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TIPS

Sons in Retirement, Inc.

Mission Trail Branch 35

Los Altos, California

Branch 35 web site: www.sir35.org

February 2014

– NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday, February 19th

I.F.E.S. Hall, 432 Stierlin Rd., Mtn. View

Social Hour 11 a.m. – Lunch 12 p.m.

Please, IF BRINGING A GUEST OR NOT ATTENDING!

CALL 650-823-0702

or E-MAIL [sir35notify\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sir35notify@gmail.com)

by SUNDAY, February 16 (leave name and badge #)

PROGRAM

Speaker: Judy Kramer – Humanitarian, Photographer

Topic: Eliminating Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus in Guinea:
An Eyewitness Account

Are you passionate about a volunteer activity that has played a key role in your retirement years? Or about a favorite creative pastime? If so, have you found ways to combine your multiple interests with synergistic results? Judy Kramer has!

An accomplished photographer, Judy has also undertaken a leadership role in eliminating a devastating health scourge. And her talk before Branch 35 will describe how her two passions have come together in especially meaningful ways.



Every nine minutes in the developing world, a newborn baby dies of tetanus, a deadly disease virtually unseen in the developed world. Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus in an initiative called The Eliminate Project. In September 2012, Judy, who is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto, spent seven days in the West African country of Guinea with a Kiwanis/UNICEF delegation, observing and photographing the Eliminate Project in action.

An award-winning photographer, Judy combined her skills with a camera with her determination to share with the world the importance of conquering tetanus through a global child survival movement championed by Kiwanis and UNICEF. Her diverse background also includes dual degrees in mathematics, teaching at the high school level, and collaborating on a public television documentary emphasizing peace and diplomacy.

Judy Kramer's multiple passions will be on display at our February meeting, a treat for both eye and heart.

The Big Sir Says...

2014 is off to a good start. We have an ambitious plan for this year introducing two new programs, improving our contract with the caterer (completed), and a strong slate of speakers.

We have completed a survey of the members' interests and the results can be found on page 5 of this issue of Trail Tips. The survey results have also been posted to the Branch 35 webpage as described on page 4. Ron Nakamoto will present the findings at the February meeting. We will start the meeting about 15 minutes early to allow time for Ron's presentation.

We will begin a new activity--Bocci Ball. We have access to two courts at the Los Altos Senior Center (Hillview Center) on Hillview Avenue in Los Altos. All we need is a **LEADER** for this activity. The second new activity is a Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) which will provide emergency services during our meetings. Neville Griffin is taking the lead on this project. We need volunteers to be a part of the team--contact Nev or me.

The summer picnic will again be at Saratoga Springs. We need to get people signed up as soon as possible so that we can reserve the larger picnic area (they have a minimum and a guarantee, so we need to be sure we will meet the minimum before committing to that area). Cost is \$35 per person and signups will be taken at the February meeting.

Keep recruiting new members--we are the largest SIR Branch and want to stay #1!

Ben

\$19 FEBRUARY HOT-PLATE MENU \$19
Spaghetti and Meat Balls, Chicken Scaloppini
Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Long Beans
Frosted Cake, Coffee

To reserve a vegetarian meal, contact Terry Barnhart at
 408-960-6674 or [terry.b2007\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:terry.b2007(at)sbcglobal.net)

\$19 FEBRUARY COLD-PLATE-PLUS MENU \$19
French Bread with Ham and Roast Beef
Creamy Chicken Soup, Potato Salad
Mixed Fruit, Frosted Cake, Bottled Drink

To reserve this meal, you must call 650-823-0702
 or e-mail [sir35notify\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sir35notify(at)gmail.com) by **SUNDAY, February 16.**

