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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>
March 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 FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

Attending	<i>(Data not available)</i>	---
Guests		2
Transferred In		0
Transferred Out (Past Month)		0
Resigned		0
Deceased		1
Active		89
Inactive		25
Returned From Inactive		0
Inducted This Month		0
Members in Process		0
Membership		114

Branch 62 Wine Tasting Club

At the February meeting, I announced that we were starting a new club for wine tasting. I put out a list for everyone to sign who was interested, but naturally, I left the luncheon without picking it up. About five people signed up, but I believe that others were interested but forgot about signing up.

My thoughts are that once a month, we would get together at a local winery or at someone's house and discuss the fine aspects of enjoying a good wine be it red, white or rose in color. After belonging to many wine clubs throughout Northern California over the past several years, I have learned many intricacies about wine making and the wine industry. Most wineries are more than eager to help people to learn about the wine-making and enjoying processes. We have several wineries nearby to visit.

If anyone is interested in joining this club, please let me know at the next meeting or give me a call at 408-410-3626.

You can also e-mail me at phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu.

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

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

We have now completed the 3rd Quarter of bowling with the Deans, consisting of Phil Thomas, Carl Del Rosario, and Dave Jeong, winning 4 games in the Position Round. After the 4th Quarter, we will start our Roll Offs and Championship games. Currently, we have a tie for first place between the Deans and the Admirals, consisting of Jack Pettygrove, Leon Kowaleski, and Lynn Grilley.

Top Scores for the Season are:

Scratch Series: 647 Tom Birley
Scratch Game: 259 Steve Bishop
Handicap Series: 823 Mal Hopkins
Handicap Game: 335 Lynn Grilley

We still have some openings in our Winter league, so 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.

I was informed by a Bowling Alley representative that Al Draeger passed away, after succumbing to a heart attack last week. Those of us who bowled with him will miss him dearly. When he missed a spare, most everyone in the bowling alley knew it as well.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

NOTICE

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE!!.

If you did not pay yet, please send a check for \$25 to our Treasurer. Make check payable to SIR Branch #62:

Roger Falberg
751 Silver Pine Ct
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Luncheon Menu MARCH 17, 2016

Chicken Spinach Salad Beef Stroganoff

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: Jim Hohenshelt, 2626 Estella Dr., Santa
Clara, CA 95051 or call (408) 241-4421

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

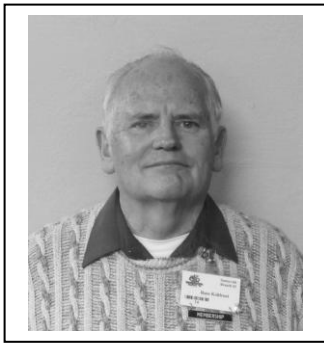
Sick Call:

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. 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:

We had an interesting subject at our February luncheon. Chris Long spoke to the attendees on the subject of “Long Term Care Planning”. It is a subject that affects all of us and our families, spouses, and/or significant companion. It deals with protecting assets and peace of mind. Some of us already have trusts in place. But, have you heard of the Entitlement Program created by our federal government Social Security Act, Title 19, established in 1965? This program provides long term care benefits for seniors. We are entitled to the program because it is part of Social Security and is part of our Medicare insurance payment. However, it is not insurance and you cannot be denied it for health reasons including pre-existing conditions. It was a very thought-provoking presentation.

In last month’s Rooster, I mentioned the whys and wherefore of the new emphasis on attracting new members called RAMP (Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations and Publicity). This program is under the leadership of Jim Hohenshelt and Jeff Bautista. Look for our advertisements in our local city newspapers. My reminder to you is that increasing membership is needed for the continuation of Sirs in our program. Many of us working towards the goal, makes it easier to achieve the goal.

Reminder → **IF YOU HAVEN’T HAD A CHANCE, SUBMIT YOUR YEARLY DUES.** Only 50% of us have so far this year. It is the only way we can continue operation without the bucket brigade.

Russ Kohlrust, Big Sir

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

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 Jim Hohenshelt at 408 241 4421.

IN MEMORIAM

Ian McMurray, a member of Branch 62 since 1989, passed away recently. Ian served as Big Sir in 2000 and was Branch Chaplain from 2008 through 2012.



Daylight Savings—March 13th

SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

We lucked out so far this year; the rain missed every Monday round. Even the holidays turned out to be good at a reconditioned course with no holiday rates – WOW.

