

SONS IN RETIREMENT



SOUTHERN PENINSULA BRANCH FIVE

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Big SIR sez

We passed out sign up sheets for our July 24 BBQ at our May meeting. We will do so at our June meeting also. You are encouraged to bring your spouse or guest. We will have an extremely interesting guest speaker, Leslie Frates, a five time regular Jeopardy winner and participant in later Jeopardy tournaments.

Branch 5 will sponsor a booth at the Los Altos Art & Wine Festival on July 13. We need volunteers to help man the booth during the day. We will again have sign-up sheets at our June meeting. Shifts are 3 hours long from 9:30am till 6pm but you can sign up for only a part of a shift if that works for you.

Volunteers will be invited to a party on July 10 (food, drink, raffle) to give information on the booth job and answer any questions.

Orville Plumb was our birthday boy and Bob Hertz won the membership prize.

There was not enough member interest shown at our meeting to attend a Giants game together this year so hopefully we can do it in 2020. The games are a lot of fun.
Roy Dreisbach

Big Sir

Speaker

Our speaker, Walter Strach, is an education consultant, specializing in training special education math teachers. He has a passion for the history and cultures of Southeast Asia and has traveled extensively throughout the region. He is a member of SIR Branch 62 and has served as their Program Chairman. He is the author of the book "The Phaulkon Legacy" about a determined young Greek who in the seventeenth century made his way by ship to Siam (now Thailand), became a trusted advisor to the King and rose to become his Foreign Minister of Trade. Walter's talk will give us a glimpse into the Royal Siam court during the seventeenth century where dignitaries and traders from as far away as France, Portugal, Japan and Greece interacted on so many levels.

June Branch 5 Calendar

June 4 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
June 6 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM
June 13 Golf at Shoreline - 9:30 AM
June 18 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

June 20 - Golf at Moffett - 9:30 AM
June 26 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels - 11:00 AM
June 27 - Golf at Los Lagos - 9:36 AM
July 2 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

Menu, 6/26

Salads: Spinach with eggs
and mushrooms
Caesar
Tomatoes with
Cucumbers Vinaigrette
Entrees: Rosemary Chicken
Sirloin Tips
Rice
Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

SIR BRANCH 5 SUMMER BARBEQUE JULY 24, 2019

**HAPPY HOUR 11:00 AM
LUNCH SERVED 12:00 PM
GUESTS AND SPOUSES INVITED**

MENU

GRILLED CHICKEN
BARBEQUE RIBS
BAKED BEANS
POTATO SALAD
COLE SLAW SALAD
WATERMELLON
RAFFLE PRIZES

**\$30.00 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE ONLY
RESERVATION FORMS AVAILABLE
AT JUNE 26 MEETING
PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 12
CONTACT**

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jerry_ely217@yahoo.com**

Attendance Report

Members 22
Speakers 1
Guests 1
Total 24

Membership Changes

Delete:

Brooks, Peter
Cali, Chuck
Carlstead, Robert (deceased)
Dughman, Anwar
Loos, James
Mukherjee, Shum
Scanlan, C. R.
Stauffer, Duane (deceased)

Correct email:

Spaulding, David
davespaulding@att.net

Phone Number Change:

Alvik, Donovan
(650) 823-0791

ROSTER CHANGES

June 7, 1929 - April 24, 2019 Norman Duane
Stauffer passed away peacefully after a long illness.
Bob Carlstead also passed away recently.

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June Birthdays

- 6/2 Daniel Haley
 - 6/7 Geoffrey Johnson
 - 6/8 Dean Johnson
 - 6/8 Fred VanKirk
 - 6/10 Les Spring
 - 6/12 Stephen Parsons
 - 6/20 Orville Plum
 - 6/26 Albert Stratz
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Branch 5 Executive Board Minutes

MAY 22, 2019– 10:00 AM

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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, Foster Kinney, Bob Simons and Dan Haley.
3. The minutes of April 24, 2019, BEC meeting were approved.
4. There were no Visitors and Guests.
5. Big SIR reports: Roy mentioned that there will be a memorial on June 8th for Duane Stauffer. He said that it would be at Los Altos Methodist church with a

reception after. Roy said that if given the opportunity he would say a few words on behalf of Branch 5.

