Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

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A Non-Profit Organization For Retired Men



May 2024

Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

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

Branch 51 News

Big SIR Notes:

From the computer of Richard Jamison

Greetings fellow members,

There two items of interest for your review.

First.

We, as a social group, always need to keep in mind that recruitment of new members is important. Our Membership Chairman, Joe Urbassik, has created an ad to help us explain who and what our SIR organization does. Recently, I sent out Joe's ad for all to use in encouraging potential new members to consider joining our branch. The ad was sent to all on April 20th. Within that ad are some good suggestions for introducing SIR to potential members. Please review it and use it to bring in new members for our branch to keep our branch growth strong with interesting people.

Second.

Our annual summer picnic/BBQ will be held on June 5th, Wednesday, at 11:30 a.m. at the outdoor patio by the swimming pool of Fremont Hills Country Club. The menu includes chicken, hamburgers, bratwurst, and sides. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase. The deadline to sign up to attend is 24th of May. The price is \$40 per person. Guests are welcome. Please make your check payable to SIR#51and send your payment to Ray Klinke at 605 Palm Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022. This information was distributed by a flyer at our last luncheon for your RSVP use.

As usual, don't miss this fun and tasty picnic/BBQ food. I hope to see all our members there.

Enjoy,

Richard *_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*_*

<u>General Interest</u>

If you have any changes to your profile in the roster, please inform our Membership Chairman. This allows us to keep the roster file up to date. Currently, e-mail your updates to Membership Chairman, Joe Urbassik, at joeu1218@gmail.com

SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 starting at 11:30 a.m., for social half-hour, then at noon for lunch.

Please encourage your fellow members to come to the luncheon and speaker presentation.

March Luncheon attendance was a total of 35 members plus guests. Lets work on bringing up our

attendance and recruitment of new members. Our branch membership totals 63.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will occur in-person this coming Wednesday, May 1 at 11:00 a.m.

For more details, please contact Big SIR, Richard Jamison at email address: <u>rsjamison@aol.com</u>

The lists for elected 2024 officers and committee chairmen are located at the end of this newsletter.

<u>Monthly Presentation for Members</u> <u>May 1, 2024</u>

Join us on May 1 for a fascinating and in-depth look into the Computer History Museum in Mountain View.

From the heart of Silicon Valley, the Computer History Museum shares insights gleaned from our research, our events, and our incomparable collection of computing artifacts and oral histories to convene, inform, and empower people to build a better world.

We steward the world's foremost collection to preserve our collective history. Our collecting scope spans calculators to robots and provides unique



perspectives into the online world, entrepreneurship, and software. The foundation of all we do, our collection relies on the preservation expertise and pioneering efforts of many.

FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS

PLEASE CONTACT:

Steve Tremulis (650) 598-9790

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 News

Public information about SIR organization for what we are as a social group and what we do is available on the state SIR developed website for informing and attracting the public to our branch. It is called **We Are SIR**.

www.wearesir.com

State SIR Website:

www.sirinc.org

The State SIR organization has a newsletter called *SIR Happenings*, to help SIR members know what the state officers are organizing for overall support and various activities for the local branches. See link below.

https://sirinc.org/newsletters/

The State SIR group provides guidance to help branches improve their members' involvement and the growth of branch membership.

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<u>Craig's Current Contributions:</u> <u>May 2024</u>

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR, very important guy. Spending two weeks in Hawaii now where gas is actually 25 cents/gallon cheaper than California. Go figure.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER: (all plagiarized by me and/or one of my pals*)

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends" Oscar Wilde

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork" Mae West

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it". Groucho Marx

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; Bring a friend if you have one." George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill. "Cannot possibly attend first night, I will attend the second...if there is one." Winston Churchill, in response.

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to a dictionary." William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemmingway).

*Borrowed from Joe Grippo who, in turn, borrowed it from the aforementioned.

QUICKY QUIZ:

What are easternmost, westernmost, southernmost and northernmost states in the USA? No cheating and the answers are at the end of this screed.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"The Terminal List" by Jack Carr. A Navy SEAL has nothing left to live for after his team is all killed & he learns the American government is behind the plot.

