

**MAC Group**

MAC users should contact W.A. Ross, <waross@closereach.com> (aka Skip) for information on this group.

**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 playing 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.

**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**

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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35,**  
**& 51**

EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
CUPERTINO

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**Biking**

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2nd Thursday— Sept 14, 2016,  
11:00 AM  
Wives and guests welcome  
Rain cancels; Helmet required

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

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### Mountain View to Alviso

**The Ride:** We begin the ride at the La Avenida Trail Head and follow the Stevens Creek Trail for 1.5 miles where we connect with the Bay Trail. We continue the ride 3.5miles on the levees and old service roads as we cross the waters north of Moffett Field. **(Note: This portion of the Bay Trail has been resurfaced and is not bumpy as before)** We then head for Sunnyvale Baylands Park where we do go on packed gravel to downtown Alviso, where we will have lunch at a restaurant. The ride is 9.5 miles one way. We will return on the same route for a roundtrip of 19 miles. There are no optional shortcuts.

**Directions:** Meet at the La Avenida Trail Head at end of La Avenida Ave. From the intersection of Hwy 101 and Shoreline Blvd,head north on Shoreline Blvd. toward the Computer Museum. La Avenida is the first street on

the right, but you can't turn there as it is a one-way street. Instead go past the Computer Museum to Pear Ave; turn right. Ingo Way is the next street; turn right. La Avenida is the next St.; turn left. (It is a two-way street here). Go four blocks to the end of the street. Park on the street, next to the curb.

To ride or for info, contact me (see above), or Gordon Tong ([gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com))

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