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#### MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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LUNCHEON-12 NOON - FIRST WEDNESDAY - FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL.LOS ALTOS HILLS

## Speaker September 4th, 2013

#### NAN SU

Shen Yun – Renaissance of Traditional Chinese culture and its Global Impact The presentation will cover:

The essence of Chinese culture;

Traditional values and principles: the genuine Chinese culture;

The driving forces of the renaissance: from heart to art:

The art forms of the renaissance:

Transcending cultural boundaries—how it touches a global audience

Born and raised in China, Mr. Nan Su came to the U.S. in 1989. He has been a news commentator on International Chinese Radio and International TV since 2003. He was one of the coordinators of the Human Rights Torch Relay in 2008 which started in ATHENS and spanned from July 2007 to July 2008 with stops at 100 world cities. Mr. Su was instrumental in making San Jose the first stop in North America. The relay was designed to raise international awareness of China's human rights situation.

Mr. Su holds a Masters in Engineering and has been a professional engineer for over 20 years. He has spoken to over 50 Rotary and other clubs throughout the bay area and has received many accolades for his inspiring, thought provoking, informational and entertaining talks about the 5000 years of Chinese history and culture interrupted by the communist regime.

#### **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

A new membership roster is available. Please pick your copy up at the next meeting

# IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT

LITTLE SIR: Channell Wasson 321-0808

# WEBSITE www.sir51.org

SIR Branch #51 now has a website thanks to MARC COHEN.

Check out the site for back issues of the newsletter and information about activities. Please notify Marc at 650-961-4882 if you have any suggestions for the site.

#### 2014 officers

The following are the officers for 2014 approved by voice vote at our August meeting

BIG SIR	Channell Wasson
LITTLE SIR	Rick McLain
SECRETARY	Greg Schaem
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ASST TREASURER.	Marc Cohen

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Tim Eastham
Roger Murray
Sam Meredith

#### **SIR HAPPENINGS**

The SUMMER issue of SIR Happenings
Is now available
for information about statewide
Activities of SIR go to SIR HAPPENINGS
http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

#### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

It is that time again. The contribution amount is the same as last year, which allowed us to "break even" for our 2012 operating budget. The contribution amount is therefore again \$20 for active members and \$10 for inactive members. It can be paid by check or cash (checks preferred – payable to SIR Branch #51). Payments can be made at our regular monthly meetings or checks can be mailed any time to the treasurer at the following address:

> Myron Hollister 4148 Old Trace Road Palo Alto Ca 94306

## **ACTIVITIES**

**COMPUSIR:** Meetings are held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 12:30 & 7:15 pm. at The PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE 4249 EL CAMINO REAL -

PALO ALTO For entry, use the announce button on the pedestal to the left of the door. The meeting is upstairs. (elevator available past the stairway).

Generally speakers are only at the evening meeting of the Palo Alto Stanford Users Group (SPAUG).

More information at www.pa-spaug.org. 11:30 lunch: can always find others discussing computer problems and solutions

Aug 14: MAKING A COMPOSITE VIDEO & REMOTE PRESENCE COMMUNICATIONS Maury Green and Greg Hamilton are co-speakers

Special Interest Groups — SIGs meet at Central Computer, Santa Clara, Monday evenings at 7pm. (For more information – **SVUGA** the Silicon Valley User Group **Activities web site features SPAUG and SVCS** among other local organizations.)

Build It Yourself SIG — contact/leader: Fred Townsend

Windows SIG — contact/leader: Kevin Lynn Digital Imaging SIG — contact/leader: George

Hamma & Richard Eggers

Web SIG — contact/leader: Maury Green JIM DINKEY (493-9307)

#### MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224

waross@closereach.com

Contact Skip Ross to join this e-mail group where SIR members in all branches can exchange MAC-related news, get answers to questions and share experiences.

**BRIDGE:** If you would like to play bridge for an hour or so after a meeting please call BOB WARD (650-592-8545) or e-mail at bandlward(at)sbcglobal.net. There is almost always a game after our luncheon.

**GOLF:** The following months' schedules are

**AUGUST SEPTEMBER** 09:30 03 NO GOLF THIS WEEK 06 TUE Sunnyvale 14 Wed Spring Valley 10:00 11Wed Shoreline 21 Wed Poplar Creek 10:15 18 Wed Aptos(seascape)10:00 28 Wed Santa Clara 10:00 25 Wed Sunol(cypress) 10:00

# April Leader Board

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1-Jim Cummings	83 1-Bill Dreyfus	64
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6-Ben Guess	88 6-Kai Johansen	70
7-Roy Deffebach	89 Sam Meredith	70
Tim Eastham	89 Norv Steele	70

## PLEASE BE AT THE COURSE AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FIRST TEE TIME.

All of the golf courses we play require a player count 7 to 14 days prior to play date. Please call or e-mail JIM CUMMINGS (650-328-2168) if your play or no-play commitment changes.