"The Art Thief: A true story of love, crime, and a dangerous obsession. By Michael Finkel.

"Elon Musk" by Walter Isaacson. My guy's book club read this and let's just say that Elon, love him or hate him, is one interesting guy.

STUFF TO WATCH:

"Anatomy of a Scandal" on Netflix. The Brits at their finest and, er, uh lowest. Six episodes and directed by David E. Kelley.

"Collateral" on Netflix. A four-part thriller set in London that takes place over four days.

"A Gentleman in Moscow", based on the best selling book by Amor Towles. On Paramount/ Amazon Prime.

"A Nearly Normal Family" on Netflix. A pastor, a lawyer and their teen daughter live a seemingly normal life but...there is a murder and then...

Answer to Quicky Quiz: No cheating because we know who you are & we will track you down!

Hawaii is the southernmost. The other three are...Alaska (hint: it's in the western AND eastern hemisphere).

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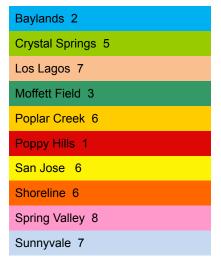
If any of you are interested in playing golf as individuals, you might want to check with the courses as to tee time availability.

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

As for SIR Branch 51's golf information, see the SIR 51 2024 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 April, May and June 2024.

5/8. Wed. Spring Valley. 10 A	M
5/15 Wed. Sunnyvale. 10 A	М
5/22 Wed. Moffett Field. 10 A	Μ
5/29 Wed. Poplar Creek. 10 A	М
6/4 Tues. San Jose. 10 A	М
6/12 Wed. Los Lagos. 10 A	Μ
6/19 Wed. Shoreline. 10 A	М
6/26 Wed. Spring Valley 10 A	М

TOTAL TOURNAMENTS: 51



ACTIVITIES

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

Information on other SIR golfing events can be found on the SIR State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org.

Ben Gikis, 2024 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

State SIR Golf Newsletter: <u>www.sirgolf.org</u>

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

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. 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, lowimpact 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:

Lawn Bowling is available every Friday from 10 AM to noon at the Senior Center in Los Altos. Contact Bob Taggart.

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<u>CYCLING:</u> (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

Meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM. The next ride will be the BRISBANE BAYSHORE TRAIL, subject to favorable weather conditions. The Bay Trail Map below, specifically, the white path is the biking route we'll be riding. Date: Thursday, May 9th, 2024 Start time: 11:00am Wives and guests welcomed. Rain cancels ride. Helmets Required - Face Masks Optional.

BRISBANE BAYSHORE TRAIL

Ride: We will ride the nearly flat Bay Trail along San Francisco Bay for about 7.5 miles starting from the parking lot next to the Sangamo Theraputics Building, 7000 Marina Blvd. in Brisbane (a historical and architectural award winning office building) just south of SF. We will have lunch at a local sandwich shop just off the trail. We will ride back for a total of about 15 miles. This not a long ride but very scenic along the Brisbane, Sierra Point and Oyster Point Marinas. This ride can be breezy so bring a windbreaker or vest. The following is the GPS coordinate: GPS 37.676521,-122.382464 Driving Directions: Take I-101 North past SFO to

Sierra Point Parkway (2nd exit past the Oyster Point Blvd exit). At the first intersection, stop, and turn right. At the next intersection, stop and turn left on



Marina Blvd. Follow Marina Blvd. around a big curve and just past the Sangamo Theraputics (looks like a big cruise ship) on the left side. Turn left at the next road with the Public Parking sign and proceed .25 mile towards the boat docking area. There should be many parking spaces available.

For more information please contact Gordon Tong at 408-242-0557 or gordy6850@gmail.com or Hank Bottino at 650-207-4320 or <u>bottinoh@comcast.net</u> who is biking group co-leader.

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 WEBSITE

www.sirinc.org

Travel Opportunity

Prague to Budapest River Cruise November 2024

Travel News from State SIR is meant as a useful service to all Sirs.

