



BIG SIR REPORT

As you may recall, Mariani’s restaurant informed us that we could no longer meet there after December because they are closing down for renovation for six months. Wally Anderson volunteered to head a committee to find our branch a new place to meet to enjoy our meal and speaker presentation. I am very happy to announce that search has been successfully completed. Starting in January, we will meet at Barrel 19, a restaurant located on the second floor just above the golf shop at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. One restriction I did observe is there are both stairs and a ramp to go up to the second floor, but no elevator. A few of our more senior members may require some help getting up to the restaurant. Also, the food will be served buffet style rather than individually at the table. We still must give Barrel 19 an advanced count of the entrees and salads so they know how much food to prepare, just like we have done at Mariani’s.

I am pleased to announce that Phil Thomas has accepted the job as Area 11 Governor. This will consume a lot of Phil’s time, so he must relinquish some of his branch duties. Specifically, we need a volunteer to run Wine Tasting, and someone to help out with Bowling. If you think you could help out, please talk to Phil.

To keep Branch 62 alive and going, we must recruit new, younger members. If you encounter others who you think might enjoy the many activities and social events we offer, please invite them to attend one of our lunches and meet the leaders of our activities.

Your Big Sir,
John Dieckman

December 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
Barrel 19 Restaurant
605 Macara Avenue, Sunnyvale
Fellowship at 11 AM, Luncheon begins at 12 Noon

REMINDER: THERE IS NO LUNCHEON THIS MONTH

Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will take place at Mariani’s Restaurant on Thursday, December 20, 2018.



There is still time to get tickets for the Event. Use the order form included in this Rooster.

Doors open at 5:30pm
Music starts at 6:00pm
Dinner served at 7:00pm
Casual Dress

ATTENTION! WE ARE MOVING!

January 16, 2020

will be our first luncheon at the Barrel 19 Restaurant, located at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. The address is 605 Macara Ave. in Sunnyvale.

Meals will consist of a Salad Plate or an Entrée. The price will remain \$26 and paid the same way as we do now.

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Big Sir John Dieckman Asst. Secretary Wally Anderson
Little Sir Dave Riopel Treasurer Roger Falberg
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Golf, 18 Hole Paul Goodwin Songster Leon Kowaleski
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Guests & Visitors Dave Riopel Bob Byers
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Membership Heber Slusser Roy Jordan
Phil Thomas
Wine Tasting Phil Thomas
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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 & Condolence Notification:

Please report illnesses or the passing of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Wally Anderson, (408) 736-6408, so that Branch 62 may respond.

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.

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

18 Hole Golf

The golfing "year" is ended and the year-long "Golfer of the Year" is known. Players in tournaments of 8 or more get 4 points for first, 2 for second and 1 for third. The prizes presented at the November lunch were:

GOLFER OF THE YEAR

<u>Golfer</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Walt Marwitz	46	\$40
Wallace Anderson	37	\$25
Tom Birley	24	\$20
Bob Byers	22	\$15
Paul Goodwin	19	\$10

Also, in October, we conducted a 2-round club championship tournament. Some couldn't play both rounds, so we awarded single round prizes. 1st – Bob Pastorino \$15, 2nd – John Dieckman \$10 and 3rd – Phil Thomas \$5.

The Two-Round winners were:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>Golfer</u>	<u>2-Round Total Net</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Paul Godwin	136	\$50
Jeff Bautista	140	\$30
Walt Marwitz	142	\$20
Tom Birley	143	\$15

The players met after the November lunch to discuss what we will do in 2020.

December is being coordinated by

- A. Goodwin – (650-269-8331)
- 2 – Los Lagos
- 9 – Spring Valley
- 16 – Eagle Ridge
- 23 – San Jose
- 30 – no tournament – Happy New Year

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year -
Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

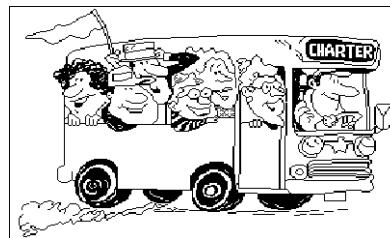
FISHING NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

If you aren't a member of our Fishing Group and would like to fish with us or just tag along to bask in the great outdoors, please contact me. Our current group members can help by loaning you equipment and providing free "expert" instruction and advice (but you get what you pay for ;-).

We are now making plans for the 2020 fishing season which will include lake, stream, surf, and ocean fishing with overnight outings in Alaska and the Sierras.

Visit our Branch web site and click on the Fishing icon to learn more.

Fishing Chairman: Heber Slusser 408+769-1851



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.

Dec. 4th, 2019, Beach Blanket Babylon Holiday Show: Sorry, this trip is full.

Oct. 3rd – 15th, 2020: Paris to Normandy: Travel from Paris via Caen (visit the Peace Museum) to Honfleur and meet our river cruise ship. Tour the D-Day invasion beaches, American cemetery and other sites. Then depart on a cruise up the Seine calling at such places as Rouen, Les Andelys, Vernon, Giverny (Monet's garden), Pontoise, and ending with 2 nights in Paris. The cost is \$5275 to \$5675 per person double occupancy (depending on cabin choice), including round trip air fare from San Francisco. Single occupancy is sold out. Deposit is \$500. A 4 night pre-trip to Brittany and Mont St. Michel for \$995 and a 3 night post trip in Paris for \$745 are available. The brochure is available on the branch web site <http://branch62.sirinc2.org> under Travel, then Additional SIR Area 11 Travel. For a brochure see your branch travel table. For more information, questions, and to sign up, contact the escorts

Menu: January 16, 2020

Chicken Cesar Salad (Plated*)

** - Salad Plates are prepared and are not part of the buffet.*

or

Teriyaki Chicken Buffet **

**Includes: Green salad, Vegetables,
Mashed Potatoes, Cookies**

*** - There will be NO take home boxes from the buffet.*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jim Marquez 22nd

Shailey Rastogi 3rd

Please welcome our newest Branch 62 member

Tarik Peterson is sponsored by Bob Cheney. Tarik was formerly a college professor and taught Chemistry. He also has a background in engineering. His interests include Chess, Coins, Photography, Economics, Gardening, Genealogy and more.

