

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

No. 522
A non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



January 2020
Devoted to the Promotion of
Independence and Dignity of Retirement

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

Reminder: Next SIR Luncheon is on Wed, the 8th of January 2020

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May all SIR 51 members and their families have a happy, safe, and enjoyable New Year's holiday.

For **January 2020** luncheon, the **speaker** will be Russ Porter, Branch 51 member, who will speak about the status of China in today's world.

Topic:

China Overview

Topic Description:

A snap shot of China's dramatic economic success, strategies and its current internal challenges.

Speaker Biography:

Russ Porter
Marquette Univ. BS- Engr. 1959
Univ. of Santa Clara, MBA 1967

US Navy Lt. 1959-1962 Operations Officer, San Diego & Yokosuka, Japan
Calif. Highway Engr. 1963-67
IBM Sales & Marketing 1967-2005

- US Sales & Marketing Mgt. - US West Coast
- Product Mgr. - Americas / Far East Division
- Program Mgr. - Asian Staff Office Tokyo, Japan

Future speakers for the coming months:

February 5 – To be determined.

FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS

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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

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.

"I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any."

"I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel."

"What do you call a fish with no eyes...a fsh."

"Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says 'dam'."

"Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too."

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year & SIR blessings to all.

See you at the next SIR luncheon on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH.

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

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ACTIVITIES



GOLF Two Month Schedule:

JANUARY

07 TUE Poplar Creek 10:00
15 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
22 Wed Los Lagos 10:00
29 Wed Shoreline 10:00

FEBRUARY

04 TUE Spring Valley 10:00
12 Wed Sunnyvale 10:00
19 Wed San Jose Muny 10:00
26 Wed Los Lagos 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.

NOVEMBER Leader Board

GROSS

1-Ned Miller	83	1-Kai Johansen	64
2-Mike McMahon	88	Mike McMahon	64
3-Jim Stanford	89	3-Art Lewis	65
4-Jim Cummings	90	4-Tony Hanley	66
5-Ron Rosenfeld	93	5-Jim Stanford	67
Kai Johansen	93	Rob Harrell	67
7-Tony Hanley	94	Kevin Wheaton	67
8-Rob Harrell	96	8-Ned Miller	68

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

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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 Users 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

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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. Rain cancels.

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. 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

2nd Thursday, January 9th at 11:00 AM

Stevens Creek Trail & Shoreline Park (Mt. View)

Ride: We will ride a flat 14-mile round-trip to Michael's Restaurant in Shoreline Park, plus an optional 5-mile loop to the Palo Alto Duck Pond, near the Palo Alto Airport (a total ride of 19 miles). Lunch will be at Michael's. If the weather is nice, we may even go farther up to Facebook and eat at a strip mall. This will add another 4 to 5 miles to the round trip.

Directions: Meet at the south end of the Stevens Creek bike path at the corner of Sleeper Ave. and Franklin Ave. From Palo Alto, go south on El Camino, to Grant Rd.; turn right. The first street past the 3rd traffic signal is Sleeper Ave.; turn left. Go 8 blocks to the end of Sleeper Ave. to a small park. Park your car along the curb.

This is the new **cycling events' master list for 2020**. It may change as the year goes by, so the final word is in the month's newsletter and the reminder the weekend before the Thursday ride.

January, Stevens Creek/Shoreline Park (M.V.)

February, Coyote Creek (So. San Jose)

March, Coyote Hills-AlamedaCreek
(Fremont/Niles)

April, Foster City Bay Trail

May, Brisbane Bayshore Trail

June, Guadalupe Trail--(Alviso to San Jose)

July, Sawyer Camp Trail/ San Andreas trail
(New Ride)

August, San Leandro-Alameda Ride

September, Mt. View to Alviso

October, Half Moon Bay

November, Los Gatos Creek Trail

December, No ride (Members may call for a ride)

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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Craig Carpenter 325-4152

All telephone numbers are in the 650 area code, except where noted differently.

All changes in address, telephone number, and e-mail address needs to be reported to the SIR Branch 51,
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“All the news that fits we print”

Anonymous