Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

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For Retired Men



February 2021

Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

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

General Membership:

Good news!

As of this week, 25th of January 2021, the state has removed the stay-at-home lockdown order. There are restrictions still in place which are under the control of the state and respective counties. Outdoor dining, salons, barbers, gyms, museums, parks, etc. will be open with limitations. Plus, there are two current COVID-19 vaccines, and three more on the way, to help us defeat the virus. Major issues still exist in getting sufficient vaccine supplies, getting appointments, and inoculating all that should get it. More news to come, but for now, progress is being made to be able to go out, with proper protection techniques, and feel we are getting closer to "normal" life. Stay tuned.

Next SIR General Membership Meeting (all members) for Wednesday, 3rd of February 2021 will be via Zoom with the General Membership Meeting starting with a half hour social meeting at 12:30 PM after which our main meeting begins at:

1:00 PM

The next three General Membership Meeting times for the first Wednesday of the month.

February 3, 2021, 12:30 PM March 3, 2021, 12:30 PM April 7, 2021, 12:30 PM For more information on our Zoom video conference meetings, check within this newsletter for details.



Big SIR Notes:

From the computer of Jim Cummings

Fellow SIRS,

The state leaders of SIR have decided to approve golf as a legitimate activity. Because of some insurance/legal and safety concerns most activities have not been enjoyed for several months. The big, big SIRs have reached an agreement with our insurance carrier and so will approve all activities on Feb 10. Of course, we do have to follow local regulations so our inside activities will not be allowed at this time nor do most of our members wish to participate in any interior activities.

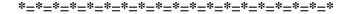
It is going to be a long slog to give 300 million vaccine doses – even though some seem to think it is easy – but, then 50% of the population is of below average intelligence. Hope all of you have been able to receive the vaccine or an appointment to do so if you are over age 75.

Our speaker this month on Feb 3 will be Richard Earl, the grandson of Harley J. Earl, a stylist and designer with creative ideas for automobiles and other products. He'll be talking about how Earl was the Steve jobs of his era and how his influence is

still felt throughout various industries. Some really great and entertaining stories can be expected!

As last month, we will start the meeting with a social half-hour at 12:30 PM on ZOOM with the speaker starting at about 1:00 PM. Our luncheons are still in the future as determined by Santa Clara county officials.

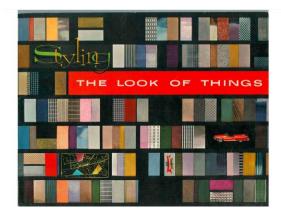
Jim cell:650-207-3609 home:650-328-2168



Monthly Presentation for Members

February 3rd Speaker Topic:

Styling, the Look of Things



Topic Description:



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Here is a link to the history of Harley J. Earl, the pioneer stylist, designer, dreamer, and innovator.

http://www.harleyjearl.com/styling-the-look-ofthings-by-hje

The fascinating book, *Styling, the Look of Things*, can be downloaded from the following website.

http://www.harleyjearl.com/s/Styling-The_Look_of_Things.pdf

Speaker Biography:

With an auto legacy 132 years in the making, Richard is dedicated to preserving and promoting our nation's auto heritage, especially on the roots and traditions of the *Car Design* profession. Today, this area is the undisputed backbone of the global automotive economy and although the legacy behind America's *Car Design Pioneer* laid dormant from the 1970s into the new century, the historical narrative of Harley J. Earl is now on a much more positive trajectory. With 20-years spent unearthing the behind-the-scenes story (1996 to '06 Richard lived in Metro Detroit) and over one hundred first-person interviews later, he has become an authority on the American auto industry's most dynamic modern leaders of the mid-twentieth century era.

Courtesy of Harley J. Earl website http://www.harleyjearl.com/

Future speakers for the coming months:

March 3, 2021 – The New Era of Charter Schools

Speaker: Margaret (Macke) Raymond is Director of Stanford University's Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO)

April 7, 2021

Speaker: – To be determined

FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS

PLEASE CONTACT:

Steve Tremulis (650) 598-9790

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General Interest

SIR 51 Board Meetings

Next virtual Board meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of February, the 3rd, at 11:00 AM. Please start logging into the virtual meeting at 10:45 AM. For more details, please contact either Big SIR, Jim Cummings (cell:650/207-3609), or Secretary, Gerry Shebar (650/868-6124).

