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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

A sad passing of note, long time Senior Sir Gene Gillman was lost this week. He was a gentleman and will be missed.

Our July lunch was fun. We all ate at home again. Thanks to all Sirs for joining in our zoom meeting. We did Ok but still need to find a way to get more Sirs on line so we can have a greater response.

We had a great talk. Very interesting and I learned a lot. Our thanks to Patricia Strach.

We really need to be especially careful to ensure the health and safety of all Sirs. The county is again having more cases.

As I understand it, our SIR State Insurance is not only higher, but we will need to have additional insurance for travel. Overseas travel costs will most likely be very high.

Golf and on-line bridge are the only activities open at present.

Take care and stay safe.

Dave Riopel
Big Sir Branch 62.

August Speaker

August Speaker: Janette B. Ramirez

Topic: Sunnyvale Community Services: Its Impact on Poverty, Hunger, & Homelessness.

Ms. Ramirez is the Community Navigator for Sunnyvale Community Services. Founded in 1970, the organization is an independent, nonprofit emergency assistance agency. Its mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger in our local community. Come and find out more of what they do and how you can help.

HEROES OF THE MONTH

Our Big Sir has been naming “Heroes of the Month” for Branch 62 in recognition of all that person does for us. The hero of the month for July is :

Roy Jordan

CONGRATULATIONS!

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Dave Riopel	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
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Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Bob Pasterino
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Directory	Heber Slusser	Membership	Heber Slusser
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson	Sir Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
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Humorist	Roy Jordan	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Lunch Tickets	Heber Slusser	Webmaster	Heber Slusser
Membership			Mike Miller

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State President: Bobbie Hairston
 Region 4 Director: Patrick O'Keefe
 Area 11 Governor: Phil Thomas

Bridge

The bridge group played its first game of bridge since the covid-19 isolation started back in mid-March. The game was played on-line using the Bridge Base Online (BBO) app for the game play and Zoom for the player communications.

We were able to have two virtual tables play three rounds of six hands each. Roger Falberg set up the pairings prior to the match.

I thought the on-line play went well considering this was the first time using BBO for some of our players.

If you want to join us, we play the first and third Tuesdays at 1:30pm. Let Roger know ahead of time so he can arrange the player tables. If you want to learn how to register or use BBO, contact Roger or me.

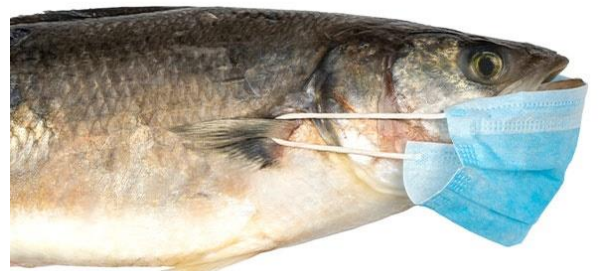
John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist

Fishing

Until in-person meetings are reestablished, I recommend that our Fishing group join the “SIR Branch 62 Sunday Chat” to talk about our exploits, fish stories, and dreams about the big ones with others.

We will get back on track as soon as it is safe to do so ... let's all hope that is soon.

Fishing Chairman: Heber Slusser 408 769-1851



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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

We are still playing as we can find ways to get 3 or 4 times at local courses. No tournaments yet but I am conducting an experiment with a paper prize pool. The participation is optional for each round played during the month of July. The results will be available the first round of August. The guys will decide if they want to do this on a continuing basis until tournaments are authorized.

Here's the plan for August:

Date	Course	Organized by
3 rd	Santa Theresa	Paul
10 th	Unspecified	Wally
17 th	Gilroy	Wally
24 th	Unspecified	Paul
30 th	Spring Valley	Alice

Swing easy and stay safe.

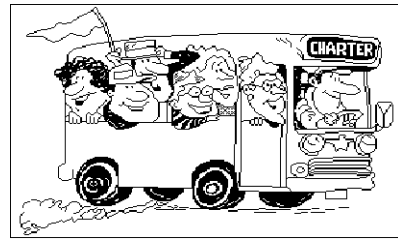
Paul Goodwin
18 Hole Golf Chair

SIR Branch 62 Zoom BEC Meeting



Bob the Branch Secretary on Zoom

We held our first Zoom Branch Executive Committee (BEC) in May. It was a success and will be the norm for the foreseeable future. Remember that you can read the BEC, Luncheon, and Treasurer's report on our web site at <https://sirinc2.org/branch62/> under the Branch Info Tab.



SIR Travel – Branch 62
Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226).
Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

The covid-19 pandemic has disrupted our travel, along with all other SIR and Branch 62 activities. Branch 62 trips for 2020 have been cancelled. For the time being we have abandoned plans for SIR trips to the **Normandy Beaches and Seine River Cruise** in April of 2021 and a **Small Ship Cruise on the Adriatic** in November of 2021. The primary reasons for these cancellations are the cost of insurance for SIR overseas trips and the uncertainty of travel due to the covid-19 pandemic. We may make plans for these or other trips later, if conditions seem more favorable. Please contact Jim or Roy for more information. There is more travel information on our website branch62.sirinc2.org, including the Area 11 Travel Bulletin, which shows trips sponsored by other branches. Any questions, please call Jim or Roy.

Reminder: Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available to SIR members, their spouses, siblings, children, grandchildren, also to guests and widows of SIR members.

SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

Please note that **BOCCE BALL** and **WINE TASTING** activities have been suspended for the time being.

August Birthday

Paul Forney 27th

Nine Hole Golf

Nine Hole Golf is back playing. We still play at Sunken Gardens at 8 AM each Wednesday.

We currently have 4 players and can get tee times for more. We do not play as a tournament; we just enjoy a round of golf and the friendship of our fellow Sirs. Come on out and have some fun.

Tom Birley

9 Hole Golf Chairman

Help Needed!!

Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:

RAMP Activities 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.

Thanks to Lynn Grilley for stepping up to handle the Book Swap activity.

Gene Gillman

1926-2020



We are sad to announce the passing of a dear friend and member of our SIR Branch 62.

Gene passed July 14, 2020. He had been very ill the last two years.

Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?

Want to read the joke from the luncheon?

Need to contact the speaker?

Forget the luncheon's speaker details?

Want to see what other members are doing during COVID-19?

Want to read back issues of the Rooster?

Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:
<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

Heber Slusser



SIR Branch 62 Sunday Zoom Chat

We have held three Sunday Zoom Chat sessions and will continue to do so EVERY Sunday at 2:00 PM in the future as long as people show up. Check your email or contact me for details. Don't be afraid of Zoom ... you can call in from a Plane-Old- Telephone Service (POTS), a smart phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer all with or without video. If you have questions, please feel free to call me.

This is a great way to keep in touch with fellow Sirs.

Heber Slusser 408+769-1851 hebers@comcast.net

SIR Branch 62 Zoom Luncheon

We held our last Zoom Luncheon in July and it was a raving success with 21 members present. We had a great speaker with important information for many of us (maybe all of us in the future). The technology held up and everyone that joined us was able to participate. The August meeting will also be held on Zoom. Please join us – all are welcome! Watch your email for details.

SIR BOWLING

President Vice President Treasurer

Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski
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Currently Homestead Bowl is still closed for league play. SIR State Bowling Committee has allowed some tournaments to be held in Yuba City and Reno. We are hoping to get back to bowling for the Winter League in Sept. We will send out the planned teams in August and hope all will join us again.

Tom Birley

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