Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

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A Non-Profit Organization For Retired Men



June 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 to all,

May all our members have had a relaxing Memorial Day and weekend with family and friends. Summer is almost here and the weather should be more predictable and enjoyable.

Speaking of approaching summer, our annual June picnic and BBQ is almost here on June 5th. I hope all that can attend will be there to enjoy our picnic food, friends, and outdoor social time. It is always a fun time to chat with friends and their spouses. A special advance thank you goes to our Special Events coordinator, Ray Klinke, for his work on organizing the picnic/BBQ. I hope to see all at the picnic.

By the way, we need some non-board volunteers for the reception desk for our monthly meetings. Currently, some of our board members have been managing the reception table. Unfortunately, support of

the reception table takes the board member away from the board meeting that is happening at the same time. Hence, please consider volunteering for reception table duty to help our branch management focus on their work. Please contact our branch Treasurer, Kevin Wheaton (krwheaton@gmail.com), or any board member to let us know you are willing to help us.

See you at the picnic.

Richard

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General Interest

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

The Summer BBQ will be held poolside at Fremont Hills Country Club at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, July 3, 2024 starting at 11:30 a.m., for social half-hour, then at noon for lunch.

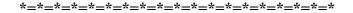
Please encourage your fellow members to come to the luncheon and speaker presentation.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will occur in-person Wednesday, July 3 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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



Monthly Presentation for Members

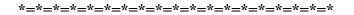
Anticipated upcoming speakers will be from the Computer History Museum, Moffett Field Museum, American Heritage Museum, and Filoli

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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Craig's Current Contributions: June 2024

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR, very important guy. Looking forward to the Paris Olympics (starting July 26th). And...49ers' first preseason game on August 10th!

THOUGHTS TO PONDER (all plagiarized by me...sorry):

I told my suitcases that there will be no vacation this year. Now I'm dealing with emotional baggage.

Fun fact: Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men actually spend thinking.

Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side effects is right for you.

From Will Rogers:

There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

When you are dissatisfied with being older and would like to go back to your youth, think of algebra.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. A novel about a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing at the local aquarium - and the truths she finally uncovers about her son's disappearance 30 years ago.

"The Beekeeper From Aleppo" by Christy Lefteri. The unforgettable love story of a mother blinded by loss and her husband who insists on their survival as they undertake the Syrian refugee trail to Europe.

STUFF TO WATCH:

"The Resident" on Netflix. An Atlanta hospital with angst evident among doctors, nurses, administrators...and their patients.

"What/If" on Netflix starring Renee Zelwegger as a wealthy woman benefactor...but she is also very diabolical.

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

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.

6/4	Tues.	San Jose.	10 AM
6/12	Wed.	Los Lagos.	10 AM
6/19	Wed.	Shoreline.	10 AM
6/26	Wed.	Spring Valley	10 AM
7/2.	Tues.	Moffett Field.	10 AM
7/10	Wed.	San Jose.	10 AM
7/17	Wed.	Crystal Springs	10 AM
7/24	Wed.	Sunnyvale.	10 AM
7/31	. Wed.	Spring Valley.	10 AM

TOTAL TOURNAMENTS: 51

Baylands 2		
Crystal Springs 5		
Los Lagos 7		
Moffett Field 3		
Poplar Creek 6		
Poppy Hills 1		
San Jose 6		
Shoreline 6		
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** 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: www.sirgolf.org

Check if the following activities 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, 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:

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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CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

Here's the SIR Branch 35 Bike Ride for June 13th, 2024.

Date: 2nd Thursday, June 13th, 2024

Start Time: 11:00am

Wives and guests welcomed; Helmets required and Face masks optional.

Foster City Bay Trail Ride: We will ride the scenic and picturesque Foster City Bay Trail from the Oracle Corporate Headquarters to the Poplar Creek Golf Course at Covote Point. There is another 4 mile extension that would take us to the very Southern edge of the SF International Airport for a total round trip of 22 miles. The trail is paved and level with no further trail construction or detours. We can decide on whether to ride the 4 mile extension on the day of the ride. There are lunch options along the trail. It might be windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker. Directions: Take I-101 North towards SF and exit 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. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point. If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Gordon Tong at 408 242-0557/ gordy6850@gmail.com or Hank Bottino at (650) 207-4320 /bottinoh@comcast.net.

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-toprague/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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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.

Newsletter Editor Art Roberts

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2024 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

All changes in address, telephone number, and email address needs to be reported to the SIR Branch 51, Assistant Membership Committee Chairman:

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Lawn Bowling: Bob Taggart

Secretary: Pete Sorenson 868-6804

Cycling: Gordon Tong (Br 35) (408) 242-0557

Asst. Secretary: (Open)

Tennis: Syd Jacobsen (Br 35) (408) 738-3233 Treasurer: Kevin Wheaton 485-2276 Golf Chairman: Kai Johansen 380-9493 Asst. Treasurer: Mike McMahon 380-0983 Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609

Historian: (open)

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Greeter: Al Runge 592-1345

Asst. Website: (Open)

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"All the news that fits we print"

Anonymous