

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

NO. 520
A non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



November 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 1st Wed, November 6th

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For November luncheon, the speaker will be Mike McMahon, Branch 51 member, who will speak about the search to find a lost submarine.

Topic:

The Hunt for the Grunion: A U.S. Submarine Lost in the Aleutians

Topic Description:

The story of a US submarine lost on its first war patrol in the Aleutian Islands in the summer of 1942. No information was available for more than 50 years.

Speaker Biography:

Mike McMahon has a BS from USNA 1961. He served on USS Sculpin SSN 590, the USS Lewis and Clark SSBN 644, and the USS Abraham Lincoln SSBN 602. He received a MBA from Stanford in 1971. Mike worked at National Semiconductor from 1973-1994. He directed the erection of a semiconductor plant in Sidi Bel Abbas, Algeria. Also, he worked as a Plant Manager in

Singapore. In addition, Mike was an Automotive Marketing Manager, and held a Director of Financial Planning position. He was on the 1960 Olympic Rowing Team. Mike has been a resident of Palo Alto since 1969.

Future speakers for the coming months:

December 4 – Holiday Luncheon and musical 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

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

On Amazon:

Modern Love

On Netflix:

The Crown, Season 3

The Kominsky Method, Season 2, 10/25

Dolemite is my Name, Eddie Murphy, 10/25

Living With Yourself

The Laundromat...great cast

HBO:

Catherine The Great with Helen Mirren, 10/21

Watchmen, 10/20

Television:

Patsy & Loretta (Patsy Cline & Loretta Lynn), 10/19 on Lifetime Channel

Ken Burns: The National Parks on PBS

"Men Are Just Happier People"

Nicknames:

If Laura, Kate & Sarah go out to lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate & Sarah.

If Sam, Neil & Kingsley go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla & Four-eyes.

Eating Out:

When the bill arrives, Grippo, Cunningham & Len will each throw in \$20, even though it's only \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back. When the girls get their bill, out come the calculators.

Money:

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item she doesn't need but it's on sale.

Bathrooms:

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush & toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel from Marriott.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337.

A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

IMPORTANT!

For the next SIR luncheon on November 6th, please bring a friend to help us grow & prosper.

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

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ACTIVITIES



GOLF Two Month Schedule:

<u>NOVEMBER</u>		<u>DECEMBER</u>	
05 TUE	Los Lagos 10:00	03 TUE	Los Lagos 10:00
13 Wed	Spring Valley 10:00	11 Wed	Sunnyvale 09:30
20 Wed	Shoreline 10:00	18 Wed	San Jose Muny 10:00
27 Wed	Poplar Creek 10:15	No Golf Christmas Week	

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 ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FIRST TEE TIME.

SEPTEMBER Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Steve Tremulis	78	1-Rick McLain	60
2-Jeff Gardiner	83	2-Vic Para	63
Phil Maresca	83	3-Tony Hanley	64
4-Jim Cummings	86	Bob Guffey	64
5-Rick McLain	87	Al Runge	64
Dick Taylor	87	6-Kevin Wheaton	65
7-Tony Hanley	91	Jim Cochran	65
8-Gerry Shebar	92	8-Rob Harrell	67
Tom Kramer	92	Mike McMahon	67

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

KAI JOHANSEN
(650) 853-2493

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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 Stanford – Palo Alto User 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.spaug.net.

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@closeareach.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

teastham@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 2nd 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

2nd Thursday, November 14, 2019, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome

Rain cancels

Helmet required

Foster City Bay Trail Ride

Ride Location: We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from the Oracle Headquarters to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point for lunch, and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

Ride Directions: Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point.

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

Next month Ride: Usually there is no ride for December. We start back up in January with Steven Creek/Shoreline Park (Mt. View).

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.

STATE 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.

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