

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

No. 576

A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



July 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,

For those of us who attended the annual summer picnic, I hope that the event was fun and enjoyable with our fellow members and spouses. It was a good time and the weather was good too.

As mentioned in the past general membership meeting, we need some volunteers to help collect the luncheon money at the beginning of our get together on the first Wednesdays of the month. We need non-board members to cover the reception table since our board members need to attend the Branch's Executive Committee monthly meeting during the reception time. If you can spare a little time to help, the board would appreciate it.

The State SIR organization is embarking on new directions to improve our awareness for the senior public that SIR is an active and welcoming organization that can provide

friendship, activities, interesting speakers, with tasty luncheon food. There will be upcoming news from State SIR organization soon. Stay tuned for new, and interesting enhancements to our State SIR and Branch organizations.

If you have any thoughts on possible improvements to our Branch, please let me or fellow Branch board members know. We are always looking to enhance our members' experience with fellow members and friends.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the July's luncheon meeting due to visiting my son and his family in Portland, OR. I am looking forward to seeing my granddaughter who is four years old.

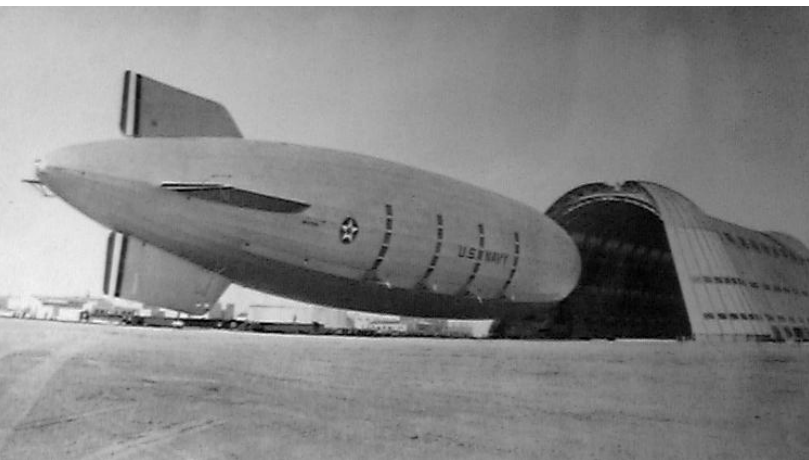
Enjoy the July's get together.

Until next month,

Richard

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General Interest



**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT:**

Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790

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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

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.

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
8/6.	Tues.	Los Lagos	10 AM
8/14.	Wed.	Moffett Field	10 AM
8/21	Wed.	Sunnyvale	10 AM
8/28.	Wed.	Poppy Hills	10:30 AM

"Empress of the Nile" by Lynne Olson. The daredevil archaeologist who saved Egypt's Ancient Temples from destruction.

"Camino Ghosts" by John Grisham. His 2024 novel...similar plot to the others but always good.

STUFF TO WATCH:

"Your Honor" on Netflix starring Bryan Cranston. A respected judge's son is involved in a hit-and-run that leads to a high-stakes game of lies, deceit and impossible choices.

"Sugar" on Netflix. John Sugar, a private investigator recruited by a wealthy movie producer to investigate the disappearance of his granddaughter.

"We Were The Lucky Ones" on Hulu. A Jewish family separated at the start of World War II is determined to survive and reunite.

"A Gentleman in Moscow" on Roku and Showtime". The fantastic book by Amor Towles brought to the screen. 92% on Rotten Tomatoes.

Until August I leave you with a comment from Sandy Koufax re.. Willie Mays..."He was probably the best all-around player when you take everything into consideration. It seemed that Willie never made a mistake."

"SAY HEY!"

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ACTIVITIES

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



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.

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)

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)

For information on the July Ride which is organized by Gordon Chang of Branch 35, please contact Gordon at: gordy6850@gmail.com

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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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 the news that fits we print”

Anonymous