Everyone seems to win sooner or later. We have started a ‘Golfer of the Year’ challenge. First place gets 4 points, second 2, third 1. YTD the leader is Jim Marquez with 10 points and Frank Doyle and Paul Goodwin close behind with 9. I am sure that will change next month.

The golfer’s index is calculated based on the course rating and tees played. The rating is subtracted from his score and multiplied by the ratio of 113 divided by the slope. This results in his differential for that round. The index is the average of the ten best of the last 20 differentials. Next time we will look at the handicap.

March is coordinated by Richard Pope 650-339-2994. Call to get your name on the tee sheet. In March we will play at:

7th – Spring Valley 14th – San Jose Muni
21st – Moffett 28th – Santa Clara Also, the regional event is at Spring Hills. Contact Paul to play this event.

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

MARCH SPEAKER

Our Speaker is Steve Blank, who was lucky enough to arrive at the beginning of the boom times of Silicon Valley in 1978. He will tell how World War II set the stage for the creation and growth of Silicon Valley, and the role of Frederick Terman and Stanford in working with government agencies (including the CIA and NSA) to set up companies in this area that then sparked the creation of hundreds of other enterprises.

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

February 3rd 0 Players

No Tournament

February 10th 0 Players

No Tournament

February 17th 7 Players

C.T.P. None

1st Low Net: Mike Hastings 25

2nd Low Net: John Parker 27

3rd Low Net: Jim Anderson 28

Birds & Chip-ins: Jim Anderson (C/B)

February 24th 13 Players

C.T.P. None

1st Low Net: Jim Anderson 25

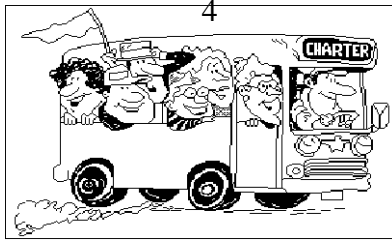
2nd Low Net: Henry Crossfield 27

3rd Low Net: Tom Birley, Vern Miller, Jack Pettygrove 30

Birds & Chip-Ins: Jack Pettygrove (C), John Parker (B)

BOCCE BALL UPDATE

Our next play is **March 11th at 1:00** at the Lake Almaden Park Bocce Courts off of Winfield, south of Blossom Hill Road in San Jose. We usually play on the center courts where there is shade. February’s game had five players in great weather. Come out and join us. No equipment or dollars are needed-- just your fellowship to be there. Jeff Bautista is our new chairman. Send Jeff an e-mail or give him a call if you are planning to be there.



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 or will be available from the escorts or at the travel table.

Oct. 9, 2016: Fleet Week Air Show Cruise (1 day): Watch the 2016 Air Show from San Francisco Bay on a lunch cruise aboard the iconic San Francisco Belle. Price TBD (last year \$170) will include bus transfer from San Jose.

July 7-19, 2016: Black Sea to Eastern Europe:

This Danube River cruise has changed direction and dates (note dates in title). The cruise now runs from Bucharest to Budapest, still featuring interesting & historic tours, Danube-Black Sea Canal, Iron Gates, and Belgrade. Possible optional extensions to Prague, Transylvania, and Vienna. From \$4670 pp/dbl. occ. (single supplement \$595) with air from San Francisco.

Nov 12-23, 2016: Panama and Canal Passage: Panama City, Chitre, rain forest, Expansion Project Visitor Center, plus a 2-day Canal passage on a small ship with overnight in 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 signup discounts up to 4% available.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joe Aboussleman	25 th	Wally Anderson	19 th
John Brownie	3 rd	Don Coletti	7 th
Bob Fair	14 th	Roy Jordan	14 th
Jerry Nieto	31 st	John Steele	25 th

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 three scheduled meetings will be held on March 1st and 15th, and April 5th. The hosts will be Bob Hebson, Russ Kohlrust, and Fred Carlson, respectively. Since Roger Falberg is busy with tax preparations, we are holding the next bridge session at Dick Tillinger's house. Dick's address is: 3479 Flora Vista Ave., Santa Clara.

We recently played Duplicate Bridge, which was a new thing for me. Talking is not preferred in this form of bridge playing. The results of our games were compiled by Leon Kowaleski, if anyone is interested.

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.

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