Selection of 2021 Board members is essentially complete. There are a couple of vacant positions not filled yet. See the list of 2021 officers and committee chairmen at the end of this newsletter.

January's board meeting had 12 attendees.

Important Alert for All SIR 51 Members

Recent experience by some members have found suspicious telephone calls and/or phishing e-mails sent to our members by a "fellow" member that actually is not a true SIR member who is asking for financial support. Please beware of this or other suspicious activities.

SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

A Zoom invitation will be sent for the February meeting for you to click a link to join the scheduled meeting.

Last month's January General Membership Zoom meeting was attended by 20 SIR members.

Try to join our February General Membership Zoom meeting to see and talk with your fellow members. It is fun and interesting for all. Please remember to avoid making background noise or, easier, just mute your sound while in the meeting to help the video meeting be more enjoyable for all.

2021 Membership Roster

As a reminder, the SIR Branch 51 Membership Roster is being updated and will be published only in electronic form. If you have any corrections to your profile data, please contact our Membership Chairman, Gerry Shebar at (659) 868-6124. A file copy will be sent to all members via e-mail, and the roster file will be archived on our branch website.

SIR 51 Website

SIR Branch 51 website provides helpful information on our activities and archives our news. Should you have inputs for our website, please contact our website master, Gerry Shebar at (650) 868-6124.

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

State SIR Newsletter

The State SIR President, Stu Williams, has sent an e-mail message to all SIR members state-wide with a link to the State SIR newsletter. If you have not reviewed it yet, it is lengthy, yet informative about our greater organization.

Also, see State SIR website: www.sirinc.org



Craig's Current Contributions:

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Words to Live By:

"I'd grow my own food if I could only find bacon seeds"

"Losing weight doesn't seem to be working for me, so from now on I'm going to concentrate on getting taller"

"I don't trip, I do random gravity checks"

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

"It's not that the man couldn't juggle, he just didn't have the balls to do it"

"I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down"

Stuff to Watch on TV:

Virgin River on Netflix Defending Jacob on Apple TV+ Heartland on Netflix
Ted Lasso on Apple TV+
Borgen on Netflix
The White Tiger on Apple TV+

Good Reads for Guys:

Killing Patton by Bill O'Reilly
The Evening & The Morning by Ken Follett
The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline
Total Power by Vince Flynn

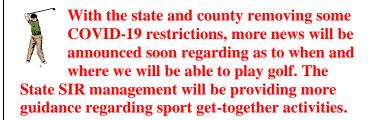
Got my first COVID-19 shot on January 14th 'cause I'm old. How 'bout you?

Stay safe in 2021!



ACTIVITIES

GOLF



If any of you are interested in playing as individuals, you might want to check with the courses as to tee time availability.

The preliminarily 2021 golf schedule has been arranged and the Excel golf file was sent out last month. Check for your file copy or at the SIR 51 website. More news to come. Stay tuned.

Courtesy of Golf Course Coordinator:

KAI JOHANSEN

(650) 853-2493

Also, contact Big SIR, Jim Cummings, as a mutual supporter for golf news.

JIM CUMMINGS

home: (650) 328-2168 cell: (650) 207-3609

Check if the <u>following activities</u> are going to occur with the recent COVID-19 stayat-home order lifted, but with some restrictions still in place.

COMPUSIR



COMPUSIR is a self-help Computer discussion group. Normally, it meets monthly at the PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE 4249 EL

CAMINO REAL, PALO ALTO. Check first if meetings are being held by Zoom, or not at all. When in-person meetings can be held access is by the following method. 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, when possible in-person, 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

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. When possible with less COVID-19 restrictions, we meet on **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 (Bob Taggart) 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 and 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 bowling skill that comes back after a long lay-off. Many have not bowled since they were youngsters. For more information, contact:

BOB TAGGART (650) 321-2654, Br 35

LAWN BOWLING:



Check if Lawn Bowling is able to meet and play. We meet on 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:

when possible during the COVID-19 pandemic, check first to see if our tennis group meets which happens on 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

CYCLING:

SIRS ON BIKES:

The SIR bicycle group is not riding in February. SIR has given the order that all outdoor activities are to be suspended. We take this to mean that protocols have to be resubmitted at the appropriate time. So, as for now, there is no SIR bicycle ride for February. We have complete trust in safety protocols and hope to be back riding again.

