

1639 Benton Court  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087-5160



INCORPORATED  
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>  
**December 2017**

**OFFICERS**

Big Sir	Jim Hohenshelt	Asst. Secretary	Bob Pastorino
Little Sir	Phil Thomas	Treasurer	Roger Falberg
Secretary	Dave Riopel	Asst. Treasurer	Leon Kowaleski

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jeff Bautista	John Howard
Ron Olson	Frank Guyre

Russ Kohlrust
Alex Fremling

**COMMITTEES**

Attendance	Tom Birley
Audit	Mel Waldman Wally Anderson Heber Slusser
Book Swap	Ted Crutchfield
Bowling	Tom Birley Leon Kowaleski Phil Thomas
Chaplain	Bob Hebson
Condolence	Mal Hopkins
Directory	Tom Birley
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley Dave Riopel
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin
Greeters	<b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
Guests & Visitors	<b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
Historian	Wally Anderson
Humorist	Don Coletti
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan

Membership	Jeff Bautista
Newsletter	Jim Mellenger John McGuire John Dieckman
Nominations	Phil Thomas John Steele
Photography Program	Walter Strach <b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
Property	Henry Crossfield

**RAMP CHAIRMEN**

Chair	Jim Hoenshelt
<b>R</b> ecruitment	Jeff Bautista
<b>A</b> ctivities	Russ Kohlrust
<b>M</b> embership	Heber Slusser
<b>P</b> ublicity	Heber Slusser

Rooster Items	Mal Hopkins
Songster	Leon Kowaleski
Special Events	Tom Birley Bob Byers
Sunshine	Mal Hopkins
Transportation	Volunteer Wanted
Travel	Jim Hohenshelt Roy Jordan
Webmaster	Heber Slusser

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Jerry Strain  
Region 7 Director: Patrick H. Misener  
Area 11 Governor: Bruce P. Adams

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED Sunnyvale Branch #62

ROOSTER is published monthly.

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. v2jmcg

**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

Attending	44
Guests	3
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	1
Deceased	0
Active	75
Inactive	11
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	2
Membership	86

**SIR WINE TASTING**

Bob and Marlys Byers have volunteered their house to hold the next event. By the time this newsletter comes out, we will have had another great wine tasting event to discuss in the next newsletter.

If anyone is interested in joining us on these wine tasting events, please contact me at phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu or 408-410-3626  
Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

**DUES DUES DUES DUES**

2018 member dues are due 1/18/2018. Dues are \$20, dropped from \$25 in 2017.

Make check payable to "SIR Branch #62" and send to:  
Roger H Falberg  
751 Silver Pine Court  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

**The first ten members to pay will receive a \$5 KFC gift check.**

## **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

At the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the Winter League Bowling, we have the Deans, consisting of George Center, Jack Pettygrove and Don Paulson, winning that round.

### **Top Scores so far are:**

Scratch Series: 648 Lynn Grilley  
Scratch Game: 234 Bob Hebson  
Handicap Series: 733 Tom McDonough  
Handicap Game: 294 Tom Birley

We have some vacancies, if anyone is interested in taking up the sport of bowling. There have been discussions pertaining to filling up the vacancies with women. So if you desire to take up the sport of bowling, now is a good time to contact me before we look elsewhere. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

### **18 Hole Golf, continued from page 7.**

December will be coordinated by A. Goodwin

4 – San Jose  
11 – Gilroy  
18 – Santa Teresa  
25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

## **REMINDER**

**NO LUNCHEON THIS MONTH**  
Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will take place at Mariani's Restaurant on Thursday, December 14, 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

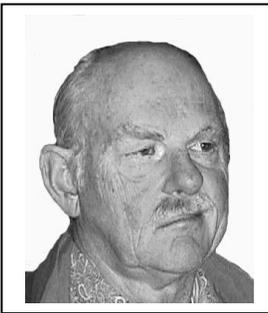
### ***Sick Call:***

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  
Jim Hohenshelt*

Fellow Sirs:

Another year is coming to an end which means the holidays are just around the corner. Getting together with family and friends, exchanging gifts, eating too much, and holiday cheer---we all have our own way of celebrating and dealing with our joys and sorrows of the year. As for me, my biggest joy was the arrival of 3 new grandbabies, Sammie on July 25<sup>th</sup> and Dakota and Jack on August 10<sup>th</sup>, all in Mesa, AZ and only 4 miles apart. Makes it easier, but not close, for Grandma and Grandpa to visit. The major negative was Hurricane Maria which hit Puerto Rico and caused Jack and Dakota's parents to temporarily relocate to Mesa. The hurricane did significant damage to home and business that they (we) are dealing with as best we can. Let us all be thankful for the positives of the year and give us strength to deal with the negatives. Here is hoping that the positives outweigh the negatives for all of you and your families.

