## Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: <a href="https://www.sirinc2.org/branch51">www.sirinc2.org/branch51</a>

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For Retired Men



October 2019
Devoted to the
Promotion of Independence and
Dignity of Retirement

LUNCHEON: 12 PM - FIRST WEDNESDAY - FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL., LOS ALTOS, CA

## Next SIR Luncheon is on 1<sup>st</sup> Wed, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

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For October luncheon, the speaker will be Sam Meredith who will speak about his visits to US presidential libraries.

#### **Topic**:

#### Presidential Libraries & Museums My Visiting Experiences

After visiting 12 of 13 presidential libraries and museums over a number of years, there are some unique and interesting histories to learn about our past presidents. I will share my impressions and experiences from these visits.

Sam Meredith is a retired trial lawyer who tried over 100 jury cases that were brought to verdict. Also, Sam argued a number of cases in the appellate courts and in the California Supreme Court. Sam is a former Big SIR of our Branch 51.

#### **Future speakers for the coming months:**

November 6 - Mike McMahon. "The Hunt for the GRUNION: A U.S. Submarine lost in the Aleutians."

<u>December 4</u> - Christmas program. See details further in the newsletter text.

January 8 - Russ Porter will speak about China.

## FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS

#### PLEASE CONTACT: Walt McCullough

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#### **General Interest**

For those who did not get the contact information or see our September speaker, Chester Santos, who spoke on improving your memory and possibly joining his memory workshop, see the contact info below.



(415) 218-8380 <u>chester@chestersantos.com</u> http://www.ChesterSantos.com Also, looking to 2020, please note that the SIR luncheon for January 2020 will occur on the second Wednesday of the month, the 8th of January 2020 due to New Year's Day is on the 1st Wednesday.

If you have not noticed, SIR Branch 51 has a new website address. Check it out.

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

We still need a group (4-6) of rotating volunteers to staff the reception table to help register members and collect their payments for the lunch. Please share in your support for our Branch 51.

To volunteer, please contact either:

Kingsley Wood, kingsleykwood@gmail.com

Steve Tremulis, <a href="mailto:autogx@aol.com">autogx@aol.com</a>

Jim Cummings jimcumm@msn.com

## **December Holiday Luncheon**



This December 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having an entertaining luncheon with the Mountain View Madrigal Singers that performed last December. They are from the Mt. View High School Choral. Accompanying this month's newsletter is the Holiday Luncheon invitation describing the date, time, food and cost. Please read the flyer and fill out the invitation with your R.S.V.P and check.

Jim Dreyer is coordinating the event and collecting your check and R.S.V.P.

Jim Dreyer (650) 776-8149 jdreyer31@yahoo.com

May it be another enjoyable holiday luncheon. See you there.



## **Craig's Current Contributions**

(former Big SIR, big shot, important guy. Now busing tables at the luncheon, parking cars...Grippo's 2004 Honda, Len's fancy, schmancy Jaguar. Forced to laugh at Walt's lame jokes, knowing I will never be better at golf than Jeff or, especially, Bonnie Gardiner)

#### "Stuff" to watch on Amazon:

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel...always good! Patriot Sneaky Pete The Man in the High Castle

#### "Stuff" to watch on Netflix:

Better call Saul Unbelievable Orange is the new Black Godless

#### At the movies:

just saw *Official Secrets*...about the Brits & US justification for going in to Iraq *Brittany Runs a Marathon* (feel good movie)

#### **Good reads for guys:**

*The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay...South Africa before WW2

Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell...a mystery The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff...women from the SOE (Special Operations Executive) in England, sent to France as spies

#### **Plagiarized from Will Rogers:**

"A fool & his money are soon elected"...apropos 2020?

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment"

"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by associating with smarter people"...see Rosenfeld, Dr. Ron, Tremulis, Steve, Cunningham, James, DDS.

"Too many people spend money they haven't earned to buy things they don't want to impress people they don't like"

There are three kinds of men. The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.