We recognize that for many SIR members or branches it's difficult, if not impossible, to organize a cruise or major travel adventure. Therefore, as a benefit to its members State SIR occasionally organizes cost-effective trips which we will promote and you can sign up and join without the hassle of having to make all the arrangements yourself.

Here is information about a river trip Prague to Budapest 11/6-11/20 2024, discounted by \$1000 if booked by 12/31/23; also pre and post trips are available, see below. I have attached a video at the end. Do not pay attention to those prices in the video the prices I have listed in the email body are correct for SIRs. Along with the group number etc.

This trip has an additional \$1000 off my listed prices if you book by December 31. So act now, If you have any questions call or email Milt Smith State Travel Chair. Br 146, 925-285-2897c miltsmith549@gmail.com

Take a look let us know what you think. We can give you chapter and verse on shipboard life, cabins, weather, air etc. I am sending this to all SIRs statewide, we could get a large group. Also, excellent prices for solo travelers.

Dates: 11/6 thru 11/20 Pre-trip to Dresden and Berlin US departure date: 11/1/24 Pre-trip to Warsaw and Krakow US departure date: 11/1/24 Post-trip to Budapest return date: 11/23/24

Per person pricing, by cabin level: \$1000 OFF IF CONFIRMED BY 12/31/23 Serenade A: \$3995 Serenade B: \$3895 Sonata C: \$3795 Sonata D: \$3695 Cantata E: \$3595 Cantata F: \$3495 Prelude G: \$3395 Prelude H: \$3195

Air from SFO: \$1100

Dresden and Berlin: \$995 Warsaw and Krakow: \$1095 Budapest: \$745

The group code for the trip is G4-23630. This is fully linked to the cruises date - all set for registrations to come through at 1-800-221-2610 once travelers are ready.

Travelers can mention the promotional code EUEM 101 for the additional \$1000 off. I'll be auditing all reservations over time to ensure the discount is

applied correctly for all those who register by 12/31/23.

A link for more information: https://www.gct.com/trips/river-cruises/europe/ romantic-blue-danube-budapest-to-prague/2021/ itineraries?year=2024&jobcode=010-1514

This one is time-critical to get a great discount! Cheers, Milt Smith SIR State Travel Chair 925-285-2897

As for other happenings within our branch, see the respective sections later in this newsletter. Be healthy and safe.

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<u>SIR BRANCH 51 NEWSLETTER</u>

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 Art Roberts (650) 279 5560 alroberts4202@gmail.com

2024 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Asst. Treasurer: Mike McMahon	493-7392	Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings Travel: State SIR Travel:	207-3609 www.sirinc.org
DIRECTORS		Historian: (Open)	

Sam Meredith 325-4152 Steve Tremulis 598-9790 Jim Cummings 207-3609 Gerry Shebar 868-6124

ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: (Open)		Speaker Coordinator: Steve Tremulis	598-9790
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Asst. Website: (Open)		Newsletter: Art Roberts	279-5560
Special Events: Ray Klinke	924-0734.	Nominating Committee: Richard Jamiso	n868-3723
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496	Gerry Shebar	868-6124
Member Orientation: Bob Guffey	593-3496	Jim Cummings	207-3609

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, Assistant Membership Committee Chairman:

> Art Roberts 4202 Manuela Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94306 (650) 279-5560 Alroberts4202@gmail.com

"All the news that fits we print"

Anonymous

	SIR 51 Summer BBQ 2024 Wednesday, June 5th, 11:30 AM Fremont Hills CC Poolside	
We plan Cost is	rvations required. Casual attire and guests welcome. on serving chicken, hamburgers, bratwurst, and sides. Cash bar for beer, wine, soft drinks. s \$40 per person, include your name and guest name eservations/check must be received by May 24th	
	Make check payable to SIR#51 Mail to: Ray Klinke 605 Palm Ave Los Altos, CA 94022	
Member Name Guests Names Total Attendees:	 X \$40 = \$	