

# Sons in Retirement



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## **Big SIR sez:**

WOW! The skies really performed! A 150 year spectacular! Super Moon! Blue Moon! Lunar Eclipse! I actually got out and watched from 5:00 to 7:00 AM on the morning of January 31. The moon was already in eclipse when I got there, dark reddish orange, a little lightish down on the bottom left. And I could look without special glasses! It took a long time for the big Earth to go across the path of the little Moon, so I got a good, long look at that lunar eclipse. Then, around 6:15 AM the left side of the moon began to turn bright yellow again, and I got to see a rapid show of the phases of the moon - quarter moon, half moon, three-quarter moon and then the moon set behind the Santa Cruz Mountains with the full moon not quite filling out yet, sort of like the Apple logo with the bite taken out! It was quite a show! If you also saw it, please send me an email about your experience -

[fostertkinney@gmail.com](mailto:fostertkinney@gmail.com) (note the second "t"). If you took pictures, go ahead and attach some.

So, there is no full moon in February this year. The full Snow Moon was January 31, and the next full moon will be the Full Worm Moon on March 1 (the moon has a 29 1/2 day orbit around the earth, and February has only 28 days.) There is no special name for a month with no Full Moon, so we will just call it No Full Moon February! By the way, in March, with the first full moon on March 1, there will be another full moon on March 31 - yup, you guessed it, another Blue Moon! Right after the January 31 Blue Moon. The next No Full Moon February will be in 19 years, in 2037. Mark your calendar!

Happy Anniversary Lloyd and Myrtle Lettiss - 75 years on February 2! The rain stayed away for your family party on February 4.

Ground Hog Day was February 2. Punxutawney Phil saw his shadow, and thus there will be six more weeks of winter, so the legend goes.

Super Bowl Sunday was February 4th where the Underdog Eagles beat the repeat Super-bowler Patriots 41-22. You made a prediction. How did it go? And remember, super Tom Brady went to Serra High School right here in San Mateo.

Also, there was one Stanford player in each of the lineups. We were certainly represented.

**DON'T YOU FORGET!** Circle your calendar! Valentine's Day is Wednesday, February 14.

Chinese New Year starts February 16 - the Year of the Dog. The parade in San Francisco will be Saturday, Feb. 24 starting at 5:15 PM at 2nd Street and Market.

Tet Vietnamese Festival goes Friday, February 16 through Sunday, February 18 at the Eastridge Mall in San Jose.

### **Lunch 2/28: Noon**

#### **Salads:**

Spinach with Eggs and Mushroom  
Caesar  
Three Bean

#### **Entrees:**

Crab and Shrimp Cannelloni  
Sirloin Tips

#### **Dessert:**

Chocolate Mousse

President's Day comes Monday, February 19. No mail. No banking. Celebrate the leaders of this great country, past and present!

With regret we announce that Cal Cook died February 3. Also Jere Austin's wife Jean died February 3. Services have not yet been announced.

At our January lunch meeting

Howard Trudeau presented Jim Stevens with an impressive trophy for Most Improved Golfer, 2017. Congratulations, Jim! Jerry Ely won the Birthday Boy for March. and Tom Donahue won the Monthly Raffle.

Remember, you have to show your SIR Business Card to win!

I hope you had a chance to meet our January guests, Lee Dove brought by Flemming Nielsen, John Lakstigala brought by JW Whittier, and Steve Parsons brought by Phil Vollmer. We look forward to seeing them again.

At our last BEC (Branch Executive Committee) meeting we welcomed Howard Trudeau as our new Director.

Come on out to our monthly activities. Golf every Thursday at nearby courses. Bocce on the first and third Tuesdays at the Los Altos Senior Center at 2:00 PM. Cards after our lunch.

Bowling every Tuesday at 12:45 PM at Homestead Lanes. Guests are always welcome.

Then on Wednesday, February 28, saunter on down to Michaels for our Monthly Lunch. Bring a friend. We will buy his lunch!

And we will see you there!

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### **February Branch 5 Calendar**

No data received

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## **SPEAKER**

*Jeanne MacVicar will be our speaker this month on the Orphan Train Movement*

The Orphan Train Movement was the largest mass migration of children in American history. It lasted from 1854 to 1929 and it's estimated that over 250,000 children were moved from

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orphanages in New York City to rural areas in the United States. It was the genesis of the modern day foster care system and the brain child of Charles Loring Brace, a Methodist minister and social activist. This "placing out" was an attempt to find homes for the urban poor and children were transported on "orphan trains" to be selected by people in rural areas. Jeanne's Great-Aunt Adeline Rousseau Trowbridge arrived in Clyde, Kansas on the Orphan Train in 1911. She was taken in by Jeanne's Great-Grandparents George and Sarah Trowbridge at the age of 3 and is buried in the Clyde cemetery. The presentation is an informative history of the Orphan Train Movement on a very personal level.

