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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>  
**April 2018**

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Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	<b>Publicity</b>	Heber Slusser
	Dave Riopel	Rooster Items	Mal Hopkins
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel		Bob Byers
Historian	Wally Anderson	Sunshine	Mal Hopkins
Humorist	Don Coletti	Transportation	<b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
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Membership	Jeff Bautista		Roy Jordan
		Wine Tasting	Phil Thomas
		Webmaster	Heber Slusser

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 Area 11 Governor: Bob Grandey

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 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 makeup for missing our Luncheon

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT**  
**SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**MEMBERSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

Attending	40
Guests	1
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	2
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	73
Inactive	0
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	0
Membership	73

**SIR WINE TASTING**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, I plan on having a combined luncheon and wine tasting event. The luncheon will take place at the Kategna Ethiopian Restaurant and wine tasting at J. Lohr Winery near the restaurant. If you have ever wondered what type of food this is, you are in for a treat. No utensils are used; just scoop up the tasty morsels with the thin bread they provide. I will coordinate the event and put out an email with the specifics.

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the plan is to go to Ruby Hill Winery and take a tour of their facility and taste their wines. Depending on the time frame, we could also do lunch at Sauced Restaurant or some restaurant in the vicinity.

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

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

## The Statesmen *SIR* Bowling

<b><u>President</u></b>	<b><u>Vice President</u></b>	<b><u>Secretary</u></b>	<b><u>Treasurer</u></b>
Tom Birley (408) 736-8869	Charlie Gray (408) 253-0606	Phil Thomas (408) 410-3626	Leon Kowaleski (408) 446-1129

After 3 weeks into the fourth quarter of the Winter League, we have the Kings, consisting Carl Del Rosario and Phil Thomas and the Emperors, consisting of Charley Bailey, Bud Collinson and Lee Wriglesworth, tied for first place.

We have a three day tournament coming up in April at Carson City, Nevada. See me if you want to play this tournament.

### Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series: 648 Lynn Grilley  
 Scratch Game: 235 Bob Hebson  
 Handicap Series: 758 Carl Del Rosario  
 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

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dave Ashby	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bob Byers	8 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Goodwin	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Harold Thiede	24 <sup>th</sup>

## LUNCH MENU

MONTH	SALAD	ENTREE
April	Chef Salad	Roast Pork Loin
May	Caesar Chicken Salad	Chicken Cacciatore

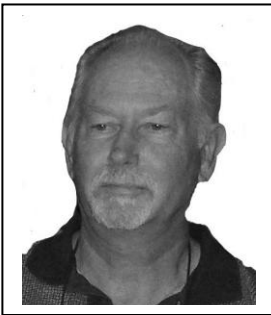
### *Sick Call:*

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  
Phil Thomas*

Now I know how a curve ball is thrown! The speaker at our last meeting fully described how pitchers throw the stuff they throw. The extent of my baseball career stopped at Little League, so I never got to stand up to bat some of those pitches.

I attended a city planning meeting with the owner of the Mariani's restaurant and it looks like for now we will not have to move to a new location. The plan is to take down all the buildings to the west of the restaurant then build a new restaurant there. Once that restaurant is built and operational, we will hold our meetings there. They will subsequently tear down the old restaurant. The plan is to put in a parking garage near the new restaurant for restaurant occupants and other parking. We don't care, but there is a plan for outside dining when the weather permits.

Sorry, we dropped the ball on having a keg of beer at the March meeting. We will make sure that we have one for October. They are expensive to purchase, but I'm told we have enough money in the bank to cover one.

In the next couple of months I plan to have a wild hat day or a wild shirt day so stay tuned. I will announce it at our next meeting.

Your Big Sir,

*Phil Thomas*

**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 or john\_dieckman@hotmail.com.**

**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 \$26.00. 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 April Meeting**, if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the last meeting.

## 18 Hole Golf

As of this writing on 4/18, we have had only one rain out. Looks like the regional at Spring Hills on Monday is being treated to a rare sunny day.

Your tournament Chair will be running April. Since there are five Mondays in April, I will also be conducting an Open Format contest. This format is where we take the 3 of 5 best scores versus par and award prizes to at least 3 winners. If we get enough players, we can award more prizes. Every round each player will kick in an extra \$1 to the kitty. First place will be at least \$30.

April will be coordinated by Paul Goodwin

- 2 – Moffett
- 9 – Santa Clara
- 16 – San Jose
- 23 – Santa Theresa
- 30 – Regional at Spring Valley

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

## APRIL SPEAKER

### Sepsis - A Serious Health Threat

Our speaker for April 19th is Ms. Kelly Nguyen, Sepsis Program Coordinator at El Camino Hospital. Although many people have never heard of the word Sepsis, it is the leading cause of death of hospitalized patients. These deaths outnumber those from breast cancer, prostate cancer and AIDS combined. It is especially a problem for people age 65 and older. Please come to learn more about this health threat

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

February 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 0 Payers

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net:

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: NO PLAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net:

Birds & Chip-ins:) NONE

March 7<sup>th</sup> 5 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 29

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson, Don Stuedeman 30

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 32

Birds & Chip-ins:

March 14<sup>th</sup> 0 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net:

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: NO PLAY

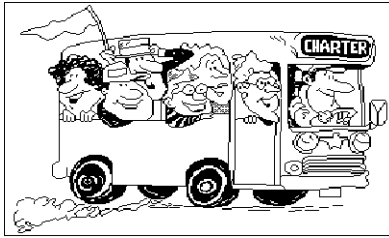
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net:

Birds & Chip-ins:

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Volunteer Photographer Needed

Duties include taking pictures of speakers and members. Optional duties include occasionally visiting activities and documenting them with pictures for the web page and other Branch publications. Contact the Big Sir.



## **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.

**April 27 – Ruby Hill Wine Tour and Tasting:** Join us for a unique two-hour tour of the Ruby Hill Vineyards in Livermore on the Mello Cielo, a vintage school bus with 14 swivel chairs made of old wine barrels. Along the way we will learn the history of Ruby Hill Winery, visit the modern on-site production facility, and see the wine making process from vine to bottle as undertaken by wine maker Jesse Plautz and his experienced cellar crew. Throughout the tour, we will sample a few of the current vintages as well as some still aging in the barrel. The culmination of the tour is a sit-down food and wine pairing at the historic water tower. This is a private tour for 8 to 14 people. We plan to go together in a 15-passenger van. The cost is expected to be \$60. A no host lunch in Livermore is also a possibility. Call one of the travel chairmen if you are interested.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 3rd and 17th of April and the 1st of May. The hosts will be Leon Kowaleski, Mal Hopkins, and Phil Thomas, respectively. We will need a volunteer to host a location for our game on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April since Roger's office will not be available due to Tax Season. We will continue to hold the subsequent games at Roger's location starting the 17<sup>th</sup> of April.

I dropped the ball on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March since I was out of town and forgot to set up that session in advance. Sorry! It won't happen again gang.

We normally 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.

## **BOCCE BALL**

Six Sirs and a guest gathered for Bocce on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The next outing is April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.