

June 2019

# The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of  
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

## SONS IN RETIREMENT

**A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men**

**Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity in Retirement**



Meets on the third Thursday of the month at  
Mariani's Restaurant  
2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara  
Fellowship at 11 AM, Luncheon begins at 12 Noon

### BIG SIR REPORT

On May 10<sup>th</sup> your Little Sir, Dave Riopel, and I attended our Area Governor meeting in San Jose. We were the only branch that had both the Big and Little Sirs present. Bob Grandey, our Area Governor, discussed the upcoming San Jose Giants games and how we are doing on recruiting new members. Giants ticket sales for the May game were poor. I recommend that a Branch 62 group attend the game on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> or July 19<sup>th</sup>. To avoid traffic issues, we can carpool, arrive early and enjoy eating a BBQ supper at the stadium prior to the game start. We also met our new Little Area Governor, Ruben Mayens. You had an opportunity to meet him at our branch May luncheon. We also discussed recruiting new members, and that our efforts are not producing the expected results. Some branches are doing OK, but most, including ours, are not.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, Ruben Mayens and several other Sirs attended the health fair at the Santa Clara Senior Center to try to recruit new members.

In June, we will have our SIR Summer BBQ picnic rather than a normal monthly meeting. Be sure to contact Tom Birley to get your tickets for a great meal and fellowship.

Your Big Sir,  
*John Dieckman*



Our annual **LADIES DAY PICNIC** at Ortega Park will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 starting at 11A.M. Lunch will be ready at 12 noon. There will be games, prizes and entertainment, just like last year.

#### **Picnic Luncheon Menu Thursday, June 20, 2019**

***BBQ Tri Tip & Chicken  
Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob &  
Beans***

***Look for the Insert in this Rooster  
for sign-up and cost information. (e-  
mail recipients look for this  
information as an attachment with  
your e-Rooster.)***

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July Menu:  
Boat Fruit Salad  
Grilled Tilapia

**OFFICERS**

Big Sir	John Dieckman	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
Little Sir	Dave Riopel	Treasurer	Roger Falaberg
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Leon Kowaleski

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

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Ed Benson  
 Region 4 Director: Patrick O'Keefe  
 Area 11 Governor: Bob Grandey

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: If you do not attend five (5) meetings without a suitable excuse within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a makeup for missing our Luncheon

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**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).

**BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!**  
**BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..**

**Branch 62 Wine Tasting Club**

Seven of us went to Rubino Estates Winery in Pleasanton on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May to taste their Italian-style wines. We did not have enough participation for the World War II Duck Boats that tour around the vineyards. Most of us enjoyed the wines and bought a couple of wines each to cover the tasting fee. Two members liked the wines enough to join their wine club. Afterwards, we caravanned over to the restaurant named Sauced for an early barbeque dinner. Let me know if events like these interest you and I will add you to our membership.

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

**Let's Go FISHING!**

**We are going to Alaska!** We have booked 4 nights and 3 days of ocean fishing for king salmon, halibut, and rock fish. We fly in on June 11 and fly home on June 15.

We have been putting off our planed outing to Capitola Pier due to poor weather, but that is beginning to change so we can anticipate renting 17-foot boats and catch some Dungeness Crabs, Halibut, and whatever fish take our line bait. By the time you read this, one of our group *may* have caught a 50+ lb. Halibut – fishermen are always optimists.

If you are interested, please contact Heber Slusser. Currently, we have about 13 members in this activity and are looking for more. No experience is necessary and equipment is available from other members. We hold Fishing Activity Meetings monthly following the Branch Luncheon.

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

Heber Slusser

[branch62sir@gmail.com](mailto:branch62sir@gmail.com)

## 18 Hole Golf

In April we completed the 2nd Branch 62 Open with the following results. The winners with the best score relative to course par were:

1st Place: Wally Anderson (-21)  
2nd Place: Walt Marwitz (-13)  
3rd Place: Bob Byers (-10)  
4th Place: Paul Goodwin (-6)

We continue to play every Monday (Weather Permitting). June will be coordinated by Wally Anderson.

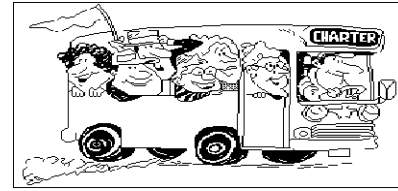
June 3 - Moffett  
June 10 - Los Lagos  
June 17 - Gilroy  
June 24 - Seascope (Area Tournament)

Come out and join us, as a great time is usually had by all.

Wally Anderson, Interim 18 Hole Golf Chairman



On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, a group from our SIR branch visited the Monet Exhibit at the De Young Museum in San Francisco.