This is the master list for 2021. It may change as the year goes by, so the final word is in the month's newsletter.

January 14, 2021

Stevens Creek/Shoreline Park (Mt. View), no ride

February 11, 2021

Coyote Creek (South San Jose), no ride

March 11, 2021

Coyote Hills-Alameda Creek (Fremont/Niles)

April 8, 2021

Foster City Bay Trail

May 13, 2021

Brisbane Bayshore Trail

June 10, 2021

Guadalupe Trail--(Alviso to San Jose)

July 8, 2021

Sawyer Camp Trail / San Andreas Trail

August 12, 2021

San Leandro-Alameda Ride

September 9, 2021

Mt. View to Alviso

October 14, 2021

Half Moon Bay

November 11, 2021

Los Gatos Creek Trail

December 2021 No ride

(If the weather is good, the riders may pick a ride)

If you have questions, please contact Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong as per below.

JAMES LUNT (408) 252-6804, Cell: (408) 921-5085 **GORDON TONG** (408) 242-0557

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.

STATE SIR TRAVEL INFORMATION



For information on State SIR travel, go to the State SIR website listed below, and click on "Region and Area Info", click on "Resources", click on "More

Information", then look for "Travel Management Information" section which has sub-links to travel agencies, bus companies, and a travel handbook. Also, one can use "Search Here" box at the base of the page using the word "travel".

STATE SIR WEBSITE

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.

Also, if you wish to add material to the newsletter, inputs for the next newsletter should be submitted between the 15^{th} and 20^{th} of the month prior to the next newsletter.

Newsletter Editor:

Richard Jamison (650) 868-3723

2021 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

| Big SIR: Jim Cummings | 328-2168 | Indoor Bowling; Bob Taggart (Br 35 | , |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Little SIR: (Open) | | Lawn Bowling: Don Hughes | 323-9916 |
| Secretary: Gerry Shebar | 868-6124 | Cycling: Jim Lunt (Br. 35) | (408) 252-6804 |
| Asst. Secretary: Richard Jamison | 868-3723 | Tennis: Bill Kamin | 322-4300 |
| Treasurer: Kingsley Wood | 799-8420 | Golf: Kai Johansen | 853-2493 |
| Asst. Treasurer: Kevin Wheaton | 485-2276 | Jim Cummings | 328-2168 |
| | | Travel: State SIR Travel: | www.sirinc.org |
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| | | Macintosh Users: Skip Ross | (541) 857-6224 |
| Director: Joe Grippo | 948-2130 | Historian: (Open) | |
| Director: Sam Meredith | 325-4152 | , , , | |
| Director: Craig Carpenter | 325-4152 | New Board Members | |
| · . | | Jeff Gardiner | 561-9661 |
| | | Ray Klinke | 924-0734 |
| | | Mike McMahon | 493-7392 |
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ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

| Attendance: Kingsley Wood | 799-8420 | Luncheon Programs: Steve Tremulis | 598-9790 |
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| Audit: Sam Meredith | 325-4152 | Kevin Wheaton | 485-2276 |
| Russ Porter | 234-1212 | Membership: Gerry Shebar | 868-6124 |
| Website: Gerry Shebar | 868-6124 | Asst. Membership: (Open) | |
| Asst. Website: Art Lewis | 964-3223 | Greeter: Al Runge | 592-1345 |
| Newsletter: Richard Jamison | 868-3723 | Special Events: (Open) | |
| Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey | 593-3496 | Nominating Committee: Jim Cummings | 328-2168 |
| Member Orientation: Bob Guffey | 593-3496 | Steve Tremulis | 598-9790 |
| · | | Craig Carpenter325-4152 | |

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, Acting Membership Committee Chairman:

Gerry Shebar, 3345 Stockton PL., Palo Alto, CA 94303 (650) 868-6124

"All the news that fits we print"

Anonymous