

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

Well, well, here we are in October, the first full month of Fall. Check out the Fall Color - liquid amber trees, some in full bright colors, some still green and may wait until February! The colors are almost as bright as the maple trees that bring such vivid colors to New England in early October. (The generic name, Liquidambar, means, literally, "liquid amber" and refers to the pleasant-tasting resin that the tree exudes when you peel away the deeply furrowed bark. It was once used commercially for making soaps, adhesives and drugs.)

The October Full Moon comes on Wednesday, October 24 this year and is known as the Full Hunter's Moon (also the Dying Moon and the Travel Moon.) This lunar phase marks the height of our autumnal bounty before the scarcity of winter sets in. This full moon is also at the apogee of the moon's irregular orbit around our Earth, the farthest point away. So this is the smallest moon this year. Take a look - it appears a lot smaller and dimmer than the big, bright Super Moon that you saw on January 31.

We had a nice SIR-5 Day at the Giants on September 12, even though the Braves won 2-1.

Twelve of our members attended. This is one of our favorite branch events, so we look forward to next year and hope for a better score!

Our Birthday Boy for October is Roy Dreisbach. Be sure and wish him "Happy Birthday." Our lunch drawing winner for September was

Don Specht. Remember, you have to show your SIR Business Card to win our lunch drawing!

Columbus Day is celebrated as a Monday Holiday on October 8. Remember the "Sail on, Sail on, Sail on and on," of the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria that resulted in the discovery of the New World! And we are the recipients of that courageous endeavor.

Get ready for the Goblins and Ghosts - Hallowe'en is Wednesday, October 31. Bring out your sharp

MENU, OCTOBER 23

Salads:

- Spring Green
- Pasta Primavera
- Red Potato and Dill

Entrees:

- Sirloin Tips
- Snapper Monterey

Dessert:

- Ice Cream

knives and carve a memorable pumpkin to decorate your house.

You are invited to join our Branch-5 activities. **Golf** every Thursday at nearby courses - Contact Howard Trudeau at (408) 257-6703 or

htrudeau@aol.com. **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) 346-3449.

Cards after our monthly meeting. Guests are always welcome

at any of our activities.

Then, shimmy on down to Michaels at noon on Wednesday, October 24 (note, fourth Wednesday is early this year) for our monthly meeting. Bring a guest, we will buy his lunch!

And, we will see you there!

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(650) 299-9479

SPEAKER

John Suckow: "History of Moffett Field, from Dirigibles to Space" will be our speaker,

John spoke to Branch 5 May 27, 2015 about his flying experiences in Viet Nam. His program was well-received, and he's coming back to talk to us about Moffett Field and Museum and the artifacts it holds.

Born in Wisconsin,

Has BS in Economics from University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1964 and MBA from University of San Francisco, 1974

AA Internet studies University of California, Santa Cruz, 1998

US Navy, 1964 to 1971

Thirty-nine years in the printing business for California Printing, Califorms, Corporate Express and Sierra Office Supply and Printing

Presently still working in the printing business, plus doing docent duties on the USS Hornet CVM 12 and the Moffett Field Historical Society

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October Branch 5 Calendar

- October 2 Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00
- October 4 Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30
- October 11 Golf at Shoreline – 9:30
- October 16 Bocce at Los Altos 2:00
- October 18 - Golf at Moffett – 9:51
Time Subject to Change
- October 24 - Lunch Meeting at
Michaels - 11:00
- October 25 Golf at Los Lagos 10:00
- Nov.6 — Bocce at Los Altos -2:00

Attendance Report

AUGUST 22, 2018

- 32 Members
- 1 Speaker
- 33 total

No September data received.

