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SUNNYVALE  
BRANCH # 62



# The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of  
**Sunnyvale Branch #62**  
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at  
Mariani's Restaurant  
2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara  
A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men  
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence  
and Dignity in Retirement  
<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>  
**November 2015**

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**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

If you do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without a suitable excuse, or if you fail to attend seven (7) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. The latter rule applies even though you may have reported your absences to the Attendance Committee. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a make up for missing our Luncheon.

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

All tours and activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. through its branches and committees or agents are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. However, Sons In Retirement, Inc., and its branches, do not assume any responsibility for the well being and safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said tours and activities. Members and guests will participate at their own risk. v3jd

**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

Attending	50
Guests	1
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	88
Inactive	32
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	0
Membership	123

**NOVEMBER SPEAKER**

Our Speaker is Major General Rob Ostenberg, who joined the Army in 1969 as an enlisted soldier and later attended and graduated from Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. He transferred to the Armor Cavalry Branch in 1971. He then volunteered for duty in Vietnam, where he served as a Platoon Leader in the 1st Company of the 6th Infantry and later in the 1st Company of the 1st Cavalry. During his over 39-year career, he served in every leadership position from Platoon Leader to Commanding General of a 14,000 soldier Division.

In his final assignment, he served as Director, Reserve Forces, with additional duty as one of five Domestic Attack Assessors in North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and US Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO.

The talk is to honor the vets who served in Viet Nam. 2015 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ramp up of that conflict.

## The Statesmen SIR Bowling

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
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The first round (Quarter) of bowling is now complete with the Deans consisting of Phil Thomas, Carl Del Rosario and Dave Jeong taking first place. The Judges consisting of Marvin Hirschel, Jim Shinmoto, Mal Hopkins and Steve Bishop came in second place.

### Top Scores for the Season are:

Scratch Series: 638 Tom Birley  
Scratch Game: 235 Bob Hebson  
Handicap Series: 813 Al Delfino  
Handicap Game: 335 Lynn Grilley

We still have some openings in our Winter league. If you want to take up the sport, please see me or email me at phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu, and I will gladly add you to a team. We readily accept all those who want to learn as well. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist



HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING  
NOVEMBER 26TH

## Luncheon Menu NOVEMBER 19, 2015

### Chicken Spinach Salad or Chicken Marsala

**SONS IN RETIREMENT—Branch 62  
LUNCHEON ORDER FORM\***  
**MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO  
THE MEETING**

I wish to order a salad ( ) or the entrée of the month ( )  
for the meeting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Included with this form is payment of \$21. Make check  
payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and mail to: Russ Kohlrust, 2561 Lancaster Ct, Santa  
Clara, CA 95051 or call (408) 306-8335

\*Use this form if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the last meeting.

### **Sick Call:**

Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine  
Committee: Mal Hopkins, (408) 720-0849.

### **Rooster:**

If you have not received the “Rooster” by mail by the 10th of  
the month, please call John McGuire (408) 248-4620. If you  
have not received the “Rooster” by e-mail, let John McGuire  
know by e-mail at [jpmcguiresr@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com). To switch to e-mail  
delivery, send your e-mail address to John McGuire. E-mail  
subscriptions reduce Branch expenses.

**BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!  
BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..**



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Bob Hebson*

Fellow Sirs:

I am back from my cruise and am in full control (HA HA) again. The club has been active, but we are still low in attendance at our monthly meetings. The October luncheon had only 57% of our members in attendance. That number is extremely low and we need to make more of an effort to attend the monthly meetings. Speaking of monthly meetings, our second event where you can invite your wives, partners or significant others is coming up in December: our annual Christmas dinner and dance at Mariani's. Information is elsewhere in this Rooster, so fill out the order form and come.

Our membership is still down and getting smaller. Please let us know if you are leaving SIR and why so we can try to fix any problems you may see. If you are not leaving, let me know at the meetings about any problems you see. You can also contact me at rhebson@gmail.com, if this is more convenient.

Again my parting words about membership. LET'S BRING IN SOME NEW MEMBERS.

Well that's all for now folks. See you at Mariani's on November 19th.

*Bob Hebson, Big Sir*



VETERAN'S DAY  
NOVEMBER 11TH

**MARIANI'S LUNCH INFORMATION**

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch at Mariani's (2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051). If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend. **Tickets for the January lunch will be sold at the November meeting.**

If you cannot buy your meal for the next month at the luncheon or send your money to the Little Sir at least one week in advance (that's the Thursday before the meeting), then don't come to the meeting expecting to eat. If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call the Little Sir one week before the meeting and he will get your ticket moved to the following month. If there is an emergency and you can't make the meeting, call the Little Sir and he will decide if it is a true emergency and will forward the ticket to the following month. This is going to be enforced and if you buy a ticket and don't show up without letting the Little Sir know, you will lose your money.

If you have not purchased a ticket for the upcoming meeting and wish to attend, you must submit the Luncheon Order Form (*found on page 2*), with your payment, **so that the Little Sir receives it no later than Thursday, one week prior to the meeting.** Lunch orders received less than one week before the meeting will not be processed and your money will be refunded.

