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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>  
**July 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 JUNE 15, 2017**

Attending Summer Picnic	39
Guests	18
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	79
Inactive	9
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	0
Membership	90

**SIR WINE TASTING**

By the time this article comes out, we will have played bocce ball and tasted the wines at Sarah's Vineyard in Gilroy. The next wine tasting article will disclose the winners of the bocce ball event and how well we enjoyed their wines.

I'm looking to possibly setting up a wine tasting next at David Bruce Winery on Bear Creek Road in July. He makes some distinct award-winning Pinot Noir wines at decent prices.

If anyone is interested in joining us on these wine tasting events please contact me at [phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu](mailto:phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu) or 408-410-3626

## **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 6 weeks of Summer bowling we have the Generals, consisting of Charlie Gray, George Center, David Jeong and Lynn Grilley in first place. The second place team is the Emperors, consisting of Richard Thomas, Jack Pettygrove, Bud Collinson and Steve Bishop.

### **Top Scores for the Summer are:**

Scratch Series: 651 Lynn Grilley  
Scratch Game: 247 Steve Bishop  
Handicap Series: 672 Richard Thomas  
Handicap Game: 258 Tom Birley

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

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Glenn Herrell	14 <sup>th</sup>
John Howard	6 <sup>th</sup>
Phil Leffel	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Bill McTiernan	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Mike Miller	31 <sup>st</sup>

## **BRANCH 62 WEB SITE**

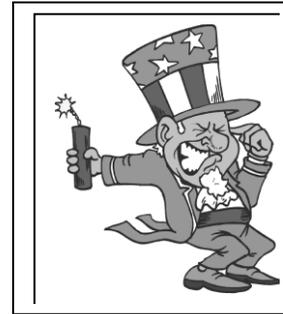
Have you visited our web site lately? It's well worth a visit.

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

Bookmark it for easy access.

## **LUNCH MENU**

**Fruit Boat or Rosemary Baked  
Salad Chicken**



**JULY 4<sup>th</sup>  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
AMERICA**

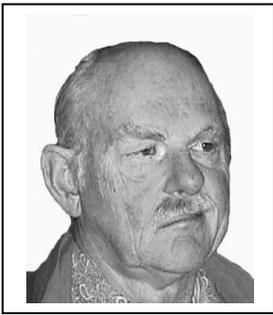
### **Sick Call:**

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*

There is no message from the Big Sir for this month. The following is a repeat of the status of our search for a suitable restaurant from last month's newsletter.

Fellow Sirs:

The situation at Mariani's has not changed for several months. The latest proposal by the developer is a 5-story apartment complex and a 5-story hotel. It was presented to the Planning Commission, the City Council and summarized in the local Santa Clara weekly paper. It will cover all of Mariani's and the area to the west, from the road all the way up to the creek. Sooner or later (most likely sooner), the developer will come up with a plan that is acceptable to the city

I have been told that all of Mariani's will not go away. There will still be a restaurant and some meeting rooms. However, there may be an extended period during "renovations" that we will not have a place to meet. It appears that Mariani's is not long for this world and we better find a solution soon--- probably by year's end. We are investigating several options that would bring us back to Sunnyvale, which is where most of the membership lives.

Right now, there are possibilities but nothing firm. One candidate is the new restaurant at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. They have plenty of room but the food would be somewhat different than what we have had in the past-- more like sandwiches and salads etc. and the price is \$28.00. We would have to buy audio and video equipment as they have none. Another possibility is the Sunnyvale Community Center at Braly Park. We would have to arrange our own caterer there and we may need a setup and clean up committee, if the caterer does not do that. More information will be presented at our next meeting. Keep your eyes and ears open. These options may not be acceptable. If you have a thought on the subject, please give me a call.

## 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 **for the July meeting**, if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the last meeting.

## 18 Hole Golf

The match play competition format will be on hold since many of the group is missing games due to illness and travel. We expect all to heal soon and eventually return to roost. We can start it up again in September – especially when the weather is cooler.

### Golfer of the Year Standings

Riipel, Dave	29
Anderson, Wally	24
Goodwin, Paul D	22
Pastorino, Bob	20

Through June 12, Dave is still in the lead. The race for the trophy is tightening up with Dave being on travel and missing the last 5 rounds. He is continuing to travel and giving some others a chance to catch up with his star.

July is coordinated by John Dieckman 408-718-5527

3 – Deep Cliff (rates may be adjusted for the holiday)

10 – Santa Clara

17 – Moffett Field

24 – Sunnyvale (for those who don't want to play the regional at Seascap)

There are 2 regionals this month and Paul Goodwin will collect checks for both.

24 – Aptos Seascap with times starting at 11 for \$45

31 – The Villages with a 9 AM shotgun start for \$68

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

## **R & B 9 HOLE GOLF** **Tom Birley/ Dave Riipel Co-Chairmen**

### May 31<sup>st</sup> 10 Players

C.T.P. Jim Anderson 10'11"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Carl Mendel 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 28

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson 29

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

### June 7<sup>th</sup> 10 Players

C.T.P. Jim Anderson 16'8"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling 25

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net (Tie) Jim Anderson 26

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

### June 14<sup>th</sup> 11 Players

C.T.P. Tom Birley 39'

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 26

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling 28

Birds & Chip-ins: Tom Birley (C) John McGuire (B)

### June 21<sup>st</sup> 11 Players

C.T.P. John Parker 8'5"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John McGuire 28

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 29

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Vern Miller, John Parker 30

Birds & Chip-ins: John Parker (B), Roger Falberg (C),  
John Howard (2C)



## **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**

**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.

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.

**Oct. 8, 2017 Fleet Week Air Show Cruise (1 day):** Watch the 2017 Air Show from San Francisco Bay on a buffet lunch cruise aboard the iconic San Francisco Belle. Complementary coffee, tea, soft drinks, and sparkling wine are included. Price is \$188 per person, includes bus transfer from the Capitol VTA parking lot in San Jose. Bus leaves promptly at noon.

**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 concludes with a Holland America cruise down the St. Lawrence River to Boston, MA. The cost will begin at about \$3700 without air fare for an inside cabin on the cruise. Trip presentation – 2 PM, Wed., Sep. 27th at Mama Mia's, 200 E Hamilton, Campbell. Watch future "Roosters" or call the escorts for more details

## **SURPRISE SPEAKER**

Our July Speaker will be our Big Sir himself, giving a talk on his Travel through the Panama Canal! Because it was so fascinating, he has broken it down into two parts; one in July, the other in August. This is the world's most famous short-cut, now more than a century old, which lopped 8,000 nautical miles off the trip between the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, essentially shrinking the world. It's creation cost over 25,000 lives of workers, most falling victim to yellow fever or malaria! It will be exciting!

## **ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Ernie Huesby for **30 years** of active participation in our organization.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 4th and 18th of July and the 1st of August. (It was decided to play on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July). The hosts will be Fred Carlson, Roger Falberg, and Bob Hebson, respectively. 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).

We had 2 tables of bridge players the last 2 times we played which is a good thing.

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

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist