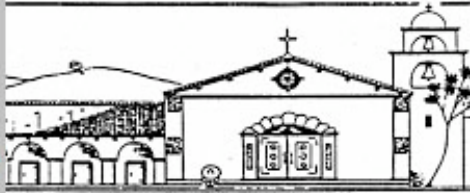


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TIPS

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February 2009

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 18, I.F.E.S. Hall

Social Hour: 11am – Lunch 12pm

Please, if bringing a guest OR not attending,

CALL 650-823-0702 or EMAIL b.cleveland@att.net

By SUNDAY, Feb. 15 (leave name and badge #).

We need this information!

PROGRAM

Speaker: Dick Henning, Celebrity Forum

Topic: Backstage at the Celebrity Forum

Intro by: Ken Newton

Our speaker for February will be Dick Henning, founder and moderator of the Celebrity Forum, which has been cited as the “Best Speakers Series in the Nation” by the prestigious International Platform Association. During the 41 years since its founding at Foothill College and subsequent move to De Anza College’s Flint Center in Cupertino, the Celebrity Forum has provided a stage for world leaders in every field of human endeavor, including politics, business, entertainment, and the arts. Just think of all the faces on the cover of Time magazine during those years and you get the picture. In 1985 Dick received the Drew Pearson Award, presented to the most outstanding programmer in America. He has five college degrees, including two masters and a doctorate from USC. Dick will tell us a little about his experiences in meeting and entertaining famous people backstage at the Celebrity Forum.

March: Jim Noyes Hoover Institution, on “Incompatible Visions: Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan”

\$19 MENU \$19

Swiss Steak or Teriyaki Chicken
Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Vegetable
Salad, Rolls, Dessert, & Coffee
Vegetarian by Reservation Only

Dick Knock: 408-257-5221; rknock@aol.com

The Big Sir Says . . .

Attendance

We enjoyed a great turnout for our January meeting, and the topic was indeed timely. As you likely saw, we ran a bit tight for seats and had to scramble -- but Dick Knock, IFES, and the catering staff responded well. It does point out the importance of calling in expected guests and absences to help our planning. We had fewer members unaccounted for (didn’t call, didn’t show) than usual this time-- I hope that this will be a trend for the future. The more we know before setting up, the better we can plan and not risk paying for empty plates. Call or (preferably) e-mail Bill Cleveland if you will be bringing a guest or if you will not be attending.

Annual Contributions

A few have still not yet responded to our call for a voluntary annual contribution of \$25 which is used to do things like printing and mailing this newsletter to you, covering our modest membership and program expenses, and paying our share of the state’s insurance and administrative expenses. If you have not yet contributed, please send your check to Chuck Dunker or bring it with you to our February luncheon.

Branch Vitality

Maintaining and increasing membership levels is a continuous goal of Big Sirs’ for this branch. While cleaning up the history files the other day, I noticed that at the start of 1995 we had 375 members -- with a full ten percent added the prior year. In addition to most of our current activities they offered bridge, camera, fishing, ballroom dancing, dominos and even railroading. Times keep changing, and to grow we must change to meet the current trends. So again, I call on all to “Approach the Boomers” and help bring in those who want an active retirement, including those who even work part time. Large membership invigorates activities and is a strong magnet to invited speakers. We enjoy speakers with “today’s” topics and activities that appeal to the modern age, and I solicit your suggestions for keeping us current and appealing to prospects.

February

Don’t forget Valentine’s Day!

Don

Active
353

ROSTER CHANGES

Inactive
8

NEW MEMBERS

Phil Endliss (Barbara) 650-854-4445
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Menlo Park 94025 Hewlett-Packard
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DECEASED

Charlie Temme

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY

Peter Barba
Don Berglund
Richard Burguillos
Jack Cross
Jim DeLong
Chuck Dunker
Gary Edwards
Jack Evans
George Fullmer
Bob Gonzalves
Duncan MacVicar
Charles Mangee
Tom McCarthy

Ed McQuiston
Ralph Otte
Bert Page
Don Peglow
Don Peterson
Ron Presnell
Gene Reilly
Sy Reiss
Roy Roberts
Arnie Satterlee
Harold Schick
Jim Schlatter
Damon Simpson

TRAIL BIRDS

DON BOECKLING 650-858-2652
Parodies: George Fullmer
Accompanist: Annette Boyenga

JOIN OUR SINGING –

Rehearsals 2nd Wednesdays (February 11)

10:00AM Los Altos Senior Center, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos
Pre-Meeting Rehearsal – 11:00^{am} (not 10:45), IFES Hall