TIME TO PAY MEMBER DUES

Once again membership fees of \$15 are due January 16, 2020. Pay to Roger at the January meeting, or mail check ("SIR Branch 62") to:

Roger H. Falberg
751 Silver Pine Court
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

SIR BOWLING

President **Vice President** **Treasurer**
Tom Birley **Phil Thomas** **Mal Hopkins**
(408) 736-8869 (408) 410-3626 (408) 720-0849

Team 4, consisting of Nina Middaugh, Pat Hutton and Phil Thomas, is the winner of the first quarter of our Winter League.. After 12 weeks, we have Team 2, consisting of Leon Kowaleski, Bud Collinson, Lee Wigglesworth and Bob Hebson, tied for first place with Team 8, consisting of Gwen Jeong, Richard Thomas and Dave Jeong. We have 4 openings, if anyone is interested in joining us.

Top Scores of the season are:

Scratch Series: 661 Lynn Grilley and
546 Mary Roth

Scratch Game: 243 Bob Hebson and
214 Ursel Turner

Handicap Series: 698 Don Paulson and
663 Gwen Jeong

Handicap Game: 274 Jack Pettygrove and
241 Marlys Byer

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

I will negotiate a price for the SIR bowling shirts and let you know the colors, sizes, etc.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Branch 62's own Phil Thomas has been named SIR Area 11 Governor effective January.

Help Needed!!

The following jobs are open in Branch 62:

**Photographer, RAMP Activities,
Transportation and Webmaster Assistants,
Wine Tasting Organizer and Bowling Publicist**

Increase your enjoyment by actively participating in our branch. We are 100% dependent on volunteers. Being a volunteer will help you become more acquainted with other members and provide the satisfaction of helping your fellow members.

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen
We play at Sunken Gardens GC each Wed.
Tee Times start at 8:00AM to 8:30AM

November 6th & 13th No Play

November 20th 3 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1st Low Net: Tom Birley 27

2nd Low Net: John Howard 30

3rd Low Net: Dave Riopel 42

Birds & Chip-Ins: NONE

November 27th Rain Out

Branch 62 Wine Tasting Club

I have nothing new to report. If anyone is interested in taking over as the chairman of Wine Tasting, please let me know or contact John Dieckman.

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

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

ATTENDANCE REPORT

November 21, 2019

Members Attending	41	Guests	2
Active	67	New	1



**Merry
Christmas!**

BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 3rd and 17th of December and the 7th of January 2020. The hosts will be Mal Hopkins, Steve Burnham and Dave Riopel, respectively.

We continue to fill 2 tables of bridge and continue to strive for filling 3 tables. Last session Steve Burnham and Roger Falberg bid and made 6 No Trump (a small slam). John Dieckman has volunteered to take over the responsibility of Bridge Chairman as I will be busy getting up to speed as Area 11 Governor.

If anyone is interested in learning or getting back into the game of bridge please see Roger Falberg or myself and we will get you started.

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

NEW BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 2020

Big Sir: Dave Riopel Little Sir: Jeff Bautista
Secretary: Bob Pastorino Asst. Sec: Wally Anderson
Treasurer: Roger Falberg Asst. Treas: Leon Kowaleski

DIRECTORS

Alex Fremling John Howard John Dieckman
Mike Miller Ron Olson Gerhard Schneider

Golf Shirt Orders

I have received and delivered 14 SIR Golf shirts at the Luncheon meeting in November. I will now negotiate a price between two vendors for our Bowling shirts. Bowling shirts will differ from the golf shirts with the larger logo on the back of the shirt. I can order more golf shirts if anyone is interested.

Phil Thomas, Rooster Item Chairman

Bocce Ball Report

No activity in November and none for December.

Editor's Note: This issue of the Rooster continues on the next page.

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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Branch 62

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 January meeting**, if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the November meeting.

BRANCH 62 WEB SITE

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

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

Heber Slusser

branch62sir@gmail.com

SIRS 62 and Reading Partners

Several of Branch 62 SIR Members and two of their wives are currently volunteering at local Sunnyvale elementary schools in a program called **Reading Partners**. Currently these Branch 62 volunteers are Walter Strach, Dave and Laura Riopel, John Dieckman, Mike Miller, Natalie Slusser and Wally Anderson.

Reading Partners is a volunteer organization that pairs volunteers with students in 1st through 3rd grade that are struggling with reading skills. The students receive one on one assistance for 45 minutes two days a week with a goal of reading at grade level by 4th grade.

We know that reading is the foundation for all future learning, and the ability to read transforms lives and empowers children and communities to reach their full potential. Research shows that students who read at grade level by fourth grade have a greater opportunity to succeed in school and in life. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact one of the above Sirs. Also, you can check it out at: ReadingPartners.org. <https://readingpartners.org/location/silicon-valley/>

The kids have a good time and the volunteers get a great sense of satisfaction from helping these children. Materials are provided at the Reading Partners center, and before starting, volunteers are given training.

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