If you have any other questions, please contact *Little Sir* Russ Kohlrust at 408 306-8335

**NOTICE**

On 8/20/15, the Branch Board approved a dues increase from \$20 to \$25 effective January 2016. The breakdown per member is as follows:

Rooster.....	\$14
State Assessment.....	5
Guest & Birthday Lunches....	5
<u>Office.....</u>	<u>2</u>
Total.....	\$26

(Cost of Annual Roster is covered by the Picnic Profits.)

Roger Falberg, Treasurer

## **SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf**

### **November Lineup**

2 Santa Teresa  
9 Los Lagos  
16 San Jose Muni  
23 Sunnyvale  
31 Spring Valley

The Golf Coordinator for October is  
Tom Birley

The Area Tournament is Spring Valley  
on November 23rd.

May you hit them long and straight.

## **BOCCE BALL UPDATE**

Our monthly bocce games were played at San Jose Almaden Lake bocce courts on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect for the play. Many of our regular players were on summer travels and missed the activity. What is nice about the activity is we were able to play in their absence. Bocce is an outdoor sport, although there are a few indoor courts in Santa Clara valley. Our players prefer playing outside and enjoy our great northern California weather. We play on the second Friday every month and welcome new players to the sport. Our next play is November 13 at 1:00 on Almaden Lake courts off of Winfield Blvd., south of Blossom Hill Road.

## **R & B 9 HOLE GOLF**

Tom Birley & Dave Riopel, Co-Chairmen

### **September 30th 13 Players**

C.T.P. None

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John Parker 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Bob Hebson 26

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Gene Bunzel, John Howard, Dave Riopel 27

Birds & Chip-ins: None

### **October 7th 11 Players**

C.T.P. Alex Fremling 12'

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Mike Hastings 26

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield, Bob Hebson,  
Dave Riopel 28

Birds & Chip-Ins: Bill Crosby, Alex Fremling (C)

### **October 14<sup>th</sup> 11 Players**

C.T.P. None

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Bob Hebson 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Mike Hastings 28

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Bud Collinson, Roger Falberg,  
Don Stuedeman 29

Birds & Chip-Ins: Henry Crossfield (C),  
Roger Falberg (C/B)

### **October 21<sup>st</sup> 13 Players**

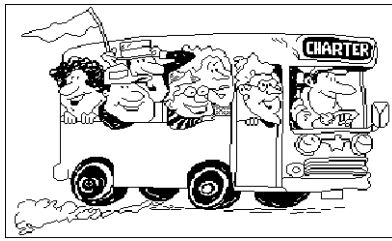
C.T.P. Alex Fremling 11'6"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 27

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling 28

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: John Parker 29

Birds & Chip-Ins: John Parker, John McGuire (C/B),  
Alex Fremling



## SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62

**Reminder:** Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available not only to SIR members and their spouses but also to guests and widows of SIR members.

**Escorts:** Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765).

**Brochures for the following trips are available from the escorts or at the travel table**

**July 11 - 23, 2016: Eastern Europe to the Black Sea:** Danube River cruise from Budapest to Bucharest with interesting & historic tours, Belgrade, Iron Gates, Danube-Black Sea Canal. There is optional extensions to Vienna or Prague, and Transylvania or Istanbul available. \$4670 pp/dbl. occ. with air from San Francisco. Early sign-up discounts up to 1.5% available

**Nov 12 - 23, 2016: Panama and Canal Passage:** Panama City, Chitre, rain forest, Canal Administration building, plus a 2 day Canal passage on small ship with an overnight on Gatun Lake. Optional extensions to the wild archipelago of Bocas del Toro and Cartagena, Columbia available. \$4770 pp/dbl. occ. includes air from San Jose. Early sign-up discounts up to 5% available.

### SIR Branch 62 web site

Our SIR 62 branch website has been redone by our webmaster Heber Slusser. Please visit the website at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org/> and provide feedback to Heber. You can email Heber at HeberS@comcast.net.

## November Birthdays

George	Center	8
Frank	Guyre	11
Frank	McElroy	9
Bill	McMorrow	21
John	Shields	10
Heber	Slusser	20
Pete	Tobias	18
Gordon	Whyte	30

## BRIDGE UPDATE

We play every first and third Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center on 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332. The next get togethers will be held on the 3rd and 17th of November. The hosts for these dates are Russ Kohlrust and Fred Carlson, respectively.

We start at 1:00 and play for about 3 1/2 hours.

We play 4 rounds of bridge per table and the losers move to the next table. We get in about four rounds before having to call it quits.

Last session, we had trainee Mal Hopkins join us and he did a fine job. I'm amazed at how well all the new bridge players have been playing after only a few months with Roger Falberg. Roger is a great teacher, if anyone is interested in taking up the game of Bridge.

If anyone else is interested in playing a party style type of Bridge. please let me know at the next meeting or give Roger or me a call.

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist