

Sons in Retirement



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April 2018

Big SIR sez:

Well, here it is April. We already had Easter, early on April 1 this year, and Phil Yurtis' birthday on April Fool's Day. And besides that he is Birthday Boy for April, and that is no April Fool. Hope you survived the April Fool's tricks!

Enough already of those special Full Moons - Super Moon, Blue Moon, NoFull Moon! There is only one Full Moon in April. The April 29 Full Pink Moon, heralds the appearance of the "moss pink," or wild ground phlox—one of the first spring flowers.

Income Tax Day is delayed to Tuesday, April 17 because April 15 falls on Sunday, and because Monday, April 16 is Emancipation Day in Washington, D.C. So,

your taxes are due at the post office by midnight, April 17. Find a post office open until midnight and you will find a big tax-posting party!

Lunch 4/24, Noon

Salads

Tomato. and Cucumber Vinaigrette
Pasta Prima Vera

Entrees:

Crab and Shrimp
Cannelloni
Sirloin Tips

Dessert:

Ice Cream

But don't forget to pay your property tax by April 10. There is no delay for that date!

We will be inducting new members at our April Meeting. Look around and greet them. Make them feel

at home.

New Member Orientation will be after our June 27 meeting. Recent new members are urged to attend.

Anyone who wants to learn more about SIR is welcome.

Our Raffle Winner for March was Jerry Ely

Remember, you must show that you are carrying your SIR Business Cards to win the Raffle!

You can enjoy our SIR activities. Golf every Thursday at nearby courses. Bocce first and third Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Los Altos Senior Center. Bowling every Tuesday, 12:45 PM at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino.

Cards after our lunch. Guests are always welcome at all of our activities, so give them a try!

Then on Wednesday, April 25, saunter on

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down to Michaels for our Monthly Lunch. Bring a friend. We will buy his lunch!

We will see you there!

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April Branch 5 Calendar

- April 3 - Bocce at Los Altos- 2:00 PM
- April 5 - Golf at Sunnyvale –9:30 AM
- April 12 - Golf at Shoreline 9:30 AM
- April 17 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- April 19 - Golf at Moffett – 9:50 AM – Time Subject to Change
- April 25 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels 11:00 AM
- April 26 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM
- May 1 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

SPEAKER

Jane Shinn is a Senior Management Analyst at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). She is effectively a Swiss-army knife

for VTA, working on several varied and high-profile agency efforts. She is currently managing and moderating the demands of 15 eager jurisdictions as she develops and administers the 30-year 2016 Measure B transportation sales tax measure. Jane has been integral in the development of VTA’s Strategic Plan and has explored equity issues relating to VTA’s express lane program. She has also helped balance the books at VTA, managing grant programs, ensuring contract and funding compliance and monitored agency budgets.

Jane is a graduate of the Mineta Transportation Institute, located within the Lucas Graduate School of Business at San Jose State University. She is an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a member of the Santa Clara County Joint Lifeline Transportation Committee, and the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of WTS, and

SPUR San Jose.

On November 8, 2016, the voters of Santa Clara County approved Measure B, a 30-year, 1/2 cent sales tax measure that will fund numerous transportation projects and services.

The measure is projected to generate \$6.3 billion that will be distributed across nine program categories:

- 1)Local Streets & Roads
- 2)BART Phase II
- 3)Bicycle/Pedestrian
- 4)Caltrain Grade Separations
- 5)Caltrain Corridor Capacity Improvements
- 6)Highway Interchanges
- 7)County Expressways
- 8)SR 85 Corridor
- 9)Transit Operations

Collection of the tax began on April 1, 2017, but a lawsuit and subsequent appeal has held up the distribution of funds to Santa Clara County cities and projects. Jane Shinn will present an overview and update of the 2016 Measure B Program, what is happening with those funds, when they might be free,

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and how she is ensuring that they will be used in ways that are true to VTA Board-adopted guidelines and the intent of Santa Clara County voters.

Attendance Report,
March

- 24 Members
- 2 Guests
- 1 Speaker
- 27 Total

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**Membership**

No data received

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Roster Changes

No data received

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**April/May**  
**Birthdays**

**APRIL**

- 4/1 Philip Yurtis
- 4/14 James Andrews

**MAY**

- 5/1 Anwar Dughman
- 5/4 Peter LoPresto
- 5/9 Donovan Alvick
- 5/15 Charles Scanlan
- 5/20 James Swanson
- 5/23 Norm Nazzal
- 5/26 Greg Kemist
- 5/29 Richard McGrath
- 5/30 Philip Vollmer

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SUMMARY OF
BRANCH 5
Executive Board
MINUTES

NO DATA RECEIVED

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**GOLF**

**Shoreline Golf Course**

**3-8-2018**

- Jim Stevens 98 net 71
- Phil Volmer 106 net 76
- CTTP
- Mark Castro 108 net 77
- Jere Austin 118 net 81
- Howard Trudeau 121
- net 84

Azmi Habib 130 net 93

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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 2018 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**

**April 12, 2018 11:00 AM**

Wives ands guests welcome

Rain cancels; Helmet required

**Location:** Foster City Bay Trail  
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.

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