

Sons in Retirement



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Big SIR sez:

Welcome to September! Summer should be fading, but not around here. We have some warm weather forecast, and it may continue even after the official end of summer on September 22, when the day is as long as the night, about 12 hours each, with sunrise about 7:00 AM and sunset about 7:00 PM.

The full moon will be September 24. Its most popular names are Full Corn Moon and Harvest Moon. Other traditional names are Moon When the Plums are Scarlet by the Lakota Sioux Indians, Moon When the Deer Paw the Earth by the Omaha Indians and Moon When the Calves Grow Hair by the Sioux Indians.

You probably didn't hear much about it, but September 2 was the day the Japanese signed surrender documents onboard the USS Missouri, officially ending the Second World War. August 15 was the day Japan surrendered, and the UK observes August 15 as V-J Day, while the US observes September 2 as V-J Day.

What did you do for Labor Day? A traditional day for a family Bar-B-Q and the unofficial end of summer. Hope you had a fun time.

Our Birthday Boy for September is Dave Spaulding. Our August Drawing Winner was Dean Johnson. Remember, the winner has to show that he is carrying

his SIR Business Cards. Congratulations to you both!

At our August Meeting we unanimously elected our Officers for 2019:

- Big Sir - Roy Dreisbach
- Little Sir - Bob Simons
- Treasurer - Pete LoPresto
- Secretary - Chris Vasquez
- Membership - Paul Butler

Shake their hand, thank them for volunteering, and wish them well!

Lunch 9/26/18 Noon

Salads:

- Spinach with Eggs and Mushrooms
- Caesar
- Pasta Primavera

Entrees:

- Snapper Monterey
- Chicken Sautee See

Dessert:

- Sherbet

Also, I urge you to get to know our recent new members:

- Paul Vollmer
- Don Specht
- Steve Parsons
- Lee Dove
- John Lakstigala

We are a friendly group, and they want to know you, too!

A big day coming up is our SIR-5 Day at the Giants on September 12, against the Atlanta Braves. Dan Haley has found good seats and it should be an enjoyable time for all who attend.

We look forward with excitement to a Bocce Tourna-

ment. Branch 35 (Palo Alto) has challenged us. We will play at their regular time on some Thursday and then at our regular time on some Tuesday. All games will be at the Los Altos courts. Carl Orta is working this out. More about this as the details unfold.

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) 346-2449. Cards after our monthly meeting. Guests are always welcome at any of our activities.

And then sashay on down to Michaels at Shoreline on Wednesday, September 26 for our September Meeting. Bring a guest and we will buy his lunch.

And, we will see you there!

Foster Kinney, Big Sir
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September Branch 5 Calendar

Continued—

- September 4 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- September 6 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
- September 13 - Golf at Shoreline – 9:30 AM
- September 18 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
- September 20 - Golf at Moffett – 9:51 AM – Time Subject to Change
- September 26 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels - 11:00 AM
- September 27 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM
- October 2 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

SPEAKER

."Climate Change, Impacts and Solutions"

Sudhanshu "Suds" Jain designed integrated circuits for 25 years. In 2008 he decided that the impending Climate crisis was far more important than designing the next switch chip for computer networking and he "retired" from Broadcom Corporation to become a "professional volunteer". He currently is working on improving the science curriculum at his son's middle school. He also coached a FIRST Lego League team for 5 years and the high school FTC team at Wilcox High School for 3 years. He currently serves on the City of Santa Clara planning commission.

He also serves on the Board of Acterra.org. He has performed free home energy audits with Acterra's Green at Home program. He has also installed solar panels on low income housing with Grid Alternatives. He's active with Citizen's Climate Lobby which advocates for a Carbon Tax with 100% revenue recycling (dividends to consumers).

Since Sept. 2011, he's been teaching a "Climate Change Science" class to middle school students at Discovery Charter School. Sudhanshu holds BSEE and MSEE degrees from MIT.

September/October Birthdays

- 9/22 Adel Nazzal
- 9/22 Leroy Cove
- 9/27 David Spaulding

- 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

Attendance Report

No report,
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### **Membership**

No change,  
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Roster Changes

No change
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### **SUMMARY OF BRANCH 5 Executive Board MINUTES**

**August 22, 2018– 10:00 AM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. A quorum was confirmed. In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Pete LoPresto, Carl Orta, Albert Stratz, Paul Butler, Howard Trudeau, Gary Hornberger, Foster Kinney, Dan Healy and Bob Simons.
3. There were no visitors or guests.

