

SONS IN RETIREMENT



SOUTHERN PENINSULA BRANCH FIVE

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Big SIR sez

We had a great turnout at our August meeting. I want to especially thank Steve Tremulis, Big Sir of Branch 51 who on very short notice filled in as speaker after our scheduled speaker, John Lehman was called away for a family medical issue. John is rescheduled for November. Steve gave a fantastic talk on automobile design.

A reminder that our **October meeting has been changed from October 23 to October 30, the fifth Wednesday** of the month. This is at the request of of Shoreline, allowing them to book a very large event on our regular date which they otherwise would be unable to do.

Bob Simon, Foster Kinney and I attended the 61st SIR State Meeting on August 20. It was well done, informative and reminded us how much work is required by the state leaders to keep us going. As of 1 May 2019 there were 13,287 SIR members, down from 13,718 in May 2018. Getting new members is vital to our great organizations and making new friends for life.

Roy Dreisbach

September Branch 5 Calendar

Sept. 5 - Golf at Sunnyvale - 9:30 AM

Sept. 12 - Golf at Shoreline - 9:30 AM

Sept. 19 - Golf at Moffett - 9:30 AM

Sept. 25 - Lunch Meeting at Michaels - 11:00 AM

Sept. 26 - Golf at Los Lagos - 9:36 AM

Note: No bocce until further notice due to construction at Los Altos Senior Center

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.

Lunch Menu, 9/25

Salads:

Tomato and Cucumber
Vinaigrette
Caesar
Antipasto

Entrees:

Beef Ravioli with Marinara
Chicken with Herb Butter
Sauce
Rice
Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert: Ice Cream

Attendance Report 8/28

27 members

1 member SIR 35

1 guest

1 speaker

30 Total

Tom Donahue

Membership Changes

Restore:

Dughman, Anwar (Andy)
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Roster Changes

No data received

September/October Birthdays

9/22 Adel Nazzal

9/27 David Spaulding

10/15 Lloyd Lettis
10/15 Donald Specht
10/19 Chris Vasquez
10/23 Albert Donahue
10/27 Howard Trudeau

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Summary of Branch 5 Executive Board Minutes

SIR Branch 5

August 28, 2019– 10:00 AM

1. Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.
2. A quorum of six board members was confirmed. In attendance were Chris Vasquez, Pete LoPresto, Howard Trudeau, Paul Butler, Gary Hornberger, Roy Dreisbach, Bob Simons, Foster Kinney, Dan Haley and Tom Donahue.
3. The BEC meeting minutes of June 26, 2019 were approved.
4. Roy stated that Steve Tremulis would be the guest speaker today and John Layman who was originally scheduled to speak will be speaking in November. He stated that Steve is a retired medical device engineer with over 50 patents. He said that Steve would speak on auto design and talk about his uncle who was chief designer of the 1948 Tucker automobile.
5. **Big SIR reports:**
Roy stated the October meeting was changed to Oct. 30 at Michaels' request.
Roy said that at the state meeting Ed Benson gave a good presentation, which had been distributed. Some at the table stated that they had reviewed the 71-page presentation. Roy stated the meeting was held in Lincoln, California, and both he and Bob Simons attended the day of the meeting.
6. **Secretary's Report** – Chris Vasquez had nothing to report.
7. **Treasurer's Report** and approval – Pete LoPresto stated that the July barbecue income was \$1200 with 40 paid attendees. He said that we were billed for 43 attendees at a cost of \$1134.82. Additional expenses such as candy and framing brought the total expenses to \$1263.47 for a July loss of \$63.47. Breakdown of attendance was 24 members, 18 guests (2 unpaid), and 1 speaker for a total of 43. Pete stated the speaker; her mother and Ed Benson were unpaid. Pete said that he has noted 45 members for the month of July and that Anwar Dughman is going to be readmitted. A question was raised about a member who has not attended in a while, on readmitting him. It was determined that the final letter to this member had not been sent. Foster volunteered to talk

to this member and Foster stated that this member is on the list for callers to contact. The attached treasurer's report was approved.

8. **Committee Reports**

Attendance – Tom Donahue reaffirmed Pete's numbers for attendance and thanked Jerry Ely for the collections and collecting the attendance sheets. Tom also presented a two-page attendance report for 2019 that shows individual member attendance at the meetings, (attached).

