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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>  
**October 2018**

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: If you do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without 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 if missing our Luncheon

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT**  
**SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**MEMBERSHIP FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

Attending Meeting		38
Guests		2
Transferred In		0
Transferred Out (Past Month)		0
Resigned		0
Deceased		0
Active		63
Inactive		0
Returned From Inactive		0
Inducted This Month	Steve Burnham	1
Members in Process	Paul Wcislo	1
Membership		64

**SIR WINE TASTING**

Several of us went to Tu Mero Mole, a Yucatan style Mexican restaurant in Sunnyvale and experienced some very tasty meals. Afterwards, we drove a short distance over to Roger and Lynn's house to taste some certainly different wines. One of such was a chocolate flavored wine which I felt would be good for an after dinner glass of wine. I will set up another wine tasting event in the month of October. We also kicked around the idea of someone in our wine tasting group picking one of their favorite restaurants or type of food and letting me know so that I can set it up. Sounds good to me, and will wait for that suggestion. I forgot to add Rick Henderson to our mailing list, but Rick consider getting one soon.

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

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

## **The Statesmen SIR Bowling**

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

After 4 weeks of our Winter League, we have Team 8, consisting of Richard Thomas, Maggie Jones and David Jeong at first place. Coming in second place, we have Team 3, consisting of Ruth Pettygrove, Jack Pettygrove, Mary Roth and Lynn Grilley.

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

Scratch Series: 616 Tom Birley and 480 Pat Hutton  
Scratch Game: 213 Lynn Grilley and 166 Nina Middaugh

Handicap Series: 705 Jeff Bautista and 642 Sandy Sly  
Handicap Game: 241 George Center and 240 Dottie 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

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Carl Del Rosario	Oct 5	Mal Hopkins	Oct 31
Bob Lowery	Oct 18	Don Maxwell	Oct 2
Walt Strach	Oct 19		

## **BRANCH 62 WEB SITE**

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

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

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## **LUNCH MENU**

**OCT** Boat Fruit Salad Spaghetti Marinara w/ Meatballs

**NOV** Chef Salad Roasted Turkey

### ***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!!..***

## **OCTOBER SPEAKER**

Our October speaker is Paul Goodwin, fellow Branch #62 member. He will speak on "My Life in Saudi Arabia". His talk deals with experiences he had as a consultant to FMC Arabia, a US company that was building a plant to upgrade Saudi vehicles to be compatible with US vehicles. He was the financial systems trainer and visited 5 times from 1996 to 2000. On one visit, his wife was with him for 3 months. They stayed in a compound, had a car, and experienced the Saudi way of life in Riyadh.



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Phil Thomas*

We had another successful meeting with as usual, a great speaker. A lot of questions were asked, and he had answers. As a Representative of Sunnyvale and Mountain View, he gave us some insight to the housing situation in that area. Oh, by the way, go Trojan's (USC mascot) his graduate school.

As our Area Governor announced at the meeting, the State SIR organization has reduced the requirements to be a SIR by eliminating the 55 requirement on the application and removing most references to being retired. The "R" in SIR needs to be played down in an attempt to get those semi-retired.

We had our first game of "Who am I" at our September luncheon with everyone participating. We now have a better knowledge of who George Center is and what he has accomplished in his 90 plus years. Jeff Bautista guessed who the person I was describing, but that was not fair since we had discussed George's Super Senior SIR achievement at our Executive Board Meeting. I will be looking for another candidate to be presented at our October Luncheon so be on the lookout for a phone call.

As your Big Sir, I ask all of you to work harder to bring in neighbors, past fellow workers, friends, and, if you visit a senior center, post our SIR brochure, if allowed. Ask them to come to our meeting and join in the activities we have. I can think of no better way to spend my retirement than with people I like and doing activities that I enjoy.

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 price for 2018 is \$26.

**Please contact John Dieckman at 408-718-5527 or [john\\_dieckman@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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

## 18 HOLE GOLF

The race for Golfer of the Year prizes continues through the end of October. There will be four places paid. Walt Marwitz has a commanding lead as of 9/24, but there is no clear picture of who will get the rest of the money. Four places are to be paid and the four leaders are shown below. The rest of you keep shooting good scores and maybe we can knock these rankings around a bit. And, to add a little tension, the last round of the year (October 29) will be for double points.

