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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



BIG SIR REPORT

On February 12th, I attended the State SIR Town Hall meeting at the Rossmoor Center in Walnut Creek. Part of the meeting was devoted to discussing the initiative to increase membership in the organization. Our new tag line “Social Activities for Men” represents what we do.

Also presented were some the updated rules we will use going forward. A small team spent the past year completely rewriting the rules to make it easier to understand and follow.

All of us attendees were reminded that all the work that is accomplished within the organization is done by volunteers. To keep SIR vital, we must all volunteer and contribute in some way. Some branches have had to disband because no one would volunteer to be Big Sir.

A lively discussion followed on the topic of allowing women to become members. The attendees overwhelmingly said not yet, but, perhaps, in the future.

Our Area Governor, Bob Grandy, will be attending our branch luncheon in March. At that meeting, we will have a special recognition of a few of our branch members.

As always, if you meet someone who you would like to become a member of our branch, invite him to a luncheon and tell him about all our activities.

Your Big Sir,

John Dieckman

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

NEXT MEETING

March 21, 2019

Menu: Boat Fruit Salad
Grilled Ham w/ Cherry
Sauce

March: Chef Salad
Roasted Pork Loin

March Speaker

"For March, the Sunnyvale former mayor for 2018, now Councilman Glenn Hendricks, will speak on the “State of Sunnyvale”, including traffic, downtown development, and whatever else interests us. Should be interesting. Please come and invite your wife."



March 10th

OFFICERS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Bautista	John Howard	Russ Kohlrust
Ron Olson	Frank Guyre	Alex Fremling

COMMITTEES

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Jim Mellenger
Audit	Mel Waldman		John McGuire
	Wally Anderson		John Dieckman
	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas
Book Swap	Ted Crutchfield		John Steele
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Rick Henderson
	Leon Kowaleski	Program	Walt Strach
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
Bridge	Phil Thomas	RAMP	
Chaplain	Bob Hebson	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
Condolence	Mal Hopkins	Activities	Russ Kohlrust
Directory	Tom Birley	Membership	Heber Slusser
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson		
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley		
	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	Volunteer Wanted
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
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

NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE

All tours and activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. through its branches and committees or agents are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. However, Sons In Retirement, Inc., and its branches, do not assume any responsibility for the well being and safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said tours and activities. Members and guests will participate at their own risk. v2jmcg

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 jpmcguires@aol.com.

BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..

March Birthdays

Wally Anderson	19
John Brownie	3
Don Coletti	7
Ted Crutchfield	18
Chuck Hart	6
Roy Jordan	17
Ken Kawakami	20
Gary Policky	12
John Steele	25

March Anniversary

Roy Jordan—10 Years
 Congratulations!

Bocce Ball

We will attempt to play on Friday,
 March 8th at Almaden Lake Park.
 Jeff Bautista, Bocce Coordinator

Let's Go FISHING!

We have been putting off our planned 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 and whatever fish take our line bait.

An Alaska trip is in the planning stage for mid-June. If you are interested, please contact Heber Slusser.

Currently, we have about 11 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

18 Hole Golf

The 2019 NCGA Rule Books are in. I will have them at the lunch meetings until they are gone. Those who pre-ordered will get first pick and the others are first come. They did a good job this time. There are even pictures and diagrams for those who are reading-challenged. If you really want to dig in to the finer points, I have some of the full books with the decisions about interpretations.

The rain gods have been blessing the growers but not the golfers. I will not award golfer of the year points unless there are at least 8 players. Those of you who play with waders and floating balls are on your own.

March will be coordinated by Tom Birley. He swapped with Wally.

- 4 – San Jose
- 11 – Spring Valley
- 18- Santa Clara
- 25 - Area Tournament at Spring Hills

Hit 'em straight - Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

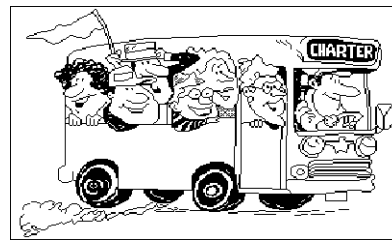
ATTENDANCE REPORT

February 21, 2019

Members Attending	36
Guests	1
Active	66
In Process	0



**Spring Begins
March 20th**



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, also to guests and widows of SIR members.

May 3 – “Monet: the Late Years” Exhibit, de Young Museum Bus leaves usual VTA Capital & 87 Lot G at 9 AM. Cost is \$95 each for the required minimum of 27 guests; partial refunds if we get more. There will be free time at the museum for lunch on your own. A brochure is available.

May 10 - Rubino Winery in Livermore and Duck Ride Tasting and vineyard tour including Duck Ride. Maximum of 14 people. Cost is \$45. Drive to the vineyard individually to get there at 11:00; carpools are encouraged.

May 12 - 14 – Reno via Amtrak Two nights in Reno; shows and other casino activities. Call Jim for details.

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. A pre-trip extension in Vienna for \$795 and a post-trip extension to Bruges, Belgium for \$795 are available.

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SIR BOWLING

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

After 24 weeks of our Winter league, we have Team 8, consisting of Richard Thomas, Maggie Jones, Tom Chatfield and Dave Jeong, in first place. Team 1, consisting of Russ Kohlrust, Mal Hopkins and Tom Birley, is in second place 5 ½ games behind.

Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series: 676 Steve Bishop and 539 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

We have a couple of tournaments coming up: 1) Concord Bowl on March 20, and 2) Carson City on April 8-10. We have openings for new bowlers; so see me 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

SIR WINE TASTING

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed wine tasting at Cinnabar Winery in Saratoga. Hopefully, everyone will enjoy their wines especially their signature wine called Mercury Rising. They also have a special deal where, if you buy their growler, they will fill it with about 2 ½ bottles worth of their wine. This is comparable to tasting the wine straight out of the barrel upon maturation.

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

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting Publicist

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

The 9 Hole Golf outings on December 26th, in January and February were all rained out. We are hoping for better weather in March.

Travel Report, continued from p. 3

Nov. 4th – 23rd, 2019 Inside Vietnam: We'll travel the country from north (Hanoi) to south (Mekong Delta) and more. Cost is \$3775 per person, single or double, including air fare. A 3 night en-route stopover in Hong Kong (\$695), a pre-trip visit to Northern Hill Tribes (\$1095) and a post-trip extension to Cambodia (Angkor Wat) (\$1395) are available.

Dec 3, 4 or 5 Beach Blanket Babylon Bus trip to San Francisco to attend the Christmas show with dinner before.



March 17th

BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 5th and 19th of March and the 2nd of April. The hosts will be John Dieckman, Dave Riopel and Leon Kowaleski, respectively. At some point in time, we will need volunteers to hold the session at their house while Roger works on taxes.

We once again had 3 tables of bridge players. The game of bridge is starting to become more competitive for us as we continue to grow in players and experience.

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

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
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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**

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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 March meeting**, if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the February meeting.

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