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October-November Birthdays

- 10-12 Chris Vasquez
- 10-15 Lloyd Lettis
- 10-15 Donald Specht
- 10-23 Albert Donahue
- 10-27 Howard Trudeau
- 10-31 Roy Dreisbach
- 10-31 Shum Mukherjee

- 11-1 Peter Brooks
- 11-14 Roger Teter
- 11-29 James Stovens

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SIR Branch 5 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 26, 2018– 10:00 AM

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.
2. **A quorum was confirmed.** In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Pete LoPresto, Carl Orta, Foster Kinney, Roy Dreisbach, Howard Trudeau, Paul Butler, Phil Yurtis, Albert Stratz, Bob Simons and Tom Donahue.
3. **There were no visitors or guests.**

4. **The minutes** of August 22, 2018 were approved.

5. **Big SIR report:**

a. Foster welcomed back the Little Sir Roy Dreisbach. Bob Simons and Gary Hornberger attended the Big Sir meeting on the 14th. Bob stated the following key items from the meeting. He stated that many complained about their catering providers and he said that Ken Newton wants to get forms 27, 28 and the BEC minutes and the newsletter from each branch every month. He provided Ken's email address. It was decided that Ken can glean the minutes from the newsletter and it was recommended that he be added to the newsletter distribution list. He mentioned that another Big Sir from another branch talked about a speaker who gave a talk on the Tucker automobile, which he reported, sounded good. Bob offered to get the contact information if we were interested. He reported that the quarterly Big Sir meetings will be held on the last Friday of the month and they will be no more Big Sir meetings this year. He stated that he alerted Ken about the HLM nomination coming up. He stated that the state president gives these out so we would have to make arrangements for him to come in advance. Foster reiterated that we have good food and good speakers at Branch 5, which is a good selling point.

Bob also stated that Ken was interested in a spreadsheet of all of the activities of all of the branches. It was stated that we are interested in information on any photography groups. Foster indicated that information is online but Bob said that it's very hard to get to.

6. **Secretary's Report** – Chris-Vasquez had nothing to report.

7. **Treasurer's Report** and approval – Pete LoPresto passed out the treasurer's report (attached.) He reported that we had \$775 in income, \$999.34 in expenses with a loss of \$224.34. We also have a year to date gain of \$267.46. He reported that we have a balance of \$2300

8. **Pete also reported the**

attendance figures for the last meeting of 31 members present, 1 member attending from branch 35 and 1 speaker for a total of 33.

9. Foster reported that he has 11 bottles of wine for the December event and mentioned that JW Whittier will have three prizes, possibly including bowls for the December celebration. Pete reported that he has a large container of gin as a prize. Foster reiterated that our general policy is to have door prizes equal to half of the number of those in attendance. It was also decided that we would purchase 100 pens, red body, black ink, a sample of which Pete had brought forward. The cost agreed upon was \$95. We will discuss distribution for those pens at a future meeting. Foster mentioned that the amount for 2019 dues will be determined before the end of the year as we approach 2019.

Committee Reports

9. **Attendance** – Pete reported out the attendance figures in the treasurer's report.

10. **Membership** - Paul Butler reported no new members and no resignations. Paul also stated we have no current applications in process. Foster stated that he would contact members in November that may be considering dropping out, to help ascertain their status. (Membership report attached.)

11. **Recruiting/Retention** – Bob Simons had nothing to report

12. **New Member Orientation** - Phil Yurtis reported that the last orientation went very well and it was a best practice to sit down for the presentation in a round table format and have a discussion. All agreed we need more applications for new members. It was decided that we would schedule an orientation once a year as a general practice. If we get six or more new members then we will schedule an orientation in the interim.

Speakers – Al Stratz said that today's speaker, Jain Sudhanahu, would talk about the impact of climate change. He said then in

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October John Suckow will talk about the Moffett Museum and the artifacts contained there. In November Terrence Hunter will talk about "my 30 years with the California Department of Corrections". In December Mark Shargel will talk about "looking up and looking down". This presentation will be about his experience as a photographer taking pictures of both the sky and sea. Al stated that he is reported to be an expert and a very good speaker.

Activities Carl Orta – Bocce .Carl said that he's working out the dates for the bocce challenge from Branch 35.

Howard Trudeau - Golf - Howard reported that we have a full slate of players for Los Lagos. He said that sign-ups are going very well for next year and the courses played will be Los Lagos, Shoreline, Sunnyvale and Moffett. He stated that Shoreline and Moffett scheduling is in work.

