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Future speakers for the coming months:

May 5, 2021 Speaker Topic:

Shifting Gears

Topic Description:

Shifting Gears book is based on interviews with retirees, telling how they are shifting gears in their retirement. Sometimes they shift smoothly, sometimes they grind the gears, and often they take some time to find their groove. The stories reveal the rich abundance of retirement ventures, from the exotic to the mundane. Discover their joys, challenges, and inspirations that were part of their journey in this next stage of life.

Ranked #1, New Release on Amazon (Gerontology)

Speaker Biography: – To be announced.

Dick Haiduck, Author of *Shifting Gears*

June 2, 2021 Speaker Topic:

Bay Area's Water Supply Issues

Topic Description:

To be announced.

Speaker Biography:



Thomas (Tom) Francis
Water Resources Manager

Thomas (Tom) Francis is the Water Resources Manager of the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), comprising 26 utilities that purchase water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for resale to their local service areas, that if totaled include over 1.7 million customers. The Agency represents its members' collective interests in their relationship with the SFPUC on matters related to water supply, facility reliability, operations, water quality and wholesale water rates. Mr. Francis joined BAWSCA in 2016.

In his role as the Water Resources Manager, Mr. Francis oversees BAWSCA's water supply management efforts including water reliability planning, supply acquisition and water conservation. Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, he is responsible for the implementation of the Long-Term Reliable Water Supply Strategy, and oversees the SFPUC's \$4.6 billion Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) on behalf of the BAWSCA agencies. Mr. Francis also manages the design and execution of BAWSCA's award winning

regional water conservation programs and other regional supply planning activities with the SFPUC and surrounding water agencies.

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 **April, the 7th**, 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).

See the list of 2021 officers and committee chairmen at the end of this newsletter.

March's board meeting had 12 attendees.

SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

A Zoom invitation will be sent for the April meeting for you to click a link to join the scheduled meeting. Last month's March General Membership Zoom meeting was attended by ? SIR members (I was absent for the main meeting).

Try to join our March 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 has been updated and is available only in electronic form. Members were sent electronic file

versions of the roster. If you have any corrections to your profile data, please contact our Membership Chairman, Gerry Shebar at (659) 868-6124. Also, the roster file has been 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

Last month, 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

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Craig's Current Contributions:

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter. He used to be a big deal but was cast aside for younger Big SIR's with more personality, a better golf game and way better hair. When last seen, he was carrying Walt McCullough's golf bag at Deep Cliff.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin - The political genius of Abraham Lincoln. "The one term Congressman & prairie lawyer rises from obscurity to prevail over three gifted rivals of national reputation to become president."

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah - "Set in the Texas plains in the mid 1920's, it shows how the boom & bust after 1929 devastated farm families as the drought of several years led to the Dust Bowl & the migration to the West".

Crystal Springs
Los Lagos
Moffett Field
Poplar Creek
Poppy Hills
San Jose
Shoreline
Spring Valley
Sunnyvale

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 following activities are going to occur with the recent COVID-19 stay-at-home order lifted and new Orange Tier level for most Bay Area counties. Keep in mind, some restrictions are 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:

SIR Bicycle Group Ride April 8, 2021

2nd Thursday, April 8, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
Wives and guests are welcome. Rain cancels,
Helmet required, mask required.

SIR Bicycle Ride Protocols are to be Followed.

The ride for April is the Foster City Bay Trail (The Oracle Ride). The trail is having some work done on it, and there are a few detours. It will be an adventure. The ride is close by and gets us back on the SIR master ride list.

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

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.
Coordinates: 37.528476, -122.268604

If there are any questions, contact me, James Lunt at (408) 252-6804 or Gordon Tong at (408) 242-0557. Let us know if you are riding so we can wait for you.

The new, bicycle protocols are:

Revised SIR Branch 35 Riding Group Protocols:

1. All riders are encouraged (but not mandatory) to receive the first and second Covid-19 vaccine injections.

2. All riders are **not** to carpool to designated rides. Biking to designated starting points of rides is acceptable.

3. For the safety of all riders, ride only if one is feeling 100% healthy.

4. Riders must wear a biking helmet and some type of face mask. Riders are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer because public restrooms may not always be open.

5. We will designate a lead rider at the front of the group and a designated sweeper behind the last rider. All riders will stay between the designated lead and sweeper.

6. We will stagger riders in groups of 2 - 3 with the first group departing, followed by the next group of riders 2-3 minutes later and continue with this staggered process until all riders have departed.

7. Riders will ride single file and maintain a minimum 50' distance from the rider immediately in front. Riders can pass each other as long as there is a safe margin to pass.

8. When the designated lead rider stops for a group water or restroom break, all riders will stop and maintain a minimum 6 feet distance from each other.

9. Riders are encouraged to bring their lunch or order takeout food. The designated lead rider will find a suitable area to eat lunch and ensure proper social distancing.

10. When riders are eating lunch with their mask off, the minimum distance from each other will be 10 feet.

11. Ride back to our designated ride starting point in the same manner.

This is the riding 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), Michael's (Mt. V) to Univ Ave/Hwy 84 (Menlo Park). See above.~~

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)

Again, 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 15th and 20th of the month prior to the next newsletter.

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2021 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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Jim Cummings 328-2168
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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:

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“All the news that fits we print”

Anonymous