ROSTER CHANGES

Active Members: 380

Net Monthly Change: -6

In Memoriam
Mike McCord

NEW MEMBERS

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER CHANGES

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Terry Barnhart 408-960-6674
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Peter Barba | Doug Ericsson | Ralph Otte |
| Don Berglund | Jack Evans | Don Peglow |
| Peter Bergsman | Terry Hayes | Don Peterson |
| Leland Chan | Jim Heckmann | Ron Reis |
| Frank Crossman | Syd Jacobsen | Arnie Satterlee |
| Jim DeLong | Duncan MacVicar | Jim Schlatter |
| Dave Downing | John McGowan | Ron Schoengold |
| Chuck Dunker | Ed McQuiston | Bob Strohecker |
| Gary Edwards | George O'Brien | Paul Tsang |

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YEARS*

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|----------------|----|---------------|----|
| John Eilers | 25 | Don Peglow | 12 |
| Jim Balanesi | 24 | Paul Scherer | 12 |
| Jack Evans | 22 | Hardin Smith | 12 |
| Joe MacIntosh | 21 | Bob McNamara | 11 |
| Roy Presley | 16 | Bill Nugteren | 10 |
| Ken Clifford | 13 | Guy Thompson | 10 |
| Del Fillmore | 13 | Dick Wilson | 10 |
| George Mulhern | 12 | | |

* Anniversary of membership in SIR Branch 35 for ten years or more.

TRAIL BIRDS

DON BOECKLING 650-965-2659
[donboeckling405\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:donboeckling405(at)gmail.com)

Parody Writers: Duncan MacVicar, Bob Simon, David Skurnick
Accompanist: Annette Boyenga

Rehearsal: 2nd Wednesday, February 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Choir Room, Los Altos Methodist Church.

Pre-Meeting Rehearsal: February 19, 11:00 a.m., I.F.E.S. Hall.

Bob Simon will write the parody for the February meeting. All are welcome to join our singing.

COMPU SIR

JIM DINKEY 650-493-9307
[jimdinkey\(at\)jimdinkey.com](mailto:jimdinkey(at)jimdinkey.com)

2nd Wednesday, February 12, 12:30 p.m. at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

You are invited to join the 11:30 a.m. lunch offered by the Lodge where you can always find others discussing computer problems and solutions. You are also invited to join and attend meeting of SPAUG (Stanford-Palo Alto Users Group for PC) held on the same evening at the Lodge. You can find information about its programs at www.pa-spaug.org.

MACINTOSH GROUP

SKIP ROSS 541-857-6224
[waross\(at\)closereach.com](mailto:waross(at)closereach.com)

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

BOOK SWAP

JOHN GERICH 650-969-6679
[jgerich\(at\)juno.com](mailto:jgerich(at)juno.com)

During the social hour before every luncheon, 11:00 a.m.

Bring a few and take a few – FREE! After the meeting, residuals go to Friends of the Library of Los Altos.

February is Sports month. It is time to share some great books that you don't think you will read again.

TENNIS

BILL SCHICK 650-948-8768
[billschick\(at\)att.net](mailto:billschick(at)att.net)

Every Monday and Thursday, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Rinconada Park Courts – Located on Hopkins Avenue, off Newell near Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. We play a relaxed doubles spin in open format. Sirs and non-Sirs alike are welcome.

BIKING

JERRY BUTLER 650-494-8078
[GXB366\(at\)aol.com](mailto:GXB366(at)aol.com)

2nd Thursday, February 13, 11:00 a.m.

Wives and guests are welcome. Rain cancels; Helmet required.

Location: Coyote Creek Trail (South San Jose)

Ride: We will ride the Coyote Creek Trail starting from the Four Points Sheraton Inn at 399 Silicon Valley Rd, San Jose. The ride will be about 6 miles to the Coyote Creek Golf Course. We will go past the golf course another 3 miles to a model airplane launching site, then double back to the golf course club house for lunch. After lunch we will ride back to the hotel parking lot for a total of 18 flat miles, round trip. For those who want a shorter ride, they may omit the ride to the airplane site, thus reducing the round trip to 12 miles.

