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Big SIR sez:

May Day! May the First! Around the world this is a pretty big deal! Parades showing military might, demonstrations focusing on labor, dancing around the Maypole - all kinds of celebrations. But, around here, hardly a whimper. Did you miss it?

The May full moon is the Full Flower Moon, because flowers spring forth in abundance this month - catch it on May 29. Did you know that these names come from the Algonquin Tribes who lived in the region from New England to Lake Superior?

While you are looking at the full moon, check out the bright star to the west soon after sunset. That is Venus, the next brightest star after the sun and the moon!

Sunday, May 13. Get ready and don't you forget it!! MOTHERS DAY! Do your part and celebrate Motherhood.

At our April Meeting we inducted Steve Parsons, retired after 39 years at Lockheed. Say "Hello" and give him a good SIR Branch 5 Welcome! Steve was introduced by Phil Vollmer. And then we pulled the name of the May Birthday Boy, and got to sing "Happy Birthday" to Phil Vollmer. At the end of the meeting we drew the Raffle, and would you believe I won? They wouldn't give me the prize until I showed that I was carrying my SIR Business Cards!

Our April speaker was Jane Shinn of the Santa Clara County VTA. She explained where the money will go from the 2016 Measure B 1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax (once the court case challenge is settled.) It was refreshing to have an explanation of just where this money will be spent. And, you heard it here first - - the dedicated bus lane on El Camino from San Jose to Palo Alto is no longer under consideration! Thank you, Jane Shinn!

Recently you received your Voter Pamphlet and your Sample Ballot for

the Statewide Primary Election on June 5. It is definitely a long ballot. Did you expect to find 27 people listed as running for Governor of the State of California and 32 people to choose from for U.S. Senator? You only hear about the few who are bombarding us with TV Ads! SIR Branch 5 makes no recommendations for how to vote. But, I personally have one request - check out the options and make up your own mind. Then be sure to vote on Tuesday, June 5. Let your voice be heard!

Lunch 5/22: Noon

Salads:

- Spinach with Eggs and Mushrooms
- Tomato and Cucumber Vinaigrette
- Pasta Primavera

Entrees:

- Snapper Monterey
- Breast of Chicken, Herb and Butter Sauce

Desserts:

- Ice Cream

We will have New Member Orientation on June 27 after our June Meeting. Recent members are urged to stay. And anyone who wants to learn more about SIR is welcome to attend.

Carl Orta is interested in starting a Photography activity for our branch. Anyone interested, please contact Carl at his email - carlcal54@sbcglobal.net. You will hear more about this, so stay tuned. Meanwhile you can check out our other activities - Golf every Thursday at nearby courses. Bocce every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Hillview Senior Center in Los Altos. Bowling every Tuesday at 12:45 PM at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Cards after our monthly meeting. Guests are always welcome,

so give them a try. It was nice to have Jere Austin try out bocce! Come again!

Then drive on over to Michaels at Shoreline at noon on the 4th Wednesday, May 23, for our Monthly Meeting. Bring a friend. We will buy his lunch!

And we will see you there!

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May Branch 5 Calendar

- May 1 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- May 3 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
- May 10 - Golf at Shoreline - 9:30 AM
- May 15 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- May 17 - Golf at Moffett - 9:51 AM - (Time Subject to Change)
- May 23 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels - 11:00 AM
- May 24 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 A.M.
- May 31 - No Golf
- June 5 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

SPEAKER



My name is Hi-Dong Chai. Born in Seoul, Korea, and educated in the U.S. with a Ph.D. in electrical engineering.

After working for IBM for 19 years, I went to San Jose State University in San Jose, CA, and taught there for 15 years. During my technical career in IBM, I — as an inventor/coinventor — had 52 inventions, which were either filed for the U.S. patents or published in the IBM Invention Disclosure Bulletin.

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tin. I authored/coauthored 40 technical papers mostly in the area of incremental motion devices and a book,

Electromechanical Motion Devices.

Singing has been in my blood since birth. As a child I sang walking the streets of Seoul, often scolded by my mother. I sang in school choirs.

Since retiring as a professor emeritus from San Jose State University in 2002, I have devoted my time to sharing my thoughts, my feelings and my life experiences through writing. My main focus was to complete a story based on my experience living in Korea during WWII under the Japanese, and during the Korean War under the North Korean Communists. To develop creative writing skill, I attended writing workshops, writers' conferences, and monthly meetings of South Bay California Writers Club. In 2006 I met Jana McBurney-lin, author of **My Half of the Sky**. who mentored me in the art of creative writing.

During our mentor-student relationship, I asked her to be my coauthor. She turned my story into a historical novel, **Blossoms and Bayonets**, a story based on my family under Japan during WWII, and it was published in 2012.

Meanwhile, I continued to expand my original story from which **Blossoms and Bayonets** was based and completed it in June, 2013.

