

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

**PARTY, PARTY
HERE WE GO.
THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING,
HO, HO HO !**

And, Party We Will at our SIR Branch 5 **HOLIDAY PARTY** on Wednesday, December 12! (Note, that is second Wednesday this month.) Be there or be square! So, send your reservation in to Bob Simons, 418 Montclair Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051, along with your check for \$35.00 per person. We need to know who is coming.

We will induct our new officers for 2019 at this meeting, so be sure to thank them for volunteering.

Also, a special happening at our Holiday Party this year will be a milestone presentation to our Birthday Boy, Jere Austin - SUPER SENIOR ! Jere turns 95 on December 14. Happy Birthday, Jere !

Our November drawing winner was Tom Donahue. Tom generously gave the wood-carved pen he won to our speaker, Terrance Hunter.

This year's winter solstice is on December 21 at 10:23 PM. The world 'solstice' comes from the Latin solstitium meaning "Sun stands still," because the apparent movement of the Sun's path north or south stops before changing direction. It is the shortest day of the year. And it is the start of Winter.

The last Full Moon of the year will occur on Saturday, December 22. It is called the Full Cold Moon due to its occurrence during the month when temperatures drop and the days are short. According to the Farmers' Almanac, the nights appear to be at their darkest and longest. However, I will call it The Auld Lang Syne Moon, as we say Goodbye to 2018 and look forward to 2019 and the new leadership of

our SIR Branch 5.

Then comes December 25 - Christmas ! Santa Claus, family and festivities. Followed by New Year's Eve. You'll watch the ball drop and declare, "Happy New Year, Welcome 2019 !"

You are invited to join our Branch 5 activities. Golf every Thursday at nearby courses - Contact Howard Trudeau at htrudeau@aol.com or (408) 257-6703. Bocce every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Hillview Senior Center in Los Altos - Contact Carl Orta at (650) 868-5221 or carlcal54@sbcglobal.net. Bowling every Tuesday at 12:45 PM at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino - Contact Tim Eastham at (650) 346-2449. Cards after our monthly meeting. Guests are always welcome at any of our activities.

Foster Kinney, Big Sir, (650) 299-9479

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Holiday Lunch (what you reserved)

**DECEMBER 12, 2018
SOCIAL TIME 11:00 AM
LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM**

Pork loin Roast, green peppercorn sauce.

Breast of chicken cordon bleu

Broiled salmon, lemon beurre blanc

Wild mushroom crepes

JANUARY MEETING CANCELLED!

Due to construction at Michaels at Shoreline, the January Branch 5 meeting has been cancelled. The next Branch 5 lunch meeting will be on February 27.

Speaker

Looking Up And Looking Down: Marc Shargel Points His Cameras Into The Sky And Under The Sea.

Marc Shargel began diving as an undergraduate student at Stanford University in 1978. A few years later he gave up spearfishing in favor of underwater photography and began showing his photos professionally in 1988. As a teenager, he learned to develop and enlarge his own photographs in a darkroom, but it was the images he encountered underwater that motivated him to return to photography. Shargel has dived all along the California Coast from Humboldt County to San Diego and in oceans around the world. Marc Shargel earned degrees biology and psychology at Stanford but began his career programming computers at Apple.

In decades of diving, Shargel has noticed slow but relentless decreases in marine life. In 2000 he co-founded the first of two marine conservation organizations along California's Central Coast that he helped to lead. From 2004 to 2006 he served on a state panel charged with doing something that had never been done before: to protect a network of marine habitats along the Central Coast by mapping out a series of marine reserves—like state parks in the sea—to function as refuges and nurseries for everything living in our ocean. The state's process to make the

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network of marine reserves state-wide continued on to other regions, and so did Shargel. He began to create coffee table books, to communicate visually to decision makers and the public exactly what the proposed areas could protect. In 2008 his first book of photography, Wonders of the Sea: North Central California's Living Marine Riches, was published. He has since published two more volumes in the series, on Far Northern California and Southern California. Most recently he published Yesterday's Ocean: A History of Marine Life on California's Central Coast, a soft-bound booklet. All his publications are available at LivingSeaimages.com

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December Branch 5 Calendar

December 4 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

December 6 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM

December 12 - Holiday Party at Michaels - 11:00 AM - Note: 2nd Wednesday

December 13 - Golf at Shoreline - 9:30 AM

December 18 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

December 20 - Golf at Moffett - 9:51 AM - Time Subject to Change

December 27 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM

January 1 - No Bocce (New Year's Day)

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Attendance Report

No data this month

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Membership Changes

No data this month

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Roster Changes

No data this month

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December Birthdays

- Dec 3 John Hornberger
- Dec 14 Jere Austin
- Dec 23 Jon Raymond
- Dec 28 Robert Hertz

SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES Executive Committee Meeting Minutes For November 14 2018

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM.
2. A quorum was confirmed. In attendance were Pete Lopresto, Foster Kinney, Roy Dreisbach, Gary Hornberger, Paul Butler, Albert Stratz, Bob Simons, Tom Donahue, and Dan Haley.
3. There were no visitors or guests.
4. The minutes of October 24, 2018 were approved.
5. Big SIR report:

Foster reported that certificates are ready to present to our senior and super senior members.