TRAVEL

ED WASSON 650-948-6704
edwardwasson@yahoo.com

Apr 9 – 23

15 Days
\$3304 - \$4107
pp dbl

Eastern Mediterranean Cruise
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387
R/T: Barcelona – 5 Ports + Egypt

SOLD OUT

Sep 22 – Oct 1

10 Days
\$3299 pp dbl

Shades of Ireland
Kiss the Blarney Stone & More!
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

Oct 12 - 23

12 Days
\$1175 - \$1804
pp dbl

Mexican Riviera Cruise
R/T from San Francisco
Optional shore trip: Copper Canyon
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

2010
Aug 28-Sep 10

11 Days
\$4795 pp dbl

Passion Play –
Oberammergau &
German Highlights
Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101
\$200 Refundable Res'n Deposit

Phone escorts for complete information & reservations

BOOK SWAP

PAUL SCHERER 408-773-2772
pscherer@sbcglobal.net

Social Hour before monthly Luncheon – 11:00am
Bring books of all kinds (one or a few) you'd like to give to our members, and **find some** you'd like to read.

Featured Author: **Harlan Coben** has written 9 novels and 8 detective stories featuring Myron Bolitar. He was the first to win all 3 awards for mystery writing (Edgar, Shamus and Anthony).

TENNIS

BILL SCHICK 650-948-8768
vbschick@att.net

Every Monday and Thursday, starting at 8:00am
Riconada Park courts off Embarcadero Road at Hopkins Avenue, Palo Alto.

New players welcome!

BOWLING

ART ENGLAND 650-948-5828
anm_eng@att.net

EVERY TUESDAY - PALO ALTO BOWL, 4339 E. EL CAMINO, PA
Play starts at 1:00pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm

Join us for the Winter/Spring Tournament.

January games over 199:

Roy Robinson: 219

Bob Taggart: 202 and 217

January "3-game series" over 499:

Bob Taggart: 545

Tournament to date (top 2 Br. 35 handicap scores):

High game:

Roy Robinson: 285

Bob Taggart: 263

High "3-game series":

Bob Taggart: 683

Roy Robinson: 679

COMPUSIR

JIM DINKEY 650-493-9307
Jimdinkey(atsign)jimdinkey.com

Second Wednesdays, 12:30pm
Los Altos American Legion Hall

Feb. 11 – Bill Young: "BYOC – Build your own basic starter computer"

Mar. 11 – Robert Ackermann: "SETI Allen Array"

Apr. 8 – Larry Templeton: BTOC – "Build your own high-end entertainment computer"

Macintosh users: Skip Ross moderates an e-mail group by which SIR members in all branches can share news, questions, and experiences related to their Macs. Contact Skip (650-941-0423; waross@closereach.com) to join the 60 Mac users already on board throughout SIR land.

HIKING

IAN THOMSON 650-967-0474
IanTDianeT@sbcglobal.net

4th (not 3rd) Friday, February 27 at 9:30am

Wives and guests welcome. Rain on hike day cancels

Uvas Canyon County Park, Santa Clara County

This hike starts by a creek with a long cascade of many waterfalls and then makes a loop on a forest trail that returns to the parking lot. The round trip is about 5 miles, with an elevation gain of 700 feet.

Take Highway 101 (or 85 & 101) south toward Morgan Hill and the Coyote Valley. On Highway 101 take the Baily Road exit south and drive past Santa Teresa Road for a distance of 2.3 miles (up a large hill) to McKean Road. Left on McKean Road, which becomes Uvas Road, for 6.0 miles. Turn right onto Croy Road and go 4.4 miles (through Sveadal, a private resort). Proceed to the park entrance kiosk - we meet in the parking lot 500 feet beyond. Estimated driving time is 65 minutes from Los Altos.

Bring a lunch or snack and water.

Layered clothing and hiking boots are recommended.

An extra pair of shoes might be handy after the hike.

\$6 County Park fee, or County Park Pass, per car.

BIKING

JERRY BUTLER 650-494-8078
GXB366@aol.com

2nd Thursday — Feb 12, 2009, 11:00am

Wives & guests welcome RAIN CANCELS - HELMET REQUIRED

Coyote Hills – Alameda Creek – Niles/Fremont

We will begin the ride at the Coyote Hills Park and continue on the Alameda Trail to Niles where will have lunch at a restaurant in downtown Niles. The ride is flat and about 9 miles each way, with an optional scenic loop that adds about a mile (a total ride of 19 miles).