## 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.**

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Beach Blanket Babylon** Here's your chance to attend the "Beach Blanket Babylon Holiday Show", which the news says will be the **last ever Beach Blanket Babylon performance**. There will be lunch at Swiss Louis Restaurant on Pier 39 prior to the show. Our bus leaves the south end of the VTA parking lot at 600 W. Capitol Expressway at 12:30 PM, returning at approximately 8:30 PM. Cost is \$159, if we get the minimum required attendance. If we get more (**as seems likely, the list is filling rapidly**) there will be refunds. To reserve, send an email to Jim at [jim\\_hohenshelt@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.com) and mail a check for \$159 payable to "TravelCenter Trust Account" to Jim Hohenshelt at 2626 Estella Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051. We recommend communication to Jim's email since Jim and Roy will not be able to answer the phone for most of June. Jim can attach a copy of the brochure to an email. **Reminder – This trip is filling rapidly.** We will return your check after late June, if the trip has filled.

**SIR nights at San Jose Giants Baseball: June 14, July 19, and Aug 15.** All Area 11 branches are invited to participate in this group activity. \$10/person. Contact Dave Riopel at [driopel@msn.com](mailto:driopel@msn.com) or (408) 482-1454

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Inside Vietnam:** Travel the country from Hanoi to the Mekong Delta and more. Contact Jim at [jim\\_hohenshelt@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.com) for a brochure. (*This trip is full, but it might be possible to get on a waiting list.*)

## SIR BOWLING

**President Secretary Treasurer**  
**Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski**  
**408-736-8869 408-410-3626 408-446-1129**

We have now completed our regular Winter League and we have Team 6, consisting of Leon Kowaleski, Charles Bailey and Don Paulson, winning the Winter League. The team coming in second place is Team 1, consisting of Mal Hopkins and Tom Birley. They were just 52 pins from taking first place.

### Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series:

676 Steve Bishop and 566 Pat Hutton

Scratch Game:

234 Tom Birley and 230 Mary Roth

Handicap Series:

706 Charlie Bailey and 745 Marlys Byers

Handicap Game:

277 Richard Thomas and 253 Nina Middaugh

The week of 21 May we start our Summer League comprising 6 teams. We have two openings for new bowlers; so see me or Tom Birley, if you are interested in taking up the sport. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

May 16, 2019

Members Attending	30
Guests	3
Active	65
In Process	2

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Bautista	27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Pastorino	14 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Burnham	13 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Pettygrove	13 <sup>th</sup>
Frank Doyle	16 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Thomas	17 <sup>th</sup>
Lynn Grilley	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mel Waldman	17 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Hohenshelt	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Wriglesworth	8 <sup>th</sup>

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

**Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen**

May 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Hastings, Mike 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Howard, John 28

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Birley, Tom 29

Birds & Chip-ins: Howard, John ( C )

May 8<sup>th</sup> 8 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Howard, John 29

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Hastings, Mike 30

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Fremling, Alex 31

Birds & Chip-ins: Crossfield, Henry ( C )

May 22<sup>th</sup> 8 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Hastings, Mike 28

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Birley, Tom 31

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Howard, John 32

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE



**FATHERS' DAY**

**JUNE 16th**



**FLAG DAY**

**JUNE 14th**

## BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 21st of May, the 4th of June and the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. The hosts will be Russ Kohlrust, Mal Hopkins and Jim Hohenshelt, respectively.

On our last outing, we had two tables of bridge players and one small slam was bid and made by the card shuffling duo of Bob Hebson and Roger Falberg..

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

### LEARN BRIDGE EXERCISE YOUR BRAIN!!!

Roger Falberg is looking for four SIRs to learn the game. It can be four individuals, two couples, or a combination thereof.

Six sessions will get you up to speed playing with the Branch Bridge Group, chaired by Phil Thomas. This is a fun group, playing a very challenging mental game.

Sessions will be 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, starting at 1PM. More details if you are interested.

Call Roger Falberg (408-730-0801)

### 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)

### BRANCH 62 WEB SITE

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

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## LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call or email Dave Riopel one week before the meeting and he will get your ticket moved to a future meeting.

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 Dave Riopel 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 2019 is \$26.

**Please contact Dave Riopel at  
408-482-1454 or  
[driopel@msn.com](mailto:driopel@msn.com)**

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#### **LUNCHEON ORDER FORM\*** **MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE** **WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

I wish to order a salad ( ) or entrée ( ) of the month for the meeting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.

Included with this form is payment of \$26. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cut out and mail to:

Dave Riopel  
10516 Whitney Way,  
Cupertino, CA 95014

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

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