

SONS IN RETIREMENT



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Big SIR sez

Well, spring is finally here, I think, and hopefully we will be able to get in all of our scheduled golf and bocce games this month without rain.

A nice picture is in this month's bulletin of our bocce players on March 19 consisting of Carl Orta, Les Spring, Gary Hornburger, Bob Simoms, Roy Dreisbach, Foster Kinney, Al Stratz, and Don Specht.. New players are always welcome and feel free to bring along a family member or friend.

Be sure to check out the Photo Section of the Branch 5 website when you download this bulletin. Carl Orta has downloaded pictures from our December Holiday party.

We had no birthday boy present at our March meeting so no free lunch ticket was given for April.

Dave Spaulding won the membership prize, one of J.W. Whitter's beautiful hand-made pens.

Hope to see you all at our April 24 lunch.

Roy Dreisbach

Speaker

John Lehman is a musicologist/historian who knows more about the origin of recorded songs in the US since 1900 than probably anyone in the world. He has put together a program he calls "Who Sang it" where he plays a snippet of a popular song or movie theme song dating back as far as he feels the audience is familiar. He then asks people collectively at each table to identify who sang the song, what movie it was from, etc.

Thereafter he shares insight into the history of the songs and the singers.

April Branch 5 Calendar

April 2 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

April 4 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM

April 11 - Golf at Shoreline – 9:30 AM

April 16 - Golf Banquet at Michaels – 11:30 AM

April 16 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

April 18 - Golf at Moffett – 9:30 AM

April 24 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels – 11:00 AM

April 25 - Golf at Los Lagos – 9:36 AM

May 7 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

Lunch Menu For 4/24

Salads:

Caesar
Spinach with Eggs and
Mushrooms
Antipasto

Entrees:

Chicken Marsala
Meat Loaf
Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert:

Sherbet

Attendance Report

26 members

1 speaker

1 visitor

28

Tom Donahue

Membership Changes

No Data Received

Roster Changes

No Data Received

April/May Birthdays

4/1 Philip Yurtis

4/14 James Andrews

5/4 Peter LoPresto
5/9 Donovan Alvick
5/20 James Swanson
5/23 Naim Nazzal
5/29 Richard McGrath
5/30 Clyde Vollmer

Summary of Branch 5 Executive March Board Minutes

MARCH 27, 2019– 10:00 AM

1. Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. A quorum of six Board members was confirmed. In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Roy Dreisbach, Pete LoPresto, Gary Hornberger, Paul Butler, Howard Trudeau, Carl Orta, Bob Simons, Al Stratz, Foster Kinney and Tom Donahue.
3. The minutes of February 27, BEC meeting were approved.
4. There were no Visitors or Guests.
5. Big SIR reports
 - a. Latest Michaels cost discussions - Roy stated that the cost per meal at Michaels remained at \$23.50. It was determined that a menu for the July barbecue would be put together and Roy would get this to Tanya. Roy stated that last year's July barbecue cost to members was \$30 and the holiday party was \$35. Roy recalled that the barbecue menu included chicken and tri-tip with sides. Roy said that hopefully Michael's would hold to the \$23.50 cost.
 - b. Email list of members requested by Ed Benson - Ed Benson, district director had requested an email list of members. It was determined that Paul Butler would send the list to Ed this year.
 - c. Foster stated that he would be available to do an audit as discussed during the last meeting. After discussion the board decided that we would table this and not do an audit at this time.
6. Secretary's Report – Chris Vasquez had no items to report.
7. Treasurer's Report and approval – Pete LoPresto - Pete stated that he's been looking at members who have not paid their dues and has determined that four members should be dropped after past communications with them. The names of the four members (that are designated on the attachment by a "X" within a circle) will be dropped. He stated that he has sent three email letters to those members and has received no response. He said there was another member with the same designation on the sheet, with two "XX" that he needed input on. There was also a

discussion about the status of seven unpaid dues members and good input was given and status was determined for some of these members. The member with the XX designation who has not paid was discussed and it was decided that we would make this determination by the next meeting. It was also determined that it was important to be consistent and treat all members equitably when making these determinations.

Pete went on to give the treasurers' report. He stated we had an income of \$1071, \$390 of which was dues. Expenses were \$907.50 with a year to date gain of \$514.94. (Report attached)

Pete also passed out a SIR branch 5-membership history sheet, which showed membership from the early 1990s to the present. (Attached)

He also mentioned that he had examined a list of the branches within SIR and found that there are 10 branches with under 50 members with the lowest being 31 members. He found the highest membership to be 340 members.

8. Committee Reports

Attendance – Tom Donahue stated that at the last meeting, there were:

26 members
1 speaker
1 member branch 35
1 regional director
1 visitor
30 total

Membership - Paul Butler passed out the membership report (Attached). He said that his numbers did reconcile with Pete for a total of 50 members after two had been removed that Pete had said would be dropped. Paul also stated that emails go out to 48 members and the report includes a corrected email address.

