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Branch #51

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

Branch 51 News

Don't forget To send your check in for the 2025 Holiday Luncheon at Fremont Hills Country Club on December 3! Bring your spouse or a friend. The food is always good and the Mountain View High School Coral Group will be terrific, as always. A copy of the flyer with all the information is attached.

See You There!

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 5, 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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

Please try to arrive before 12:00 noon. Our collection team needs to close their operations desk to enjoy the meeting. If you absolutely must arrive late, find either Kevin Wheaton or Mike McMahan to pay up and register. Don't just wander in. It screws up our records.

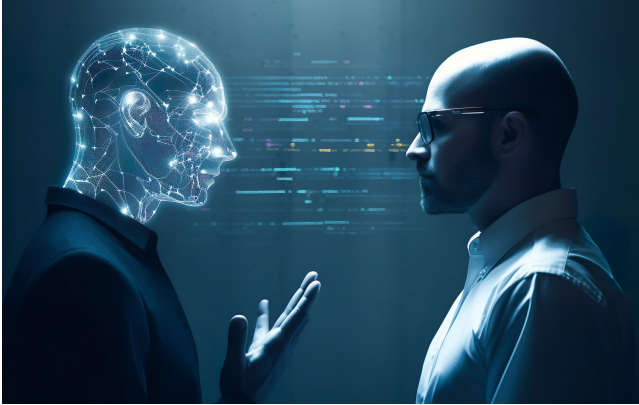
SIR 51 BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will occur in-person Wednesday, November 5, at 11:00 a.m.

For more details, please contact Big SIR, Gerry Shebar at email address: gshebar@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Our November speaker, Jim Spohrer, will be sharing his views and experiences with Artificial Intelligence today and for the future:



Jim is a retired IBM Executive since July 2021, and previously directed IBM's open-source Artificial Intelligence developer ecosystem effort, was CTO in IBM's Venture Capital Group, co-founded IBM Almaden Service Research, and led IBM Global University Programs. Jim is a Silicon Valley-based advisor to industry, academia, governments, startups and non-profits on topics of AI upscaling, innovation strategy, and win-win service in the AI era. Most recently with a consulting team working for a top 10 market cap global company, he contributed to a strategic plan for a globally connected AI Academy for achieving rapid, nation-scale upskilling with AI. With the US National Academy of Engineering, he co-led a 2022 workshop on "Service Systems Engineering in the Era of Human-Centered AI" to improve well-being.



**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS PLEASE CONTACT:**

Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790

Jim Cochran shared this thought:

Queen Elizabeth II said:

"We are all visitors at this time, this place.
We are just passing through."

Craig's Current Contributions: November 2025

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR. VERY important guy. Trying out to be Shohei Otani's interpreter. My Japanese isn't very good but I hear the pay & travel perks are fantastic. Until then, I'm rooting for Toronto, eh.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

If a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

New York Times headline, December 8, 1903: Man won't fly for a million years". The Wright brothers flew NINE DAYS LATER...oops.

One astronaut to another after landing on the moon: "Good grief, it's Alice Kramden"! (You've gotta be over 75 and a Jackie Gleason fan to remember this).

Jimmy's mother had three children. She named the first Monday. She named the second Tuesday. What is the name of the third child?
So easy even I got this!

Life is short. Make sure you spend as much time as possible on the internet arguing with strangers about politics.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"Healthy To 100" by Ken Stern. Lessons from the world's healthiest countries. How strong social ties lead to long lives. Think Singapore, Japan, South Korea,



Italy & Spain.

"Circle of Days" by Ken Follett. His latest & a complex imagining of the origins of Stonehenge in about 2500 BC.

STUFF TO WATCH (ALL NETFLIX EDITION):

"Selling Sunset", Season 9. Your wife will love watching hot, backstabbing, all female agents selling \$5-100 million homes in West Los Angeles.

"The Monster of Florence", a series. Hard to watch as the killer of numerous couples really was a monster. Set in Firenze, Italia.

"Nobody Wants This". A romantic American comedy series.

"No Good Deed" starring Lisa Kudrow, Ray Romano & Linda Cardellini (who graduated from St. Francis High School in Mountain View). A dark comedy series featuring three families trying to buy the same house.

Not on Netflix but...Jon Chu..."Crazy Rich Asians" Director & son of Larry Chu of Chef Chus in Los Altos, has a new movie coming out in November - "Wicked For Good".

Well, I guess that's it. See y'all at the SIR Holiday Party in December!

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 2025 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 the next two months of 2025.

10/29	Wed	Los Lagos	10:00 AM
11/04	Tues	Shoreline	10:00 AM
11/12	Wed	San Jose	10:00 AM
11/19	Wed	Poplar Creek	10:00 AM
11/26	NO GOLF THIS WEEK		
12/02	Tues	Los Lagos	10:00 AM
12/10	Wed	San Jose	10:00 AM
12/17	Wed	Poplar Creek	10:00 AM
12/24	NO GOLF THIS WEEK		
12/31	NO GOLF THIS WEEK		

All participants must be at the course at least one hour before tee time.

Beginning in January 2026 we will be joining SIR Branches 16 and 5. The first two months schedule will appear in the December newsletter.

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, 2025 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

BOCCE BALL:

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

rntheo1@icloud.com.

(first two letters are r and n)

BOB TAGGART (Br 35)
(650) 321-2654

CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

Information on the November ride will be provided later in a supplementary email.

If you have questions, please contact Gordy Tong at 408-242-0557 or gordy6850@gmail.com).

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

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

2025 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

SIR 51

2025 Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday December 3, 12:45 pm

Madrigal Singers

Mountain View High School Choral Group



SIRS51 December 2025 Holiday Luncheon at
Fremont Hills Country Club

Date Wednesday December 3rd

Lunch between 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

**(Check in and socialization between 12:15
pm – 12:45 pm)**

Cost \$45 per person, payable in advance

Make check out to: SIR #51, mail check to:

Ray Klinke
605 Palm Ave
Los Altos, CA 94022

Reservations must be received by Tuesday, November
25th

Include name and guest's name and luncheon choice for
each:

Choice of lunch: Prime Rib

 Salmon

 Vegetarian Entrée

Seating for this event is OPEN. Please make your own
arrangements for your desired tablemates.