Membership - It was moved and approved to accept Anwar Dughman into the organization. Paul Butler reported the active number of members is 46, which includes Dughman. His report is attached.

Recruiting/Retention – Bob Simons had nothing to report.

Speakers – Roy Dreisbach commented further on Steve Tremulis.

Activities - Gary reported that Bocce is in need of a venue because Los Altos is redoing their senior center so there will be no bocce until further notice.

Howard reported that golf is going well and there is no golf scheduled for this fifth week of August. He stated he is working on scheduling at four golf courses for next year and mentioned the prices are up just a little bit, a dollar or two.

9. **Old Business:** Gary reported that attendance was high at the recent Los Altos wine festival and the booth was very busy. He reported that all of the tri-folds were given out. He also reported that there were no sign-ups and called into question the value of attending the wine festival. All agreed it was good to get the information out.

10. **New Business:** Foster reported that he is the new Area Governor elect and that he anticipates being asked to do a lot of training. He stated he will carry forth the interests of the local Branches. Gary presented Howard with a framed photograph of Howard receiving the honorary lifetime membership award. All commented that it was a great photograph. Foster presented a list of proposed 2020 officers, which is attached. The list of nominations was accepted. It was mentioned that Chris Vasquez agreed to go on the nomination list but indicated that he would be not be serving as secretary for next year.

It was reported that Lester Spring indicated that he is going to step down from doing the newsletter next year. Roy stated we need a volunteer, preferably familiar with Microsoft Word in the PC Windows environment. It was also reported that volunteers are needed for telephoning members prior to the meetings.

It was also reported about the importance of insurance given the recent incident where some northern Branch members and their families suffered food poisoning from a caterer.

11. **The meeting was adjourned** at 10:59 am.

Chris Vasquez

Branch 5 Secretary

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August Golf
Sunnyvale golf course

8-1-2019

Phil Yurtis	94 net 64
Richard McGrath	79 net 67
Steve Parsons	99 net 71
Charles Shamieh	109 net 74
Phil Vollmer	110 net 75
Jim Stevens	107 net 78 CTPP
Howard Trudeau	113 net 78
Mark Castro	111 net 79
Azmi Habib	114 net 79

Shoreline golf course

8-8-2019

Phil Yurtis	94 net 63
Phil Vollmer	106 net 69
Steve Parsons	99 net 70 CTPP
Jiries Nazzal	103 net 71
Mark Castro	106 net 72
Howard Trudeau	113 net 76
Azmi Habib	116 net 79
Charles Shamieh	117 net 80 CTPP
Jim Stevens	51 / 9
Phil Yurtis	53 / 9
Howard Trudeau	55 / 9
Phil Vollmer	60 / 9

Los Lagos golf course

8-22-2019

Gary Hornberger	90 net 68
Jiries Nazzal	98 net 68 CTPP
Phil Vollmer	104 net 69
Phil Yurtis	98 net 70
Ed Nazzal	100 net 72 CTPP
Charles Shamieh	110 net 75
Azmi Habib	118 net 83
Mark Castro	116 net 84

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

Just wanted to confirm that there will be no bocce for the immediate future due to construction at the Hillview Senior Center. Carl is looking into alternative locations and will notify us when a new venue may be available. We'll look forward to playing again soon.

Carl

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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

Every Tuesday at Homestead Lanes, Homestead and Stelling, Cupertino.
Bob Taggart chtaggart@earthlink.net 650-321-2654: \$15/week **Prizes:** Alan Gaudie
Doug Anderson marktintl@aol.com 415-407-4000
Only 7 games separate the first and last teams. Whichever team gets 'hot' in the last 5 weeks will win the Summer Session. We always have room for new bowlers - "significant others" are welcome to join, also. 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.

Howard Trudeau Becomes Honorary Life Member

Branch 5 was honored to have State President, Ed Benson, at our Summer BBQ on July 24th to recognize Howard Trudeau as an Honorary Life Member of SIR. Howard has held all of the branch leadership positions, including Director, Assistant Secretary, Little SIR and two years as Big SIR. He has chaired many of our committees over the years including nominations, holiday parties, golf and rosters. Howard stepped up to be golf chairman, which would have been in jeopardy without his leadership. All of us at Branch 5 congratulate Howard on this well deserved honor and thank Ed Benson for conferring this on him at our meeting.



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