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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
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and Dignity in Retirement
<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>
December 2016

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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

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT
MEMBERSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

Attending	46
Guests	2
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	76
Inactive	17
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	0
Membership	93

2017 DUES REMINDER

Member dues are \$25, payable by 1/18/2017. Pay at the January meeting either by cash or check. Checks should be made out to "SIR Branch 62", and dated 1/18/2017. Checks can be mailed to:

Roger Falberg, Treasurer
751 Silverpine Court
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

The Statesmen *SIR* Bowling

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Tom Birley (408) 736-8869	Charlie Gray (408) 253-0606	Phil Thomas (408) 410-3626	Leon Kowaleski (408) 446-1129

After 5 weeks into the 2nd quarter of Winter Bowling, the Generals, consisting of Richard Thomas, Jack Pettygrove, Leon Kowaleski, and Tom Birley, are in First Place. The Admirals, consisting of Russ Kohlrust, Ron Olson, Bob Byers, and Lynn Grilley, are in second place, just 2 games behind the Generals.

Top Scores for the Season are:

Scratch Series: 653 Tom Birley
Scratch Game: 253 Lynn Grilley
Handicap Series: 792 Steve Bishop
Handicap Game: 305 Richard Thomas

Our Branch 62 placed highly in the Clayton Bowling Tournament. The results are as follows: Tom Birley – 1st Place in A Division Singles; Bob Hebson – 3rd Place in A Division Singles; Lynn Grilley – 3rd Place in B Division Singles; Phil Thomas – 7th Place in B Division Singles; Don Paulson – 8th Place in B Division Singles; Lee Wriglesworth and Bud Collinson – 3rd Place in B Division Doubles; Tom Birley – 2nd Place in A Division All Events; Lee Wriglesworth – 7th Place B Division All Events and Lynn Grilley – 8th Place B Division All Events. Congratulations to all!

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist



HAPPY NEW YEAR

REMINDER

NO LUNCHEON THIS MONTH
Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will take place at Mariani's Restaurant on Thursday, December 15, 2016.



There is still time to get tickets for the Event.
Use the order form included in this Rooster.

Doors open at 5:30pm
Music starts at 6:00pm
Dinner served at 7:00pm
Casual Dress

Contact Tom Birley for details.

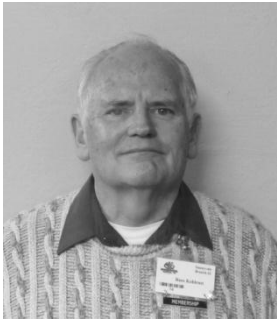
Sick Call:

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. 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
Russ Kohlrust*

Fellow Sirs,

I wish everyone a happy and joyful holiday season with your families and friends. Be safe in your travels. I look forward to seeing you next year at the monthly meetings as we continue Branch 62 leadership with our new Big Sir, **Jim Hohenshelt**. Support the branch by offering your abilities and talents on the leadership team as we continue our growth in membership back to achieving the goal of having **100 active members** in our branch. We need your guidance and contribution to continue as a branch. **Our branch can only function with your help.** Attend our activities and assist them to grow in participation. Offer to form additional new activities. How about fishing, RVing, trying different restaurants with your significant other, photography, computer usage, smart phone usage, gardening, walking for exercise. **WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE THE BRANCH TO DO THAT WE ARE NOT DOING?** Suggest the new activity to Jim Hohenshelt.

My assessment in reviewing our year 2016 is that branch members worked hard in accomplishing their achievements and **the branch had success in improvement.** We welcomed **10** new members for a yearly increase of 13 percent. We lost two members due to attrition. We lost 19 other members due to lack of attendance. **Branch membership decreased a total of 10 members this year.** We averaged 64 percent active branch membership at our eleven monthly meetings this year. We achieved our goal of 70% at only 3 monthly meetings (i.e., **March 79%**, April 71%, and May 72%). We did not achieve our goal in January, February, and June through November months, averaging 58% attendance. Lower Summer months with vacation is understandable. However, the attendance in September, October, and November averaged only 59%. That is a concern.

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LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend.

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 you have not purchased a ticket for the upcoming meeting and wish to attend, you must submit the Luncheon Order Form, 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.

Please contact Jim Hohenshelt, at 408 241-4421.

