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Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California



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March 2010

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 17, I.F.E.S. Hall

Social Hour 11am – Lunch 12pm

Please, ***if bringing a quest OR not attending,***

CALL 650-823-0702 or EMAIL sir35notify@gmail.com

by SUNDAY, March 14 (leave name and badge #).

Thanks --- we need this information **early!**

PROGRAM

Speaker: Donna Axelson

**Topic: “Matt Axelson, Navy SEAL ---
Warrior and Patriot in Afghanistan”**

Matt Axelson was a member of an elite team of Navy SEALs whose extraordinary heroism, ultimate sacrifices, and high honors in the counter-terrorism war in Afghanistan will be the focus of our March Meeting.

From the selection of uniquely qualified and trained individuals, to their deployment and battle challenges, Donna will share the full story of how her son became such a brave member of our special forces in the counter-terrorism battle. She will unfold for us how Matt's “Operation Red Wing” became the deadliest operation in Naval special forces history. This story was initially disclosed in several TV broadcasts and has now been documented in the New York Times best seller, “Lone Survivor” by Marcus Luttrell, one of the members of the SEAL team on the mission with Matt.

Ultimately, Donna and her husband, Corky, spearheaded a movement to establish the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park to honor all of Cupertino's fallen heroes of war.

Donna has taught in Cupertino schools for 30 years and is currently the Technology Support Teacher for twenty-five schools..

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 21: Jed York, President, San Francisco 49ers

“The World of the 49ers”

May 19: Charles Watson, Senior VP, i2inc

“Connecting the Dots – The Technology Battle for Intelligence”

\$19 MENU \$19

Corned Beef and Garlic Chicken
Potatoes, Carrots, Rice, Cabbage
Salad, Rolls, Dessert, & Coffee
Vegetarian by Reservation Only
Terry Barnhart: 408-738-0891;

The Big Sir Says . . .

New Members

I am extremely pleased that 8 new members joined last month. Our focus on membership growth is already paying off. Who are you bringing to the March 17 luncheon?

Photo Directory

Thanks to Miles Johnson, Bob Simon, Skip Ross, Jim Schlatter and others there are now 243 member photographs posted in the Branch 35 On-Line Roster. Check it out yourself -- just go to www.sir35.org and click on “On-Line Roster”. We are searching for a volunteer to oversee the process of updating the Roster with photos of “missing” and newly accepted members.

Electronic Trail Tips (eTT)

Beginning with the June issue, **in lieu of a paper copy**, Trail Tips will be e-mailed to the 87% of our members with e-mail addresses. Members without e-mail access will continue to receive a mailed paper copy as usual. Anyone with e-mail access who wishes to continue being sent the paper copy can contact Arden Anderson (Membership Chairman) and it will happen. You may also have eTT sent to your spouse by giving Arden her e-mail address. I want to thank the 70 members who have already requested that they be switched to eTT only. Full participation in this eTT-only program has the potential of saving our Branch roughly \$2,000 per year in printing and mailing costs.

Rectangular Tables

Our experiment with rectangular tables (to save \$400 each month in setup costs) worked even better than we had hoped. Most of those who provided feedback to the Executive Committee said that they actually preferred the rectangular tables because they facilitated conversation with more of their tablemates. Some also commented that the arrangement facilitated movement between tables during the social hour before lunch. We will continue to look for your feedback in the months ahead – the round tables have not disappeared.

Travel

You will see increased opportunities for travel as Ed Pausa and Walter Weber take over the Branch 35 Travel program duties. In March they will begin to distribute the bi-monthly Travel Bulletin from the Areas 5 & 20 Coordinated Travel Committee with which we are affiliating. For 2010 this group is offering 21 trips, varying from 1 to 16 days; so keep your suitcases handy.

Ken

Active
353

ROSTERCHANGES

Inactive
13

NEW MEMBERS

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Golf, Tennis, Bridge, Wine Making

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Golf

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Mountain View 94041 Sunrise Senior Living, Inc.
Golf, Travel, Fishing, Photography

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BIRTHDAYS – MARCH

Jim Ackley	Don Gladstone	Ray Taylor
Terry Barnhart	Ron Grace	Ian Thomson
Bob Bertsch	Nev Griffin	Tony Vankessel
Frank Bonzell	Jim Holman	Haskell Waddle
Charles Boyenga	Reed Jenney	Ed Wasson
Ken Clifford	Al Marston	Milt Wehrman
Mel Cohen	Dick Morris	Ed Winguth
Ed Connor	Pete Peterson	Bill Worthington
John Elrod	Dave Rigney	

ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS IN BRANCH 35

Ned Banton	19	Bob DeGrasse	10
Dick Bray	17	Ben Director	10
Earl Pampeyan	17	Victor Jaworski	10
Roy Kuramoto	16	Gary Larson	10
Don Holmes	13	Don Lintz	10
Skip Ross	13	Doyle Maness	10
Ed McQuiston	12	Paul McGrew	10
Dave Brown	11	Ed Winguth	10
John Blackie	10	Larry Wright	10
Jerry Coe	10		

TRAIL BIRDS

DON BOECKLING 650-965-2659
Parodies: George Fullmer
Accompanist: Annette Boyenga

JOIN OUR SINGING –

Rehearsals 2nd Wednesdays (March 10)

10:00am --- Choir Room, Los Altos Methodist Church

Pre-Meeting Rehearsal – 11:00am, IFES Hall

BOOK SWAP

PAUL SCHERER 408-773-2772

Social Hour before monthly Luncheon – 11:00am

NOTE NEW PROCEDURE: Add new donations to the right-hand end of the table so members can peruse the new arrivals without revisiting titles they have already screened out.

Featured this month: John Grisham, whose 21 books about law and lawyers have included thrillers, snoozers, and major movies.

BIKING

JERRY BUTLER 650-494-8078
GXB366(atsign)*aol.com

2nd Thursday — March 11, 11:00am

Wives & guests welcome **RAIN CANCELS - HELMET REQUIRED**

Foster City Bay Trail

We will ride the flat Foster City Bay Trail for about 10 miles from Oracle to the Poplar Creek Golf Club at Coyote Point for lunch, and then return (approximately 20 miles round trip). It might be a bit windy, so bring a jacket or windbreaker.

Get off Highway 101 at Marine Parkway/Ralston. Turn right on Marine Parkway, then an immediate left onto Oracle Parkway. The meeting point is a tree-shaded parking lot with restrooms to the left of this intersection. If the parking lot there is full, backtrack over the creek to 401-501 Island Parkway and park in the Oracle lot. Ride your bike across the pedestrian bridge to the meeting point.

To ride, contact me (above) or Karl Reseck, 650-941-8837, karl.reseck(atsign)*stanfordalumni.org.

COMPUSIR

JIM DINKEY 650-223-7118
jimdinkey(atsign)*jimdinkey.com

Second Wednesdays, 12:30pm

Los Altos American Legion Hall

March 10 - Speaker: Elliot Margolies, Media Center, Palo Alto

Topic: Tour of the studios

MACINTOSH GROUP

SKIP ROSS 650-941-0423
waross@closereach.com

Contact Skip Ross to join an e-mail group where SIR members in all branches share Mac-related news, questions, and experiences.

FISHING

FRED COPE III 650-493-4604

Saltwater fishing adventures are afloat. Telephone Fred if you are interested or even just curious.

Q: Hey! I've been a member for more than ten years. Why am I not listed?

A: We have 124 members with 10+ years on the Branch 35 roster. Your name will appear on the month in which you first joined our branch. (The 21 men listed all joined in March.)



You'll never plow a field by
turning it over in your mind.



BOWLING

ART ENGLAND 650-948-5828
anm_eng(atsign)*att.net

EVERY TUESDAY at 1:00pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm

HOMESTEAD LANES, HOMESTEAD & STELLING, SUNNYVALE

Join us for the Winter Tournament!

Season High Scores:

Highest games:

Bill Nye: 212 Tim Eastham: 186
Bob Taggart: 183

Highest "3-game series":

Bill Nye: 538 Tim Eastham: 516
Bob Taggart: 495

Highest handicap games:

Bill Nye: 257 Bob Taggart: 251
Arnie Satterlee: 239

Highest handicap series:

Bob Taggart: 681 Bill Nye: 673
Arnie Satterlee: 663

HIKING

IAN THOMSON 650-967-0474
IanTDianeT(atsign)*sbcglobal.net

4th Friday, March 26 at 9:30am

Wives and guests welcome! **RAIN ON HIKE DAY CANCELS**

Henry W. Coe State Park, Santa Clara County

The hike will be about 7.0 miles (round trip) with an elevation gain of 900 ft. Coe is a park noted for its wildflowers. The hike will start with a climb, go through the forest above Coyote Creek, and connect to a well-documented trail showing all of the various trees in the region. The return trail works its way through forest and grassland hills.

Take Highway 101 (or 85 & 101) south toward Morgan Hill and East Dunne Avenue. Go east for 13 miles on Dunne Avenue to the park entrance. Note: This 13 miles is a long slow drive which winds up the mountains and beyond Anderson Lake (Anderson Reservoir). Driving time will be about one hour and 15 minutes from your house.

- Bring a lunch or snack and water.
- Layered clothing, hiking boots, and change of shoes are recommended.
- State Park Pass or \$7 fee is required. **Carpools are encouraged.**

TRAVEL

ED PAUSA 650-324-0322
clements.e.pausa(atsign)*us.pwc.com

Alaska's Inside Passage on the
Sea Princess

R/T from San Francisco
Escort: Arthur Lloyd 650-851-0998

Oregon --- Lots to see and do!