As most of you know, the situation at Mariani's has not changed for several months. It now appears that we will be at Mariani's for a while, but the price of lunch will be going up to \$26.00 next year. That is still somewhat cheaper, and less hassle, than the alternatives that have been presented. Please contact John Dieckman (by Thursday one week prior to the lunch date) if you need to sign up for lunch without a current lunch ticket.

Next year Phil Thomas will be your Big Sir and John Dieckman will take over as Little Sir. I wish them well in their duties. There are still several issues that need dealing with. As for me, I will be co-chairing the Area Program Director's Committee along with Pat Ryan (Branch #32) as well as going back to helping Roy with Branch Travel.

Here is hoping that the new year brings all the best to you and your family.

Jim Hohenshelt, Big Sir

## **LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION**

*This information applies to the January Lunch*

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call John Dieckman 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 John Dieckman receives it no later than Thursday, one week prior to the SIR meeting.** Lunch orders received less than one week before the meeting will not be processed and your money will be refunded.

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.

**Please contact John Dieckman at 408-718-5527.**

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

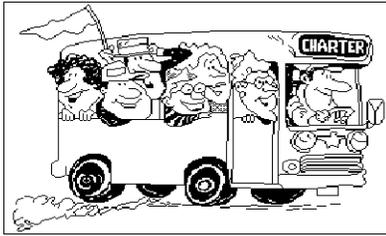
I wish to order a salad ( ) or the entrée of the month ( ) for the meeting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Included with this form is payment of \$25.00. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

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

Cut out and mail to: John Dieckman, 463 Juniper Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, 408-718-5527.

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





## **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 at the monthly Branch 62 Luncheon**

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

Trips scheduled by other branches in SIR Areas 11 & 12 (formerly Areas 20 & 5) are described in the Area 11 & 12 Travel Bulletin. Please contact one of the travel chairmen if you would like to receive the Bulletin.

**May 25 - June 9, 2018 – Niagara Falls, Eastern Canada & Cruise to Boston:** This trip visits the historic Eastern Canadian cities of Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City, and Montreal, includes an overnight at Niagara Falls and a cruise through the Thousand Islands. It concludes with a Holland America cruise down the St. Lawrence River to the Maritime Provincial cities of Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, and Bar Harbor, Maine and Boston, MA. The cost will begin at \$3695 pp/dbl. occ. or \$5185 single (without air fare) for an inside cabin on the cruise. Cost for an outside (window) cabin is \$3924 pp/dbl. occ., and a suite is \$5202 pp/dbl. occ. For lowest cost (group travel is more) and maximum flexibility, individual travel can be arranged by the travel agent or arrange your own. For more information (such as cabin upgrades) or to discuss travel arrangements or for a brochure, please call Jim or Roy.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

The next two scheduled meetings will be held on the 5th and 19th of December. The hosts will be Fred Carlson and Roger Falberg, respectively. A new schedule for 2018 is forthcoming. We start at 1:00 and play for about 2 1/2 hours. We play about 4 or 5 rounds of bridge per table and the losers move to the next table (with the nice chairs).

At our last session, we had a Grand Slam and Small Slam bid and made. Team Thomas and Carlson made the contract of 7 Hearts, and Team Falberg and Carlson made the contract of 6 No Trump. The newbies, Mal Hopkins and Jeff Bautista, are starting to show great promise at the bridge table. We are now incentivizing our bridge players to bid and make slams by giving the winning team a Colonel Sanders Kentucky Fried Chicken Gift Certificate for making a slam.

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

## **BOCCE BALL**

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, five members played.

## **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.