Directions: The Four Points Sheraton Inn is located south of San Jose, one block east of Highway 101 and just north of the Highway 101/ 85 interchange. The directions are the same whether coming on Highway 101 or 85: Take the Bernal Rd. exit. Turn left on Bernal Rd., which becomes Silicon Valley Blvd. after crossing under 101. Turn left on Rue Ferrari Rd., the service road next to the hotel, and park in the hotel parking lot behind the furthest hotel building on the right.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jerry Butler as per above, or Karl Reseck at 650-941-8837, [karl.reseck\(at\)stanfordalumni.org](mailto:karl.reseck(at)stanfordalumni.org).

State SIR News –

The Fall 2013 edition of *SIR Happenings* has been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/> Check it out!

BOWLING

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DOUG ANDERSON 415-407-4000
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Prizes: Roy Robinson

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., at Homestead Lanes, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino.

We wrapped up the Fall/Winter session and the winning team (38-26) finished 1-1/2 points ahead of the #2 team. The final standings are below, followed by the first week results of the Winter/Spring session. Any new bowlers, this is the time to start - just show up next Tuesday.

Call Bob or Doug with any questions.

FINAL STANDINGS – FALL/WINTER

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|---|---|
| 1st PLACE Ptah Bennett, Al Runge, Chuck Huff | 2nd PLACE Arnie Satterlee, Hal Knowlton, Fred Schwalbach |
| 3rd PLACE Bill Webster, Roy Robinson, Jerry Ososkie | 4th PLACE Bill Findemeier, Jeff Grundy, Bob Taggart, Robert Dunn |
| 5th PLACE Alan Gaudie, Ron Nakamoto, Doug Ericsson, Harold Kaye | 6th PLACE Jerry Coe, Earl Pampeyan, Doug Anderson, Tim Eastham |
| HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH 1st – Bob Taggart: 540 2nd – Tim Eastham: 531(Tie) 2nd – Chuck Huff: 531(Tie) | HIGH GAME - SCRATCH 1st – Al Runge: 228 2nd – Robert Dunn: 219 3rd – Doug Anderson: 202 |
| HIGH HANDICAP SERIES 1st – Arnie Satterlee: 712 2nd – Jerry Coe: 692 3rd – Bill Webster: 668 | HIGH HANDICAP GAME 1st – Hal Knowlton: 267 2nd – Ron Nakamoto: 252 3rd – Earl Pampeyan: 249 |

Following are the current results of the Winter/Spring session:

STANDINGS THROUGH WEEK #1

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| 1st PLACE (Tie) Doug Ericsson, Roy Robinson, Jeff Grundy, Doug Anderson | 1st PLACE (Tie) Earl Pampeyan, Hal Knowlton, Fred Schwalbach |
| 3rd PLACE (Tie) Bill Webster, Ron Nakamoto, Jerry Ososkie, Chuck Huff | 3rd PLACE (Tie) Harold Kaye, Alan Gaudie, Robert Dunn |
| 5th PLACE (Tie) Ptah Bennett, Arnie Satterlee, Tim Eastham, Bob Taggart | 5th PLACE (Tie) Bill Finkemeier, George Center, Al Runge |
| HIGH SERIES - SCRATCH 1st – Robert Dunn: 510 2nd – Tim Eastham: 480 3rd – Jeff Grundy: 430 | HIGH GAME - SCRATCH 1st – Doug Anderson: 191 2nd – Hal Knowlton: 168 (Tie) 3rd – Al Runge: 168 (Tie) |
| HIGH HANDICAP SERIES 1st – Fred Schwalbach: 541 2nd – Doug Ericsson: 509 3rd – Bill Webster: 586 | HIGH HANDICAP GAME 1st – Ron Nakamoto: 230 2nd – Ptah Bennett: 219 3rd – Bill Finkemeier: 204 |

DON'T FORGET THE 2014 ANNUAL DONATION

If you have not yet made your annual donation, please note - Without your annual donation, the effective operation of our branch becomes difficult. The annual donations pay for important expenses from which we all benefit. So please bring your \$25 check (no cash) to the next luncheon in the blue envelope or mail it to Jerome Ososkie, 3452 Heritage Valley Ct., San Jose, CA 95148. Make your check out to "SIR Branch 35," with "2014 Donation" noted on the memo line..