KAI JOHANSEN (853-2493 **TENNIS:** Our tennis group meets

Mondays and Thursdays at

Rinconada Park in Palo Alto.

Please be there by 8 AM when doubles teams will be formed. Later arrivals will play as sets are completed. We play an open spin-in doubles format. Play level is around 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS players so bring a friend! BILL KAMIN (322-4300)



**SIRS ON BIKES:** SIR Area #16 bike rides regularly start at 11:00 AM the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**. Wives and Guests are welcome.

**Rain will cancel.** Attendance averages 10-15 riders. More are welcome. Rides are planned to be 15-20 miles on paved bicycle trails (so that almost any type of bike is usable) with some optional ride distances. The pace is moderate and riding on streets is kept to a minimum and includes a restaurant lunch break.

# <u>June 8th Ride</u>: <u>Stevens Crk Trail/Shoreline Prk (Mt.View)</u>

Ride: We will ride a flat 14-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, near the Palo Alto Airport (a total ride of 19 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's.

<u>Directions:</u> Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. From Palo Alto, go south on El Camino, to Grant Rd.; turn right. The first street past the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic signal is Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Go 8 blocks to the end of Sleeper Ave. to a small park. Park your car along the curb.

# To Ride – contact Jerry Butler or Karl Resick

<u>CHAIRMAN</u>		<u>ALTERNATE</u>
Jerry Butler		Karl Resick
650-494-8078	OR	650-941-8837
gxb366(at)aol.com		karl.resick(at)
		Stanfordalumni.org

#### **FUTURE RIDES**

Sept 12: Los Gatos Creek

Oct 10: Coyote Creek – Alameda Creek (Fremont)

Nov 14: Foster City Bay Trail

The summer hours (until daylight savings ends) are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:30 Please be there by 9:00 for the start time of 9:30. Experienced players should show up 30 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams. FREE COACHING IS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PLAYERS.

DON HUGHES (323-9916)



# INDOOR BOWLING: (BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51) We bowl on a handicap

system, so all have an equal chance. Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by ability. **Tuesdays at Homestead Lanes: Homestead and Stelling in Sunnyvale.**Be there by **12.45**. New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me in advance so we will be prepared.

#### **SEASON HIGH SCORES**

SCRATCH SERIES		SCRATCH GAME	
Tim Eastham	570	Bob Taggart	229
Al Runge	555	Roy Robinson	204
Chuck Huff	524	Jeff Grundy	197
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HANDICAP SER	IES	HANDICAP GAME	
Fred Schwalbach	677	Doug Anderson	263
Hal Knowlton	654	Earl Pampeyan	251
Arnie Satterlee	643	Jerry Ososkie	237
Bill Finkemeier (323-217)			177)

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

#### BRANCHES 5, 16, 35 & 51 TRAVEL NEWS



SIR 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ALASKA CRUISE aboard the GRAND PRINCESS

August 28 – September 7, 2013 San Francisco to San Francisco Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm, Ketchican, Victoria B.C.

\$ 1579 - \$ 3300 (11 days)

Contact Art Lloyd 650-384-6424 Or Sonoma Travel 888-900-7772

Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide through the state publication SIR HAPPENINGS. Use the website:

www.sirinc.org click on travel All changes in address and/or telephone number must be reported to the Membership Committee Chairman: Tim Eastham, 2110 Ward Way, Woodside, Ca 94062 (650-366-2449.

# **SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN				
Big Sir: Jim Cochran	968-9049	Bowling, Indoor: Bill Finkemeier	323-2177			
Little Sir: Channell Wasson	321-0808	Lawn Bowling: Don Hughes	323-9916			
Secretary:Carl Otto	321-3945	Bridge: Bob Ward	592-8545			
Asst. Sec.: Rick McLain	408-629-8170	Bicycling: Jerry Butler (Br. 35)	494-8078			
Treasurer: Myron Hollister	867-4784	Compusir: Jim Dinkey (Br 35)	493-9307			
Asst. Treasurer: Marc Cohen	961-4882	Golf: Kai Johansen	853-2493			
Director: Sam Meredith	325-4152	Tennis: Bill Kamin	322-4300			
Director: Roger Murray	329-8832	Travel: Art Lloyd	384-6424			
Director: Jim Cummings	328-2168					
Director: Tim Eastham	366-2449					
ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN						
Attendance: Arjun Godhwani	510-490-7503	Luncheon Coordinator: Bill Finkemeier	323-2177			
Audit: Don Hughes	323-9916	Luncheon Programs: Channell Wasson	321-0808			
Bulletin: Jim Cummings	328-2168	Membership: Tim Eastham	366-2449			
E-Mail Contact: Art Lewis	964-3223	New Members: Roger Murray	329-8832			
Good Samaritan: Charlie Lomax	948-6702	New Member orientation: Roy Deffebach	631-0585			

Nominating Committee: Bob Guffey

Special Events: Ed Wright

593-3496

462-1554

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Good Samaritan: Charile Lomax 948-6702
Greeters: Norv Steele & Al Runge 408-243-2620