Roy introduced the topic of Branch 5 volunteering at the Los Altos Art & Wine Festival in July. Roy stated that we need more SIR brochures as a branch and can also utilize state brochures although the state brochures are more general in nature and have services listed that we do not provide. Foster said that he would inquire on getting more state brochures. Gary stated we have used our own brochures in the past and volunteered to coordinate the production of updated brochures. He also mentioned that in the past they had given out folders with both brochures at events. Foster said that Ken Newton had inquired about branch 35 assisting us at the Los Altos wine festival to man the booth. Roy stated he had also been approached by branch 35 as well, and gave them information so that they could inquire about manning the Festival booth on Sunday. All agreed this was a good solution.

Roy said he looks forward to combined branch activities in the future, perhaps with other events such as Bocce.

Gary stated that it's important to sign up for the event as we have to staff the booth with four members at all times. He said that Saturday, July 13th is the date we have signed up for and that 12 slots are to be filled and at this time we need eight more volunteers. Roy stated that we had submitted volunteers from the BEC. Gary said that there would be a 9:30 set up and the booth volunteers will give out wristbands and sell tickets as well as glasses for beer and wine. He stated that there would be a party for volunteers July 10th to inform and train them on what is expected. He said the time of the party is to be determined. Dan said the party is a nice event and in the past it began around 5 or 6 PM. Gary said that what is most important is to have four members staff the booth at all times.

Barbecue. Bob stated that we are in "good shape" and today he will pass out reservation forms as well as envelopes to return those forms to Jerry Ely. The cost will be \$30 per member and the menu is located on the flyer (attached).

Foster mentioned that Bob Carlstead had recently passed away and that he will provide information to Roy for dissemination.

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

7. Treasurer's Report and approval – Pete LoPresto reported that we had an income of \$820, with expenses of \$923.68. This constituted a loss of \$103.68 and he stated that we had a year to date gain of \$583.18. He said three members have not paid.

There was a discussion about the three members who are unpaid. Those members names are on the attached SIR 5 dues paid list and are annotated. Pete stated that we are down to 49 members. He stated that Jim Loos had dropped out. He said that he had tried to contact one member by email and phone call and he had not responded. It was agreed to drop this member. He said another member has also not responded. It was agreed that we should send him a letter. Gary is to supply Roy with the draft termination letter highlighting the fact that if we do not hear from this member he will be dropped in June. One member stated that he is dropping out voluntarily and he will be dropped effective the end of May. Pete and Paul reconciled the membership as of the end of May to 48 members. Howard suggested that we publish roster changes in the newsletter and he volunteered to submit these changes. All agreed that newsletter input needs to be submitted to Lester Spring by June 1st.

Dan Haley reported that there is a possibility of two dates for the Giants game: September 12th at 12:45 p.m. vs. Pittsburgh and September 26th at 12:05 p.m. vs. Colorado. He recommends September 12th and will test out interest at today's luncheon. He stated the tickets are not expensive and could be less than \$30.

8. **Committee Reports**

Attendance – Tom Donahue was not in attendance.

Membership - Paul Butler reported that he will not pass out today's membership report as his written report has not been completely reconciled with Pete's input and he will provide this at a later date. He also stated that Bob Carlstead had passed away and is not on the list. Paul passed out updated business cards to members. Roy stated that he would emphasize to the membership to continue to recruit members as our membership is down.

Recruiting/Retention – Bob Simons mentioned that the volunteer staffing of the booth at the festival would be good for our recruiting and retention.

New Member Orientation - Phil Yurtis was not in attendance.

Speakers – Roy Dreisbach said John Feece will be today's speaker and will speak about Air safety. John is a retired pilot. Roy stated that he has speakers through the month of October and Carl Orta has volunteered to take over securing speakers in 2020.

Web Master – Ed Nazzal was not in attendance. Foster mentioned that the website needs to be updated. Bob Simons was designated to gather updates and transmit them to the website master.

Activities - It was reported that Bocce has been rained out lately and to reference the bocce schedule at the back of the current roster for future games. Gary reported that there are plans afoot to have a bocce lunch.