Inspiring Voices of the Guideposts magazine published (self-published) a paperback and e-version in November, 2013. The title of the story is

Shattered by the Wars (but Sustained by Love) that covers the period from WWII under Japan to the Korean War. In November, 2016, Christian Faith Publishing formally published and is currently marketing **Shattered by the Wars** with a new title, **Sustained by Love thru the Wars.**

Sustained by Love thru the Wars is a story of human suffering, the life of a happy family turning into a nightmare because of foreign invaders. During WWII, the Japanese took my father to prison because he was a Christian minister who refused to bow down to the picture of the Japanese emperor. My fifteen year old brother volunteered to join the Japanese military in the hoping to have our father released from the prison.

Through two wars, I lost my father, two brothers, and my best friend, a dog. I had to let my best friend go because we did not have enough food left even

for the family during the Korean War. I am sure there are tens of thousands families around the world with the stories to share — like mine.

I decided to write this story in the hope that by sharing how my happy family had suffered during the wars, the readers would seek peace instead of war, and brotherhood instead of disunity regardless of differences in race, creed, nationality...

I also feel that it is a **must-read** book for many Americans to appreciate how fortunate they are to live in America where no foreign soldiers walk the streets with bayonets on their shoulders and tell them what god to worship, what language to speak, what flag to fly...

We, Americans, are truly blessed indeed. Let us keep our country to stay to be the bulwark for liberty and justice not only for Americans but for all the people in the world.

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**April Attendance Report**

27 members

1 guest

1 speaker

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Membership

TBA

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**Roster Changes**

TBA

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May Birthdays

5/1 Anwar Dughman

5/4 Peter LoPresto

5/9 Donovin 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**

**April 25, 2018– 10:00 AM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.
2. A quorum was confirmed and the attendees were Chris Vasquez, Pete LoPresto, Roy Dreisbach, Howard Trudeau, Paul Butler, Al Stratz, Carl Orta, Foster Kinney, Tom Donahue, Bob Simons, Phil Yurtis and Dan Haley.
3. The minutes of March 28, 2018, BEC meeting were approved.
4. There were no visitors or guests.
5. Big SIR reports:  
Foster reported SIR turns 60 on June 23, 2018. We will have some sort of recognition. Ken Newton, Area 13 Governor will be with us. He stated that will be a good time to hand out Senior Sir (age 90) Certificates. Foster indicated that Ken Newton may or may not attend due to health reasons.  
Foster stated Peter Mueller may visit from Branch 35 today.
6. Secretary's Report – Chris Vasquez had nothing to report.
7. Treasurer's Report and approval – Pete LoPresto

a. Pete LoPresto reported income of \$690, expenses of \$645.38 with a gain of \$44.62. Pete reported that the lunch last meeting was \$600 and there were 24 members and two guests last month, Pete reported that since last month two members have paid and two members remain unpaid. He stated he sent letters and emails and has received no response. Pete said it was reported that the last attendance for one unpaid member was April 2017. The BEC approved dropping the unpaid members if they do not pay by next meeting.

8. Committee Reports

**Attendance** – Tom Donahue did not report data, but subsequently sent e-mail with the following data on 4/28/18: SIRS April Meeting Attendance

27 members

1 guest

1 speaker

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**Membership** - Paul Butler passed out the membership report. (attached) He reported that Steve Parsons will be here today and may be inducted as a member. He stated that one application is out and the active number in-

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cludes Parsons. He also stated that the 57 numbers included both Dove and Parsons. He said both not been inducted as members. The BEC decided the number should be 55 since both members have not been inducted. Foster requested that Paul provide a list of members who will be ninety. Paul said he would provide a list by age to the BEC.

**Recruiting/Retention** – Bob Simons reported that Chris waffle called Foster and is interested in becoming a member. Foster stated that Lee Dove would probably be inducted in May. It was reported that Fleming Nelson will have Bill Henry as a guest and Chris reported that Lonnie Crawford would be his guest today. Foster said make sure that Bob Hertz and the money takers are informed of the guests. It was also reported that Laksegala (sic) should turn in his application today and possibly be inducted in May. Bob said that he will keep the list of new members going and will be gone the next two meetings.

**New Member Orientation** - Phil Yurtis reported that the new member orientation would occur after the June meeting. He stated that he and Gary would be giving the orientation. Paul said he would provide a list of new members since June 2017 to Phil and Gary.

**Speakers** – Al Stratz reported that Jane Schem (sic) would be the speaker today. He stated that she is from the VTA and will be talking about the current lawsuit and transportation issues. He stated that in May the speaker will be Don Chi who was a Korean refugee, about 60 or 70 years ago during the Korean War. He stated that Don grew up in Korea in Seoul and was put on a ship alone and arrived in the United States. He said he stated that Don ultimately became an IBM employee and achieved a PhD. Al said that the June speaker will be a California state police officer who will speak on the “Darkside of marijuana use”. He said his name is John Norse (sic).