Cards - Foster stated there would be cards if people show up to play.

9. Old Business:

a. Foster reported that we need a Party Chair for the July barbecue and December holiday party. It was suggested that Foster make this announcement during the meeting to call upon those who haven't volunteered to step forward .

b, Tom committed to provide Foster a list of those who haven't attended lunch meetings so that Foster can survey our members who are not attending and find out why.

c. Branch 5 September 12 - SIR Day at Giants – It was reported that 12 people attended the Giants day event. Dan will report the details at the next meeting.

10. New Business:

a. Foster said that he would be working a method of how to recognize long time members. He suggested a certificate and we will address this next month.

b. **Los Altos Street Faire – Spring 2019** – Carl Orta stated that we haven't received a date for the Los Altos Street fair for next year. The plan is to man a booth that sells glasses and to give out brochures along

with displaying our banner.

Chris suggested that we approach retirement communities such as those in Palo Alto and the Forum in Cupertino. Carl signed up to provide a flyer to the Forum. Chris is going to research the retirement community in Palo Alto and provide contact information.

Bob stated he would be providing "get well" and sympathy cards to members and their families who recently have challenging family events.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Vasquez, Secretary
SIR Branch 5

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**GOLF**

**Sunnyvale golf course**

**9-6-18**

Gary Hornberger 84 net 61  
Howard Trudeau 104 net 71  
CTTP

Norm Nazzal 97 net 73  
Jim Stevens 98 net 73  
Steve Parsons 99 net 76  
Phil Vollmer 108 net 76  
Jiries Nazzal 107 net 76  
Mark Castro 104 net 77  
Chsrles Shamieh 112 net77  
Jere Austin 115 net 80  
Azmi Habib 123 net 88

**Shoreline golf course**

**9-13-18**

Jires Nazzal 97 net 65  
CTTP, CTTP

Jim Stevens 98 net 72  
Mark Castro 102 net 74  
Steve Parsons 102 net 78  
Norm Nazzal 103 net78  
Charles Shamieh 115 net 78  
Azmi Habib 119 net82  
Jere Austin 129 net 92

**Moffett Field golf**

**9-20-18**

Richard McGrath 72 net 62  
CTTP

Howard Trudeau 105 net 67  
CTTP

Gary Hornberger 98 net 75  
Azmi Habib 113 net 75  
Jiries Nazzal 109 net 76  
Jim Stevens 104 net 77

Jere Austin 119 net 81  
Charles Shamieh 120 net 82  
Phil Vollmer 118 net 84  
Mark Castro 119 net 90

**Los Lagos golf**

**9-27-18**

Richard McGrath 75 net 64  
Jiries Nazzal 96 net 66  
CTTP

Phil Yurtis 94 net 69  
Ed Nazzal 96 net 71  
CTTP

Azmi Habib 111 net 76  
Steve Parsons 100 net 77  
Phil Vollmer 110 net 78

Charles Shamieh 114 net 79  
Mark Castro 106 net 80  
Jim Stevens 106 net 81

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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**

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 [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,
SUNNYVALE.

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**Biking**

**Jim Lunt, 408-252-6804**  
**jamesdlunt@yahoo.com**

2nd Thursday— October 11, 2018 11:00 AM Wives and guests welcome Rain cancels; Helmet required Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point Ride **Location:** We will ride the paved flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6.5 miles from Poplar beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point, to just past the town of Princeton. (Sometimes we go along the airport road to another place to eat. This adds about 5 more miles to the total). We will return to by the same trail back for a total ride of about 18 miles. **Directions:** Take I-280 north approximately 15 miles to Highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on Highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot, near the port-a-johns. Parking there will have a fee, so some find parking in the streets near the beach parking. Driving time is about 45 minutes. It may be windy and cold, so be sure to bring a wind breaker and gloves to wear.

Or, it may be a lovely sunny day. . If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Jim Lunt as above or Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or [gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com).

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