

MID-PENINSULA BRANCH #51

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

SEPTEMBER 6

THE ASSESSOR, AN OVERVIEW

Our speaker, Larry Stone, has an MBA from the University of Washington and has studied at the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He has been a financial manager on Wall street and was the founder of a successful Bay Area real estate investment and development firm. He also served 16 years as a council member and Mayor of Sunnyvale during the period the City earned an international reputation for effectiveness and became a model for President Clinton's efforts to reform the federal bureaucracy. President Clinton said, "the National Performance Review was modeled in part upon the remarkable reinvention efforts pioneered by the City of Sunnyvale, where Larry Stone served as Mayor". He was elected to be County Assessor in 1994 and overwhelmingly reelected in 1998 and 2002. In this position he has overseen remarkable improvements to streamline the operations of his office, eliminate backlogs, and achieve higher levels of public service, all while consistently operating substantially under budget. The State Board of Equalization acknowledged his office as one of the best-managed assessors' operations in California. Stone was elected President of the California Assessors' Association in 2002.

If you are unable to attend the September 6th meeting, call Jim Cochran at 650-968-9049 SUNDAY (NOT LATER THAN 9 PM) September 3rd or earlier if possible. Please **INCLUDE YOUR MEMBER NUMBER IN YOUR MESSAGE.**

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2007

Big Sir	Dan Rubin
Little Sir	Bob Guffey
Secretary	Myron Hollister
Asst. Secretary	Chuck Yirchott
Treasurer	Bob Janopaul
Asst. Treasurer	Elmer Reist
Director	Roger Murray
Director	John Dusterberry
Director	Jim Cochran
Director	Ed Wright

CONGRATULATIONS!

LUNCHEON MENU SEPTEMBER 6TH

**House Salad with Italian Dressing
Grilled Tri Tip Steak
Chicken Penne Pasta
Mixed Veggies
Strawberry Short Cake**

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE: Your bulletin editor has decided to give up the job that he has enjoyed doing for over ten years in order to give someone else the opportunity to participate in supporting our SIR organization in an important function. The only requirements are that you own a computer, have some experience with word processing and are willing to spend about six to seven hours a month on the bulletin. I will help you learn the process and provide backup. Contact me at 650-424-4346 or bojenkins1@comcast.net.

BOB JENKINS

BIRTHDAY WINNERS. Names drawn for free lunches were (would you believe) Lee Parlett and Dan Rubin, your Big and Little SIR.

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)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

JOHN ADERHOLD	BILL HODGES
JAY BRANDON	ROGER MACKIN*
JOHN CREELMAN	ROGER MURRAY
HANS GELBRICH	JOHN PIAZZA
PETE HAMMOND	

* Inactive

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Inactive Removed From Membership:

Joseph J Lobbiano – Resigned

Roster changes: Corrected e-mail addresses:

Rodney Angove – rodangove@aol.com

John Barnet – jhb@sbcglobal.net

George Marotta – george@marotta.com

LAST MEETING

Jodi Corwin gave us a very enthusiastic talk about the growth of TheaterWorks from a very small community theater to a fully professional organization. Robert Kelley one of the founding members as Artistic Director is still with us. Very early he gathered about 40 local students and others and produced a musical called “Popcorn” which was a great success. This attracted actors, stage hands, etc. from all over the Bay Area, many volunteers. In 1988 they hired their first union actor and by 1998 they were hiring from all over the country. Two years ago they received the distinction of being named a “Mort Theater”. Only four companies in the Bay Area have received this title. They now have two acting venues – Lucy Stern Theater in Palo Alto and the relative new Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. They also have a facility in Menlo Park where they are able to build new sets which are taken down and moved to

the theater. They now present plays year around. They plan to continue to use both equity and non-equity actors. Without non-equity actors, they would not be able to afford to produce large musicals.

ACTIVITIES



INDOOR BOWLING: The team of George Falkenthal (35) and Bill Finkemeier (51) is 5½ games ahead of the team of Fred Schwalbach (35) and Bob Beuttler (35).

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)



COMPUSIR: Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month, at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge at 12:30. The speaker for August 9th will be Andy Marken, president of Marken Communications, who will talk about *Removable Media Update – Keeping, Sharing Memories*. He will discuss the current state of flash, hard disk and optical media – CD, DVD and Blue Ray technology – and the future of the technologies.

On Sept 13th, Hank Skawinski has been invited to speak and says “I will have a LOT to cover – this time using PowerPoint slides, only I’m gonna attempt to do it with the **OpenOffice “Impress”** program instead of PowerPoint to see the difference”

JIM DINKEY (493-9307)



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:

AUGUST

01 Tue Poplar Creek 10:30
09 Wed Crystal Sp. 10:00
16 Wed Coyote Crk 10:00
23 Wed Poppy Hills 10:00
30 Wed Shore Line 09:30

SEPTEMBER

05 Tue Poplar Creek 10:30
13 Wed Aptos 11:00
20 Wed Monarch By 10:00
27 Wed Spring Val. 10:00

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.

For Poppy Hills on 8/23, Roger Murray must have your name and a check for \$68 made out to SIR #51 Golf by Wednesday July 12th. Send it to him at 774 Bryant St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

JUNE LEADER BOARD

LOW GROSS

1. Roy Deffebach 78
2. Mike Shimizu 80
3. Roger Murray 84
4. Art Lewis 86
5. Bob Guffey 89
Ed Wright 89

LOW NET

1. Norv Steele 61
2. Mike Shimizu 62
3. Roy Deffebach 63
Art Lewis 63
Al Runge 63
6. Bob Jenkins 65
Bob Ward 65

ROGER MURRAY (329-8832)



SIRS ON BIKES: SIR Area #16 bike rides regularly start at 11:00 am the 2nd Thursday of the month. On August 10th 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. Directions: Go South on Meridian

from Highway 280. Turn right at the Willow Street stop light. Take Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.

Plans for the rest of the year are:

September 14 Hellyer Park – Coyote Creek
October 12 Alameda Creek – Coyote Hills
November 9 – Stephens Creek – Shoreline Park
December 14 No

PETER BARBA (949-4191)

NON-RESPONSIBILITY 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.

BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51 TRAVEL NEWS



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. WAIT LISTED.

Dec. 26 – Jan 3. 9 Days. **NEW YEAR'S on a DANUBE RIVER CRUISE** (Vienna to Budapest – 5 sightseeing tours, New Year's Eve Party, Wine with all Dinners Included). Joe Ames 408-736-8387 Escort.

March 6-8, 2007. 3 Days **RENO SNOW TRAIN.** Art Lloyd 650-851-0998 Escort.

Sep. 24 – Oct. 10, 2008 17 Days. **SIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY HAWAIIAN CRUISE. \$2795 - \$7283. Reserve your cabin NOW! Generous Cancellation. Art Lloyd 650-851-0998**

Call escorts for complete information and reservations for the trip.

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
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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)	948-4828
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
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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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