

February 2020 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

INCOMING BIG SIR REPORT

We opened the year a little ragged, but it worked out. Barrel 19 will hopefully be better prepared for us this coming month. Little Sir, Jeff Bautista will have spoken with them about the room temperature, table layouts both in the room and outside the door for check in. Food was different than expected, but was quite good. I would encourage you to attend the February meeting and see for yourselves the good work Jeff, Wally Anderson and Heber Slusser have done to make this venue work for Branch 62.

Hats off to Mike Miller for bringing a guest. We do need more of that.

As weather improves, so should our participation in activities.

Our best wishes to all Sirs for a Happy, Healthy and Fun New Year.

Your Big Sir
Dave Riopel

February Meeting Speaker

Our February speaker is Chester Santos. His topic: "Memory Fun 101 - Memory Training for Everyone."

In this fun and entertaining presentation, U.S. Memory Champion, Chester Santos, will teach us the basics of memory improvement. We will learn a number of memory boosting methods that will exercise our imagination and awaken our creativity. Everyone will be shown how to utilize both sides of their brain in order to make information stick and become unforgettable.

We will participate in enjoyable exercises and will actually be able to feel our memory ability improving throughout the presentation. Everyone will leave this interactive session with a sharper mind and a solid foundation in exercises and techniques that will benefit each of us for the rest of our lives. Should be exciting! You won't want to miss it!



**PRESIDENTS'
DAY
February 17th**



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SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED Sunnyvale Branch #62
ROOSTER is published monthly.

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!!..***

Menu:

February

Chef Salad (Plated*)

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

or

BBQ Chicken **

Mixed Vegetables, Cheesecake

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

March

Asian Chicken Salad

or

TriTip

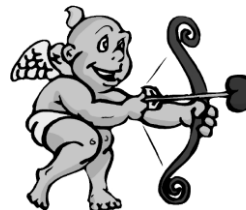
Roasted Potatoes, Cookies

**ATTENTION!
WE HAVE MOVED!**

February 20, 2020

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

Meals consist of a Salad Plate or an Entrée. The price will remain \$26 and paid in advance.



**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY
February 14th**

18 Hole Golf

Your chairman met with 5 other chairmen on Jan 13 to discuss the year of Area 11 golf. Ray Gilcrest of Branch 125 was elected as Area chairman. We are working the schedule and hope to have courses reserved by the end of January. It was disappointing not to have more chairmen there, but the golf tournaments will happen.

Since we voted not to attend area events regularly, I volunteered to coordinate only one event –Blackhorse in September.

New Year, new systems for me to learn: USGA Admin portal, Member Management system, and Golf Genius. You will be seeing new things in your email box. They are from your little ol golf chairman.

February is being coordinated by Tom Birley
3- Spring Valley
10- Los Lagos
17- San Jose
24- Sunnyvale

Paul Goodwin, 18 hole golf chairman

FISHING

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 trips to Alaska and the Sierras.

The Alaska outing is set for:

"Big King Combo Package"

On the Keani River and Ocean

July 6th - July 12th, 2020

We hope to catch Salmon, Halibut, and Rockfish.

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.

April 1 - 6, 2020: Vietnam Grand Prix: The inaugural race of the Vietnam Grand Prix is April 5th, 2020, with practice and qualifying runs on the 3rd & 4th. Jim would very much like to go, and so would like to set up a SIR trip for other race fans to accompany him. The price is initially \$2800 per person. This will include round trip flights, airport transfers in Hanoi, hotel for 4 nights, all breakfasts and dinners, transfers to race track and three days reserved tickets in the main grandstand. Most likely the fare and therefore, the price will increase significantly; how soon, Jim can't predict. For the trip to happen, a minimum of 4 participants is required by Feb 3rd. Call Jim at (408) 394-7226 ASAP if you might be interested.

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 and 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.

SIR BOWLING

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

A Bowling Report for January was not available. If anyone is interested in reporting on the bowling activity each month for the newsletter, please contact John Dieckman.

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15AM 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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Hebson	6 th	Tom Birley	13 th
Leon Kowaleski	14 th	Roger Falberg	20 th
Gene Gillman	21 st	Warren Dunn	22 nd

Help Needed!!

The following volunteers are needed in Branch 62:

RAMP Activities, Wine Tasting, 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.

Contact Dave Riopel if you're interested at 408-482-1454 or driopel@msn.com

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

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

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

No golf was played in January

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

January 15, 2019

Members Attending	31	Guests	1
Active	67	New	0

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Pettygrove	5 Years
Alex Fremling	20 Years
Jim Hohenshelt	20 Years

BRANCH 62 WEB SITE

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

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

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BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 4th and 18th of February and the 3rd of March. The hosts will be Fred Carlson, Jeff Bautista and Leon Kowaleski, respectively. In March and the first meeting in April, Roger's office is not available, so we are looking for homes to host those bridge meetings.

We continue to fill 2 tables of bridge. On Jan. 7th, Roger Falberg and Leon Kowaleski bid and made a small slam. We are all hoping for that grand slam, but it is elusive.

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.

John Dieckman, Bridge Publicist

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

LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call or email Jeff Bautista 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 Jeff Bautista 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 2020 is \$26.

**Please contact Jeff Bautista at
408-732 2983
jbautista22@comcast.net**

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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: Jeff Bautista

1286 Brookings Lane

Sunnyvale, CA 94987

*Use this form **for the next meeting**, if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the previous meeting.

Bocce Ball Report

No activity in November and December.

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