Marwitz, Walt	46
Anderson, Wallace	37
Pastorino, Robert	32
Birley, Tom L.	31

October will be coordinated by Dave Riopel

1 – Moffett

8 – San Jose

15 - Spring Valley

22 – Santa Teresa

29 – Regional is at Coyote Creek-Valley. Make checks out to Dave Riopel for \$65

Submitted by Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

## Do You Want to Car Pool?

Please visit our interactive Car Pool page on our web site at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org>. Click on the Car Pool “Post-It” on the left side of the home page. You will be able to see the locations of our members on a map and determine if a Car Pool is viable for you.

Heber Slusser, Webmaster [branch62sir@gmail.com](mailto:branch62sir@gmail.com)

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

August 29<sup>th</sup> 10 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Mike Hastings 27

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson, Bob Hebson 28

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley, Don Stuedeman 31

Birds & Chip-ins: Vern Miller (B)

September 5<sup>th</sup> 10 Players

C.T.P. NONE

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Mike Hastings 28

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Bob Hebson 30

Birds & Chip-ins: John Howard( C )

September 12<sup>th</sup> 11 Players

C.T.P. Tom Birley9'0”

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Bob Hebson, Vern Miller, Don Stuedeman 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 27

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 28

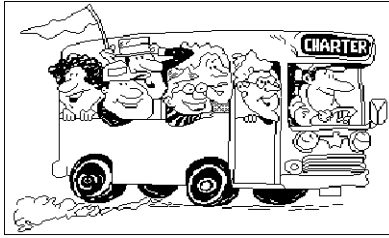
Birds & Chip-ins: Jim Anderson ( B )

## BOCCE BALL

Four Sirs and a guest played on September 14.

Next event is scheduled for October 12 - Columbus Day @ Lake Almaden Park in South San Jose @ 1:00 p.m.

Jeff Bautista



## **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 and their spouses, also to guests and widows of SIR members.

Trips scheduled by other branches in SIR Area 11 are described in the Area 11 Travel Bulletin. Contact one of the travel chairmen if you would like to receive the Bulletin.

**June 3 – 18, 2019 Great Rivers of Europe:** Join us for a cruise from Vienna, along the Danube, Rhine-Main-Danube Canal and the Main and Rhine Rivers, ending in Amsterdam. Cost is \$5875 to \$7275 pp/dbl. occ., depending on cabin choice (single supplement is \$745) including air fare. Discounts available for full early payment. A pre-trip extension in Vienna for \$795 and a post trip extension to Bruges, Belgium for \$795 are available.

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Inside Vietnam:** We'll travel the country from north to south, visiting places like Hanoi, Hue, Danang, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), the Cu Chi Tunnels, Mekong Delta and more. Cost is \$3775 per person, single or double, including air fare. Discounts available for full early payment. A 3 night in-route stopover in Hong Kong (\$695), a pre-trip visit to Northern Hill Tribes (\$1095) and a post trip extension to the famous temples at Angkor Wat, Cambodia (\$1395) are available.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 2nd and 16th of October and the 6th of November. The hosts will be Leon Kowaleski, Mal Hopkins, and Phil Thomas respectively.

Our Little Sir John Dieckman is doing quite well. Also we added a new member Steve Burnham who is a seasoned bridge player. We look forward to complementing 3 tables of bridge with the new players gained. If you would like to step forward and volunteer to learn the game of bridge, we would be happy to have you. Please contact myself or Roger Falberg to set up a training session.

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

## **LET'S GO FISHING**

Our Fishing Activity held its first outing at Martin's Beach on August 16. All four of us had a great time and caught an average of ¼ fish apiece (Wally caught the biggest, most, first (and last)). We all had a great time.

We hold Fishing Activity monthly meetings following each Branch Luncheon. This last meeting we determined that we now have 11 members.

Our next outing will be Rock Fishing from a party boat out of Half Moon Bay. If you are interested, please contact Wally Anderson.

More information is available on our web site at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org>.