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We had a good first 2019 meeting in February after missing January due to Michaels temporary closure due to construction.

We were pleased that our Area 13 Governor, Ken Newton, joined us for our BEC meeting and luncheon. We appreciate all his help and advice.

Bob Simmons, Foster Kinney and I attended the Big and Little Sir state wide Town Hall Meeting in Walnut Creek in February. We learned that there were a lot of challenges for SIR to remain dynamic and vibrant.

Membership dropped 5% state wide last year. We have one of the smaller branches which now has only 52 active members. We need to be actively working to bring in new members. Invite a friend to a free lunch to see what we offer, including the best SIR buffet in the Bay Area, interesting speakers, activities such as golf and bocce, and a chance to make new friends for life. Pass out your SIR business cards to likely members, wear your SIR cap, sometimes people ask about it, and it spreads the word about us. We belong to a great organization but as all great things, it requires work to keep it going.

At our February meeting we passed out two well deserved awards:

Al Stratz was given an Appreciation Certification for his long service as Branch 5 Speaker Chairman. He booked some great speakers. He is a Past Big Sir and has contributed to the Branch in many other important positions over many years.

Pete LoPresto received the Al Gardner Award for 17 years of perfect attendance, and for his outstanding and continuing service as our Branch 5 Treasurer.

And finally, Hank Cooper was our Birthday Boy and won the free lunch, and Les Spring won the membership pen.

Hope to see all of you at the March meeting.

Roy Dreisbach
Big Sir

Speaker

Ed Mitchell was a foster child who later graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He went on to

be an Airborne Infantry Ranger, a RAND Corporation Fellow, an aerospace systems engineer at Lockheed Martin, and a community activist fighting to protect water resources in California. Along the way, Ed became a national award-winning author by weaving his real-world experiences from foxhole to space into his contemporary adventure/thrillers.

March Branch 5 Calendar

March 5 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

March 7 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM

March 14 - Golf at Shoreline – 10:00 AM

March 19 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

March 21 - Golf at Moffett – 9:30 AM

March 27 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels – 11:00 AM

March 28 - Golf at Los Lagos – 9:36 AM

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

Attendance Report (February)

26 members

1 speaker

1 member branch 35

1 regional director

1 visitor

30

Tom Donahue

Membership Changes

No Data Received

Roster Changes

No Data Received

March/April Birthdays

March	4	Foster T.	Kinney
March	12	Robert H.	Carlstead
March	26	Henry W.	Cooper
March	31	John	Lakstigala
March	31	Robert W.	Simons

April	1	Philip	Yurtis
Apr	14	James D	Andrews

**SIR Branch 5
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019–
10:00 AM**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM.
2. A quorum was confirmed. In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Carl Orta, Pete LoPresto, Bob Simons, Roy Dreisbach, Gary Hornberger, Paul Butler, Howard Trudeau, Phil Yurtis, Ken Newton, Tom Donahue, Lloyd Lettis, Dan Haley, Foster Kinney and Albert Stratz.
3. Roy Dreisbach introduced Ken Newton, Area 13 Governor as our guest.
4. The minutes of November 14, 2018 were approved.
5. Big SIR report:
 - a. Roy Dreisbach stated that we need a new speaker chairman and member contact chairman to replace Al Stratz. He stated in the meantime Foster Kinney will be the temporary member contact chairman and Roy stated that he would be the temporary speaker chairman. Roy stated that he has secured speakers for April, June, July and October. He said there would be an interesting speaker talking about missile defense in March. He stated this speaker is West Point graduate; Ed Mitchell and he spent some time at Lockheed Martin. Roy stated that today's speaker, Paul Goodwin, would speak on the life of a person working in Saudi Arabia. He also stated that the speaker for July will be very interesting and is a 13-time winner on the TV program Jeopardy.
 - b. Roy stated that he and Bob Simons attended a Big and Little Sir Town Hall meeting on February 12th. Roy stated there was a welcome by the president and the term "raffles" was discussed. Roy stated that our drawings for gifts do not constitute a raffle and he will not refer to it as a raffle in the future. Bob Simons mentioned that SIR had a new logo that incorporated the statement "social activities for men". Roy stated there was no decision to include women as members and Ken reiterated that we could continue to invite women to all our events. He stated that at this time it was not strongly considered that women to be part of the organization.

