

SONS IN RETIREMENT



SOUTHERN PENINSULA BRANCH FIVE

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Big SIR sez

We had a great speaker for September, Ret. Major Gen. Rob Rostenberg who gave a very interesting talk on the Viet Nam war. A highlight was passing out Viet Nam War Veteran lapel pins to Viet War vets who were present at the meeting.

Our party committee has already started working on our December 11 Holiday Party. Mark December 11 on your calendar

. Don't forget that our OCTOBER meeting date has been change to October 30, the fifth Wednesday.

It's Flu season and flu shots are now available. There is a limited supply this season of the more powerful senior (over age 65) shots so get yours early. I got mine this week with only a short wait at Kaiser.

Our birthday boy winner this month was Lloyd Lettis, our oldest member who turns 99 in October. Pete LoPresto won the Membership Pen.

Roy

Speaker

My Father's Escape from Occupied France via The Comet Line

by Kris Crowe Zavoli

On July 31, 1943, Sgt. William Francis Crowe's plane was shot down over France near the Belgian border. With excerpts

from his diary and historic photographs, Kris will describe how he escaped by train, bus, bicycle, hiking the Pyrenees into Spain and finally in the trunk of a car to the British Embassy in Madrid.

Date Change for October Lunch Meeting!

The October lunch meeting for our branch has been moved from October 23rd to October 30th. We will meet at the normal time of 11:00 AM. Please mark this change on your calendars. We'll see you there and please bring a friend.

October Branch 5 Calendar

Oct. 1 – No Bocce
Oct. 3 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
Oct. 10 Golf at Shoreline -9:30 AM
Oct. 15 - Bocce at Cuesta Park, Mountain View - 2:00 PM
Oct. 17 - Golf at Moffett - 9:30 AM
Oct. 24 - Golf at Los Lagos – 9:30AM
Oct. 30 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels - 11:00 AM
Oct. 31 - No Golf
Nov. 5 - Bocce at Cuesta Park, Mountain View - 2:00 PM

Lunch Menu 10/30

Salads: Caesar
Spinach with
Mushroom and Egg
Moroccan Bean
Entree: Sirloin Tips
Chicken Marsala
Rice
Seasonal Vegetables
Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

Attendance Report

23 members
1 speaker
24 Total
Tom

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, CORDON 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

RESERVATION FORMS AT
OCTOBER 30 AND
NOVEMBER 20 MEETINGS
PLEASE RETURN BY
NOVEMBER 30

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Membership Changes

None

Roster Changes

None

(month) Birthdays

No Data Received

Board Minutes

SIR Branch 5

**Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

SEPTEMBER 25, 2019– 10:00
AM

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM
2. A quorum was confirmed. In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Foster Kinney, Jerry Ely, Pete LoPresto, Carl Orta, Gary Hornberger, Paul Butler, Bob Simons, Roy Dreisbach and Dan Haley
3. Foster raised a question on a birthdate on the newsletter and it was agreed it should be fixed. It was determined that the birthdate

was not in the minutes. Gary stated that he would connect with Les to address the issues. The minutes of August 28th, 2019 were approved.

4. There were no visitors or guests.

5. Big SIR reports: Roy reported that the October meeting was changed from October 23rd to October 30th at Michael's request. All acknowledged this and Gary stated it should be reflected in the minutes. Roy also stated that the speaker, Major General (ret.) Robert Ostenberg, would be passing out pins commemorating the service of Vietnam veterans.

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

7. Treasurer's Report and approval – Pete LoPresto reported that income was \$745 with expenses of \$705.90 for a gain of \$39.91. He stated there were two dues payers that contributed \$45. He stated that there was a year to date gain of \$411.97. He also confirmed that we have 47 members for the month of September. Paul gave Pete a check for Peter Mueller and said he was attending today's luncheon. It was determined he would be counted in next month's reporting. Pete also covered the attendance at the last meeting and said there were 30 people paid for; 27 members one speaker and two guests. There was a discussion about who had paid dues. In the course of the discussion a member was mentioned who had a recent illness. Foster stated that a sunshine letter should be sent to him.

8. Committee Reports

Attendance – Pete delivered the attendance report referenced above.

Membership - Paul Butler reported membership at 47 and passed out the attached attendance report.

– Bob Simons had nothing to report.

New Member Orientation - Phil Yurtis was not in attendance.

Speakers – Roy Dreisbach – reported that Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Robert Ostenberg, would be speaking on Viet Nam War 50th anniversary.

Web Master – Ed Nazzal was not in attendance.

