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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

As the year finally comes to a close, I want to thank the Officers and Directors of Branch 62 for all their fine support and contributions. It has been difficult for all and I hope and pray that all Sirs are doing as well as can be.

There are several important items to focus on this month:

HUGE GIVEAWAY to all the birthday Sirs in December. You **MUST** be present to win, so please get on our zoom program as soon as you can. If you are having difficulty doing that, please let me know and we will help you get started. It's an easy, fun way to stay connected. You do not need a computer or camera as you can connect by phone. We all can hear you.

It's time to renew your **membership**. Dues of a modest **\$10** to **Sirs Branch 62**, can be sent to our Treasurer, Roger Falberg, 751 Silver Pine Ct., Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

As we look forward to 2021, I hope we will be able to meet in person at some point before the end of the year. Barrel 19 is out of business and Mariani's is still remodeling. They expect to be open in May and will let us know when we could possibly return. We will keep you posted as to when and where that might be.

As always, we need to add **new members** even in these difficult times.

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December Speaker

December Speaker: Ilze Duarte
Topic: Protecting Your Personal Information Online

Ilze Duarte's presentation will cover the ins and outs of how to protect your personal information online. She will cover tips for staying safe in cyberspace, like safe browsing, how to recognize online scams, and when it's OK - or not - to share your personal information online.



Merry Christmas!

Big Sir Report, continued.

Again, **stay safe, take care** and please join us on any **Thursday at noon** to chat and especially for **our December luncheon meeting on December 17th at noon.**

Dave Riopel
Big Sir
Branch 62

OFFICERS

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

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John Dieckman	Ted Crutchfield	Gerhard Schneider
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	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Wally Anderson
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			Heber Slusser
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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
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Transportation	Jeff Bauista
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Membership	Heber Slusser		Mike Miller

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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 & 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!!..

Bridge

Since we are in the midst COVID-19 isolation, bridge is now played on-line using the Bridge Base Online (BBO) app for the game play and Zoom for the player communications.

We play every week on Tuesdays at 1:30. The game consists of three rounds of five hands each round. Every round has different players and a different member hosting the table. Roger Falberg organizes the play and sends each player the table positions and hosts prior to our gathering time.

If you want to join us, 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



Happy New Year

Fishing

Fishing meetings are now in conjunction with the Thursday Zoom Chats. All fishermen are encouraged to join the chats to find out what is new with the Fishing Activity. We are now considering our next activities that may include crabbing in Capitola. Dave Riopel caught a big one from Lake Alpine with Wally Anderson. Until in-person meetings are re-established, please join the "SIR Branch 62 Thursday 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.

Heber Slusser

18 Hole Golf

A new golfer this year, Rod Stafford, was the winner of the two round club championship with a net score of 1 over par. Second, 3 strokes behind, was Glenn Harrell. Of those who couldn't make both rounds, Bob Pastorino won with a net 1 under par.

The golf meeting after the zoom lunch was used to announce some new things for 2021. There will be only 6 tournament coordinators. This should make it easier to know "who you gonna call" to find out where we are playing. Of course, the venues are always announced in the monthly Rooster.

On the second Monday of the month next year, we will travel 30 – 60 minutes to get to a course other than the normal 5. Variety is the spice of life and this will provide some new challenges for our game.

December Schedule – TC: A. Goodwin

7 – Sunnyvale
14 – Spring Valley
21 - Los Lagos
28 - San Jose

Swing easy and stay safe.
Paul Goodwin
18 Hole Golf Chairman

Winter Begins

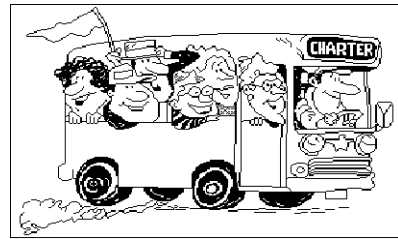
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SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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

Membership Report

Active Members 60
One member resigned in November.