4. The corrected minutes of June 27, 2018, BEC meeting were approved.

#### **5. Big SIR report:**

a. Foster stated there will be a Big Sir Area 13 meeting, Friday, September 14 in San Mateo – Gary Hornberger volunteered to go to this meeting. Foster stated that he would send Gary the agenda. Foster went on to describe the four regions in the state and the nine branches.

b. Annual Meeting Report – Foster reported that insurance was a big item of discussion at the meeting. He also reported that members are no longer required to be retired and a possible new slogan was discussed which was "Men's Social Club".

c. The new members who recently have joined are Steve Parsons in February, John Lakstigala in March and Lee Dove in May. Foster reported that John would be inducted today. Foster reported a need for a "sunshine person" to distribute sympathy and get well cards. Bob Simons signed up to be this person. Bob took the new cards. Pete also said he would bring the remaining cards he has to a BEC meeting.

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

7. **Treasurer's Report** and approval – Pete LoPresto stated that income for June was \$685. Expenses were \$934.13 resulting in a loss of \$249.13. Pete stated

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( that attendance for June was 31 - 27 paid members, 2 birthdays and 1 speaker and 1 guest. He stated that income for July was \$1272 with expenses of \$1237 and a net gain of \$35. Pete said attendance for the barbecue was 42 - 25 members, 16 guests and 1 speaker. Pete said as of today 98% of members (57) have paid and 1 remains unpaid. See attached. Pete stated that he needs attendance sheets for today and that he will be taking attendance.

8. **Committee Reports**

**Attendance** – Pete reported for Tom as stated above.

**Membership** - Paul Butler passed out the attached attendance report. The report indicates no new members; no resignations, no applications .

**New Member Orientation**

- Gary reported that new member orientation included Phil Volmer, Don Specht, Steve Parsons and Lee Dove. He reported that the new members sat around a table and that the discussion went very well.

**Speakers** – Al Stratz reported that he has secured speakers through December. He stated Tom Chapman would be the speaker today. He said that Tom is a retired Jockey and also an artist and will display his artwork as well as equipment that he used as a jockey. In September he said that Jain Sudhanahu would talk about the impact of climate change. He said then in October John Suckow will talk about the Moffett museum and the artifacts contained there. In November Terrance Hunter will talk about “my 30

years with the California department of corections. 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 reported that branch 35 has challenged our branch to a **boce tournament**, which will occur in one of the upcoming Thursday dates. Howard Trudeau reported

ed that **Golf** is going very well with full sign ups.

9. **Old Business:**

a. Dan Haley reported that there have been 12 purchased tickets distributed for the Giants game scheduled for September 12.

10. **New Business:**

a. There was a nomination of officers by Howard Trudeau, for 2019. The nominated officers were:

Big Sir: Roy Dreisbach  
Little Sir: Bob Simons  
Treasurer: Pete LoPresto  
Secretary: Chris Vasquez  
Howard made a motion to approve the nominations and Gary seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Howard stated he would call for a vote at the

luncheon today.

b. Foster and Carl reported that our branch plans to man a booth next year at one of the Los Altos festivals. Foster and Carl displayed a tabletop cover that contained a great SIR logo for this effort.

c. Howard reported that SIR Form 20 would need to be turned in by the end of the month. Chris stated that he would do this by the due date, which is August 31.

Foster reported that Greg Kemist achieved a hole-in-one at the Sunnyvale golf course on July 5. Carl stated that he wants to start a photography activity within our branch and would like a list of branches and their activities and contacts so that he can consult with Branches who have photography activities. Foster stated that he believes he has one and he will get it to Carl.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Vasquez,  
Secretary SIR Branch 5

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**GOLF**

No data received

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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. 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. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**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. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**TRAVEL NEWS FOR AREA 13, 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 . ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**Bowling BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51**

EVERY TUESDAY,  
HOMESTEAD LANES,  
HOMESTEAD AND  
STELLING,  
CUPERTINO

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.

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**Biking**

**jamesdlunt@yahoo.com**  
**(408-252-6804)**

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

Second Thursday each month  
Wives and guests welcome     Helmet required     Rain cancels

**Mountain View to Alviso Ride:** We begin the ride at the La Avenida Trail Head and follow the Stevens Creek Trail for 1.5 miles where we connect with the Bay Trail. We continue the ride 3.5 miles on the levees and old service roads as we cross the waters north of Moffett Field. We follow the trail to downtown Alviso where we will have lunch at a restaurant. The ride is 9.5 miles one way. We will return on the same route for a roundtrip of 19 miles. There are no optional shortcuts. (There are some optional ways that have streets). This ride can be ridden on a road bike, but there is packed gravel and some prefer a wider tire bike. Directions: Meet at the La Avenida Trail Head at end of La Avenida Ave. From the intersection of Hwy 101 and Shoreline Blvd, head north on Shoreline Blvd. toward the Computer Museum. La Avenida is the first street on the right, but you can't turn there as it is a one-way street. Instead go past the Computer Museum to Pear Ave; turn right.. Ingo Way is the next street; turn right. La Avenida is the next street.; turn left. (It is a two-way street here). Go four blocks to the end of the street. Park on the street, next to the curb. . 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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