

April 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

Our Area Governor, Bob Grandey, attended our March meeting. He participated in our recognition of our senior members by giving out framed Senior Award Certificates to those who were present. Those of us who reside in Sunnyvale paid special attention to our speaker Gustav Larsson, Sunnyvale City Council member, who updated us on the change from at-large to district council representation and discussed the state of current and future developments in the downtown area.

Prior to our March meeting start, a short video was presented on volunteering in the SIR organization. Unfortunately, our branch follows the eighty twenty rule. That means twenty or less present of the members do eighty or more percent of that volunteer work. This is not OK. If you are not contributing anything to make our branch function, please talk to Dave Riopel or me and discuss what you can do to contribute to our branch. Many hands make light work.

As always, if you meet someone whom you think 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

NEXT MEETING

April 18, 2019

Menu: Chef Salad
Roasted Pork Loin

May: Caesar Chicken Salad
Chicken Cacciatore

April Speaker

Our speaker for April is novelist **Gisela Zebroski**. She will be speaking on "*The Berlin Airlift, the Candy Bomber, and I*".

In 1948, Stalin blocked all land access routes to the city of Berlin. That left 2 million Berliners and 8,000 occupation forces without sustenance.

Harry Truman ordered: "We shall stay! Period." On June 25, 1948 an airlift was established: Operation Vittles. Over the following 11 months American and British war planes became transport aircraft that flew three hundred thousand missions and delivered 2.3 million tons of supplies.

This operation deterred Stalin's invasion of Berlin and Western Europe.

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Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Special Events	Tom Birley
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Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Mal Hopkins
Historian	Wally Anderson	Transportation	Volunteer Wanted
Humorist	Don Coletti	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
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Membership	Jeff Bautista	Wine Tasting	Phil Thomas
		Webmaster	Heber Slusser

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 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 jpmcguires@aol.com.

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

April Birthdays

Dave Ashby	3
Bob Byers	8
Paul Goodwin	3

Bocce Ball

We will next play on Friday, April 12th at Almaden Lake Park. We had eight players at the March game.

Jeff Bautista, Bocce Coordinator

Let's Go FISHING!

We have been putting off our planned outing to Capitola Pier due to high seas, but that is beginning to change so we can anticipate renting 17-foot boats and catch some Dungeness Crabs and whatever fish take our bait.

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

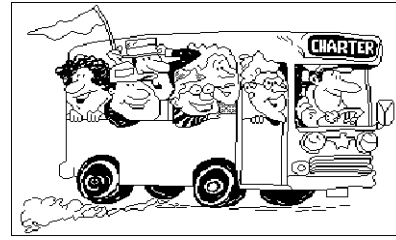
Currently, we have about 11 members in this activity and are looking for more. No experience is necessary and equipment is available from other members. We hold Fishing Activity Meetings monthly following the Branch Luncheon.

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

branch62sir@gmail.com

18 Hole Golf

Due to sloppy conditions, there have been low turnouts in March. Since the rule was adopted that 8 players are needed before Golfer of the Year points are earned, there are few point changes. Walt Marwitz and Wally Anderson continue to lead the pack.



The second SIR Open will be conducted in April. You must play in 3 rounds to qualify. The best 3 of 5 scores will be used to award prizes for 5 places. An extra \$1 will be put in the prize fund from each player. The scoring is based on your net score versus course par, not your gross or net scores. With this format, the prizes are available to everyone.

April will be coordinated by Walt Marwitz
 1 – Moffett
 8 – Los Lagos
 15 – Monterey Pines
 22 – San Jose
 29 – Area Tournament at Spring Valley

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

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. (We need a few more participants.)

May 19 – 21, 2019 – Reno, El Dorado Casino, Meet (Sunday, May 19, 2019) at the VTA Parking Lot G (no overnight parking) for an 8:00 departure for Reno and two nights at the El Dorado Hotel and Casino. There will be a “No Host” breakfast stop on the way to Reno. Cost is \$250/person double and \$320/person single. A minimum of 15 rooms and 30 bus passengers are required for this trip. If you would like to attend the show (The Illusionists) and dinner, an additional \$50/person is required. Trip includes 2 breakfast buffet coupons, roundtrip transportation, hotel accommodations, and driver gratuity. We will be departing Reno early afternoon, Tuesday, May 21, 2019. Call Jim Hohenshelt 408-394-7226 for details.

ATTENDANCE REPORT	
March 21, 2019	
Members Attending	35
Guests	2
Active	66
In Process	0



**Tax Filing Deadline
 April 15**

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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 28 weeks of our Winter League, we have Team 6, consisting of Leon Kowaleski, Charles Bailey and Don Paulson, in first place. Team 8, consisting of Richard Thomas, Maggie Jones, Tom Chatfield and David Jeong, are in second place, 7 games behind.

Top Scores so far are:

Scr. Series: 676 Steve Bishop and 566 Pat Hutton
Scr. 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 an away Tournament in Carson City on April 8-10. Usually, win or lose, this is a fun event for all. 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.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

SIR WINE TASTING

About eight of us went to Cinnabar Winery in Saratoga to taste their selection of wines. With a little arm twisting and sweet talking, they let us taste their signature wine, Mercury Rising, from the barrel they had in the tasting room. I need to apologize to those couples whom I told it would cost them \$25 to taste. The actual cost was \$20 per person. If you would like to go in the near future it will only cost \$15 and I will set it up. I will send out an email to see if you are interested.

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, February, and March were all rained out. We are hoping for better weather in April.

Travel Report, continued from p. 3

SIR nights at San Jose Giants Baseball: May 17, June 14, July 19, and Aug 15. All Area 11 branches are invited to participate in this group activity. \$10/person. Contact the chairmen to get on the list for tickets

Early Dec. 2019, Beach Blanket Babylon Bus trip to San Francisco to attend the Christmas show with dinner before. Details to follow.

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.

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.

BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 2nd and 16th of April and the 7th of May. The hosts will be Leon Kowaleski, Fred Carlson and Phil Thomas respectively.

We are back to 2 tables of bridge players. I would like to thank Dave Riopel for hosting at his house our bridge games while Roger Falberg is off doing taxes at his business location.

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

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

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