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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.

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**Monthly Presentation for Members**

**February 3rd Speaker Topic:**

*Styling, the Look of Things*



**Topic Description:**



Richard Earl, the grandson of Harley J. Earl, will 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.

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-of-things-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:**

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## General Interest

### SIR 51 Board Meetings

Next **virtual Board meeting** will be held on the first Wednesday of **February, the 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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](http://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](http://www.sirinc.org)

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### 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+



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

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### NON-RESPONSIBILITY 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](http://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<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the next newsletter.

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## 2021 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big SIR: Jim Cummings 328-2168  
Little SIR: (Open)  
Secretary: Gerry Shebar 868-6124  
Asst. Secretary: Richard Jamison 868-3723  
Treasurer: Kingsley Wood 799-8420  
Asst. Treasurer: Kevin Wheaton 485-2276

### DIRECTORS

Director: Joe Grippo 948-2130  
Director: Sam Meredith 325-4152  
Director: Craig Carpenter 325-4152

### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Indoor Bowling: Bob Taggart (Br 35) 321-2654  
Lawn Bowling: Don Hughes 323-9916  
Cycling: Jim Lunt (Br. 35) (408) 252-6804  
Tennis: Bill Kamin 322-4300  
Golf: Kai Johansen 853-2493  
Jim Cummings 328-2168  
Travel: State SIR Travel: [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
Compuser: Stanford-PA Users Group [www.spaug.net](http://www.spaug.net)  
Macintosh Users: Skip Ross (541) 857-6224  
Historian: (Open)

### **New Board Members**

Jeff Gardiner 561-9661  
Ray Klinke 924-0734  
Mike McMahan 493-7392

### ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

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