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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
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence
and Dignity in Retirement
<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>
April 2017

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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 MARCH 16, 2017**

Attending	45
Guests	2
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	78
Inactive	17
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	Rick Henderson 1
Members in Process	0
Membership	94

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!!..***

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 28 weeks of bowling we have a tie at 11 wins each. The Deans, consisting of Armond King, Carl Del Rosario, Harold Kaye and Robert Hebson are tied with the Judges, Mal Hopkins, David Jeong and Steve Bishop. We have 7 more weeks until we start playoffs for the Winter Session.

Top Scores for the Season are:

Scratch Series: 653 Tom Birley
Scratch Game: 256 Steve Bishop
Handicap Series: 803 Don Paulson
Handicap Game: 337 Russ Kohlrust

We just finished a tournament at Diablo Bowl in Concord and several of us will be going up to Carson City on the 10th of April to bowl in their SIR tournament. Wish us luck, we will need it.

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

WINE TASTING

We had our blind wine tasting session at Dave Riopel's house and all had a good time. We had 15 people of which there were 5 couples. I brought 3 white wines and 3 red wines and between all of them several people actually guessed the varietal of the wine. In the future, it was discussed that we all bring a bottle of our favorite wine and do another blind tasting. Another idea that we have been kicking around is to hold a wine tasting event at a winery, such as Sarah's Vineyard and play some bocci ball as well. I will be emailing our next event for the month of April, so stay tuned.

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

LUNCH MENU

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD	BAKED HAM W/ CHERRY SAUCE
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2017 DUES REMINDER

Member dues are \$25.00, payable by 1/18/2017. If you did not pay at the January meeting, please mail your check to the Treasurer. Checks should be made out to "SIR Branch 62" and mailed to:

Roger Falberg, Treasurer
751 Silverpine Court
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

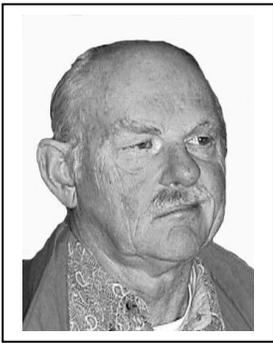
BRIDGE UPDATE

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 4th and 18th of April and the 2nd of May. The hosts will be Mal Hopkins, Russ Kohlrust, and Leon Kowaleski, respectively. Leon has volunteered to play at his house, as the Garret Business Center is not available. 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.

At one of the last sessions, we had two slams bid and made. One was a Grand Slam of 7 Notrump and the other was a Small Slam of 6 Notrump played by Bob Hebson and myself.

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



*From Our
Big Sir
Jim Hohenshelt*

Fellow Sirs:

We have been in the new room for two meetings now. I have not heard from anyone about how the membership felt about it, one way or the other. I still have a concern, not only because of the attendance being down, but because there are still plans to sell Mariani's. The latest proposal was presented in the local Santa Clara weekly paper and it will cover all of Mariani's and the area to the west. It appears that Mariani's is not long for this world, and we better find a solution soon.

It is also time to start thinking about next year's officers. I will be forming a nominating committee to address that subject. It would help a lot if there were a few volunteers that came forward. If the Branch is to survive, we all need to get involved in some way.

We have had lots of rain so far this year, and I'm still not complaining. However, the rain appears to have slowed the outdoor activities, including bocce ball and golf. Be patient, we are going to need that rain this summer. We can endure the rain interference for a few months. In the meantime, there are some indoor activities (bridge, poker, wine tasting) that could use your participation.

Jim Hohenshelt, Big Sir

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 Big 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.

**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 \$23.00. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name _____ Badge Number _____

Cut out and mail to: Jim Hohenshelt, 2626 Estella Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051, 408 241-4421.

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

18 Hole Golf

Match play is moving sloooowly along. A couple of our guys are out with medical issues, and we need to wait for their return. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Player of the year is a tight race at this point. Dave Riopel is leading the field of 23 players by 2 points. Nipping at his heels are Paul Goodwin and Wally Anderson. This race goes on until the end of October so there is a lot of golf to play before the race is over.

April is coordinated by Jeff Bautista 408-732-2983

3 – Sunnyvale
10 – Spring Valley
17 – Los Lagos
24 – San Jose

If you want to play the regional on a Tuesday this month, call Paul.

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

BRANCH 62 WEB SITE

Have you visited our web site lately? It's well worth a visit.

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

Bookmark it for easy access.

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

March 1st 7 Players

C.T.P. None

1st Low Net: Dave Riopel 31

2nd Low Net: John Howard, Jack Pettygrove, John Parker
Bob Hebson, Tom Birley 32

3rd Low Net: Jim Anderson 34

Birds & Chip-ins: Jack Pettygrove, John Howard (C)

March 8th 6 Players

C.T.P. None

1st Low Net: Bob Hebson, Dave Riopel 28

2nd Low Net Tom Birley 31

3rd Low Net: John Howard 32

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

March 15th 10 Players

C.T.P. None

1st Low Net: John Howard 23

2nd Low Net: Don Stuedeman 26

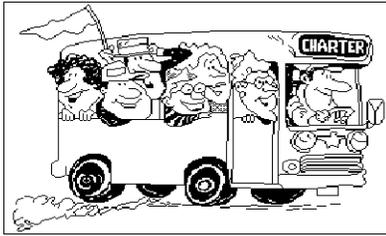
3rd Low Net: Alex Fremling, Tom Birley 31

Birds & Chip-ins: Don Stuedeman



**Property Tax
Due on
April 10th.**

**Income Tax
Filing due on
April 15th.**



SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62

Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt at (408 394-7226)
Assistant: Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765)

Trip brochures are available from the travel chairmen or at the travel table

Reminder: Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available to SIR members and their spouses and also to guests and widows of SIR members.

June 2018 – Niagara Falls & Northeast: We hope this will whet your appetite – we are beginning the planning for a trip to Niagara Falls and the northeast for June of 2018. Watch for more details in future “Roosters”.

There are also 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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David	Ashby	Apr 3
Bob	Byers	Apr 8
Paul	Goodwin	Apr 3
Harold	Thiede	Apr 24

APRIL SPEAKER



Our Speaker for April 20th, 2017 is Willard (Bill) Gillette who flew P- 51’s during WWII. His topic is: The D-Day Invasion and WWII. He has an interesting story about his not knowing about the plans leading to escorting the ships to Normandy until they were told to report for a briefing at midnight, flying out at 3AM with orders to follow the ships. He has a CD of films taken from his plane downing several German planes in dog fights. They were taken from a camera mounted on the plane working when the guns are fired. Bill flew on 59 missions. He also flew into Russia and Italy before returning home.

Bill is now 98 years old, and is a member of Branch 21. He still golfs and drives and is very healthy.

Incidentally, he explained that the D on D-Day was for Plan D. The other plans were A, B and C.

Speaking at Br. 104, he attracted the biggest attendance ever for their luncheons! Let's beat them!