TRAVEL

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******ONE DAY TRIP********April 2, 2014 - MAMA MIA!**

Lunch at Pier 39 followed by an afternoon performance of Mama Mia! at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco. Make sure and pick up a brochure at the travel table for complete tour description and instructions on how to register. Don't delay! This one sells out fast! Special tour price of \$153 pp. SIR escorts Ron Berube 408-829-5588 and Dick Kohl 408-268-0428.

******TOURS FROM SAN FRANCISCO & SAN JOSE********April 6-13, 2014 - California Coastal Cruise**

This 8-day cruise starts and ends in San Francisco. Includes home pick up and delivery so no driving is required. Ports include Santa Barbara, San Diego, Los Angeles (Long Beach), and Ensenada, Mexico. Trip cost includes home pick up, all meals and entertainment on board the Grand Princess, luggage handling of one suitcase per person, one bottle of wine per cabin, all taxes and fees. Costs range from \$1,095 to \$1,545 pp/dbl occ depending on cabin selection (insurance not included). Princess Cruises has certain dates available where only a \$100 deposit is required which qualifies the traveler for a \$325 onboard coupon book as well. Retired military are eligible for an additional onboard credit. For reservations contact SIR escorts Brian Serpa 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons 408-268-5245.

June 3-14, 2014 - Alaska Cruise, Round trip from San Francisco.

This is a NO FLIGHTS 11-day cruise that begins and ends in San Francisco. Cruise through the Golden Gate on your way to and from Alaska with ports of call at Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Victoria, B.C., and a cruise through beautiful Glacier Bay. Includes transportation to and from the San Francisco pier from The Villages & Capitol Light Rail Station, an on-board cocktail party and a bottle of wine per stateroom. For reservations contact SIR escorts Bill Rodman 408-274-4521 or Hank Clark 408-223-6466.

July 8-12, 2014 – Oregon Shakespeare Festival

In Ashland, Oregon, a five-day bus tour featuring two lite comedy productions, "The Cocoanuts" and "Two Men From Verona", and a Cabaret show, "Ain't Misbehavin." Tours of Harry & David's Country Store and Kitchen in Medford, Lille Belle Farms Chocolate Shop in National Historic Village of Jacksonville, and the Blue Ox Millworks in Eureka where we will spend one night at the Bear River Casino Resort. We will make other stops on the way both going and coming such as a hosted lunch in Redding and a stop in Napa Valley at the V. Sattui Winery where we will enjoy a tour followed by a Wine Tasting and Box Lunch before returning to San Jose. Cost is \$1,375 pp/dbl occ or \$380 additional if single. Deposit of \$300 pp to secure your reservation. Contact SIR escorts Mike Console 408-246-1080 and John Pletsch 408-274-2992.

**"The Cocoanuts"**

Groucho owns a bum hotel in Florida and peddles dubious real estate to gullible Northerners seeking a place in the sun. The service stinks but the gags are four-star in this Marx Brothers romp. The show commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Marx Brothers' debut on stage as a comedy team with their 'o' nicknames.

For more information on other trips, see our Travel Bulletin on the website at www.closereach.com/sir/newsletters/travel1402.pdf.

GOLF

BOB GARTEN, GOLF CHAIRMAN

408-253-5860, xonon1(at)comcast.net

(Golf Committee members are listed on page 7 in the Membership Roster.)

