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

SPEAKER
September 6th, 2017
JAMES GIBBONS
Silicon Valley

James Gibbons of Stanford University Dean Emeritus of Engineering has an intimate personal knowledge of the movers and shakers of the Silicon Valley entrepreneurs responsible for the evolution of Silicon Valley.

This talk will concentrate on the history of Silicon Valley over a 20-year period from 1957 to 1977. The history begins with the founding of the Shockley Semiconductor Laboratories by William Shockley in February, 1957. Shockley had invented the bipolar transistor at Bell Laboratories in 1947 and believed that the commercialization of his invention would dramatically change the world of electronics. He assembled an extraordinary team of young scientists to help him carry out his vision. He also believed that futuristic EE Departments would need laboratories where EE students could build semiconductor devices as part of their PhD research, and he offered to help Stanford implement this vision

Shockley's comprehensive vision would be quickly realized. But his personal leadership style assured that his company would never participate in the revolution that he foresaw. What happened instead was that a new paradigm for corporate formation would arise that would produce generation after generation of new technology, promoting both the productivity and the longevity of Silicon Valley.

Most of us know of the people who brought the Business to the area but we don't know the personalities and the hidden stories that resulted in the development of the area.

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

**From BIG SIR
CRAIG CARPENTER**

I highly recommend you all come to our September 6th luncheon. Our speaker will be Jim Gibbons (kudos to Walt McCullough). Dr. Gibbons is the retired Dean of the School of Engineering at Stanford during the time Silicon Valley got it's name, 1984-1996.

I attended the annual State SIR meeting in Sacramento on August 8th. There were 100+ Big SIRs in attendance. Our new leaders (President & Vice President) both have extensive backgrounds in marketing & SIR needs much improvement in this area. You should be very optimistic as am I.

I chaired a meeting of the ten SIR branches in our Region 4, Area 13 on August 25th in San Mateo.

Good Sports reads for guys:

When Pride Still Mattered: A Life Of Vince Lombardi by David Maraniss;
perhaps the greatest football coach ever (not named Bill Walsh)

Wait Till Next Year: A Memoir by Doris Kearns Goodwin;
the author's homage to the Brooklyn of her childhood in the 1950's. Even Giants' fans will love this book! Red Barber on the radio was the best...until Vin Scully arrived.

Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections on & off the Court; by the winner of 88 straight games & 10 NCAA championships at UCLA.

I had the opportunity to spend three days at John Wooden Basketball Camp in 1992 at Pepperdine. Imagine 55 men & 5 women "adult campers" sitting on the floor under the basket listening to Coach Wooden talk about Kareem,

Walton, Jamal Wilkes, etc. The center on my pickup team was Swen Nater who was the backup center to Bill Walton. He was the second best center in the country, 6'11" & from The Netherlands but never started a college game. He was subsequently a first round draft choice in the NBA & ABA. One of the 5 women was Ann Meyers, UCLA All American & married to Don Drysdale. She could set a mean screen & only got away to play hoops when Drysdale was on the road.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TO CONSIDER JOINING OUR SIR BRANCH 51. YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

Gents, with the your permission & after consultation with Sam Meredith & Rick McLain, most recent past Big SIRs. we would like to propose the following **2018 slate** to be approved at our 09/06 BEC meeting & by the general membership of Branch 51:

- Big SIR - Craig Carpenter
- Little SIR - Steve Tremulus
- Secretary - Gerry Shebar
- Treasurer - Kingsley Wood
- Assistant Treasurer - Myron Hollister
- Membership - Tim Eastham
- Speakers - Walt McCullough
- Good Samaritan - Bob Guffey
- Attendance - Gerry Shebar
- Golf - Kai Johansen
- Special Events - Open
- Website - Marc Cohen/Gerry Shebar
- Newsletter - Jim Cummings
- Greeters - Al Runge/Erv Ericksen
- Front Desk Check In - Myron Hollister/Erv Ericksen/John Preston/Kai Johansen
- New Members Orientation - Roy Deffebach
- Nominating Committee - Rick McLain/Sam Meredith/Craig Carpenter

2018 Board Members:

Craig Carpenter, Steve Tremulus, Gerry Shebar, Kingsley Wood, Myron Hollister, Tim Eastham, Walt McCullough, Marc Cohen, Jim Cummings, Joe Grippo, Jim Dreyer.

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

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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.

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

<u>AUGUST</u>		<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
01 TUE Crystal Sprngs	10:00	05 No Golf this week	
09 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00	13 Wed Poplar Creek	10:15
16 Wed Santa Clara	10:00	20 Wed Shoreline	10:00
23 Wed Poppy Hills	10:00	27 Wed Santa Clara	10:00
30 Wed Spring Valley	10:00		

MAY Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Ned Miller	85	1-Dave Kohler	61
2-Jim Cummings	86	2-Ron Rosenfeld	63
3-Bob Rewak	89	3-Aaron Matityahu	64
4-Tony Hanley	92	Bob Guffey	64
Gerry Shebar	92	5-John Perumattam	65
6-Dave Mason	93	Viv Para	65
Rob Harrell	93	6-Jim Shaw	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)



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

OCT 12: Half Moon Bay
 NOV 9: TBD
 DEC: NO RIDE

COME RIDE WITH US

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT
CHAIRMAN **ALTERNATE**
 Jim Lunt Gordon Tong
 408-252-6804 gordy6850@gmail.com
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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 GAM	
614 Darryl Walker	Phil Vanderwerf	237
561 Jay Jonekait	Joe Enos	225
536 Ron Nakamoto	John Faucett	204
HANDICAP SERIES	HANDICAP GAME	
676 Tim Eastham	Patrick Wong	263
665 Chuck Huff	Ranney Thayer	247
662 Fred emmenegger	Rob Garten	244
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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