

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

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A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



November 2023
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 Interest:

Cooler Fall Weather is Coming

November is nearly upon us and we will need to prepare for cooler weather and, hopefully, for rain to help with our drought, but not too much to create havoc in the state as had happened last year.

The World Series has already started. The 49ers are trying to keep their losses to only two this season. Our traditional time change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time will happen on Sunday, the 5th of November at 2:00 a.m. Our clocks will need to rest for an hour.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, bring your friends or neighbors to our Fremont Hills Country Club, and show them what we like, and enjoy, about our SIR 51 branch: tasty food, interesting members, and entertaining speakers. Possibly, we can get your friend or neighbor, ultimately, to join our branch to keep the branch growing.

Other news.

Good news. We will be having our annual Holiday Luncheon on Wednesday, December 6th, at 11:30 a.m. We will be welcoming back the Madrigal Singers from the Mountain View High School Choral Group. The cost is \$35 per person. Please see the accompanying .pdf file with this newsletter file for details and RSVP form to return to Ray Klinker, our special events coordinator. Due date for submitting your RSVP is November 25th.

As mentioned last month, the SIR Foundation, (SIRF), which supports all branches for financial aid in time of need, has received significant financial donations. Jim Walton, of Branch 171, is SIR Foundation president, and he said "I am happy to report that the Foundation has received over \$6300 in donations from both Branches and Individual Sirs." Also, Jim said "I wish to **personally thank all of you** who have sent in donations in support of SIRF. And I encourage all Sir Members to continue your support of the Foundation. All donations, no matter how small, will go a long way to making our efforts meaningful to SIR and SIR communities." Due to members' support, the SIRF has already helped branches, e.g., improvement projects, infrastructure needs, wildfire disasters support, etc.

The Sons In Retirement Foundation Inc. (SIRF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Your contribution is tax-deductible within the limits prescribed by California law.

If you can contribute, any amount, the SIR Foundation thanks you. To obtain a donation form, go to the link presented here.

<https://sirinc.org/wp-content/uploads/SIRF-Donation-Form-SIR-Member.docx>

Also, one can contact Jim Walton, Foundation President, jameswalton2176@gmail.com

If you have any changes to your profile in the roster, please inform our Assistant Membership Chairman. When we get a replacement Membership Chairman, he will be the person to receive your

STUFF TO WATCH:

Netflix:

The Fall of the House of Usher This will get a rise out of horror fans.

Beckham, a limited series on Netflix. He is married to Posh Spice of the Spice Girls and is one of the greatest soccer players ever. Big highs and big lows. My wife and I both really enjoyed it.

Fauda A series focusing on Doron (Lior Raz), retired from the Israel Defense Force (IDF), but forced back into action. Relevant to the Middle East events of today.

Apple TV+:

Lessons in Chemistry. Just out on Apple TV+ & starring Brie Larson as Elizabeth Zott, whose dream of being a scientist is put on hold in a patriarchal society. But wait, she has the last word on success.

Theaters:

Killers of the Flower Moon, (see above) in theaters now. Three hours and 26 minutes long - sheesh!!! Directed by Martin Scorsese & starring Leonardo Di Caprio & Robert De Niro.

Well, that's all for this month. Stay healthy & active.

P.S. On a personal note, we have a grandson who is the starting cornerback for the Drake University (Iowa) football team. We saw them play the U. of San Diego last Saturday and they won 25-20 on an unbelievable "Hail Mary" pass on the last play of the game. ESPN put it on their "Top Ten Plays of the Day" on Sports Center. Google says "Hail Marys" are successful 9.7% of the time so just WOW!!! 🍀

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ACTIVITIES

GOLF



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

For helpful information on State SIR and various Branch golf activities, contact Mark Stuart, 2023 State Golf Chair at 916 218-2287 or mss95678@hotmail.com

Also, for more information on State SIR golf activities, use the link below.

www.sirgolf.org

As for SIR Branch 51's golf information, see the SIR 51 2023 golf schedule which is available via Excel or .pdf file copies either electronically sent to you or at the SIR 51 website. Below are the dates, times, and locations for November, and December 2023.

	Nov 08, Wed	Nov 15, Wed	Nov 22, Wed	Nov 29, Wed
NOV	Spring Valley	Shoreline	Poplar Creek	Sunnyvale
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10.00 AM

	Dec 05, Tue	Dec 13, Wed	Dec 20, Wed	Dec 27, Wed
DEC	Los Lagos	Spring Valley	San Jose	NO GOLF
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	THIS WEEK

TOTAL TOURNAMENTS: 50

Baylands 2
Crystal Springs 5
Los Lagos 7
Moffett Field 3
Poplar Creek 6
Poppy Hills 1
San Jose 6
Shoreline 5
Spring Valley 8
Sunnyvale 7

All participants must be at the course at least one hour before tee time.

Courtesy of Golf Chairman:

KAI JOHANSEN
(650) 380-9493

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

JIM CUMMINGS
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State SIR Golf Newsletter:
www.sirgolf.org

Check if the following activities are going to occur with the recent changes in COVID-19 State SIR restrictions.

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 Cupertino 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 (Br 35)
(650) 321-2654

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 form. Play level is about 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS, so bring a friend.

SYD JACOBSEN (Br 35)
(408) 738-3233

CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

Meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM
Next ride will be on November 9th 2023.

Wives and guests welcomed; Rain cancels ride.
Helmets required, e-bike are allowed, and face masks are optional. Read latest CDC guidance via link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Los Gatos Creek Trail

Ride: We will ride the ever popular and scenic trail starting from the Blackford Elementary School parking lot to downtown Los Gatos for about 7.5 miles. The trail is paved and generally level with some short inclines underneath streets. There are many lunch options in the downtown area. Then, we'll ride back on the same trail for a total of 15 miles.

Driving Directions: Go South on I-280 (past Highway 17) to Meridian Avenue (South); turn right. Go to Willow Street (the third stoplight) and turn right. Take Willow Street until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets. For an address to plug into your GPS, Blackford Elementary School [1970 Willow St, San Jose](#).

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or gordy6850@gmail.com or Hank Bottino at (650) 207-4320 or bottinoh@comcast.net. who is my biking group co-leader.

Cycling Comment:

FYI. SIR Branch 35 monthly bicycling is a combined activity with all SIR Branches in Area 13. The objectives of the monthly rides are to continue to promote fellowship, share experiences, get some exercise and above all, have FUN!

We ask that all riders exhibit a positive attitude, exercise good judgment when riding such as maintaining a safe distance between riders, obey all traffic signs, stop lights, etc. There will be a designated **lead** rider and a **sweeper** (or last rider) to ensure that all riders stay on course. It's important that all riders keep the **lead** rider in their sights.

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 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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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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