Recruiting/Retention – Bob Simons had no items to report.

New Member Orientation - Gary reported that new member orientation occurs about every six months and reiterated that we need new members.

Speakers – Roy Dreisbach – Roy stated that Ed Mitchell would speak today about national missile defense. He said that Ed had previously worked at the Rand Corporation and Lockheed. He stated that he has speakers for April, May, June, July and October and also stated that there is a need for a speaker chair. He stated that there is also need for a member contact chair and that Foster is serving in this position temporarily.

Web Master – no report

Carl reported that holiday pictures had been uploaded to the website and also it was mentioned that it would be nice to provide the names for the officer picture. Carl said that he would address this. Carl also stated that he sent a picture of the bocce ball group to Les Spring.

Activities - Carl Orta – Bocce - Carl said that because of rain there has not been an opportunity to determine a date for a match with branch 35 but that date will be forthcoming.

Howard Trudeau - Golf - Howard stated that because of the rain there have been cancellations of the golf group and that they would probably not play tomorrow. He said that April sign-ups would be occurring. He also stated that the golf lunch is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th and that he is working with Tanya to arrange this. He said that their menu would be the same as last year including beef and salmon.

9. New Business:

Roy stated that there would be a short meeting regarding the upcoming barbecue after the luncheon meeting today. He is considering a \$30 charge for this luncheon. Gary offered to collect funds as the date approaches for Bob Simons as Bob will be vacationing during this time.

It was reiterated that we will postpone any assessment of the membership and there was a discussion on the value of this.

Foster said that he recommended approaching retirement communities as one source of new membership. It was a good discussion on the value of advertising and becoming more known in the community. It was also agreed that per our practice of allowing caregivers to accompany members to luncheons that Fred Van Kirk's daughter would be authorized to accompany Fred to the luncheon today.

It was agreed that Gary would send out the remaining roster booklets to members who have not received them via snail mail. Gary offered to pay the postage.

Foster volunteered to call people who are not attending meetings and would like a copy of the list that Gary sends the rosters out to so he can follow up with them to determine why they are not attending.

Roy said that he would make announcements about the availability of playing cards today.

Foster passed around pictures of his recent trip to Rhode Island of maple syrup harvesting as well as samples of maple syrup candy.

11. Call for adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Vasquez,

Secretary SIR Branch 5

March Golf

Shoreline golf course
3-15-2019

Mark Castro	110 net 77
Phil Vollmer	115 net 78
Howard Trudeau.	115 net 78
Jiries Nazzal	111 net 79 CTTP
Azmi Habib	118 net 81
Charlles Shamieh	119 net 82
Jim Stevens	111 net 83 CTTP

Sunnyvale golf course
3-21-2019

Gary Hornberger	92 net 69 CTTP
Mark Castro	101 net 70
Phil Vollmer.	105 net 70
Jiries Nazzal	103 net 72
Phil Yurtis	104 net 77
Jim Stevens	106 net 78
Azmi Habib	116 net 81
Charles Shamieh	116 net 81
Howard Trudeau	119 net 84 CTTP

Los Lagos golf course
3-28-2019

Mark Castro	97 net 66 CTTP
Phil Vollmer	104 net 69
Phil Yurtis	96 net 70
Gary Hornberger	97 net 75
Ed Nazzal	110 net 83 CTTP

MAC Group

MAC users should contact W.A. Ross, (aka Skip)
waross@losereach.com for information on this group.

BocceBall



(group on preceding page)

Carl Orta, Les Spring, Gary Hornburger, Bob Simons, Roy Dreisbach, Foster Kinney, Al Stratz, and Don Specht..

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, 650-868-5221 (carlcal54@sbcglobal.net) or Foster Kinney 650-299-9479 (fostertkinney@gmail.com) (note the extra "t") to tell him you are coming.

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 may read the State SIR newsletter called SIR HAPPENINGS at the state website, www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings, which includes travel news available from other branches.

Bowling for Branches 5,35, & 51

Every Tuesday at Homestead Lanes, Homestead and Stelling, Cupertino.

Biking

Jim Lunt, 308-252-6804, jamesdlunt@yahoo.com cell – 408-921-5085 on 2nd Thursday of the month. Wives & guests welcome. Rain cancels, helmet required.

Attendance averages about 12 to 16 riders, but more are welcome. Rides are planned to be 15 to 20 miles on paved bicycle trails so that almost any type bike is usable. **Rides start at 11:00 a.m.**, & include a lunch break at a restaurant.

Foster City Bay Trail Ride: We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from the Oracle Headquarters to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point for lunch, and then

return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

Directions: Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/ Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point. . If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Jim Lunt as above or Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or gordy6850@gma

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