MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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MAY 2019
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LUNCHEON-12 NOON - FIRST WEDNESDAY - FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL. LOS ALTOS

Monthly Luncheon May 1st, 2019

Speaker: Cmdr Greg Mendenhall

Our speaker for May day is Cmdr Greg Mendenhall USN. He will be talking about the tactical use of Helicopters by the U.S.

Commander Gregory D. Mendenhall, representing the US Navy, is a National Security Affairs Fellow for the academic year 2018–19 at the Hoover Institution.

Mendenhall is the former commanding officer of the Helicopter Sea Combat Weapons School Pacific. He has served multiple operational tours flying missions in H-60F/H/S aircraft. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (Strike Flight), and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards, one with Combat Distinguishing Device). His staff tours include Current Air Operations and Combat Search and Rescue Officer for Commander, US Seventh Fleet, and to the Joint Staff in the Pentagon at the National Military Command Center.

He is a 1997 graduate of the US Naval Academy with a degree in political science and holds an executive master's degree in business administration from the Naval Postgraduate School. While assigned to the Joint Staff, he graduated from the Joint Forces Staff College, where he received his Joint Professional Military Education Phase II certification.

His research at the Hoover Institution will focus on emerging technology and its effects on National Security, as well as focused studies involving Russia and China..

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

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IN MEMORIUM MARCUS COHEN

Passed away Feb 28th

Memorial service JUNE 1st at MARIO'S ITALIANO RESTAURANT Mt. View

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MY FIVE CENTS

by Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR...important guy...now impotent guy hair stylist to Steve Tremulis, Russ Porter & Jim Cummings

banished to table 12 by the men's room

Theatreworks - Mountain View

Hershey Felder in "A Paris Love Story" celebrating the works of Claude Debussy

Thru May 5th. We just saw him & Felder is a genius! A one man show.

On The Tube:

<u>Amazon</u>

Ray Donovan (thanks Ray Klinke)

Cafe Society (movie) by Woody Allen

Tin Star

Barefoot (chick flick - your wife will think you are a sensitive man))

The Cutting Edge (chick flick - happy wife, happy life)

Netflix

<u>The Highway Men</u>, staring Kevin Costner & Woody Harrelson...two guys chasing & trying to kill Bonnie & Clyde

Killing Eve Quicksand

Designated Survivor

Good Reads For Guys

"Churchill: Walking With Destiny" by Andrew Roberts (thanks to Russ Porter). "The best of all the Churchill biographies". 1103 pages. Joe Grippo would consume this in an afternoon!

"The Storm Over Paris" by William Ian Grubman. 1942 in Nazi-occupied Paris.

"Unbeaten:Rocky Marciano's Fight For Perfection In A Crooked World" by Mike Stanton. 5'10", 185 Ibs. & a record of 43-0 when he retired in 1956. Muhammad Ali said "He was the onliest one that would've given me some trouble".

"The League: How Five Rivals Created The NFL And Launched A Sports Empire" by John Eisenberg. Art Rooney (Pittsburg), George Halas (Chicago), Tim Mara (New York), George Marshall (Boston/Washington) & Bert Bell (Philadelphia) were the founders of the NFL. Side note: Rooney Mara - Lisbeth Salander in "The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo". Her father's family founded the New York Giants & her mother's family founded the Pittsburg Steelers...therefore "Rooney Mara".

Overheard in Court, circa 2004:

Attorney Jeff Kaufman: The youngest son, the 20 year old, how old is he?

Witness: He's 20, very close to your IQ.

Attorney Sam Meredith: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Witness Did you actually pass the bar ever?

Witness: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

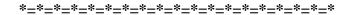
PUNS

A man tried to assault me with milk, cream & butter. How dairy!

I wasn't going to get a brain transplant but then I changed my mind.

The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT SIR LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST. BE THERE OR BE UNINFORMED.



DUES EVERYBODY PAID THEIR DUES THIS YEAR

ACTIVITIES



MAY

GOLF: Two Month's Schedule:

08 Wed Shoreline	10:00	05 TUE Santa Clara	10:00
15 Wed Spring Valley	10:00	12 Wed Spring Valley	10:00
22 Wed Sunnyvale	10:00	19 Wed Crystal Springs	10:00
29 Wed Los Lagos	10:00	26 Wed Shoreline	10:00

JUNE

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

Now that the rains are gone-LEADERBOARD will Reappear next month

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 \underline{P} alo \underline{A} lto $-\underline{S}$ tanford \underline{U} sers \underline{G} roup). SPAUG Meetings are still held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:00 \underline{pm} . 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

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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.



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 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)



<u>TENNIS</u>: 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 2nd Thursday of the month. WIVES AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME. Bring bike, helmet and a jacket if it is windy.

2nd Thursday— May 9,2019 11:00 AM Coyote Hills / Alameda Creek — Niles/Fremont The SIR Branch 35 monthly bicycling is a combined activity with all SIR Branches in Area 16. The objectives of the monthly rides are to continue to promote fellowship, share experiences, get some exercise and above all, have FUN! Planned SIR rides are announced in each SIR Monthly Newsletter and by email to all interested members. The rides are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Wives and guest are welcome. All that a bicyclist needs are a bike, bicycling helmet, and a jacket or vest, if it is windy. Rain will cancel the planned ride. We ask that all participants exhibit a positive attitude, exercise good judgment when riding such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obeying all traffic signs and stop lights, etc.

Biking

JAMES LUNT (408) 252-680 Gordon Tong (408) 242 0557 jamesdlunt@yahoo.com gordy6850@gmail.com

2Nd Thursday— May 9, 2019 11:00 AM

Wives ands guests welcome
Helmet required

Rain cancels;

BRISBANE BAYSHORE TRAIL

<u>The Ride:</u> We will ride the flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles going south starting from the parking lot next to the empty former Walmart Tower building in Brisbane, and ending at South Airport Blvd. (next to SFO) where we will have lunch at a A SANDWICH SHOP then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.

Driving Directions: Take 101 north past SFO to Sierra Pt. Parkway (2ndexit past the Oyster Point Blvd.exit). At the first intersection, stop, and turn right, then, immediately stop at the next intersection and turn left, which is Marina Blvd., going left. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the former Walmart Tower building (looks like a big ship) on the left side, turn left into a large public parking lot with a short boulevard entrance. We will meet there.

If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt, as per above, or Gordon Tong (408) 242 0557 gordy6850@gmail.com

Next month June Ride is Guadalupe Trail (Alviso to San Jose) 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 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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