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MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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OCTOBER 2015 Devoted to the promotion of independence and Dignity of retirement

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

#### October 7th Speaker Michell Gouldsberry <u>THE FUTURE OF TANSPORTATION</u> <u>IN SILICON VALLEY</u>

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Wants to know what transportation/mobility projects county residents would like to see funded, such as transit, roadway improvements, and bicycle/pedestrian paths.

VTA Envision Silicon Valley is a community outreach effort in which VTA is working with the community in a visioning process to discuss current and future transportation needs, identify solutions, and craft funding priorities as part of a long term plan. Some projects may be funded through a half cent sales tax measure being considered for the November 2016 ballot.

We have all been reading about plans to increase mass transit and reduce car use. This talk will give us all a chance to understand the thought process going on at the Valley Transportation Authority.

IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT LITTLE SIR: Sam Meredith 650-325-4152

## **FUTURE SPEAKERS**

Nov 4: TBd

**Dec 8:** Christmas party on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday **Jan 6:** Dennis Burns – Palo Alto Police Chief **Feb 3:** Dave Lynch about the Battle of Verdun **Mar 2:** A member of the Hoover Institution will

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### **IN MEMORIUM**

H. William (Bill) Finkemeier September 5th

#### 2016 OFFICERS

The following members were elected for 2016 at our August meeting.

Big Sir Little Sir Secretary Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Membership	Craig Carpenter Greg Schaem Myron Hollister Marcus Cohen
Assistants	
New Members Newsletter Special Events Golf Directors	Roy Deffebach Jim Cummings Kevin Wheaton Kai Johansen

#### 2015 VOLUNTARY DUES 2015

Once a year we collect voluntary dues of \$20. These dues are used to pay our expenses so it is important that all members help out by paying this modest stipend. You can pay at the luncheon or mail a check to our treasurer

Myron Hollister 4148 Old Trace Road Palo Alto, Ca. 94306

#### **NEW MEMBER**

Green, Michael (Mike/Joan) 15 Franciscan Ridge, Portola Valley, Ca. 94028 650-248-7130 Green@yahoo.com

#### WEBSITE www.sir51.org

SIR Branch #51 now has a website. Check out the site for back issues of the newsletter and info about activities

For information about statewide Activities of SIR go to SIR HAPPENINGS http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/

#### **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

The 2015 membership roster is available and can Be picked up at the luncheon. If you need one mailed please contact TIM EASTHAM at 650-366-2449

#### ACTIVITIES

**COMPUSIR** is a self-help Computer discussion group. We meet for lunch and discussion on the second Wednesday of each month 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 Front door. **COMPUSIR** is now part of SPAUG (the <u>Palo Alto – Stanford Users Group</u>). SPAUG Meetings are still held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:00 <u>pm</u>. at PA Elks Lodge (address above). The meeting is upstairs (elevator available past the stairway). More information at www.paspaug.org . Some members meet for dinner at the club at 5:30

<u>COMPUSIRS</u> contact is Jim Dinkey (650-493-9307)

More information at <u>www.pa-spaug.org</u>.

#### **Computer Special Interest Groups**

Special Interest Groups —( SIGs) meet at <u>Central</u> <u>Computer</u>, Santa Clara, Monday evenings at 7pm. (For more information: <u>SVUGA</u> (the Silicon Valley User Group Activities) web site features SPAUG and SVCS among other local organizations.) Build It Yourself SIG — <u>contact</u>/leader: Fred Townsend Windows SIG — <u>contact</u>/leader: Kevin Lynn Digital Imaging SIG — <u>contact</u>/leader: George Hamma & Richard Eggers Web SIG — contact/leader: Maury Green

#### 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.

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

OCTOBERNOVEMBER06 TUE Sunnyvale10:0003 TUE Santa Clara10:0014 Wed Poplar Creek10:1511 Wed Los Lagos10:0021 Web Spring Valley10:0018 Wed Spring Valley10:0028 Wed CrystalSprings10:0025 Wed Shoreline10:00

#### AUGUST Leader Board

GROSS		NET	
1-Ned miller	73	1-Ned Miller	61
2-Dennis Gaushell	85	2-Tony Hanley	63
2-Jim Cummings	85	3-Craig Carpenter	64
Ben Guess	85	Gary Jones	64
Gary Jones	85	5-Bob Guffey	66
6-Tony Hanley	86	John Perumattam	66
7-Bob Rewak	85	7-Rick McLain	67
Rick McLain	85	Bob Rewak	67
9-Dick Taylor	88	Ben Guess	67
10-Craig Carpenter	89	10-Mike McMahon	68
		Rob Harrell	68

#### PLEASE BE AT THE COURSE AT LEAST <u>ONE HOUR</u> 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.

doubles teams will be formed. Later arrivals will play as sets are completed. We play an open spinin doubles format. Play level is about 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS 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.

**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.

# October 8th 11:00 AM Coyote Hills/Alameda Creek To Niles/Fremont

**The 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 beginning there are a few small rolling hills) and approximately 9 miles each way, with an optional loop of 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.

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT

<u>CHAIRMAN</u> Jim Lunt 408-252-6804 **OR** jamesdlunt@yahoo.com <u>ALTERNATE</u> Karl Resick 650-941-8837 karl.resick(at) Stanfordalumni.org The SPRING hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:30. Please be there by 9:15 for the 9:30 start time. Experienced players need to be there 15 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams. FREE COACHING IS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PLAYERS.

Don Hughes (322-4300)



# **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 <u>experience.</u> 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	
603 Phil Vanderwerf	Doug Ericsson	247
554 Ron Nakamoto	Ed White	221
548 John Faucett	Chuck Huff	210
HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
721 Bob Taggart	Ptah Bennet	276

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699 Harold Kaye	Darryl awalker
667 Al Runge	Fred Schwalbach

Tim Eastham (366-2449)

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<u>NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:</u> 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. Check the state publication SIR HAPPENINGS 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: Rick McLain	408-629-8170	Bowling, Indoor: Tim Eastham	366-2449
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Director: Jim Cummings	328-2168		
Director: Tim Eastham	366-2449		
		ATIVE CHAIRMEN	

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: Arjun Godhwani	510-490-7503	Luncheon Coordinator: Erv Ericksen	369-3873
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Bulletin: Jim Cummings	328-2168	Membership: Tim Eastham	366-2449
E-Mail Contact: Art Lewis	964-3223		
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496	New Member orientation: Roy Deffebach	631-0585
Greeters: Norv Steele & Al Runge	408-243-2620	Nominating Committee: Channell Wasson	321-0808
Historian:		Special Events: Kevin Wheaton	485-2276

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