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promotion of independence and
Dignity of retirement

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

SPEAKER
August 2nd 2017
SUSAN DISHART
Training Guide dogs
For the blind

Sue Dishart is the Director of Development for Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. We have all seen many dogs with the SERVICE DOG vest. Training service dogs to help the blind is A very complex process requiring many volunteers to train the dogs.

Not all volunteers have the ability to train the dogs nor can many dogs master the complex training. Volunteers usually start the process which ends up in pass or fail for the puppies.

Those dogs who pass the first phase move on to more training eventually with their new owner who naturally also needs to learn how to use the dog.

We expect that Sue will bring along a couple of puppies and a blind person to our luncheon.

**IF ANY MEMBER HAS ANY
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS
PLEASE CONTACT
LITTLE SIR: Walt McCullough
650-303-8194**

**From BIG SIR
CRAIG CARPENTER**

I will be attending the State Big SIR Annual Meeting in Sacramento on August 8th & chairing a meeting of the eight nearby SIR branches on August 25th in San Mateo.

A "must see" movie..."The Big Sick" at Palo Alto Square. Hilarious!

Two Good Reads For Guys:

"Towers of Gold...How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isais Hellman Created California" by Frances Dinkelspiel;

"The Last Days Of Night" by Graham Moore. New York in 1988. The miracle of light is in its infancy & Westinghouse, Edison & Nikola Tesla play leading roles.

Thanks to SIR51 member Steve Tremulis for his great talk at our July luncheon.

Please tell your friends & neighbors to consider joining our SIR Branch 51. YOU make the difference!

DUES

SIR used to have a policy of voluntary dues but has now let local branches decide whether dues should be required or voluntary. The Board of directors has decided to make dues **MANDATORY** this year (2017). The amount due will continue to be \$25 and must be paid before April 30th to remain an active member. Please make payment at the luncheon or mail to
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NEW MEMBERS

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Theater industry – 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.

MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224
wross@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.

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

INVESTMENT GROUP

BOB GUFFEY is developing a new group to meet after lunch to discuss investment ideas. Any member interested in exchanging ideas is welcome to join the group.



GOLF: The following months' schedule

JULY

04- NO GOLF THIS WEEK
12 Wed Moffett Field 10:00
19 Wed Spring Valley 10:00
26 Wed Los Lagos 10:00

AUGUST

01 TUE Crystal Springs 10:00
09 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
16 Wed Santa Clara 10:00
23 Wed Poppy Hills 10:00
30 Wed Spring Valley 10:00

MAY Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Steve Tremulis	75	1-Steve Tremulis	61
2-Ned Miller	81	Dave Mason	61
3-Bob Rewak	84	3-John Perumattam	63
Phil Maresca	84	4-Jim Ramaker	66
5-Kingsley Wood	85	Kingsley Wood	66
6-Jim Cummings	87	Tony Hanley	66
7-Dave Mason	88	Jim Cochran	66
8-Dick Taylor	89	Bob Rewak	66
9-John Perumattam	93		

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)



Thursday at 9:30. 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. Participants should exercise good judgment such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obeying all signs and stoplights etc.

August 10

Stevens Creek/Shoreline (Mt. View)

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.

Directions: 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 3rd 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.

This ride is flat, but it does have three overpasses that can be a challenge but remember they can also be fun.

FUTURE RIDES

- SEP 14: Mt. View to Alviso
- OCT 12: Half Moon Bay
- NOV 9: TBD
- DEC: NO RIDE

COME RIDE WITH US

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT

CHAIRMAN

Jim Lunt

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ALTERNATE

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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	SCRATCH GAME	
636 Phil Vanderwerf	Patrick Wong	256
569 John Faucett	Doug Ericsson	208
521 Harold Kaye	Joe Enos	208

HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
663 Darryl Walker	Ruth Ososkie	259
660 Jay Jonekait	Jim Dinkey	252
659 Candy Eastham	Jerry Ososkie	243
647 Nancy Jones		

TIM EASTHAM (366-2449)

NON RESPOSIBILITY 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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