

Please note for those who **arrive** to the SIR **luncheon after 12:00 PM**, the payment table will be closed for the lunch and speaker presentation. In order to pay for your meal, please find Kevin Wheaton, Assistant Treasurer, to ensure you have been counted and have paid for your lunch.

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,
autogx@aol.com

Jim Cummings
jimcumm@msn.com

December Holiday Luncheon



This **December 4th** 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. The event is being scheduled by Special Events Coordinator, Jim Dreyer. Unfortunately, if you did not sign up to attend yet, the due date for attendance and payment for this event has past (22nd of November).

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

And...

For the up-coming 2020 year, the yearly \$25 SIR **Branch 51 dues are due in January 2020**. You can pay early, starting in November 2019. Don't wait and forget, get it paid early and be done with it. Also, if you want to be a member of the golf organization for 2020, please add your **golf membership dues** of \$39. Golf dues are due by 31 December 2019. Your total for both dues is \$64. Send your dues by check or pay in-person (exact cash only) to:

Kingsley Wood, Treasurer
1009 Forest Court
Palo Alto, CA 94301
(650) 799-8420
kingsleykwood@gmail.com

Also,...

At our Holiday Luncheon, Aaron Matityahu will be **selling** his hand-harvested, Mediterranean Blend, 100% Extra Virgin **Olive Oil**. The cost for a bottle is \$25. Here is your chance to enjoy Aarron's heart-healthy olive oil.

Aaron Matityahu
(650) 464-6246
Aaronm18@me.com

FYI for 2020...

A listing of the **2020 SIR Branch 51 approved board officers and committee chairmen**, please check the list at the end of this newsletter.

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Craig's Current Contributions

(Former Big SIR, big shot, important guy. Now busing tables at the luncheon, taking Tremulis' & Cummings' laundry to the dry cleaners, washing dishes, hoping to have hair like Dave Mason someday, have a backhand like Jim Cunningham, a forehand like Russ Porter, perhaps even be as handsome as Jim Dreyer...fat chance!).

Good Reads For Guys

Three Days at the Brink - FDR's daring gamble to win WWII by Bret Baier (with Catherine Whitney). The big three meet in Tehran to plot D-Day and end-game of WWII. Includes an overview of FDR's life. Kudos to Jim Cummings.

Once We Were Brothers by Ronald Balson - Poland, WWII, Nazis, 2004 Chicago...good read. Thanks to Jim Dreyer

The Wolves at the Door by Judith Pearson. Thanks to Joe Grippo.

Kiss the Girls by James Patterson...listened to the book in the car on a recent drive to Rancho Mirage...really good but 5+ hours long

Lab Rats: How Silicon Valley Made Work Miserable for the Rest of Us by Dan Lyons

Alpha Girls: The Women Upstarts Who Took on Silicon Valley's Male Culture & Made the Deals of a Lifetime by Julian Guthrie

At The Movies

Midway...must see for guys our age!

The Good Liar...with Helen Mirren

Ford v Ferrari...the ultimate "guy" movie

Groaners (shout out to Walt McCullough)

Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The green, green grass of home'." "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."

"Is it common?" "Well, it's not unusual."

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

On Netflix

The Crown (It is back and as good as ever!)

The Kominsky Method (It is back and still great!)

Deep Thoughts

"I've noticed even people who claim everything is predestined, and that they can do nothing to change it, LOOK BEFORE THEY CROSS THE ROAD." Stephen Hawking

"No matter how educated, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all."

"If a man expects a woman to be an angel in his life, he must first create heaven for her. Angels don't live in Hell."

"I don't trust anyone who's nice to me but rude to the waiter. Because they would treat me the same way if I were in that position." Muhammad Ali

"Don't trust everything you see. Even salt looks like sugar."

"A smart person knows what to say. A wise person knows whether to say it or not."

Hope to see y'all at the SIR Holiday Party on December 4th!

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

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ACTIVITIES



GOLF Two Month Schedule:

<u>DECEMBER</u>		<u>JANUARY</u>	
03	TUE Los Lagos 10:00	01	WED No Golf this week
11	Wed Suunyvale 09:30	07	Tue Poplar Creek 10:00
18	Wed SJ Muny 10:00	15	Wed Sunnysvale 10:00
	No Golf Christmas Week	22	Wed Los Gagos 10:00
		29	Wed Shoreline 10:00

NOTE: we have **started playing at 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.

October Leader Board

<u>GROSS</u>		<u>NET</u>	
1-Steve Tremulis	76	1-Kevin Wheaton	63
2-Jim Cummings	83	2-Al Runge	64
3-Ned Miller	85	Sam Meredith	64
4-Jeff Gardiner	87	4-Kingsley Wood	65
Kingsley Wood	87	5-Mike McMahon	66
6-Gerry Shebar	90	Jim Cummings	66
Tom Kramer	90	Art Lewis	66
8-Mike McMahon	92	8-Tom Kramer	67
9-Kevin Wheaton	?		

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

kai.johansen@sbcglobal.net



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

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 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.

There are 10 standard SIR bike trails - all very scenic from South San Jose to South San Francisco and from Half Moon Bay to Fremont all between 15 to 20 miles round trip on paved, level bicycle trails. Some trails will have optional 4-5 mile extensions. The riding pace is moderate between 9 to 13 mph depending on oncoming headwinds. Riding on streets is kept to a minimum. Planned rides will have short restroom/water breaks and lunch is at a known restaurant at the halfway point of the ride.

Some of the SIR bicyclists have been experimenting with establishing rides on each Thursday of the month. These rides will be more unstructured with the objective of finding new, paved and safe biking trails to add to the standard 10 SIR ride list. Some of these new trails may be outside of the Immediate Bay Area. The riding pace is a little faster depending on the riders, bike trails are new to the riders so there may be some backtracking and are not always well marked/identified so it makes for a more adventurous ride.

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

There is **no official bike ride for December**. We will be back in January with Stevens Creek/Shoreline Ride (Mt. View)

Normally, we meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM.

Wives and guests welcome. Rain cancels. Helmet required.

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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“All the news that fits we print”

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