

MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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For Retired Men



**APRIL 2006**  
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promotion of independence and  
Dignity of retirement

LUNCHEON-12 NOON - FIRST WEDNESDAY - FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL. LOS ALTOS HILLS

**APRIL 5**

**"LOBBYING": DOES IT HAVE TO BE A BAD WORD**

Our speaker, Clifford E. Jernigan, is a native Californian, who holds a bachelor's degree in history, with a minor in English, from the University of Oregon, a law degree (J.D.) from the University of California's Hastings College of the Law and an advanced tax law degree (LL.M) from New York University School of Law. He is a long-time member of the California Bar Association. Jernigan has been associated with a New York City international law firm and has held corporate tax counsel positions at Bank of America, Stauffer Chemical Company, and Castle and Cooke (now Dole Foods). From 1979-2001 Jernigan was Director of Taxes and General Tax Counsel and Worldwide Director of Government Affairs at Advanced Micro Devices (AMD). For the period April 2001-April 2005 Jernigan was in the top management of the IRS, serving on the leadership team of the Large and Mid-Size Business Division. In April, 2005 Jernigan founded his own law firm. The firm concentrates in two areas: federal tax audit strategy and representation before the California Legislature and the U.S. Congress. Jernigan has recently published his third book, *Corporate Tax Audit Survival - A view of the IRS Through Corporate Insider Eyes*. This book is the culmination of his broad education and experiences in both the corporate tax community and the Large and Mid-Sized Business Division of the IRS. It is a follow-up to his other published books titled *High Tech Survival - The Impact of Government on High Tech and Biotech Companies* (1996) and *Beyond High Tech Survival - Turning Government Policy into International Profits* (1998), both published by Oliver Hill Lane Press.

**CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE:** Through March 6, 2006 we have received Voluntary Contributions from 115 members of SIR Branch #51. This means we have received about \$2400, but we still need about 40 more members to contribute to reach our goal of \$3200. This year the Voluntary Contribution amount is \$20 for active members and \$10 for inactive members. It can be paid by check or cash, (checks preferred, made payable to SIR Branch #51). Payments can be made at our regular monthly meetings at the Fremont Hills Country Club. Checks can be mailed at any time to the Treasurer at the following address:

Robert Janopaul  
153 James Ave.  
Atherton, CA 94027

**If you are unable to attend the April 5th meeting, call Jim Cochran at 650-968-9049 SUNDAY (NOT LATER THAN 9 PM) April 2nd or earlier if possible. Please INCLUDE YOUR MEMBER NUMBER IN YOUR MESSAGE.**

**LUNCHEON MENU MARCH 1ST**  
**House Salad with Italian Dressing**  
**Beef Stew**  
**Roast Herb Marinated Chicken**  
**Mixed Vegetables**  
**Carrot Cake**

To help speed up the process of collecting money for lunches, it would be very helpful for everyone to bring exact change - \$17.

**TRAVEL SPECIAL:** Feather River Canyon, Special Train, April 1-2, 2006. Emeryville to Portola then bus to Reno. \$299 pp dbl, single \$319 includes round trip train trip with buses - special car for SIR. One night hotel in Reno, two lunches. Write checks payable to Central Coast Railroad

Club and send to: Arthur Lloyd, 20 Arapahoe Court,  
Portola Valley, CA 94028

**ALL SIR DAY AT SBC PARK:** Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:35 pm. Giants vs. Los Angeles Angels. \$34 lower box, \$20 View reserved seats, \$18 Leftfield Bleacher seats. Call Art Lloyd 650-851-0998

**BRIDGE AFTER LUNCH:** The Fremont Hills Country Club has graciously agreed to set up two bridge tables in the club room for our use. All those interested in playing, please call me or join us after lunch. Beginners and old timers are welcomed.

