Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch51

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A Non-Profit Organization For Retired Men



November 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.

Well, cooler fall weather is definitely here. Halloween 2024 will have come and gone. No serious tricks or treats will have happened, except for the tireless, daily election news. Elections will soon be done and the debate over who really won and who really lost will start.

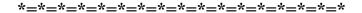
Here are two brief announcements for your information.

1. Don't forget to RSVP for the Holiday
Luncheon this coming December. A flyer
was handed out at our last luncheon with
the menu information. Detailed
information is in our monthly newsletter
too. The date is Wednesday, December
4th, 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$40 per person,
guests are welcomed (male or female) and
they need to pay for their lunch. The
Madrigal Singers from Mountain View
High School Choral Group will perform

after lunch. Make your menu choice with payment to SIR Branch 51 by November 22nd. Send your payment to Ray Klinke per the address given in the flyer or in the newsletter.

2) Beware of a scammer that is trying to steal money from fellow SIR 51 members. The scammer is asking for gift card payments for COVID-19 equipment for Veterans in hospice and palliative care be sent to his organization, and that I am responsible for reimbursement for our members' expenses. This scammer is pretending to be me. This is a scam and no one should buy anything for this scammer. Unfortunately, there are people who will take advantage of innocent people for their personal gain. Again, beware.

See you at November's luncheon.



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, November 6, 2024 starting at 11:30 AM for social half-hour, then at noon for lunch.

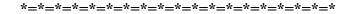
Please encourage your fellow members to come to the luncheon and speaker presentation.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will occur in-person Wednesday, November 6, 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.



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

November Presentation for Members





Our speaker will be David Hoyt who has been a volunteer at the Computer History Museum since 2015. He has a degree in engineering and an MBA, both from Stanford. He has worked in the analytical instrument industry, with both public companies and startups, and as a case writer for the Stanford Graduate School of Business. In addition to volunteering at CHM, he is a volunteer at the Tech Interactive and Tech Challenge.

This presentation will introduce the Computer History Museum of Mountain View. It will briefly review the museum's history and the various forms of visitor experience at the museum. Several historical artifacts that are not generally included in public tours will then be described and their stories told.

FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT:

Steve Tremulis

(650) 598-9790

Craig's Current Contributions: November 2024

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Perks of being over 70 or 80:

Kidnappers are not very interested in you; In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first;

People call at 8PM and ask:"Did I wake you?";

You can live without sex but not your glasses;

Forward this to anyone you can remember right now! And remember, never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night!

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

Revenge of the tipping point: overdstories, superspreaders & the rise of social engineering. By Malcolm Gladwell

Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah

Lost on Purpose: Real-life adventures of the Texas Yeti by Patrick Taylor

STUFF TO WATCH:

The Lincoln Lawyer, season 3 on Netflix

Diplomat, new series coming soon...also on Netflix

Billions on Paramount+

Well, I guess that's it.

I never thought I would say this...but...GO DODGERS!!!
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 November and December 2024.

10/30	Wed.	Los Lagos.	10 AM
11/5	Tues.	Shorline.	10:30 AM
11/13	Wed.	Spring Valley.	10:00 AM
11/20.	Wed.	Poplar Creek.	10:00 AM
11/27	Wed.	Sunnyvale.	10:00 AM
12/03	Tues.	Los Lagos	10:00 AM
12/11	Wed.	San Jose	10:00 AM
12/18	Wed.	Spring Valley.	10:00 AM
12/25	Wed.	NO GOLF	

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

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)

Hi All,

The SIR Branch 35 bike ride for November 2024 will be the Coyote Hills Regional Park/Alameda Creek Trail starting in Fremont and ending up in downtown Niles. The trail is paved and for the most part,

level. The weather forecast will be

sunny/clear with temps of 60-66 degs between 11:00am to 2:00pm. Wind speeds and gusts will be single digits. The details of the bike are below.

Date: Thursday, 14th November 2024 (second Thursday)

Start Time: 11:00am Inside the Coyote Hills Regional Park in front of the Visitor Center (therefore, if you parked on the street, you'll have to ride into the Park).

Guests are welcomed, helmets are required and face masks are optional.

Coyote Hills Regional Park/Alameda Creek Trail – Niles/Fremont Ride: We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Regional Park and continue on the Alameda Creek Trail to the quaint town of Niles where we will have lunch at a downtown sandwich shop. The biking trail is tree lined, paved and generally flat (except at the start there are some gentle rolling hills. The trail is approximately 9 miles each way or a total ride of 18 miles. Bring a windbreaker or vest just in case the wind speeds start picking up.

Directions: Take Highway 101 North, exit on Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth, take the first exit, Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Patterson Ranch Road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Regional Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the park toll booth/parking ticket machines (\$5 per car or use your East Bay Regional Park District season pass). Continue another 1/2 mile over several speed bumps to the Park Office and Museum; park there.

If you prefer, take I-880 North and exit on Highway 84 West. Exit on to Paseo Padre Parkway and turn right. Proceed to Patterson Ranch Road and turn left and drive into the Park. Make sure you stop to buy your parking ticket and place in a visible spot on your dash.

Optional Street Parking: There is street parking if you turn right on a Paterson Ranch Road but pay attention to the parking street signs. Some of the riders will park here and ride 2 miles on a paved path into the Park. If you're not sure of where to park, just enter the Park and pay the \$5.00 parking fee.

If there are any questions, please contact me at gordy6850@gmail.com.

Thx,

Gordy 408 242-0557



SIR Branch 35 riders group photo at lunch in downtown Niles

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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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Website: Gerry Shebar 868-6124
Greeter: Al Runge 592-1345

Asst. Website: (Open)

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Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey 593-3496
Gerry Shebar 868-6124
Member Orientation: Bob Guffey Jim Cummings 207-3609

All telephone numbers are in the 650-area code, except where noted differently.

All changes in address, telephone number, and email address should be reported to the SIR Membership Chairman Joe Urbassik 714-9610

2024 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Big SIR: Richard Jamison 868-3723 Indoor Bowling; Bob Taggart (Br 35) 321-2654 Little SIR: Steve Tremulis 598-9790

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 Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609

Historian: (open)

Travel: State SIR Travel: www.sirinc.org

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