SIGN-UP for the following by February 13 with John Gerich,
650-969-6679, jgerich(at)juno.com

Sunnyvale (SVL) Mon Mar 3 8:30 a.m. \$30
 4 Club 2 Man 1 Best Ball Taboadad 925-785-4318
 tjtaboadad(at)earthlink.net/Thomson

San Ramon (SRM)(Cart) Mon Mar 10 9:30 a.m. \$47
 Cioni 650-393-5711 jacioni(at)yahoo.com/Newton

Poppy Ridge (PPR)(Cart) Thu Mar 13 9:30 a.m. \$45
 4 Man 2 Best Ball Cooke 408-997-0511
 cookegt(at)sbcglobal.net/Squellati

Wente Vineyards (WNT)(Cart,Range) Mon Mar 17 9:30 a.m. \$70
 Nakamoto 408-440-2330 ronandela(at)comcast.net/Jones

Moffett Field (MFD) Tue Mar 25 9:30 a.m. \$35
 Shotgun Cleveland 408-720-8635
 b.cleveland(at)att.net/Newton

Rancho Canada W (RCW) Mon Mar 31 10:00 a.m. \$32
 Mattson 650-949-3739 donmattson(at)yahoo.com/Larson

GOLF RESULTS**Deep Cliff Eclectic 3****January 6**

| FLT 1 | NET | FLT 2 | NET | FLT 3 | NET | Prize |
|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|-----|-------|
| Cooke G | 58 | Anderson D | 50 | Taggart B | 56 | \$24 |
| Petersen H | 58 | Larson G | 58 | Ogle D | 56 | \$17 |
| Barkey S | 59 | Lau P | 59 | Danver A | 61 | \$12 |
| Wilson D | 60 | Parra A | 60 | Hannigan J | 61 | \$7 |

Closest-to-Pin Contest:

| | | | | | | |
|----------|------|-------------|------|----------|------|-----|
| Wilson D | 13-8 | Gerich J | 19-9 | Karney B | 21-8 | \$2 |
| Cooke G | 27-8 | MacIntosh J | 31-4 | | | \$1 |
| | | Nakamoto R | 32-7 | | | \$1 |

Low Gross: Joe Cioni 66!!!

Deep Cliff Eclectic Results

| FLT 1 | Total | FLT 2 | Total | FLT 3 | Total | FLT 4 | Total | Prize |
|------------|-------|-----------|-------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Garten B | 43 | Thomson I | 46 | Anderson D | 43 | Ogle D | 48 | \$23 |
| Petersen B | 47 | Barkey S | 46 | Karney B | 45 | Ososkie J | 49 | \$17 |
| Jonekait J | 47 | Gerich J | 47 | Gikis B | 46 | Danver A | 49 | \$12 |
| Cioni J | 49 | Shigemoto | 49 | Larson G | 46 | Taggart B | 49 | \$6 |

Los Lagos Eclectic 1**January 16**

| FLT 1 | NET | FLT 2 | NET | FLT 3 | NET | FLT 4 | NET | Prize |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|----------|-----|------------|-----|-------|
| Jonekait J | 61 | Barnhart T | 60 | Hall B | 57 | Karney B | 63 | 20GC |
| Wilson D | 61 | Thomson I | 61 | McNamara | 62 | Baugher L | 64 | 17GC |
| Vanderwerf P | 61 | Newton K | 65 | Holman J | 64 | Ogle D | 70 | 15GC |
| Jones K | 62 | Nakamoto R | 66 | Gikis B | 65 | Hannigan J | 70 | \$7 |

Closest-to-Pin Contest:

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------|------------|-------|----------|------|-------------|-------|-----|
| Cioni J | 4-7 | Evans F | 9-7 | Larson G | 32-2 | Wong H | 47-8 | \$2 |
| Vanderwerf | 22-8 | Nakamoto R | 24-11 | Nipper E | 43-2 | Squellati D | 24-11 | \$1 |

