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MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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OCTOBER 2013 Devoted to the promotion of independence and Dignity of retirement

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

Speaker October 2nd, 2013

ANDY DOTY

<u>A Tail Gunners view</u> <u>Of World War II</u>

Andrew M. "Andy" Doty entered the Air Corps in January 1944 during the latter years of WWII. After training as an aerial gunner he became a member of a B-29 bomber crew flying missions from Guam to Japan.

His book, Backwards Into Battle, A Tail Gunner's Journey in World War II, is in its sixth printing and has been called the best of its kind in capturing the full flavor of the B-29 campaign against Japan. Reviewers have observed that the book is far more than a war story, however. It also recounts the amazing innocence, patriotism, and other values of what has been called "The Greatest Generation." The book provides literate and graphic accounts of his B-29 missions. His moment-by-moment description of bailing out of his bomber is especially moving. Yet his book's greatest contribution is his portrait of our own innocence through his tender and revealing portrait of himself. It defines in gentle yet honest words the men who fought in World War II.

He has been cited by Avenidas of Palo Alto for the "Lifetime of Achievement Award," and the Chamber of Commerce as "Outstanding Professional".

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

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

FUTURE SPEAKERS

Nov 6: Our own BILL KAMIN on his trip to Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Iran **Dec 12:** Christmas Party will be on the 2nd Thursday of December (December 12). The club needs their space for a week long charity event.

IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT INCOMING LITTLE SIR: Rick McLain 408-629-8170

<u>WEBSITE</u> 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 ASST SECRETARY....Aaron Matityahu TREASURER.....Myron Hollister ASST TREASURER.....Marc Cohen

DIRECTORS.....Jim Cummings 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/

NEW MEMBERS

JOHN PERUMATTAM (Annie) 650-917-9621 30 Chester Circle, Los Altos 94022 Johnson and Johnson Golf-Travel-computers perumattam@hotmail.com

FRANK UDA (Lisa) 408-629-6209 5968 Shawcroft Drive, San Jose 95123 IBM – Now girls basketball coach Oak Grove HS Uda16@yahoo.com Golf/Tennis

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 Sept 11: BOX CUSTOMER SUCCESS TEAM About moving your data to the cloud .. You are encouraged to bring your

laptops and the team will help you se up a box account. Box will provide sign-up codes for free accounts.

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

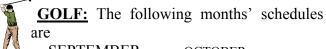
waross@closereach.com

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.



SEPT<u>EMBER</u> **OCTOBER** 03 TUE No golf this week 01 TUE Sunnyvale 09:30 11 Wed Shoreline 10:00 09 Wed Spring Valley 10:00 18 Wed Aptos seascape10:00 16 Wed Poplar Creek 10:15 25 Wed Sunol(cypress)10:00 23 Wed Crystal springs10:00 30 Wed Los Lagos 10:00

August Leader Board

GROSS	NET	
1-Ned Miller	80 1-Rick McLain	62
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Jim Cummings	82 3-Arjun Godhwani	63
4-Bud Nelligan	83 4-Al Runge	64
5-Roy Deffebach	84 5-Ben Guess	65
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Tim Eastham	85 7-Marc Cohen	66
Ben Guess	85 Bill Dreyfus	66
9-Kingsley Wood	87 Roger Murray	
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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. Be Please be there by 8 AM when

doubles teams will be formed. Later arrivals will play as sets are completed. We play an open spinin 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 2nd Thursday of the month. Wives and Guests are welcome.

Bring bike, helmet and a jacket if it is windy. 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.

September 10th Ride:

Los Gatos Creek Trail

The Ride: We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos for lunch. Then ride back for a total of 15 miles.

Directions: Go South on I-280 (past Highway17) to Meridian (South); turn right. Go to Willow Street (the third stoplight); turn right. Take Willow Street until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.

To Ride – contact Jerry Butler or Karl Resick

CHAIRMAN Jerry Butler 650-494-8078 OR gxb366(at)aol.com

ALTERNATE Karl Resick 650-941-8837 karl.resick(at) Stanfordalumni.org

FUTURE RIDES

Oct 10: Covote Creek – Alameda Creek (Fremont) Nov 14: Foster City Bay Trail Dec: No Ride scheduled



The summer hours (until daylight BOWLING 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 leyel of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me in advance so we will be prepared.

SEASON HIGH SCORES

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SCRATCH SERIES		SCRATCH GAME					
Doug Anderson	556	Alan Gaudie	198				
Al Runge	491	Jerry Ososkie	178				
Bob Taggart	438	Tim Eastham	163				
HANDICAP SERIES		HANDICAP GAME					
Jeff Grundy	613	Hal Knowlton	230				
Earl Pampeyan	600	Ron Nakamoto	225				
Roy Robinson	591	Bill Finkemeier	218				
Bill Finkemeier (323-2177)							

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



Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide through the state publication SIR HAPPENINGS. Use the website: www.sirinc.org click travel Albuquerque Balloons Cruise Canada/New England Branson Provence to Paris Christmas on the Seine Cuba And more

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

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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
Greeters: Norv Steele & Al Runge	408-243-2620	Nominating Committee: Bob Guffey	593-3496
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