9. Old Business:

- a. Foster requested volunteers for an activity chair. There were no volunteers.
- b. Bob Simons passed out the BBQ flyer for the July barbecue (attached). Foster stated that he will strive to keep the costs the same and the menu the same. Bob said that he has made up envelopes and suggested we get the envelopes on the tables in future meetings prior to the BBQ. Roy volunteered to do this during the next several meetings

while Bob is gone. Foster stated that he and Roy will coordinate the menu and asked for the same menu.

Foster said he will bring up the Survey of our members who are not attending and find out why during the June meeting.

d. Foster asked for any interest in the State SIR Annual Meeting Tuesday, August 7, in Lincoln. He talked about the events of the meeting and said that he and Roy will be attending the meeting.

10. New Business:

a. Foster reported that there will be a SIR Day at Oakland – A’s vs. Giants -July 22 - \$55.00 each. Dan Healy also said that the SIR Branch 5 giant’s day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12 and all is ready to go. Dan said that he will speak to this during today’s meeting and the Giants play the Atlanta Braves.

b. Howard stated that he and Gary are putting together nominations for 2019 officers and will develop the slate by June. He stated he would also provide information for form 20 so Chris can get the form to Dwight Sale.

There was a call for a July speaker and all agreed it would be a good idea. Al has arranged for a woman who made a long trip after the death of her husband to speak about this and encouraging people to travel.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

**GOLF**

Sunnyvale golf course  
4-5-2018

|                 |            |      |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| Orville Plum    | 92 net 69  | CTTP |
| Mark Castro     | 102 net 72 |      |
| Jim Stevens     | 99 net 73  |      |
| Phil Yurtis     | 96 net 74  | CTTP |
| Howard Trudeau  | 109 net 74 |      |
| Azmi Habib      | 109 net 74 |      |
| Jere Austin     | 115 net 80 |      |
| Jires Nazzal    | 113 net 82 |      |
| Charles Shamieh | 120 net 85 |      |

Shoreline golf course  
4-12-18

|                 |            |      |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| Richard McGrath | 78 net 68  | CTTP |
| Howard Trudeau  | 112 net 75 |      |
| Phil Yurtis     | 100 net 77 |      |
| Phil Vollmer    | 109 net 78 |      |
| Jere Austin     | 116 net 79 |      |
| Shum Mukherjeem | 102 net 80 |      |
| Azmi Habib      | 118 net 81 |      |
| Charles Shamieh | 121 net 84 |      |

Moffett Field golf  
4-19-18

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Howard Trudeau | 112 net 74 |
| Phil Yurtis.   | 105 net 81 |
| Phil Vollmer   | 113 net 81 |
| Jim Stevens    | 114 net 86 |
| Greg Kemist    | 102 net 88 |

CTTP

Los Lagos golf course  
4-26-18

|                 |            |      |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| Greg Kemist     | 73 net 60  |      |
| Jim Stevens     | 92 net 66  |      |
| Azmi Habib      | 107 net 72 |      |
| Phil Yurtis     | 96 net 73  |      |
| Jere Austin     | 108 net 73 | CTTP |
| Ed Nazzal       | 98 net 75  |      |
| Charles Shamieh | 111 net 76 |      |
| Phil Vollmer    | 110 net 80 |      |
| Mark Castro     | 106 net 80 |      |
| Steve Parsons   | 91         | CTTP |

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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 is played 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. 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.**

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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 . **For Example::**

### **December 5, 2018 ♦ Beach Blanket Babylon ♦**

(Br 32) Escorts Mike Console (408) 246-1080 and John Pletsch (408) 274-2992. This is a very Funny and Zany show in San Francisco. We will attend the evening show after having lunch at the Fior d' Italia. If interested, call Mike Console (408) 246-1080 or John Pletsch (408) 274-2992 for details. Brochures available soon. Reserve early as this show sells out every year.

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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**

**[jamesdlunt@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesdlunt@yahoo.com)  
(408-252-6804)**

**Cell (408-921-5058)**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday— May 10, 2018, 11:00 AM**

Wives and guests welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required

### **BRISBANE BAYSHORE TRAIL**

**The Ride:** We will ride the flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles going south starting from the parking lot next to the empty former Walmart Tower building in Brisbane, and ending at South Airport Blvd. (next to SFO) where we will have lunch at a SANDWICH SHOP then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

**DrivingDirections:** Take 101 north past SFO to Sierra Pt. Parkway (2<sup>nd</sup> exit past the Oyster Point Blvd. exit). At the first intersection, stop, and turn right, then, immediately stop at the next intersection and turn left, which is Marina Blvd., going left. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the former Walmart Tower building (looks like a big ship) on the left side, turn left into a large public parking lot with a short



boulevard entrance. We will meet there.

**THE RIDE ON JUNE 14, 2018 will be-  
GUADALUPE TRAIL TO ALVISO**

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