Festivals and Roses Tour - NO FLYING!
Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

Passion Play in Oberammergau
& German Highlights

Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101

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May 22 - June 1
\$1416 - \$2551 pp dbl

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June 9 - 15
\$1465 pp dbl

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Aug 31 - Sep 10
\$2838 pp dbl + Airfare

Phone escorts for complete information & reservations

TENNIS

BILL SCHICK 650-948-8768
billschick(atsign)*att.net

Every Monday and Thursday, starting at 8:00am

Rinconada Park courts-Embarcadero Road at Hopkins Avenue,
Palo Alto.

GOLF

BOB GARTEN, GOLF CHAIRMAN
408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net

(Golf Committee members are listed in the Membership Roster, p. 7)

SIGN-UP at the March 17 Luncheon for the following:

Spring Valley (SPV)	Mon Apr 5	10:00	\$42
<i>Hughey (408-736-0969) & Wylie (659-967-4104)</i>			
Los Lagos (LLS) (Eclectic 4) (cart, prize)	Thu Apr 8	9:30	\$41
<i>Garten (408-253-5860) & Hall (650-969-9572)</i>			
Las Positas (LPS) (cart)	Mon Apr 12	10:00	\$43
<i>Masters (408-257-9389) & Newton (408-777-1237)</i>			
Laguna Seca (LGS) - Shamble (prize)	Mon Apr 19	10:00	\$28
<i>Jonekait (650-965-3563) & Bailey (408-460-8603)</i>			
Silver Creek (SCR) (cart, range, tee prize)	Thu Apr 22	9:00	\$85
<i>Cooke (408-997-0511) & Roellig (408-245-9325)</i>			
Aptos Seascap (cart)	Mon Apr 26	11:00	\$46
<i>Dixon (408-739-5137) & Thomson (650-967-0474)</i>			

Coyote Creek February 1								PRIZE
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET	
Naughton M	70	Dixon H	68	Killian J	72	Wong J	75	\$19
Schlatter J	73	Piazza R	73	Firpo B	74	Young B	80	\$14
Scardino S	74	Mattson D	74	Shigemoto	75	Dinke J	82	\$9
Jones K	74	Pittman R	80	McNamara	77	Hall B	85	\$5
Newton K	20-10	Squellati D	8-7	Spindt C	13-4			2GB
Schlatter J	56-0	Dixon H	56-10	Shigemoto F	67-0			1GB
Low Gross: Jim Schlatter 85								

Los Lagos February 11 Eclectic 2								
FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET	
Cooper J	66	Mattson D	62	Larson G	71	Nix K	75	
Jones K	67	Shigemoto	66	McNamara	73	Barnhart T	77	
Cooke G	69	Dixon H	69	Spindt C	75	Bays D	77	
Garten B	69	Squellati D	71	Schwalbach	76	Scott D	77	
Thomson I	20-3	Nelson H	5-10	Killian J	14-3	Barnhart T	55-6	2GB
Cooke G	38-3	Mattson D	42-9	Extras: Garten B, Piazza R				1GB
Low Gross: John Cooper 80								

Callippe Preserve February 18

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET		PRIZE
Schlatter J	68	Nakamoto R	77	Mason J	75		\$25
Garten B	75	Pittman R	80	Hall B	80		\$19
Newton K	79	Shigemoto F	80	Scott D	83		\$13
Cooke G	79	Squellati D	80	Simpson D	84		\$8
Scardino S	12-0	Denery D	11-1	Lintz D	26-1		2GB
Newton K	15-8	Shigemoto F	18-7	Mason J	29-3		1GB
Low Gross: Jim Schlatter 80							

Santa Clara February 22

FLT 1	NET	FLT 2	NET	FLT 3	NET	FLT 4	NET	FLT 5	NET	PRZ
Schlatter	62	Piazza	65	Firpo	72	Wong J	70	Bays D	76	\$19
Bailey L	68	Wehrman	68	Shigemoto	73	Hall B	71	McQuiston	80	\$15
Cooper J	70	Grace	74	Nelson H	75	Barnhart	75	Nix K	82	\$10
Cleveland	70	Thomson	76	Feild D	76	Lintz D	76	Ogle D	84	\$5
Cooke G	25-4	Kendrick	11-5	McNamara	11-2	Tooley J	13-8			2GB
				Feild D	15-10					1GB

Low Gross: Jim Schlatter 73

May your pockets be heavy and
your heart be light. May good luck
pursue you each morning and night.



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Assistant	Dave Scott	408-946-5596
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Tennis	Bill Schick	650-948-8768
Travel	Ed Pausa	650-324-0322
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Trail Tips

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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