

# Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

## Branch #51

Website: [www.sirinc2.org/branch51](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch51)

No. 545  
A Non-Profit Organization  
For Retired Men



December 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:

#### Time Out

December SIR General Membership Meeting (all members) will not be held, i.e., no social meeting, no luncheon, and no speaker. We will resume in-person on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for our regular General Membership luncheon and speaker meetings. However, the Board will meet on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM via Zoom.

As the Coronavirus world gets more complicated, there is a new variant called the Omicron (B.1.1.529) from South Africa and its neighboring countries. It is considered potentially more transmittable and possibly more deadly. As for current vaccines that are being used, it is not known how much protection that they will provide.

Hence, booster shots are now available for all individuals that are 12 years or older with either Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson. One can mix or match booster vaccine suppliers with one's original vaccine two (or one) shot vaccines. For our grandchildren between the ages of five and 11 years old, they now can get reduced dosage of shots.

Here is updated data from the Mayo Clinic records for COVID-19 for the US and CA as of the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. Vaccinations for the nation are at 59.5% being fully vaccinated, and 70.0% having received at least one shot. For Californians 12 years or older, 62.8% have been fully vaccinated and 78.2% have at least one shot of vaccine.

As we have come to expect, COVID-19 variants are not done with us. The variants are serious threat to our health. Please keep your guard up, still take precautions to protect yourself, your family, and others.

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### Big SIR Notes:

*From the computer of Jim Cummings*

There will be a board meeting Wednesday Dec 1 at 11 AM, but no general meeting in-person or on ZOOM. Wednesday Jan 5 we will have a regular lunch in-person and will continue SIRS luncheons on the first Wednesday of the month, unless the virus mutates into something dangerous. Currently, there is some concern regarding a variant given the name "OMICRON". There is no way at present to determine what this variant will turn out to be. We shall hope all will be well and we can continue our meetings.

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

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### Monthly Presentation for Members

#### December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Speaker Topic:

No speaker due to no meeting in December 2021.

**Speaker Biography:**

None

**Topic Description:**

None

**Future speakers for the coming month:**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Speaker Topic:**

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 Zoom **Board Meeting** will be held on the first Wednesday of **December, the 1<sup>st</sup>**, at 11:00 AM. For more details, please contact Big SIR, Jim Cummings (cell:650/207-3609).

See the list of newly elected 2022 officers and committee chairmen at the end of this newsletter.

November board meeting had 11 attendees.

**SIR 51 General Membership Meeting**

Last month’s November in-person General Membership Meeting was attended by approximately 30 SIR members. Currently, we have a total of 77 members in our branch.

**2021 Membership Roster**

As always, if you have any corrections to your profile data, please contact our Membership Chairman, Gerry Shebar, at (650) 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](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch51)

**State SIR News**

If you have not done so yet, **COVID-19 Waiver** needs to be signed by all SIR members and submitted to your branch board members. The links to the Wavier, Branch Protocols are given below. **Please read, print, sign, and submit wavier.**

**Branch Protocols:**

<https://files.constantcontact.com/686f3f04701/e2662867-a239-4f89-baac-baf50ee70e2d.pdf>

**Wavier:**

<https://sirinc.org/wp-content/uploads/Waiver-final.pdf>

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**Craig's (Meager?) Current Contributions:**

*Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter*

Used to be a big deal...notice the past tense

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER:**

"Whenever my wife uses the phrase 'I was thinking'...that means I have to move, build, paint or buy something."

"Local man addicted to brake fluid says he can stop anytime he wants."





formed. Late arrivals will play as sets are completed. We play an open spin-in doubles form. Play level is about 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS, so bring a friend.

**BILL KAMIN** (650) 322-4300

## **CYCLING:**

### **No SIR Bicycle Group ride this December 2021**

If there is a pick-up group that wishes to ride in December, then those wanting to ride need to coordinate that get together.

2nd Thursday of December (9<sup>th</sup>), would be the likely cycling date.

Wives and guests are welcome. Rain cancels ride, helmet required.

This is a non-sponsored SIR ride.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong to see if other members are interested.

Jim Lunt  
Phone (408) 252-6804  
Cell (408) 921-5085  
[jamesdlunt@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesdlunt@yahoo.com)

Gordon Tong  
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[gordy6850@gmail.com](mailto:gordy6850@gmail.com)

This is the **Master Riding List for 2021**. It may change as the year goes by, so the final word is in the SIR Branch 35 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 Ride~~

~~**October 14, 2021**  
Half Moon Bay~~

~~**November 11, 2021**  
Los Gatos Creek Trail~~

~~**December 2021** No ride  
(If the weather is good, riders may pick a ride to do.)~~

## **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](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.

**Newsletter Editor:**

Richard Jamison

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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 380-9493  
Jim Cummings 328-2168  
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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	Luncheon Programs: Steve Tremulis	598-9790
Audit: Sam Meredith	325-4152	Membership: Gerry Shebar	868-6124
Russ Porter	234-1212	Asst. Membership: (Open)	
Website: Gerry Shebar	868-6124	Greeter: Al Runge	592-1345
Asst. Website: Art Lewis	964-3223	Special Events: (Open)	
Newsletter: Richard Jamison	868-3723	Nominating Committee: Jim Cummings	328-2168
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Member Orientation: Bob Guffey	593-3496	Craig Carpenter	325-4152

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