Take highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge past the toll booth to the first exit, which is Paseo Padre Parkway. Turn left and go one mile to Paterson ranch road; turn left. This is the entrance to Coyote Hills Park (there is a small sign). Go 1/2 mile to the toll booth (\$5 per car or show 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 plan to ride, contact me (see above) or
Tom Gregory, 650-493-8894, tgreg@surfree.com

GOLF

BOB GARTEN GOLF CHAIRMAN
408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net
(See Membership Roster, p. 7)

SIGN-UP at the February 18 Luncheon for the following:

Los Lagos (LLS) Eclectic 3 (cart, GC) Mon Mar 2 9:30 \$40
Garten/Grace/Cooke 408-253-5860

Shoreline (SHL) (cart, GC) Tue Mar 10 10:00 \$52
Scherer/Lintz 408-773-2772

Santa Clara (SCL) Orion Mon Mar 16 9:30 \$38
Bays/Edwards/Nix 408-249-4528

Los Lagos (LLS) Eclectic 4 (cart, GC) Thu Mar 19 9:30 \$40
Garten/Grace/Cooke 408-253-5860

Poppy Ridge (PPR) Best 2 of 4 (cart) Mon Mar 23 9:00 \$67
Cooke/Roellig 408-997-0511

Pajaro (PAJ) (GC) Tue Mar 31 10:00 \$35
Pittman/Naughton 650-961-4426

Note: The inaugural run of the single-check signup process went remarkably well at the January Luncheon. Any questions or comments about the system should be directed at Ron Grace, our Golf Accountant.

Deep Cliff		January 12		"Eclectic 2"			
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET
Grundy J	55	Parra A	54	Simpson D	53	Young B	50
Mattson D	57	Nelson H	55	Holman J	57	Steele J	60
Dixon H	59	Griffin N	56	Keyes J	58	Wong H	60
Cooper J	61	Shigemoto F	59	McQuiston E	58	Presnell R	65

Low Gross: Jeff Grundy 72

Deep Cliff		January 5		"Eclectic 3"			
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET
Thomson I	54	Nelson H	55	Simpson D	55	Scott D	53
Mattson D	57	Dixon H	56	Mason J	56	Kinsch M	58
Garten B	62	Griffin N	59	Larson G	56	Lintz D	59
Steege H	62	Grace R	60	Wood C	56	England A	59

Low Gross: Ian Thomson, Don Mattson, & Harvey Dixon 74

Deep Cliff		Results: 3-Round Eclectic					
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET PRZ
Grundy J	45	Nelson H	41	Simpson	41	Young B	42 \$55
Dixon H	47	Grace R	42	Wong J	42	Lintz D	44 \$35
Mattson	48	Parra A	45	Scott D	43	McQuiston	47 \$25
Barkey S	51	Shigemoto	45	Mason J	43	Wong H	48 \$20

Sunnyvale January 15

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET PRZ
Edwards G	65	Squellati D	68	Feild D	65	Hughey D	67 \$18
Dixon H	68	Newton K	69	Simpson D	68	Lintz D	68 \$14
Wilson D	68	Grace R	69	Mason J	69	Wong H	73 \$9
Mattson D	68	Thomson I	70	Killian J	69	Nix K	76 \$5

Low Gross: Gary Edwards 82

Santa Clara January 26

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET PRZ
Barkey S	69	Thomson I	61	Bray D	70	Young B	69 \$20
Wilson D	71	Killian J	63	Simpson	70	Nix K	75 \$15
Pittman R	71	Newton K	70	Wong J	70	Wong H	82 \$10
Edwards G	74	Firpo B	73	Scott D	76	Nugteren	83 \$5

Low Gross: Ian Thomson 85

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Assistant	Dave Scott	408-946-5596
Hiking	Ian Thomson	650-967-0474
Tennis	Bill Schick	650-948-8768
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Musical Introductions	George Fullmer	408-356-0526

STAFF

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Auditing	Ken Cole	650-941-1985
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Historian	Bob Simon	650-948-9054
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Assistant	Dick Kopeck	408-732-1576
Assistant	George Mulhem	650-964-1729
Assistant	Larry Wright	650-948-5587
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WELL & COMFORT WISHERS: Death or illness of a fellow SIR should be reported to **Howard Nelson at 408-264-0798** or by email to **hgnnnn@yahoo.com**. He will express concerns of our Branch. Memorial announcements will be communicated immediately among members by e-mail for further dissemination among friends of the deceased.

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**Trail Tips**

Jim Schlatter
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Menlo Park, CA 94025

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Next Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
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Mountain View