Activities - Carl Orta reported that there is a new location to play **boce**, Cuesta Park. He stated there is no place to store the equipment so Foster will continue to bring the balls. He mentioned that branches 35 and 51 are requesting storage space in the park and we will be included in that request. Carl said play at the park is first come first serve and play will continue in October on the 2nd and 15th of the month at 2 PM. He said those who want to participate can stop by and he will send a notice to Les to advertise in the newsletter.

Golf - Gary reported that there would be golf at Los Lagos tomorrow and a full schedule at Sunnyvale and Los Lagos. He said that in October there is not golf scheduled during the fifth week.

9. Old Business: Roy Dreisbach called a special meeting after lunch to discuss the holiday party. Jerry reported that he might have some alcoholic beverages to share at

the party. Pete reported there were about 46 people who attended last year and the board determined that about 8 to 10 bottles of wine would be needed in addition to candies.

10. New Business: Foster invited board members to attend training for board members Saturday, October 26 at Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church on Camden Avenue in San Jose. He stated that in the morning officers will be trained and lunch will be provided. He said in the afternoon there would be RAMP training. He said all BEC members are welcome.

Kudos was given to Carl and Gary for submitting the write-up and picture of Howard receiving his award to the SIR happenings publication. Carl also mentioned that he had sent barbecue event pictures to this publication but there was a mix-up and he is working on it.

Gary reported that there is an opportunity regarding the "Science is Elementary" organization. Jennifer Urmsen sent a request to our branch requesting she talk about the organization to our membership (attached). It was decided that she would address our membership during a meeting briefly prior to the regularly scheduled speaker. This request was approved both by Ken Newton and Ed Benson. The request was approved by the BEC and also appeared to be a good opportunity to be able to provide our information to other volunteers to their organization about SIR.

There was a discussion about the need to find a replacement

for the Secretary position as well as a new newsletter editor.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Vasquez
 Secretary SIR, Branch 5

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September Golf
Sunnyvale golf course
9-5-2019

Phil Vollmer	101 net 66
Jim Stevens	98 net 69
CTTP	
Mark Castro	104 net 72
CTTP	
Howard Trudeau	107 net 72
Adel Nazzal	104 net 75
Azmi Habib	115 net 80
Charles Shamieh	115 net 80

Shoreline golf course
9-12-2019

Richard McGrath	84 net 73
Jiries Nazzal	106 net 73
Jim Stevens	105 net 75
Mark Castro	109 net 75
Phil Vollmer	113 net 76
Howard Trudeau	116 net 79
Steve Parsons	111 net 83
CTTP	
Azmi Habib	121 net 84
Charles Shamieh	131 net 94

Moffet Field golf course
9-19-2019

Jiries Nazzal	100 net 66
Mark Castro	104 net 69
CTTP	
Jim Stevens	104 net 73
Howard Trudeau	115 net 77
CTTP	
Charles Shamieh	122 net 84

Los Lagos golf course
9-26-2019

Jiries Nazzal	99 net 67
Jim Stevens	99 net 70
Phil Yurtis	100 net 71
CTTP	
Mark Castro	106 net 73
Adel Nazzal	103 net 75

Gary Hornberger	97 net 75
CTTP	
Azmi Habib	112 net 77
Charles Shamieh	117 net 82

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MAC Group

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

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Bocce Ball

Bocce Ball will be played at Cuesta Park.

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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, which includes travel news available from other branches.

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Bowling for Branches 5,35, & 51

Co-Chairmen :Bob Taggart
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Doug
 Anderson marktintl@aol.com
 415-407-4000

Prizes: Alan Gaudie
 We always have room for new bowlers - "significant others" are welcome to join, also. We bowl every Tuesday at the Homestead

Lanes - Homestead & Stelling Roads - in Cupertino. The cost is \$15 each week.

Call either Doug or Bob if you have any questions..

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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.

2nd Thursday— **October 10th, 2019, 11:00 AM** Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point Ride Location: We will ride the paved flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6.5 miles from Poplar beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point, just past the town of Princeton. (Sometimes we go along the airport road to another place to eat. This adds about 5 more miles to the total). We will

return by the same trail back for a total ride of about 18 miles.

Ride Directions: Take I-280 north approximately 15 miles to Highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on Highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot, near the port-a-johns. Parking there will have a fee, so some find parking in the streets near the beach parking. Driving time is about 45 minutes. It may be windy and cold, so be sure to bring a wind breaker and gloves to wear. Or, it may be a lovely sunny day. If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt as above or Gordon Tong gordy6850@gmail.com or 408 2420557

: We have ten rides and we have ridden each one, so in November we repeat one of the rides. Best guess is the Foster City one.

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