Low Gross: Phil Vanderwerf 72

Sunnyvale**January 9**

| FLT 1 | NET | FLT 2 | NET | Prize |
|-----------|-----|----------|-----|-------|
| Grace R | 66 | Walker D | 67 | \$25 |
| Wilson D | 71 | Nelson H | 68 | \$20 |
| Mattson D | 71 | Enos J | 69 | \$14 |
| Newton K | 72 | Grundy J | 71 | \$10 |

Closest-to-Pin Contest:

No CTP

Low Gross: Joe Cioni 83

Santa Clara**January 21**

| FLT 1 | NET | FLT 2 | NET | Prize |
|------------|-----|----------|-----|-------|
| Newton K | 64 | Gikis B | 66 | \$25 |
| Jonekait J | 66 | Larson G | 67 | \$20 |
| Lau P | 69 | Hall B | 73 | \$14 |
| Feild D | 71 | Nelson H | 75 | \$10 |

Closest-to-Pin Contest:

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|------------|------|--------|-------|-----|
| Newton K | 16-2 | Enos J | 13-10 | \$2 |
| Jonekait J | 18-7 | Nix K | 28-8 | \$1 |

Low Gross: Joe Cioni 85

Coyote Creek-Tournament January 27

| FLT 1 | NET | FLT 2 | NET | FLT 3 | NET | Prize |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|-----|-------|
| Squellati D | 70 | Lau Peter | 72 | Gikis B | 75 | \$21 |
| Jonekait J | 73 | Grace R | 75 | Spindt C | 77 | \$16 |
| Petersen H | 74 | Shigemoto F | 76 | Larson G | 79 | \$10 |
| Garten B | 76 | Nakamoto R | 77 | Baugher L | 83 | \$6 |

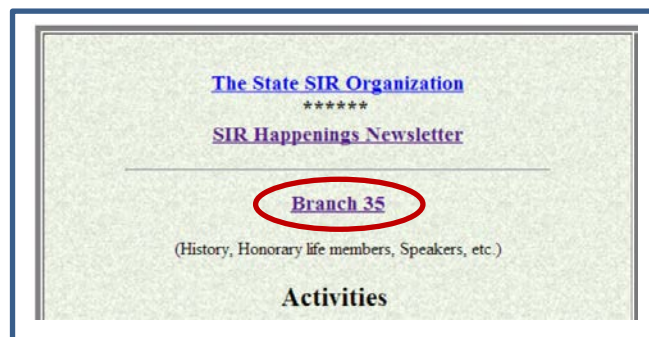
Closest-to-Pin Contest:

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|------------|------|-----------|------|----------|------|-----|
| Petersen H | 9-9 | Lau Peter | 12-4 | Karney B | 69-0 | \$2 |
| Cooke G | 21-1 | Newton K | 28-1 | | | \$1 |
| Garten B | 22-4 | | | | | |

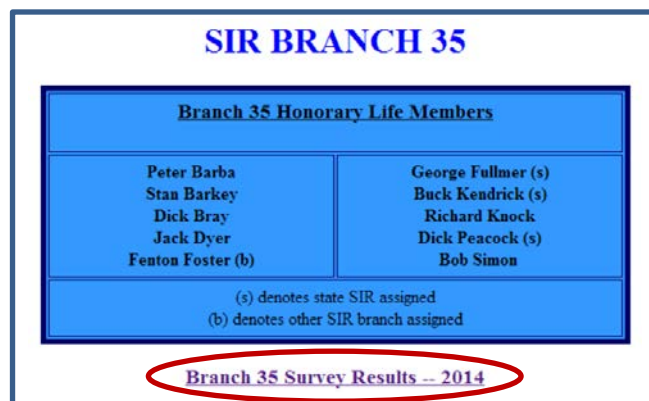
Low Gross: Ron Lau, G Cooke, Bob Garten, Herb Petersen, & Dave Squellati 96

SURVEY RESULTS

The survey results have been posted to the SIR Branch 35 website.

