

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

Branch #51

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A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



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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.

Well, the 2024 Summer Olympics are now history. They were amazing, entertaining, and enjoyable to watch. We only have four years to wait for the next Summer Olympics in 2028 in Los Angeles!

During our last general membership meeting in August, Andy Danver, State SIR Marketing and Communication Officer, gave an interesting talk about SIR's past, present, and future direction. Obviously, we know how things are in our current situation. The future direction needs to change to bring in new members, new activities, new drive to make the public know who we are, and to enliven our branch. The main emphasis is to enhance our social life with new and older members who can bring to our branch interesting life backgrounds and friendships which we can enjoy for life.

Please help join the effort to enhance our branch for the future through volunteering within the branch and sharing your SIR experiences with the public. Your efforts will be rewarded in the long run.

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

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 starting at 11:30 AM 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, September 4 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.

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September Presentation for Members

Our speaker for September will be Lisa Chai who will tell us about Filoli Historic House and Garden. Our speaker has been with Filoli since 2019. She has worked in various functional areas including youth programming, membership as well as her current role which involves maintaining Filoli’s constituent database of patrons, donors, members and individuals who want to receive our e-news of events.

Today’s Presentation “Filoli – A Vibrant Landscape of the Bay Area” will give a history of Filoli over time. Starting from when the Ramaytush Ohlone, the first inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula, lived there through today, as a historic home



and garden open to the public hosting over 400,000 visitors a year – you will discover how Filoli’s rich history connects to a vibrant future through beauty, nature, and shared stories.

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**.

The new SIR logo will be announced at the August 27 SIRinc Annual meeting.

www.wearesir.com

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Craig's Current Contributions: September 2024

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Well, the Paris Olympics are over & my wife and I found the events to be quite enjoyable to watch. As we went to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, we are hopeful we will be able to enjoy the (gasp!) 2028 LA Games. Hope you enjoyed them as well.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

The irony for mankind is that a computer program asks a human to prove they're not a robot.

Well it's August and almost 100 degrees. Walmart & Costco should be putting out the Christmas stuff out any day now.

Why do eggs come in flimsy styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package only a chainsaw can open?

Women have only 2 problems:

- 1) nothing to wear;
- 2) no room for all their clothes.

If you see me jogging, please kill whatever is chasing me.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"The Wise Men: Six friends and the world they made" by Walter Isaacson & Evan Thomas. This is the classic account of the American statesmen who rebuilt the world after the catastrophe of World War II. Isaacson is a great story teller.

"Spare" by Prince Harry.. 1.43 million books sold in the first 24 hours, setting a Guinness record for fastest selling book of all time.

"Hard to Kill" by James Patterson & Mike Lupica. Another great Patterson novel.

STUFF TO WATCH:

On Netflix:

"Laci Peterson" - the true crime documentary of a murder in the Bay Area committed by Scott Peterson, may he burn in Hell.

"Emily in Paris" (new season). I didn't like it but my wife did so suck it up, buttercup, and get some brownie points from your spouse. You can do this.

On Amazon Prime:

"Federer, Twelve Final Days". If you think Roger Federer is an awesome guy (as I do), this is a good watch.

On Apple TV:

"Bad Money" starring Vince Vaughn. Zany & offbeat...but entertaining.

Well, I guess that's it. I "may" miss you next month as my wife and I are off to Portugal & Spain for three weeks.

GO NINERS!!!

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 August, September and October 2024.

8/28.	Wed.	Poppy Hills	10:30 AM
9/03	Tues.	Baylands.	8:30 AM
9/11	Wed.	Spring Valley	10 AM
9/18.	Wed.	Crystal Springs	10 AM
9/25.	Wed.	Shoreline	10:30 AM
10/1	Tues.	San Jose.	10 AM
10/9	Wed.	Poplar Creek	10 AM
10/16	Wed.	Sunnyvale	10 AM
10/23	Wed.	Crystal Springs	10 AM
10/30	Wed.	Los Lagos.	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

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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

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)

The next SIR Branch 35 bike ride on Thursday, 12th September 2024. The designated ride will be the beautiful, ocean front San Lorenzo-Alameda Trail ending up on Bay Farm Island. The San Lorenzo-Alameda Trail will showcase the iconic SF Cityscape. For further details, contact Gordy Tong 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.

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

Historian: (open)
Travel: State SIR Travel: www.sirinc.org

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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
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