Howard reported there has been a golf schedule change and that on May 30th Branch 5 golf participants will play at Moffett. He stated there may be another schedule change which he will report on at a later date and that there is no golf planned for the Fourth of July.

9. New Business: Foster reported that each branch is to nominate a candidate for Area 13 governor. Branch five nominated Foster Kinney for this position and it was

moved, voted on and passed that he will be our representative. Roy is going to attend the July Big Sir meeting and will bring forth this nomination.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Vasquez,

Branch 5 Secretary

May Golf

Sunnyvale golf course

May 2, 2019

Mark Castro	97 net 66
Steve Parsons	99 net 73
Howard Trudeau	109 net 74 CTTTP
Jim Stevens	103 net 75
Phil Yurtis	103 net 76 CTTTP
Jiries Nazzal	108 net 77
Jere Austin	120 net 85
Azmi Habib	124 net 89

Shoreline golf course

May 9, 2019

Richard McGrath	76 net 63
Howard Trudeau	110 net 73
Phil Yurtis	103 net 75
Phil Vollmer	112 net 75
Jiries Nazzal	109 net 76 CTTTP
Mark Castro	109 net 76
Charles Shamieh	113 net 76
Jim Stevens	109 net 80 CTTTP
Steve Parsons	107 net 80
Jere Austin	62/9

Los Lagos golf course

May 23, 2019

Richard McGrath	83 net 72
Gary Hornberger	95 net 73
Mark Castro	104 net 73
Jiries Nazzal	104 net 73 CTTTP
Jim Stevens	102 net 74 CTTTP
Ed Nazzal	108 net 80
Howard Trudeau	115 net 80
Charles Shamieh	115 net 80
Azmi Habib	119 net 84

Moffett Field golf course

May 30, 2019

Jiries Nazzal	99 net 66
Jim Stevens	102 net 71
Howard Trudeau	110 net 72
Charles Shamieh	114 net 76
Mark Castro	110 net 77
Gary Hornberger	103 net 79 CTTTP
Azmi Habib	123 net 85
Jere Austin	61 / 9

MAC Group

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

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, 650-868-5221 (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 16, 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. **Co-Chairmen:**

Bob Taggart chtaggart@earthlink.net 650-321-2654

Prizes: Alan Gaudie

Doug Anderson marktintl@aol.com 415-407-4000

The 17-week "Summer Session" starts June 18th. If you have been considering joining, this would be an excellent time. We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads - in Cupertino. The cost is \$15 each week, with 1/3 of it going into an "end of each session " awards pot. Call either Doug or Bob if you have any questions

Biking

Jim Lunt, 308-252-6804,

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

jamesdlunt@yahoo.com cell – 408-921-5085 on 2nd

Thursday of the month. Any type bike is usable. **Rides**

start at 11:00 a.m., & include a lunch break at a

restaurant. **2nd Thursday— June 13, 2019**

Wives and guests welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required

Guadalupe River Trail – Alviso to Downtown San Jose

We would like to see new people come out for this ride. It is flat except for a few underpasses. Just use the

bicycle you have, make sure the tires can hold air, bring a helmet, have fun with us.

The ride: We begin the ride at the trail head on Gold Street in Alviso and follow the paved trail past San Jose Mineta Airport, and on to Coleman Avenue where we will have lunch at Panera Bakery. We will return on the same route for a round trip of approximately 17 miles.

New Directions: Take Highway 101 south, to eastbound Highway 237 (toward Alviso and Milpitas). Go 2 1/2 miles and take the exit marked "Lafayette and Great America Parkway." At the intersection, turn Left on Lafayette and then immediately get into the right turn lane. The next traffic light intersection is "Gold St. Connector". Turn right. Go about 1/4 mile to another traffic light. This is Gold Street. Turn left, and go about 1/4 mile. When you see a yellow traffic sign that warns of a "Narrow Bridge Ahead" prepare to turn right into the new Alviso Educational Center parking lot. Park there.

To ride or for info, contact me (see above), or Gordon Tong gordy6850@gmail.com

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Bob Simons, **Little SIR**

Les Spring, **Editor**

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Tom Donahue, 408-532-7274 **Attendance**

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