JANUARY LUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT

As you may know, lunch tickets have not yet been sold for the January meeting. Expect an announcement regarding January ticket sales in the January Rooster and on the Branch 62 website <http://branch62.sirinc2.org>.

Mariani's has increased the lunch price for 2017 to \$23.

18 Hole Golf

There are 3 of 12 still in the match play tournament. Only one player has gone undefeated, Bob Pastorino. The end is near. Stay tuned.....

Awards for the season were given out at the November lunch. Most improved player went to John Dieckman. The Iron Man award for most games posted went to Wally Anderson with 65 rounds.

Golfer of the year trophy and prize money went to Bob Pastorino with a winning total of 43 points. Points are awarded 4 for first, 2 for second and 1 for third. Second place money with 35 points went to Tom Birley. Third place was a 34 point tie between Frank Doyle and Dan Frietas. The new year of challenges started with November.

December is coordinated by Bob Byers

- 5 – Santa Clara
- 12 – Deep Cliff
- 19 – Gilroy
- 26 – San Jose

Have a wonder-filled holiday season.

Submitted by Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chair 408-480-4900

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

November 2nd 11 Players

C.T.P. None

1st Low Net: Henry Crossfield 23

2nd Low Net: Bob Hebson 27

3rd Low Net: Alex Fremling 30

Birds & Chip-ins: Bob Hebson, John Howard (C)

November 9th 13 Players

C.T.P. None

1st Low Net: Jack Pettygrove 25

2nd Low Net: Jim Anderson 26

3rd Low Net: Don Stuedeman 27

Birds & Chip-ins: None

November 16th 11 Players

C.T.P. Mike Hastings 21'2"

1st Low Net: Jim Anderson 22

2nd Low Net: Dave Riopel 26

3rd Low Net: John McGuire, Jack Pettygrove 27

Birds & Chip-ins: Don Stuedeman (C), Jim Anderson (B)

November 23rd 7 Players

C.T.P. Dave Riopel 11'0"

1st Low Net: Jack Pettygrove 23

2nd Low Net: Dave Riopel 24

3rd Low Net: Jim Anderson

Birds & Chip-ins: Bob Hebson, John Howard (B)

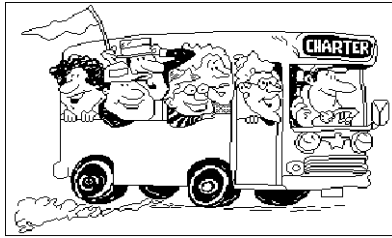
Dave Riopel (C)

Big Sir Report, continued from p. 3

We need to improve our monthly attendance and continue averaging one new member each month.

These are two objectives I would like the branch to achieve next year but we need everyone's help. It requires member assistance to bring it about. A team approach is the way to succeed.

Russ Kohlrust, Big Sir



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 are available from the escorts or at the travel table.

Branch 62 has no more travel events scheduled at this time. However, there are trips scheduled by other branches in SIR Areas 5 and 20. These trips are described in the Area 5 & 20 Travel Bulletin, which many of our members receive. Please contact one of the travel chairmen, if you would like to receive the bulletin. Also, brochures for other branches' trips are available on the travel table at the monthly Branch 62 luncheons. Watch for a brief report on the tour of Panama and a three day passage through the Canal in the travel section of a future "Rooster".



MERRY CHRISTMAS

BRIDGE UPDATE

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 6th and 20th of December and the 3rd of January. The hosts will be Dave Riopel, Leon Kowaleski, and Phil Thomas, respectively. Since Roger will not be joining us for the month of December, Dave Riopel has graciously volunteered his place to hold the bridge game. We start at 1:00 and play for about 2 1/2 hours.

We play 4 rounds of bridge per table and the losers move to the next table. We get in about 4 or 5 rounds before having to call it quits.

As I announced at the November meeting, two of our bridge player-in-training were partners and, after four hands, came out triumphantly. They advanced to the winner's table to continue their winning streak.

Most months, we play every first and third Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center on 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332.

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Art Albert	8 th
Gene Bunzel	8 th
Jim Marquez	22 nd
Dick Tillinger	27 th

2017 BRANCH 62 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Jim Hohenshelt

Little Sir: Phil Thomas

Other Officers and the Board of Directors will be the same as in 2016.