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.) Carl Orta reported an income of \$477.19, with expenses of \$125.75 for a gain of \$351.44. Pete LoPresto stated that he did not have a forecast prepared for today. Pete stated that he is working hard to collect unpaid dues and for the past five years he has achieved 100% collection. Today he stated that we have collected 24 member dues out of 55. There was a discussion about how to determine if we should continue to have members who have not shown up to meetings. It was suggested that we send a form letter that we have sent in the past, to the individual stating that if they do not respond they will be dropped. Pete agreed to send this letter out. Paul mentioned that during his report he has members that should be reviewed.

Lloyd Lettis passed out the audit report, attached, and stated that Pete LoPresto had kept the books in very good order and that he found no improprieties. He also congratulated Pete for good recordkeeping. The board approved the audit report.

8. Committee Reports

Attendance – Tom reported that we had 27 attendees including one speaker and one guest at the November luncheon.

Membership - Paul passed out the attached roster for review. He reported that we have 53 members. Paul went over the resignations in the content of the roster. Gary stated he had the new rosters printed and said that he would pass these out today. He posed the question if we should mail out rosters to those who do not collect them at the meeting. The board voted to not mail out the rosters and retain them for collection by members at the meetings. It was agreed for Pete to send a form letter to two members. (Membership report attached.)

Recruiting/Retention – Bob Simons had nothing to report.

New Member Orientation - Phil Yurtis had nothing to report.

Speakers – Al Stratz said that today's speaker, Paul Goodwin has a degree in Management Science and will talk about how he worked on reconfiguring Saudi fighting vehicles.

Activities - Carl Orta – Bocce - Carl Orta mentioned that the holiday pictures are now up on the website and stated that the website needed to be updated. It was

suggested that Carl mention this to Ed Nazzal and he will update the site. Carl stated that Bocce will continue and some events have been rained out.

Howard Trudeau - Golf - Howard stated that some golf events have been rained out and the courses are soggy. He stated that he hopes the weather will get better for future events.

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

9. Old Business:

a. Roy stated we continue to need a party chair for the July barbecue and other events. In the meantime, he stated that he and Bob Simons will continue to coordinate the events.

10. New Business:

a. Roy stated that he and others have met with the Vice President of Touchstone the new contractor that is running Michael's. He stated that he has entered into a month-to-month contract and would like the ability to continue to sign the contracts on behalf of SIR Branch 5. He stated that we will continue to pay the same amount for lunch for four choices on the menu including salad. He stated that Tilapia Monterey will now be placed on the menu at the same price. Roy stated that the contract calls for a 25 member minimum each month. The checks will be made to the city of Mountain View is they own the facility. The board voted to approve Roy Dreisbach to sign on behalf of SIR Branch 5 on the contracts with Michaels. It was approved.

b. It was decided by the board that we will continue to send sympathy cards regarding the death of spouses to members. It was also suggested that these notifications go into the newsletter.

c. Ken Newton brought up the issue of declining membership. There was a good discussion of the issue and he offered to participate in a branch risk assessment regarding this issue. All agreed that it continues to be important to recruit new members and all should participate in doing so.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Vasquez, Secretary
SIR Branch 5

February Golf

Sunnyvale golf course
2-7-2019

Richard McGrath 85 net 72
Mark Castro 103 net 73

Jiries Nazzal 104 net 73 CTTT
Jim Stevens 107 net 80
Phil Vollmer 115 net 80
Azmi Habib 116 net 81
Howard Trudeau 120 net 85
Charles Shamieh 123 net 88
Phil Yurtis 118 net 92
Jerry Austin 137 net 102

Los Lagos golf course
2-28-2019

Richard McGrath 78 net 65
Gary Hornberger 90 net 68
Mark Castro 105 net 74 CTTT
Phil Yurtis 101 net 75 CTTT

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 THECOST 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.

Biking

Jim Lunt, 308-252-6804,
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**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. —

March 14, 2019 11:00 AM Coyote Hills / Alameda Creek — Niles/Fremont Ride: We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Park and continue on the Alameda Trail to Niles where we will have lunch at a restaurant in downtown Niles. The ride is flat (at the start there are some rolling hills) and approximately 9 miles each way, with an optional loop for a scenic view of the bay that adds about one mile (a total ride of 19 miles). **Directions** Take Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth to the first exit which is Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the park office and museum; park there. 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 so we can know when all have arrived at the start.

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