# FOR THE NEXT SIR LUNCHEON ON OCTOBER 2ND, PLEASE BRING A FRIEND TO HELP US GROW & PROSPER!

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter



#### <u>ACTIVITIES</u>



**GOLF** Two Month Schedule:

#### **OCTOBER**

#### **NOVEMBER**

01 TUE Spring Valley10:0005 TUE Los Lagos10:0009 Wed Sunnyvale10:0013 Wed Spring Valley10:0016 Wed Poplar Creek10:1520 Wed Shoreline10:0023 Wed Crystal Springs 10:0027 Wed Poplar Creek10:1530 Wed San Jose Muny10:00

NOTE: we will start playing SAN JOSE MUNICIPAL On October 30 (replacing closed Santa Clara) at 1560 Oakland Road San Jose

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

#### **AUGUST Leader Board**

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Steve Tremulis	72	1- John Perumatt	60
2-Tom Kramer	87	Wayne Kullande	r 60
3-Gerry Shebar	88	3-Tom Kramer	63
4-John Perumatta	89	4-Bob Guffey	64
5-Jim Cummings	90	5-Jeff Kaufman	66
6-Dave Kohler	91	6-Kevin Wheaton	67
7-Wayne Kullander	92	7-Rob Harrell	69
Len Gabrielson	92	Rick McLain	69

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, <u>jimcumm@msn.com</u>, if your play or no-play commitment changes. Golf course coordinator:

#### KAI JOHANSEN

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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 <u>www.spaug.net</u>.

#### MACINTOSH USERS

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.

SKIP ROSS (541) 857-6224 waross@closereach.com



**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 PM. 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, women 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. For more information, contact:

TIM EASTHAM (650) 366-2449

wteastham@comcast.net

LAWN BOWLING: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:30 AM at Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club, 474 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Players need to be 15 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams. Free coaching is available for new players. Contact:

**DON HUGHES** (650) 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. Late 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 (650) 322-4300 billkamin@att.net

#### **CYCLING:**

#### **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.

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. If you plan to ride or have questions please contact Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong as per below.

**JAMES LUNT** (408) 252-6804, Cell: (408) 921-5085 jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

GORDON TONG (408) 242-0557 gordy6850@gmail.com

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, October 10, 2019, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome Rain cancels Helmet required

#### **Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point**

**Ride Location:** We will ride the paved flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6.5 miles from Poplar beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point, to just past the town of Princeton. (Sometimes we go along the airport road to another place to eat. This adds about 5 more miles to the total). We will return by the same trail back for a total ride of about 18 miles.

Ride Directions: Take I-280 north approximately 15 miles to Highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on Highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot, near the portajohns. Parking there will have a fee, so some find parking on the streets near the beach parking. Driving time is about 45 minutes. It may be windy and cold, so be sure to bring a wind breaker and gloves to wear. Or, it may be a lovely sunny day.

This ride can be ridden on a road bike, but there is packed gravel and some prefer a wider tire bike.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please reply to James Lunt as above or Gordon Tong (408) 242-0557 or at gordy6850@gmail.com

<u>Next month Ride:</u> We have ten rides and we have ridden each one, so in November we repeat one of the rides. Best guess is the Foster City.

#### **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, then click on Travel.

SIR HAPPENINGS at www.sirinc.org

#### **SIR BRANCH 51 NEWSLETTER**

If you have any inputs, suggestions or feedback to add or improve the newsletter, please let me know.

**Newsletter Editor:** 

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#### **SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

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#### **ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN**

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Director: Walt McCullough	328-2442		
Director: Kingsley Wood	799-8420		

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN**

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Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496	Sam Meredith	325-4152
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All telephone numbers are in the 650 area code, except where noted differently.

All changes in address, telephone number, and e-mail address must be reported to the SIR Branch 51, Membership Committee Chairman:

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All the news that fits we print

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