

# SONS IN RETIREMENT



## SOUTHERN PENINSULA BRANCH FIVE

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December, 2019

### Big SIR sez

I hope all our members and families had a great Thanksgiving.

Thanks to Howard Trudeau for working with the Shoreline staff and chef for giving us a wonderful turkey dinner at our November meeting. I think it was the best one we ever had here.

Jere Austin was the Birthday Boy this month. He will be 96 on December 14 but, I am told, still golf's like he was 50 years younger. Les Spring won the membership prize. And thanks to Les for the many years he has put together the Branch 5 Monthly Newsletter. We are still looking for a replacement for this critical position.

Please remember that there will be NO January meeting due to Shoreline renovation. First 2020 luncheon is on February 26. We have been told the meeting rooms will have many new features.

Speaker for December will be Ed Nazzel (our web master) whom we have asked to reprise his very interesting presentation on orchids. He is an expert on the subject.

I will digress and tell you how I first got to appreciate orchids. About 1944, when I was 9, my mother always listened on the

radio to Tom Brennemen, who had a morning show called "Breakfast in Hollywood" from Sardies Restaurant in Los Angeles. Every day he had on a surprise guest to whom he had an orchid for his or her work. Getting an orchid then was a big deal. That day one was given to Dr. Annie Bond, an MD who had delivered several thousand babies over 60 years of practice. There were not that many female doctors as that time who had received their degrees in the eighteen hundreds. But it was of particular interest to me because Dr. Bond was our family physician and delivered me in 1934.

### Speaker

Ed Nazzel on orchids.

### December Branch 5

### Calendar

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- Dec. 3 - Bocce at Cuesta Park, Mountain View - 2:00 PM  
Dec. 5 - Golf at Los Lagos - 9:30 AM (Note Course Change)  
Dec. 11 - Holiday Party at Michael's at Shoreline - 11:00 AM  
Dec. 12 - Golf at Shoreline - 9:30 AM

- Dec. 17 - Bocce at Cuesta Park, Mountain View - 2:00 PM  
Dec. 19 - Golf at Moffett - 9:30 AM  
Dec. 26 - Golf at Los Lagos - 9:30 AM  
Jan. 7 - Bocce at Cuesta Park, Mountain View - 2:00 PM

#### SIR BRANCH 5 HOLIDAY PARTY

**DECEMBER 11, 2019**

**SOCIAL TIME 11:00 AM**

**LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM**

**GUESTS AND SPOUSES INVITED**

**CHOICE OF FOUR ENTREES -**

**PLEASE SELECT ONE AT**

**REGISTRATION**

1. PORK LOIN ROAST, GREEN PEPPERCORN SAUCE
2. BREAST OF CHICKEN, CORBON BLEU
3. BROILED SALMON, LEMON BEURRE BLANC
4. WILD MUSHROOM CREPES (VEGETARIAN)

LUNCHES INCLUDE SEASONAL GREENS, VEGETABLES, POTATO DU JOUR, FRENCH ROLLS AND VANILLA ICE CREAM WITH CRÈME DE MENTHE SAUCE

RAFFLE PRIZES

**\$35.00 PER PERSON IN**

**ADVANCE**

CONTACT BY DEC. 2 FOR LATE RESERVATIONS:

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## Adios Time

Sometime in mid-2007 Joe Dyer, our bulletin editor, was killed in an automobile crash and I was no longer the assistant bulletin editor, but became the Branch 5 bulletin editor. 'tis now the end of 2019 and time to pass the position to my successor. It has been a good twelve plus years but it is time to say adios to the job. *Les*

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## Wheelchair Available for SIR Members and Families

SIR Branch 5 owns a wheelchair, which is currently in storage. It is available for any branch member or family member that would like to use it. Please contact Gary Hornberger at (408) 264-5029 or [ghornberger@earthlink.net](mailto:ghornberger@earthlink.net) to inquire about the wheelchair. Delivery to your home will be provided.

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## **2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

The time for renewal of your annual membership dues is at hand. SIR-5 has had an excellent record for the payment of dues for the past 4 years at 100%. Your dues payment is important for the successful operation of our Branch and helps defray costs for our extra membership events such as the July BBQ and the annual Christmas Party. Payment can be mailed to your Treasurer, Pete LoPresto. 1384 Sage Hen Way, Sunnyvale 94087  
Thank You.

*Pete*

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## November Attendance Report

28 members  
1 speaker  
29 Total

*Tom*

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## Membership Changes

No Data Received

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## Roster Changes

No Data Received

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## December Birthdays

Jere J. Austin 12/14  
Robert G.Hertz 12/28  
John Hornberger 12/03  
Peter K. Mueller 12/30

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## Summary of Branch 5 Executive Board Minutes

### **SIR Branch 5**

### **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **November 20, 2019– 10:00 AM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM.
2. A quorum was confirmed. In attendance were Jerry Ely, Chris Vasquez, Foster Kinney, Howard Trudeau, Paul Butler, Gary Hornberger, Bob Simons, Roy Dreisbach, Dan Haley, Tom Donahue, Carl Orta and Ed Nazzal.
3. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of October 30, 2019 and the minutes were approved.
4. There were no Visitors or Guests.
5. Big SIR reports:  
Roy stated the January 2020 meeting was cancelled due to Shoreline upgrading the restaurant and all the meeting rooms. He stated February would be our first 2020 meeting and luncheon.

It was decided to have a BEC meeting at 11 AM on January 22nd at Holder's Country Kitchen at 998 S De Anza Blvd., Cupertino. Foster was invited to this first BEC meeting in January.