SIR Travel – Branch 62

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt
(408 394-7226).**

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

The Covid-19 situation does not seem to be improving, so any possibility of rescheduling our one-day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors**, will likely be later than February of 2021 as we had hoped. Also, any possibility of re-instating **Normandy Beaches and Seine River Cruise** seems far off. Please contact Jim or Roy for more information. There are still two trips scheduled for 2021 by other Area 11 branches, "Columbia River Cruise" (May 2-10; Br. 32, John Pletsch) and "Canadian Rockies by Train & Calgary Stampede" (July 11-19; Br. 38, Bill Rodman). There are links to info about these trips and the Area 11 Travel Bulletin on our website branch62.sirinc2.org under "Travel" "Additional SIR Area 11 Travel". There is also a cruise from San Francisco to Fort Lauderdale via the Panama Canal scheduled for Feb 8-23, 2021, by Br. 45, Roy Newman. For information contact roy.newman@comcast.net.

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.

A Word of Appreciation

We would like to express our appreciation to Jim Mellinger, who served with us as co-editor of the Rooster for over 15 years. We wish him the best as he receives treatment for his illness.

John McGuire
John Dieckman
Co-editors.

Thanks to Dave Riopel for stepping up to fill in for Jim.

December Birthdays

Jim Marquez Dec. 22nd
Shailey Rastogi Dec. 3rd

CASH PRIZES CASH PRIZES

At the December 17th branch luncheon Meeting, ten \$25 cash prizes will be drawn for those Sirs who had birthdays from March through December this year. One additional \$25 prize will be drawn for those not in the birthday drawing.

As is our usual practice, winners must be present at the meeting to get a prize. If you do not have Zoom video capabilities, you can simply use your telephone to join the meeting. Here's how:

Call Zoom (408-638-0968)
Meeting ID (590 172 9440 #)
Participant No. (just press # sign)
Password, if asked (62 #)

Practice this any time. And then join the meeting, the speaker, and a chance for cash on Thursday 12/17.

9 HOLE GOLF

Nine-hole golf is back playing. We play at Sunken Gardens at 9AM each Wednesday. We currently have 4 players and can get tee times for more. We don't play as a tournament; we just enjoy a round of golf and the friendship of our fellow Sirs. Come out and play. Please let me know if you want to join us.

Tom Birley

9 Hole Golf Chairman

HERO OF THE MONTH

Our Big Sir has been naming "Hero of the Month" for Branch 62 in recognition of all that person does for us. The hero of the month for November is **Wally Anderson**, our current Little Sir. Congratulations Wally, and well deserved.

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

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.

Branch Officers for 2021

Big Sir: Wally Anderson
Little Sir: Leon Kowaleski
Treasurer: Roger Falberg
Assistant Treasurer: TBD
Secretary: Bob Pastorino
Assistant Secretary: TBD

DIRECTORS

John Dieckman
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Dues Dues Dues

For 2021 Branch 62, member dues have been reduced to \$10 (\$7 of this goes to State SIR organization).

Dues are due 1/31/21. Please make out checks to "SIR Branch 62", and mail to:

Roger Falberg, Treasurer
751 Silver Pine Ct
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

SIR Branch 62 Zoom Luncheon

We held our last Zoom Luncheon on November 19th and it was a raving success with 22 members present. We had a great speaker who described the development of the mountains and valleys between the Pacific Coast and the Rocky Mountains caused by the movement of tectonic plates. The technology held up and everyone who joined us was able to participate. The December meeting will also be held on Zoom. Please join us – all are welcome! Watch your email for details.

ATTENTION

SIR Branch 62 Sunday Zoom Chat have been moved to Thursdays.

Since football season has started, we had to move the Sunday Chat to Thursday at noon. Yes, I know that this is in conflict with our luncheon but I figure that it is all at the same place so it shouldn't bother us.

Since the BEC meetings don't usually last a full hour, I'll keep the Zoom meeting up for those that wish to chat prior to our Zoom luncheon.

Don't be afraid of Zoom ... you can call in from a Plain-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 BOWLING

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Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski
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The Corona virus continues to be a very large problem to us all. Three weeks ago, Homestead Lanes reopened, so we were looking to start the 2020/2021 Winter League whenever SIR State Committee gives us the OK to have SIR indoor events. We were trying to start a practicing league, but the return of the county's Corona virus opening color from orange to purple has made practicing not possible. We will inform you when there are any changes that will let us get started.

Tom Birley

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