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**Attendance Report, January**

36 members  
2 guests  
1 speaker

Tom Donahue

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**2018 DUES**

We are at 70% paid up membership for dues payments so far this year. There are 15 unpaid members left. Lets go for 100% again this year. Make your checks payable to SIR-5 for \$30

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**Membership**

Paul Camenzind passed away on December 29, 2017 at the age of 92 years. Memorial Services TBA

The services for Cal Cook will be on Thursday February 15th at a 11:00am at Golden Altar Ministry, 1748 Junction Ave. San Jose CA 95112. Flowers may be sent to that address on that date. Church phone number is 408 993-1962.

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**Roster Changes**

No data received

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**Feb.-March Birthdays**

Feb 15 Jerry Ely  
Feb 16 Charles Shamieh  
Feb 22 Kamel Totah

Mar 4 Foster Kinney  
Mar 12 Robert Carlstead  
Mar 16 Robert Merk  
Mar 24 Henry Cooper  
Mar 31 Robert Simons

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**SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES**

**SIR Branch 5 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes January 24, 2018- 10:00 AM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.
2. A quorum was confirmed and the attendance list is attached. In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Paul Butler, Howard Trudeau, Roy Dreisbach, Foster Kinney, Pete LoPresto, Dan Haley, Tom Donahue, Bob Simons, Lloyd Lettis, Fred Van Kirk, Albert Stratz and Carl Orta.
3. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of November 15, 2017.
4. Howard Trudeau was introduced as a guest to be voted upon as a director. Foster mentioned that he is planning on ordering 15 bottles of wine from a source sponsored by Macy's for the July barbecue.
5. Big SIR reports:

Foster reported SIR turns 60 on June 23, 2018. He said a retired engineer named Damian Reynolds got together for lunch with three other retirees at the Clarimar Restaurant in San Mateo. And that is why Branch 1 is the Damian Reynolds Branch. Foster stated that he got the information from an article. Foster reported that we plan to celebrate the 60th anniversary during the June and July meetings. Foster suggested purchasing cake and ice cream in June.

Foster reported that the Emmett Hearn services will be Saturday, January 27, 2:00 PM at Los Altos Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena. Foster stated that he would be there; Dan said he would and Howard said that he might

attend. Foster said he would announce the services at lunch.

Foster said that are no services scheduled yet for Paul Camenzind. Foster reported that Paul had passed on a Thursday after the Holiday party in late December. He reported that Jerry Healy is helping the family.

Foster stated that the rosters have come in and he will announce this and pass them out during the meeting. He asked that everybody check the listing for accuracy. Howard reported he would also present the most improved player award for golf to Jim Stevens.

Foster reported five or six members are not attending lunch on average and our meeting attendance is approximately 35 for each meeting. He stated we need to address this and he wanted a survey to determine how we can improve attendance. He posed the question that some may need help to attend perhaps. Tom will be providing the data to the BEC in the future to help address the issue.

6. Secretary's Report - Chris Vasquez stated he had nothing to report.
7. Treasurer's Report and approval - Pete LoPresto, reported that the income for December was \$1860, \$180 of which was dues. \$1680 was Christmas income, we had 48 pay, with 46 attending. Expenses for December were \$1737.53 with a gain of \$122.47 and a loss of \$57.53. He reported the YTD gain was \$802.78. Pete reported that 20 people have paid dues through last night. He also reported that 57 people are on the dues list. Foster asked if Pete had a forecast for the budget for 2018 and he reported he will put one together for the next meeting. Foster said he needed help in putting together Form 27. He said he would bring this up during the membership report. Pete mentioned last year we had 68 attend the Xmas event. Foster asked Pete if he will continue on as Treasurer next year and Pete responded yes. Pete reported that Carl Orta and Roy Dreisbach are to go to Chase bank to get new people on the account.

Foster also will go and Carl and Roy will be placed on the account. Foster wanted to make sure the following is in the minutes: Art Kramer is no longer a member of SIR branch 5 and should be removed from the Chase account. The minutes will be shown to the bank.