Roy stated that there was a

need for a new secretary for 2020 as well as an editor for the bulletin and a Member Contact Chairman. There was a discussion about simplifying the bulletin perhaps to a single sheet email. Also, it was suggested that perhaps the bulletin could be a bi-monthly publication. It was reported that Dave Spaulding volunteered to produce the bulletin in January. Roy suggested to the board members that they provide names to him to fill the vacancies. Gary stated that he would contact one individual to see of his interest in the Secretary position.

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

7. Treasurer's Report and approval – Pete LoPresto was not in attendance. Carl Orta reported for Pete LoPresto that the member assessment cost was going up from 6 to 7 dollars next year. It was also reported given feedback from Gary, that it was decided to give the three servers \$75 apiece as a gratuity at the holiday luncheon. It was reiterated that the holiday luncheon would be \$35 per person and Jerry reported that four have signed up so far.

### 8. Committee Reports:

**Attendance** – Tom Donahue reported that 25 persons attended the October luncheon including one speaker and one guest. Jerry stated that he would cover the guest reception today because the member who normally does this was attending to his wife. It was decided that a "get well" card would be sent to the member's wife.

**Membership** - Paul Butler reported that there are 47 active members per the attached report. He also passed out limited copies of membership age range

information. Foster reported on the status of various members who were not anticipated to renew their membership. Gary stated that he will construct the roster for next year and this will be out for the February meeting.

**Recruiting/Retention**

Bob Simons had nothing to report.

**New Member Orientation** -

Phil Yurtis was not in attendance.

**Speakers** – Roy Dreisbach stated that John Lehman would be speaking on Vintage Music Therapy. Carl stated that he was securing the speaker for February.

**Web Master** – Ed Nazzal reported that the web is up and running and the newsletter was up. He also reiterated that Dave Spaulding would be doing the newsletter in January and Ed stated he would continue on as the Webmaster. He also confirmed that he would be doing a talk on Orchids at the holiday party.

**Activities** - Carl Orta reported that Bocce is going well in Cuesta Park in Mountain View. He said they are working on new courts in Grant Park and Hillview. He mentioned once the new courts are completed we will move the games.

Howard Trudeau stated that all 12 golf slots are taken up for tomorrow. He reported no golf on Thanksgiving. He stated the first outing in December has been changed from Sunnyvale to Los Lagos. He said sign up sheets for December will be available at the luncheon meeting. He also said a golf luncheon is scheduled for February 18th at Michaels at Shoreline.

**9. Old Business:**

Roy reported a short meeting of Holiday luncheon-planning committee would occur after the luncheon concluded.

**10. New Business:**

Howard introduced the following Sir 5 Schedules for 2020 and they were approved. SIR Branch 5 luncheon meeting schedule, golf schedule, and bocce ball schedule follows at the end of the minutes.

There was a discussion on the SIR wheelchair that Gary has at his home. It was decided that the availability of the chair will be published in the newsletter and if a member would like the chair it will be donated to the member. If a member does not step forward for the chair then we will donate the chair to a worthy organization. He stated he would also approach the management at Michael's to see if the facility would like the chair in which case it would be donated to the facility.

Foster stated that he will take office as Area 13 Governor in January. He stated that the area covers the peninsula, San Jose and San Francisco. He stated he will be visiting various branches within the area. He stated that there will be officer training in October in a north San Jose location. He invited BEC members to attend. He mentioned that today marks the last official day of Al Stratz and himself as a BEC members. We thank them both for their service.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Vasquez*

Secretary, Branch 5

**November Golf**

Sunnyvale golf course  
11-7-2019

Phil Vollmer	106 net 71
Phil Yurtis	101 net 72
Mark Castro	108 net 74
Charles Shamieh	115 net 80
Gary Hornberger	105 net 82
CTTP	
Jim Stevens	111 net 82
Steve Parsons	111 net 83
Azmi Habib	124 net 89

Shoreline golf course  
11-14 -2019

Gary Hornberger	95 net 71
CTTP, CTTP	
Jim Stevens	102 net 71sd
Phil Yurtis	104 net 73
Azmi Habib	124 net 87
Charles Shamieh	125 net 88
Howard Trudeau	60/9

Moffett Field golf  
11-21-2019

Phil Yurtis	97 net 66
Gary Hornberger	99 net 73
Steve Parsons	103 net 73
Azmi Habib	114 net 76
Adel Nazzal	109 net 77
Phil Vollmer	115 net 77
Charles Shamieh	117 net 79
Howard Trudeau	118 net 80
Jim Stevens	114 net 83
CTTP	
Tony Jaber	118

**MAC Group**

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

**Bocce Ball**

Bocce Ball is now at Cuesta Park in Mountain View on the first and third Tuesdays at 2:00.

**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 13,**  
**Branches 5,35, & 51**

You may 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 available from other branches.

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**Bowling for Branches 5,35,**  
**& 51**

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

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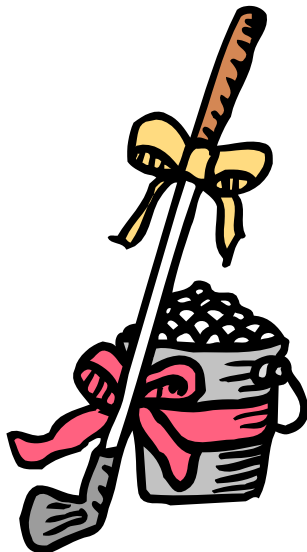
**Biking**

Jim Lunt, 308-252-6804,  
[jamesdlunt@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesdlunt@yahoo.com) cell – 408-921-5085

On 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**NO RIDE IN DECEMBER.**

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