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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>
January 2018

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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 makeup for missing our Luncheon

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MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT
MEMBERSHIP FOR DECEMBER 14, 2017

Attending	Christmas Dance	33
Guests	Christmas Dance	33
Transferred In		0
Transferred Out (Past Month)		0
Resigned		0
Deceased		1
Active		75
Inactive		0
Returned From Inactive		0
Inducted This Month		0
Members in Process		2
Membership		86

SIR WINE TASTING

We certainly had a good time with our blind tasting at Bob and Marlys Byers' house. We had 7 couples and 2 singles attending the event. You could tell by the noise level that everyone was having a good time. The more tasting we did, the higher the noise level that was attained. The majority of those who brought a bottle of their favorite wine did guess the wine so it proves we know what we like and can pick it out in a blind tasting. Bob and Marlys prepared some wonderful appetizers that went well with the wine tasting. Thanks again for their hospitality.

We are again looking at combining bocce ball and wine tasting at another winery for the month of January, weather permitting. I will coordinate the event and put out an email with the specifics.

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

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 16 weeks of the Winter League Bowling, we have the Admirals, consisting of Armond King, Hugh Moore, David Jeong and Bob Hebson, in first place. One game behind them are the Generals consisting of Russ Kohlrust, Ron Olson, Bob Byers and Lynn Grilley. We have a tournament coming up in Napa on the 24th of January, so see me if you want to play that day.

Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series: 648 Lynn Grilley
Scratch Game: 235 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. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

JANUARY LUNCH MENU

Chef Salad
or
Beef Stroganoff

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!!..***

JANUARY SPEAKER

Our speaker for January is Rick Sung, Assistant Sheriff for Santa Clara County. His topic is "Protection of House and Possessions in Santa Clara County". His presentation deals with the many tools an individual home owner has to stop/prevent a home burglary.

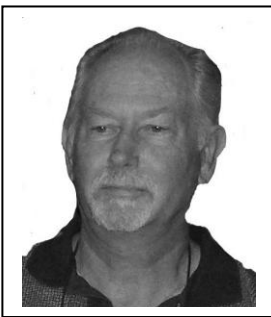
DUES DUES DUES DUES

2018 member fees 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.



*From Our
Big Sir
Phil Thomas*

Well, here we are Branch 62 Sirs, another year ahead of us. Congratulations to Jim Hohenshelt for his diligent and well done job as last year's Big Sir. The Christmas Dinner was another success, and all who attended had a good time. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Bob Byers and Tom Birley for once again making all the arrangements for the Xmas Dinner.

I am happy to announce John Dieckman as our new Little Sir for 2018. If for some reason you cannot attend the monthly meeting or want a salad instead of the hot meal you can call him at 408-732-3648 or e-mail him at john_dieckman@hotmail.com no later than Thursday prior to the luncheon. As far as meeting at Mariani's this next year for our lunches, we seem to be OK for this year. As was announced in the December newsletter, the lunches will be going up to \$26 which is still below some of the other branches.

We all need to do what we can to go out and talk to your neighbors, friends and relatives to join our fun type organization.
Your Big Sir,

Phil Thomas

BOCCE BALL

We had 6 players on 12/15. A good time. I hope to see more play in 2018.

LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION

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. Luncheon prices for 2018 are \$26.

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.

18 Hole Golf

Thanks to all who got their dues in to me on a timely manner. We have 24 members at this point and one more on the way. A member listing with e-mails, addresses and phone numbers will be available at the January lunch.

Signups for Tournament Coordinators for 2018 are as follows:

January	Wally	July	Walt
February	Alice	August	Jack
March	Bob P	September	Phil
April	Paul	October	Dave
May	Wally	November	Jeff
June	John	December	Mike

January will be coordinated by Wally Anderson

- 1 -- HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 8 -- Santa Teresa
- 15 -- San Jose
- 22 -- Los Lagos
- 29 -- Moffett

I have enjoyed serving as your 18 Hole Golf Chairman this year, and look forward to having fun on the fairways with all of you in 2018. Alice and I wish you a happy and healthy 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 29th 6 Players

C.T.P. NONE
1st Low Net: Henry Crossfield 24
2nd Low Net: Jack Pettygrove 30
3rd Low Net: John Howard, Don Stuedeman 34
Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

December 6th 0 Players

C.T.P. NONE
1st Low Net:
2nd Low Net: FROST NO PLAY
3rd Low Net:
Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

December 13th 0 Players

C.T.P. NONE
1st Low Net:
2nd Low Net: FROST NO PLAY
3rd Low Net:
Birds & Chip-ins:

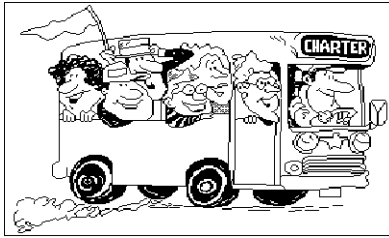
December 20th 0 Players

C.T.P. NONE
1st Low Net:
2nd Low Net: FROST NO PLAY
3rd Low Net:
Birds & Chip-ins:

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bud Collinson 14th John Dieckman 21st

 Richard Pope 22nd



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

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).

We are now consistently filling 2 tables of bridge players.

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

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.

IN MEMORIAM

Gene Bunzel passed away in early December. He was a 17 year member of our Branch and served as our Program Chairman. He was responsible for the many fine luncheon speakers we've enjoyed these past several years. He will certainly be missed.