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MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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NO. 498
A non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



DECEMBER 2017
Devoted to the
promotion of independence and
Dignity of retirement

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

**SIR #51
THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Will be on
TUESDAY
Dec 6, 2016
11:30 AM

Fremont Hills CC
Spouses and Guests are Welcome

HOLIDAY LUNCH SERVED
Featuring your favorite Choral Group
THE MAIN STREET SINGERS

NO HOST BAR

I WOULD LIKE _____ TICKETS
Enclosed check for \$ _____ (\$37 each)

OPEN SEATING
YOU MAKE OWN SEATING
ARRANGEMENTS

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____

Please select: Prime Rib # _____
Salmon # _____
Vegetarian _____

Please make check payable to SIRS #51
send to:

Kevin Wheaton
152 Morandi Lane
Menlo Park, Ca. 9

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year our annual Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Dec 6th. Unlike previous years we will not be assigning tables. Please make arrangements for tablemates on your own.

Send chks for \$37 each to
SIR #51 c/o Kevin Wheaton
152 Morandi Lane
Menlo Park Ca. 94025

IMPORTANT: PAYMENT FOR THE
LUNCHEON MUST BE MADE BEFORE
NOVEMBER 30TH.

You will not be able to "pay at the door"

NEW MEMBERS

TOM R. COOPER (Tom/Alison)
694 Sand Hill Circle, Menlo Park 94025
650-234-8249 tccoop@mcn.org
Sunset Magazine
Tennis - gardening - motor racing

RICHARD OLSON (Dick/Karen)
566 Washington Ave, Palo Alto 94301
650-327-0581 General Technology Corp
(hunting - wildlife habitat)

WILLIAM STREBY (Bill)
680 California Way Emerald Hills 94062
650-454-7017 billstreby@gmail.com

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

From BIG SIR
CRAIG CARPENTER

**DECEMBER 6TH HOLIDAY
LUNCHEON SIGNUP
DEADLINE APPROACHING! ☐**

Less than three weeks left to sign up for our outstanding SIR51 Holiday Luncheon. Once again the Main Street singers from Los Altos High School will entertain us. As of 11/10, 58 people have sent in checks. Reservations will be accepted until November 30th & you will not be able to purchase at the door. Send checks (\$37/person) made payable to SIR51, c/o Kevin Wheaton, 152 Morandi Lane, Menlo Park 94025.

Musings from our 3 weeks in Japan:

- even during rush hour on the subway the Japanese are very polite
- there are more Prius's in Tokyo & Kyoto than the Bay Area
- no garbage cans...people collect their gum/candy wrappers, tissue paper, etc. & take them home to dispose of
- absolutely no graffiti, no trash on the streets & no litter on the side of highways...Caltrans, please take note
- all highways seem to be elevated & are toll roads
- the bullet train is fast, quiet & efficient
- when I next see you I will most likely bow in your direction

- our first night back we had steak & a baked potato; love sushi & rice but, sheesh, I'm good until March. However, if you want sushi rice balls, I'm your chef
- beautiful gardens, shrines & temples...and thousands of school kids there daily.

- businessmen all wear dark gray suits (& ties) to work...great to be retired, eh?

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 6th!

Good reads for guys

"Thank You For Being Late" by Thomas Friedman

"The Bartender's Tale" by Ivan Doig

"City of Dreams: Dodger Stadium and the Birth of Modern Los Angeles" by Jerald Podair

"The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony

"Astrophysics for people in a hurry" By Neil DeGrasse Tyson

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

2018 OFFICERS

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 - Jim Dreyer
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

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.

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 after lunch meeting.



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. N.** 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.

The next SIR bowling session began 3 October, one PM at Homestead Bowl, Cupertino
There are now 10 coed teams. Spouses and girlfriends are welcome. Interested folks contact Tim Eastham

TIM EASTHAM (366-2449)



GOLF: The following months' schedule

<u>NOVEMBER</u>		<u>DECEMBER</u>	
Lagos	10:00	05 TUE Los Lagos	10:00
15 Wed Spring Valley	10:00	13 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00
22 Wed Shoreline	10:00	20 Wed Santa Clara	10:00
29 Poplar Creek	10:15	27 NO GOLF this week	

September Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Phil Maresca	76	1-Mike McMahon	62
2-Ned Miller	78	2-Phil Maresca	64
2-Steve Tremulis	78	3-John Preston	66
4-Dick Taylor	87	4-Ned Miller	67
Bob Rewak	87	Kai Johansen	67
John Preston	87	Jeff Kaufman	67
7-Dave Mason	90	Roger Murray	67
Jim Cummings	90	8-Art Lewis	68
Tony Hanley	90	9-Len Gabrielson	69
Mike McMahon	90	Walt McCullough	69
Ben Guess	90	Tim Eastham	69

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)



LAWN BOWLING 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 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.

There will be no ride in December

COME RIDE WITH US

To Ride or More Info: CONTACT

CHAIRMAN

Jim Lunt

408-252-6804

jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

ALTERNATE

Gordon Tong

gordy6850@gmail.com

408-242-0557



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)

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).

SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir: Craig Carpenter
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930-0510
598-9790
868-6124

867-4784
799-8420

234-1212
328-2168
328-2442
799-8420

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Bowling, Indoor: Tim Eastham 366-2449
Lawn Bowling: Don Hughes 323-9916

Bicycling: Jim Lunt (Br. 35) 408-252-6804
Compusir: Jim Dinkey (Br 35) 493-9307
Golf: Kai Johansen 853-2493
Tennis: Bill Kamin 322-4300
Travel:
Investing: Bob Guffey 593-3496

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: Mark Cohen
Audit: Don Hughes
Newsletter: Jim Cummings
Website: Marc Cohen
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey
Greeters: Al Runge
Historian:

961-4882
323-9916
328-2168
961-4882
593-3496
592-1345

Luncheon Coordinator: Erv Ericksen 369-3873
Luncheon Programs: Walt McCullough 303-8194
Membership: Tim Eastham 366-2449
Assistant: Gerry Shebar 868-6124
New Member orientation: Roy Deffebach 631-0585
Nominating Committee: Rick McLain 408-629-8170
Special Events: Kevin Wheaton 485-2276

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