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# MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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

# **Monthly Luncheon** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# Speaker: Kris Zavoli

# My Father's Escape From Occupied France Via The Comet Line

In WW II Kris's father's plane was shot down over France near the Belgian border.

She will tell us how he escaped by train, bus, bicycle and finally by hiking the Pyrenees from France into Spain.

# BIG SIR Thoughts Steve Tremulis

Happy New Year to one and all and welcome to winter!

As we clean up and recover from the year-end holiday season spent with family and friends, it's all too easy to start the new year down in the doldrums when the days are shorter, colder and wetter. But even though there are fewer and fewer opportunities to spend quality time in the great outdoors, that doesn't mean there aren't some great indoor activities that can still be enjoyed.

Bowling and chess are just a couple of the activities that are available to SIR members that don't depend on the weather. Additionally, as a SIR member, you are invited to participate in any of the goings-on throughout the statewide SIR system.

There are travel outings to the Giants and A's games, bus and train trips to Reno or Las Vegas, an Alaskan cruise planned for this August, and even river cruises in Europe and other worldwide destinations.

The best place to find out about all the statewide activities available to you is online at: www.sirinc.org.

So as we start the new year, make it a point to get out and try at least one new activity. Even if your usual outdoor plans cancel, there are still plenty of interesting and fun things to enjoy through the SIR network and it's the best remedy to cure those winter blues. ----Steve Tremulis

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# My Two Cents Craig Carpenter

Old Chinese Proverbs: "Wise husband is one who thinks twice before saying nothing".

Retirement = twice the husband, half the money.

<u>Movies to see:</u> On The Basis Of Sex...my wife & I both enjoyed this movie. A Star Is Born...Lady Gaga is wonderful.

The Upside...just in theaters now.

<u>On Netflix:</u> GLOW...I enjoy it...my wife doesn't like. Ozark...ditto the above. Better Call Saul...ditto the above Breaking Bad...ditto the above. You may be watching the above four by yourself. Bodyguard...British & very good. The Great British Baking Show

<u>On Amazon:</u> Mozart in the Jungle...very good. Bosch...LA cop. Catastrophe...bad language but interesting.

#### More Yogi Quotes:

How can you hit & think at the same time? (Could have been Len Gabrielson who said this...I'm not sure) It a'int the heat, it's the humility. I never said most of the things I said. (Could be Donald Trump as well?)

He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious. All pitchers are liars or crybabies.

THE END" ----Craig Carpenter Former Big SIR Former Lame Duck Big SIR Current member of the proletariat...table 8 or lower.

**DUES** We will continue collecting mandatory dues at our February luncheon. This year's dues are the same as last year: \$25.00 You may bring a check to lunch or mail it to our treasurer, Kingsley Wood, 1009 Forest Ct., Palo Alto 94301

ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT Walt McCullough 650-303-8194

# **ACTIVITIES**

GOLF: Two Month's Schedule:

# MARCH

FEBRUARY05 TueSpring Valley10:0013 WedPoplar Creek10:1520 WedSanta Clara10:0027 WedLos Lagos10:00

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#### PLEASE BE AT THE COURSE AT LEAST <u>ONE HOUR</u> BEFORE THE FIRST TEE TIME.

### **NOVEMBER - DECEMBER Leader Board**

GROSS	<u>NET</u>	
1-Ned Miller	82 1-Tom Kramer	63
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All of the golf courses we play require a player count 7-14 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 (650-853-2493)



 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 <u>Palo Alto – Stanford Users Group</u>). SPAUG Meetings are still held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:00 <u>pm</u>. at PA Elks Lodge (address above). The meeting is upstairs (elevator available past the stairway). **More information at www.spaug.net**.

#### 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 leading a group to meet after lunch to discuss investment ideas. Any member interested in exchanging ideas is welcome to join the group after lunch meetings.



**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**. <u>N. New</u> 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 10 co-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.



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)

**TENNIS:** Our tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park in Palo Alto. Please be there by 8:30 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)

# SIRS ON BIKES: SIR Area #16 bike



rides 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.

## 2nd Thursday— February 14,2019 11:00 AM

Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)

Ride: We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Four Wyndham Garden Hotel at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel parking lot for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the round trip to 6 miles.

Directions: The Wyndham Garden Hotel is located south of San Jose, one block east of highway 101 and just north of the highway 101/85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park in the hotel parking lot behind the furthest hotel building on the right.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact James Lunt----jamesdlunt@yahoo.com----, or contact Gordon Tong-----gordy6850@gmail.com---)

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 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.

Let us know if you are coming so we can wait for you (the traffic may take a little time).

# **SECOND THURSDAY-EACH MONTH**

To ride or for info, contact Jim Lunt (408) 252-6804, jamesdlunt@yahoo.com or Gordon Tong at (408) 242-0557, gordy6850@gmail.com

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# BRANCHES 5, 16, 35 & 51 TRAVEL NEWS



Numerous Trips are available through SIR statewide. Check the state publication SIR HAPPENINGS at www.sirinc.org then 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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