ALF UDDENBERG (493-5810)

**BIRTHDAY WINNERS.** Names were drawn for Gordon Black and Ed Walker as lucky winners of a free lunch.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

BEN BEAM	DICK RINGE
BOB GUFFEY	BILL ROBERTSON
BOB LLOYD*	KEN RUTHERFORD
VIN MURPHY	NORV STEELE
CARL OTTO	HOWARD SWINEHART
RUSS PHILLIPS	GLENN TENNEY

\* Inactive

### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#### **New Members, Welcome!:**

Donald H. Wucher (Don) 359 Campesino Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94806. 650-493-8783. Meyer Appliance. Golf. Sponsor: Dan Rubin

Eugene B. Rauen (Gene/Mary) 232 Oak Grove Ave., Atherton, CA 94027. 650-3226-6619. Attorney, Prudential Securities. Photography, Fly Fishing, Travel, naps. Sponsor: Ray Ogburn.

#### **Removed from Membership:**

John W. Keleher - Death  
William W. Clark - Health

#### **Roster changes:**

Anthony Farndale – Phone change to 650-593-8209

## LAST MEETING

Maurice Harari gave us a very interesting talk about the U.S. and The Middle East in World Affairs. He started out by saying that you do not expect rational decisions by Middle East leaders. The two biggest threats, terrorism and nuclear proliferation are both growing in the Middle East. In Iraq, some want full state control by Islam clergy. This would eliminate chances for improved women's rights and personal rights for all. Only one country – Turkey – has a separation of state and religion and that was accomplished by decree by Turkish leaders. Iran's oil was important to Russia, England and the U.S. during WWII. After the war, U.S. and England moved out but not Russia. Now most of the younger population of Iran favors the U.S. The chances of an uprising by this group are very unlikely. We must pull out of Iraq slowly, promote Palestinian and Israeli peace efforts, oppose nuclear proliferation and reduce our need for oil.

## ACTIVITIES



**INDOOR BOWLING:** The team of George Falkenthal (35), Don Rogers (5) and Hal Knowlton (51) are 3 games ahead of the team of Bill Finkemeier (51) and Charlie Piozet (5).

We welcome new players. Scores for your first 9 games establishes an average and handicap (600 – average) and is updated with future scores. Just show up by 12:45 any Thursday at the Palo Alto Bowl on El Camino, South of the Elks' Club.

HAL KNOWLTON (494-0957)



**TENNIS:** Our tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park in Palo Alto. Please be there by 8:00 am when doubles teams will be formed. Later arrivals will play as sets are completed. We welcome all tennis players of whatever level.

BILL KAMIN (322-4300)



**LAWN BOWLING:** Free instructions in lawn bowling are given each Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 pm at the Palo Alto Lawn

Bowling Club at the corner of Churchill and Cowper Streets. For an appointment, call:

ED WALKER (493-7908)



**GOLF:** The following months' schedules are:

**MARCH**

08 Wed Los Lagos. 10:00  
 15 Wed Shoreline 9:30  
 22 Wed Spring V. 10:00  
 29 Wed Aptos 10:00

**APRIL**

04 Tue Sunnyvale 9:30  
 12 Wed Crystal Spr 10:00  
 19 Wed Coyote Crk 10:45  
 26 Wed Santa Clara 10:00

**JANUARY LEADER BOARD**

<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Net</u>	
1. Roy Deffebach	85	1. Bob Ward	64
2. Roger Murray	86	2. Don Hughes	65
3. Mike Shimizu	89	3. Norv Steele	67
4. Jerry Tinney	91	4. Roger Murray	68
5. Tony Hanley	92	Dan Rubin	68
6. Jim Cummings	93	6. Bill Finkemeier	69
Chuck Yirchott	93	Nevin Godhwani	69
8. Bob Guffey	94	8. Bob Guffey	70

**PLAYERS OF THE MONTH**

1. Norv Steele
2. Roy Deffebach
3. Bob Ward

All of the golf courses we play require a player count 7 to 14 days prior to play date. Please call me should your play no-play commitment change. Golfers must be at the clubhouse one hour before tee time.  
 ROGER MURRAY (329-8832)



**SIRS ON BIKES:** SIR Area #16 bike rides regularly start at 11:00 am the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. On March 9<sup>th</sup> we will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos for lunch. Then ride back for a total of about 15 miles. We'll start riding at 11 am.

