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MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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For Retired Men



MARCH 2018  
Devoted to the  
promotion of independence and  
Dignity of retirement

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

**SPEAKER**  
**MARCH 7th, 2018**

**QUENTIN KOPP**

QUENTIN KOPP was chairman of the California High Speed Rail Authority but has left the Authority because he feels that it has lost its way. Political issues and complaints by residents have led to increasing costs and grumbling about the route as well as debates regarding who will run the system if it is ever built.

Mr. Kopp – known as the great dissenter – has been a long time player in local politics. He was born in Syracuse, New York and went to Dartmouth and Harvard Law. He was a San Francisco Supervisor from 1971 to 1986 and ran for Mayor as an independent in 1979. From 1986 to 1994 he was a California state Senator. After being termed out, Governor Pete Wilson nominated him to a San Mateo County judgeship. He participated in the BART extension to SFO, and had the 380 freeway named for him. His long time support of mass transport issues led him to the chairmanship of the HSR Authority.

Being a man of many opinions we can assume he will have a bit to say about HSR.

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

**From BIG SIR  
CRAIG CARPENTER**

[I hope you will have the opportunity to attend our next SIR luncheon on March 7th.](#) David Lennox from Stanford gave a very entertaining talk on Stanford's expansion plans at our last luncheon. We had an excellent turnout of 62 members.

[I will be attending the Area 13 Big SIR meeting on February 23rd in San Mateo.](#)

Please tell your friends about our SIR Branch 51. We currently have 106 members and we would like to add at least 10 new members in calendar 2018. YOU can (and will) make this happen!

The Winter Olympics are almost over so no more Triple Salchows or ice dancing twizzles until Beijing, 2022. However, the Summer Olympics will be in Tokyo in two years.

Good Reads For Guys:

Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape & the Making of Winston Churchill, by Candice Millard

Chief Engineer: Washington Roebling, the man who built the Brooklyn Bridge, by Erica Wagner

The Midnight Line, by Lee Child

Grant – Ron Chernow 's rehabilitation of Civil War hero and former President U.S. Grant in only 1000 pages

Best wishes to all

## DUES

We started collecting mandatory dues at our January luncheon. This year's dues will be the same as last year: **\$25**. You may bring a check to lunch or mail it to our new treasurer

Kingsley Wood  
1009 Forest Ct  
Palo Alto 94301

## NEW MEMBERS

PETE SORENSON (Pete/Bonnie) 650-868-6804  
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MARTIN MACKOWSKI (Marty/Donna)  
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## 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 Tremulis, 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. Meets monthly 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 **P**alo **A**lto – **S**tanford **U**sers **G**roup). 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.spaug.net](http://www.spaug.net). Some members meet for dinner at the club at 5:30

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<http://www.spaug.net>

## MACINTOSH USERS

Skip Ross 541-857-6224  
[waross@closereach.com](mailto: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 from 1-3 PM.** 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. **Spouses and girl friends are welcome –there are now 10co-ed teams.** **YOU CAN JOIN ANYTIME.** A ball & shoes are available at the bowling lanes.

Looking for some exercise that does not rely on good weather? Indoor 10-pin bowling is a fun low impact activity. Most SIR bowlers are surprised at how fast bowling skills come back to them after a long lay-off. Many have not bowled since they were youngsters.

Contact TIM EASTHAM (650-366-2449)  
For more information



**GOLF:** The following months' schedule

MARCH

APRIL

06 TUE Sunnyvale	10:00	03 TUE Shoreline	09:30
14 Wed Moffett Field	10:00	11 Wed Crystal Springs	10:00
21 Wed Spring Valley	10:00	18 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00
28 Wed Santa Clara	10:00	25 Wed Moffett Field	10:00

**JANUARY-FEBRUARY Leader Board**

GROSS

NET

1-Ned Miller	82	1-Len Gabrielson	63
2-Steve Tremulis	82	Marc Cohen	63
3-Len Gabrielson	86	3-Tony Hanley	65
Dick Taylor	86	4-Aaron Matityahu	66
5-Jim Stanford	88	5-Lyle Johnson	67
6-Kingsley Wood	89	Tom Kramer	67
7-Jim Cummings	91	Rob Harrell	67
Tony Hanley	91		

**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 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. Participants should exercise good judgment such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obeying all signs and stoplights etc

**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 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.

**COME RIDE WITH US**

**To Ride or More Info: CONTACT**

CHAIRMAN

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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)

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](http://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	930-0510
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Director: Joe Grippo	9482130
Director: Jim Cummings	328-2168
Director: Walt McCullough	328-2442
Director: Kingsley Wood	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:	
Golf: Kai Johansen	853-2493
Tennis: Bill Kamin	322-4300
Travel:	
Investing: Bob Guffey	593-3496

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: Mark Cohen	961-4882	Luncheon Coordinator: Erv Ericksen	369-3873
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Newsletter: Jim Cummings	328-2168	Membership: Tim Eastham	366-2449
Website: Marc Cohen	961-4882	Assistant: Gerry Shebar	868-6124
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496	New Member orientation: Roy Deffebach	631-0585
Greeters: Al Runge	592-1345	Nominating Committee: Rick McLain	408-629-8170
Historian:		Special Events: Jim Dreyer	776-8149

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