He also reported that we will not meet in January as Michaels will be in the process of completing some

renovations. He requested that our callers contact their members to apprise them of this change and he will announce it at today's meeting as well.

Our meeting dates for 2019 were approved today and are as follows: Feb 27, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22, Jun 26 Jul 24 (summer barbeque), Aug 28, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 13 (2nd Wednesday), Dec 11 (2nd Wednesday & Holiday Party). The first two meetings next year (Feb & March) will be at Michaels as usual. Discussions with the new Michaels management will determine if we continue to meet there after March.

Golf dates at the various courses have been established and are included in the 2019 Membership Roster. The Schedule for January and February are attached. "Congratulations to Richard McGrath who won the Branch 35 golf tournament this year"

Dates for Bocce at Los Altos Senior Center have been established for January 15 and February 5th and 19th. More to follow.

It was approved that we will present Anniversary Certificates to members who have achieved 10 years of service and then every five years thereafter. The first of these certificates

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will be presented at our March meeting.

Our Holiday Party is scheduled for the second Wednesday in December, December 12. Reservation forms were passed out last meeting and are also available at today's meeting. Be sure to get your reservations To Bob Simons no later than December 3rd. We will have a presentation on photography at this event as well as door prizes and induction of 2019 SIR Branch Officers.

6. Secretary's Report- Chris Vasquez was not in attendance.

7. Treasurer's Report and approval: Pete LoPresto passed out the treasurer's report. He reported that last months' income was \$725 with expenses of \$862.50 which included \$87.00 to SIRINC. This represented a monthly loss of \$137.50 and results in a year-to-date gain of \$120.46.

8. Committee Reports

Attendance- Active members remains at 57. October meeting attendance, including speaker was 31.

Recruiting/Retention- Bob Simons had nothing to report

Speakers- Al Stratz noted that today's speaker will be Terrence Hunter who will talk

about "My 30 years with the California Department of Corrections" and in December Mark Shargel will talk about "Looking up and Looking Down". This presentation will be about his experiences as a photographer taking pictures of both the sky and sea.

Membership- Paul Butler will prepare a membership list by years on SIRs

9. Old Business

A discussion was conducted on Members who pay their dues but have not been attending meetings. A total of 22 members fell in this category of which half, 11 members, are avid golfers only, two have resigned after paying their dues, and one spends half the year on Hawaii. All will be contacted to determine their desire of remaining a member next year.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Simons
SIR Branch 5

GOLF

**Sunnyvale golf course
11-1-2018**

Mark Castro	96 net 68
Jim Stevens	98 net 72
Jiries Nazzal	105 net 74

CTTP	
Phil Yurtis	104 net 78
CTTP	
Gary Hornberger	101 net 79
Howard Trudeau	114 net 79
Charles Shamieh	115 net 80
Axmi Habib	117 net 82
Jere Austin	118 net 83
Phil Vollmer	120 net 86

**Shoreline golf course
11-8-2018**

Jiries Nazzal	103 net 71
Orville Plum	101 net 75
Phil Vollmer	111 net 76
Jim Stevens	104 net 77
CTTP	
Howard Trudeau	114 net 77
CTTP	
Mark Castro	115 net 86
Azmi Habib	129 net 92
Jere Austin	129 net 92

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**

Carl Orta is reserving the two bocce courts from 2:00 - 4:00 PM for members of SIR-5 and their guests at the Los Altos Senior Center at Hillview. We have enough bocce balls for 8 players, so there is plenty of room. And the cost is FREE! Please call Carl 650-8685221 ([carlcal54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carlcal54@sbcglobal.net)) Foster 650-299-9479, or email

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[fostertkinney@gmail.com](mailto:fostertkinney@gmail.com) (note the extra "t") to tell him you are coming.

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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

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**Biking**

**Jim Lunt, 408-252-6804**  
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**2nd Thursday of the month**  
**Wives and guests welcome**  
**Rain cancels; Helmet required**

**There is no ride in December**

Monthly bicycling is a combined activity of Branch 35 and all branches in Area 16. Rides are monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month. There is no ride in December. Attendance, including guests and wives, averages about 12 to 16 riders, but more are welcome.

The rides are planned to be 15 to 20 miles on paved bicycle trails so that almost any type bike is usable. Some rides have optional ride distances. The pace is moderate and riding on streets is kept to a minimum. **The rides start at 11:00 AM** and include a lunch break at a restaurant.

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**ATTENDANCE**  
Tom Donahue  
408-532-7274

**RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION**

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