Directions: Go South on Meridian from Highway 280. Turn right at the Willow Street stoplight. Take Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.  
 The ride on April 13 will be at Hellyer Park – Coyote Creek.

PETER BARBA (949-4191)

**COMPUSIR:** Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge at 12:30. The speaker for March 8 is Red



Calub, General Manager of Santa Clara Microcenter who will discuss the Media Center PC and how it will integrate into our living rooms. We have in addition, a ten-minute special speaker from SmugMug. Based in Mountain View, SmugMug is a family owned business that is breaking all the rules with photo sharing and storage. It is a subscription-based site that won't surround your photos with ads, popups or serve your visitors with spam. PC Magazine has given SmugMug their Editor's Choice award two years in a row

On April 6 Gary Sasaki will speak about "Digital Cable Ready".  
 JIM DINKEY (493-9307)

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**BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51 TRAVEL NEWS**



April 1-2. 2 days. \$299pp dbl. FEATHER RIVER CANYON & RENO TRAIN TOUR. Art Lloyd 650-851-0998 Escort. (See more details on first page)

Aug 7-9. 3 days. \$820pp dbl. LAGUNA ARTS FESTIVAL AND MORE! Joe Ames 408-736-8387 Escort.

Sep. 26 – Oct. 11. 16 Days. ATHENS to VENICE – A BLACK SEA AND MED. CRUISE (Including 3 Black Sea Ports, Istanbul, Kusadasi, Egypt & more). \$4780 – 6480pp dbl. Joe Ames 408-736-8387, Escort. Don't miss this tour. It's a good one! Filling up! Cabins limited. Deposit Refund 'till July 2006.

Call escorts for complete information and reservations for the trips

All changes in address and/or telephone number must be reported to the Membership Committee, Jack Chalkley, 570 Pinecrest Dr., Los Altos, CA, 94024, (650-967-7588). Members missing three or more consecutive meetings without calling in are subject to suspension. If you know you are going to miss a meeting, it is important to notify the Attendance Chairman, Jim Cochran (968-9049) three days or more in advance.

### **SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir, Lee Parlett	366-1353
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Secretary, Myron Hollister	917-9004
Asst. Sec. Chuck Yirchott	508-1374
Treasurer Bob Janopaul	322-9320
Asst. Treas. Elmer Reist	324-1445
Director, Tony Hanley	321-9416
Director, Bob Guffey	593-3496
Director, Roger Murray	329-8832
Director, John Dusterberry	493-6846

#### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Bowling, Indoor, Hal Knowlton	494-0957
Lawn Bowling, Ed Walker	493-7908
Bridge, Alf Uddenberg	493-5810
Compusir, Jim Dinkey (Br 35)	493-9307
Dominoes, Paul Buechner	322-6883
Fishing, Ken Liddicoat (Br. 5)	368-9935
Golf, Roger Murray	329-8832
Musical Group, Hal Moreno	323-4390
Tennis, Bill Kamin	322-4300
Travel, Art Lloyd	851-0998

#### ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRMEN

Attendance, Jim Cochran	968-9049	Luncheon Coord. Mario Bonicelli	967-7958
Audit, Paul Buechner	322-6883	Luncheon Programs, Dan Rubin	851-3299
Bulletin, Bob Jenkins	424-4346	Membership, Jack Chalkley	967-7588
E-Mail Contact, Art Lewis	964-3223	New Members, Roger Murray	329-8832
Good Samaritan, Alex Florence	854-5580	Nominating Committee, Roy Deffebach	631-0585
Greeter, Ross Smith & Norv Steele	408-734-4550	Special Events, Tony Hanley	321-9416
Historian, Hal Moreno	323-4390		

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