Go to www.sir35.org and click on Branch 35 in the lower left portion of the Home page.

The survey results can then be found by clicking on Branch 35 Survey Results – 2014. Be sure to refresh this page if the link does not appear.



Sir Branch 35 Survey Results

February 19, 2014

Compiled by:

Ron Nakamoto and Ben Gikis

Survey Background

- Conducted during October/November period
- E-mail and handouts at November general meeting
- 178 Surveys received (majority from those attending meetings)

Summary Results

- Top five speaker topics
 - 74% (132) Technology and Science
 - 72% (128) History and Military
 - 64% (114) Medical
 - 58% (104) Travel
 - 57% (102) Health and Welfare

Summary Results

- Current Meeting and Meals comments;
 - 79% (133) enjoy the current meeting format/duration
 - 76/87% (133+19) consider meals to be good/excellent
 - 55% (93) are interested in different kinds of meals
 - 61/93% (108+55) consider current price to be OK or are willing to pay more

Summary Results

- Top 5 organized activities;
 - 49% (87) Book Swap
 - 39% (70) Golf
 - 20% (36) Computer club
 - 18% (32) Hiking
 - 18% (32) Travel
 - Other activities:
 - 12% (21) Bocci Ball
 - 11% (19) Travel club
 - Gardening; Investing; Cards top write in suggestions

Summary Results

- Special events and membership
 - 55% (98) liked picnic location
 - 61% (108) think the price is right; 47% (83) willing to pay more
 - 59% (105) liked the Holiday luncheon
 - 23% (41) willing to volunteer to help branch activities
 - 22% (40) expect to sponsor a new member in 2014
 - 81% (145) plan to attend 6+ meetings next year
 - 15% (27) "don't know anyone" top reason for not attending; followed by 14% (25) parking challenge

Summary Results Addendum

- Sporting events;
 - 30% (53) decline to participate in a "ticket exchange"
 - 22% (40) do not favor branch purchasing 2 season tickets to the 49ers
 - 19% (34) favor day trip to SF Giants

Planned Actions for 2014

- Hold to current meeting format, price with some different menu items
 - Use top five speaker topics to guide speaker selection (Little SIR leader)
 - Small committee to assess alternative meals for 2015 (Ron Nakamoto leader)
 - Improve recruiting and attendance experience (Bill Monroe leader)
 - Continue with special (Picnic and Holiday luncheon) events (leaders requested)
- Insure top 5 activities are operating/vibrant
 - Book swap, golf, computer, hiking and travel clubs (Club leaders)
 - Bocci Ball, Emergency Response Team, Travel Club new activities (leaders requested)
- Encourage volunteering
 - Fill back-ups for current needs (Big Sir)



Trail Tips

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Next Meeting –
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
I.F.E.S. Hall, 432 Stierlin Road
Mountain View**

SIR Branch 35 Activities - February 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|---|--|---|--------|----------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Spring Valley 10:00 a.m. | 4 Bowling 12:50 p.m. | 5 | 6 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 2 9:00 a.m. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Tennis 8:00 a.m. | 11 Bowling 12:50 p.m. | 12 Trail Birds 10:00 a.m. CompuSIR 12:30 p.m. | 13 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Biking 11:00 a.m. Golf- Callippe Preserve 9:56 a.m. | | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Tennis 8:00 a.m. | 18 Bowling 12:50 p.m. Golf- Santa Clara Orion 1 9:00 a.m. | 19 Social Hour 11:00 a.m. Trail Bird Rehearsal Book Swap Luncheon 12:00 p.m. | 20 Tennis 8:00 a.m. | | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Los Lagos Eclectic 3 9:00 a.m. | 25 Bowling 12:50 p.m. Trail Tips Deadline | 26 | 27 Tennis 8:00 a.m. Golf- Bayonet 10:00 a.m. | 28 | |