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**Audit of 2017** - Lloyd read from a written audit. He stated, "I have completed the internal audit of Branch 5 for the year 2017. My report on forms 28,29 and 29A is attached. In my opinion the monthly financial reports accurately present the bank balance of \$2,339.65 at December 31, 2017, and the cash transactions of Branch 5 during the calendar year. Our balance for the year increased by \$802.78. Our treasurer, Peter LoPresto, kept the records in excellent order. Respectfully submitted." He presented copies, (attached). He requested Pete send Form 29 to the area governor and also all of the appropriate officers.

8. Committee Reports

**Attendance** – Tom Donahue reported that 26 members attended the holiday party with 20 guests.

**Membership** - Paul Butler reported that the membership report shows 60 people. The total was corrected to 60. He mentioned that Cal is an inactive member as of November. He said we have two new members and in December we lost two members. A discussion of the report ensued. It was determined that this was a year-end report. All agreed in November we got 2 new members, and in December we lost 2. After examination of the current list, the two deceased members show up. There was a discussion of two members who may not continue, Fredlund and Merk, as well as Cal Cook who is being considered for a member emeritus. Howard said that he will review the language of the bylaws, and suggested we take up Cal's issue next meeting. It was decided Camenzind should come off the January list. There was a discussion regarding Fredlund and Merk. Foster reported that he talked with Fredlund and he said he was not renewing. It was decided that Foster may send a letter to Merk as well as possibly others, inquiring if they wish to continue with a deadline to renew, and the outcome will be reviewed in the March meeting to determine the outcome. In the meantime, Fredlund and Merk will be carried on the roster.

**Recruiting/Retention** – Bob Simons reported that Phil Volmer and Flemming Nielsen are bringing a guest today and Bob Hertz should have the cards for the guests and Dan Haley will adjust the money. Hertz will then bring the cards to Foster to introduce the guests

MembNew er Orientation -

Phil Yurtis was not present. Foster

reported that there would probably be a midyear orientation.

**Speakers** – Al Stratz reported that Kelly Nguyen, R.N. would be the speaker today. He stated that Jeanne McVicker, would talk about the orphan train in February. He said the orphan train was established in 1912 in New York City. He said the train went out to the countryside with the orphans to rural stations so citizens could meet the children, in hopes of adoption. Al said in March Sam Bishop will talk about fly fishing in Central America for river monsters. Someone mentioned to invite Ken Littecott. Some members expressed an interest for a speaker about the "apple spaceship" and mentioned that the visitor center at Apple is now open.

**Web Master** – Ed Nazzal was not present. Foster stated that the pictures that Carl Orta took of the holiday party are now available on the web site.

9. Old Business:

a. Foster reported that we need a party chair and if anyone is interested please contact him.

10. New Business:

a. Roy nominated Howard Trudeau for Director. Howard was approved as a Director.

b. Foster reported that Mark Castro requested to be replaced as the administrator person. He said as a result, he needs to be removed from the director list. It was suggested that we determine what the administrator is responsible for and Pete suggested that we take these tasks and break them up among the members of the BEC.

c. Howard reminded us, as reported before, that we take up the issue of Cal Cook as a SIR member emeritus in February after his research of the by-laws. All agreed.

d. Al reported that we need a card for Paul Camenzind and also Bill Homan is going through hip surgery. Foster said that he would handle the card distribution.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Vasquez,  
Secretary



# GOLF

## Sunnvale golf scores

### 1-4-2018

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jim Stevens     | 94 net 68 CTTP  |
| Rich McGrath    | 78 net 70       |
| mark Castro     | 101 net 73      |
| Jiries Nazzal   | 104 net 73      |
| Howard Trudeau  | 109 net 74      |
| Phil Yurtis     | 97 net 75       |
| Phil Vollmer    | 104 net 76 CTTP |
| Gary Hornberger | 101 net 78      |
| Charles Shamieh | 113 net 78      |
| Anwar Dughman   | 129 net 94      |

## Shoreline golf scores

### 1-11-2018

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Gary Hornberger | 93 net 69 CTTP  |
| Jim Stevens     | 100 net 73      |
| Azmi Habib      | 114 net 77      |
| Phil Vollmer    | 111 net 82      |
| Howard Trudeau  | 120 net 83      |
| Mark Castro     | 114 net 85 CTTP |
| Charles Shamieh | 122 net 85      |
| Anwar Dughman   | 74/9            |



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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**

**Jim Lunt**  
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If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim . 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday— February 8,2018 :11:00 AM

Wives ands guests welcome  
Rain Cancels; Helmet Required

Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)

**Ride:** We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf course.

We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel parking lot for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the round trip to 12 miles.

**Directions:** Wyndham Garden Hotel is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/ 85 interchange.

The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park in the hotel parking lot behind the furthest hotel building on the right.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact James Lunt as per above, or contact Gordon Tong [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com)

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