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

SPEAKER
Mar 2nd, 2016
Margaret O'Mara

PIVOTAL TUESDAYS
Four Elections That
Shaped the 20th Century



Ms. O'Mara is on sabbatical at Stanford from her teaching duties as an Associate Professor of History at the University of Washington. She has written books and papers about U.S. history and political developments. She will be discussing four elections starting with the 1912 election emphasizing the changes in methods used by candidates to win over the populace.

On Nov 9 she gave this talk at the National Archives. The speech was rebroadcast on C-Span over the weekend of Feb 13. On weekends C-Span features speakers and authors regarding American History on one channel. The other channel emphasizes discussions by authors and speakers on issues facing America. We have never had a speaker who has appeared on these programs.

Margaret O'Mara is a historian of the modern United States whose work looks at the growth of the

innovation thrive in particular places. Her current research includes a study of high-tech globalization and urban change in China, India, and the United States. An Assistant Professor of History at the University of Washington, she previously taught at Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania, where she received her PhD in 2002. From 1993 to 1997 she was a staff member to President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, handling policy issues including urban economic development, health care, and welfare reform.

**IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT
LITTLE SIR: Craig Carpenter
650-930-0510**

FUTURE SPEAKERS:

April 6: DOROTHY NGUTTER represents the U.S. State Department at Hoover, previously assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Turkey
May 4: BETTY ANN BOEVING - Founder and director of BAAHTC about human trafficking
June 1: SUMMER BBQ
July 6: JOE HUBER -Currently a Santa Clara Superior Court Judge

2015 VOLUNTARY DUES 2015

We are doing well in collecting dues - However there are still a few members who have not yet paid. Once a year we collect voluntary dues of \$25. 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
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2016 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

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The 2016 membership roster is now available and you can pick one up at the luncheon. PLEASE make sure that all your information is correct. If you need one mailed please contact TIM EASTHAM at 650-366-2449.

NEW MEMBERS

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Swimming, wine making, golf

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 Palo Alto – Stanford Users Group). SPAUG Meetings are still held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:00 pm. at PA Elks Lodge (address above). The meeting is upstairs (elevator available past the stairway). More information at www.pa-spaug.org . Some members meet for dinner at the club at 5:30

COMPUSIRS contact is Jim Dinkey
(650-493-9307)

More information at www.pa-spaug.org.

Computer Special Interest Groups

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

MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224

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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' schedule

<u>FEBRUARY</u>		<u>MARCH</u>	
02 TUE Sunnyvale	10:00	01 TUE Los Lagos	10:00
10 Wed Spring Valley	10:00	09 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00
17 Wed Poplar Creek	10:15	16 Wed Moffett Field	10:00
24 Wed Santa Clara	10:00	23 Wed Spring Valley	10:00
		30 Wed Santa Clara	10:00

DECEMBER-JANUARY Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Ned Miller	76	1-Jim Ramaker	60
2-Jim Cummings	83	2-Gerry Shebar	62
3-Craig Carpenter	87	3-Jim Cochran	63
Jim Stanford	87	Jeff Kaufman	63
4-Lyle Johnson	88	5-Tim Eastham	64
Gerry Shebar	88	6-Craig Carpenter	65
7-Jim Ramaker	89	Greg Schaem	65
Ben Guess	89	8-Bob Guffey	66

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)



The WINTER hours are Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30.

SATURDAYS are at 9:30 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 (323-9916)



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.

2nd Thursday — March 10, 2016, 11:00 AM Coyote Hills/Alameda Creek—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 mostly flat 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

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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 about 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS so bring a friend.

Bill Kamin (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 experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me in advance so we will be prepared.

SEASON HIGH SCORES

SCRATCH SERIES

541 Jerry Ososkie

537 Ed White

531 Tim Eastham

SCRATCH GAME

Phil Vanderwerf

Jay Jonekait

Joe Enos

224

209

198

HANDICAP SERIES

678 Ranney Thayer

654 Fred Emmenegger

649 Carl Moyer

HANDICAP GAME

Hutch Hutchinson

Bob Taggart

Patrick Wong

266

246

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TIM EASTHAM (366-2449)

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. 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).

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