

January 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

I am honored to be your Big Sir for 2020. I follow in giant footsteps of past Big Sir John Dieckman. I will do my best to uphold the awesome traditions of Branch 62.

As we start a challenging year in a new venue and in need of new members, I want to thank all members for their valuable contributions last year and look forward to an active and fun 2020.

I am proud to welcome this year's Little Sir, Jeff Bautista. Also we have three new Directors: Gerhard Schroeder, Mike Miller, and John Dieckman.

Something I want to do each month is to honor the Heroes of Branch 62. These tireless contributors are our mainstay and pride. They are what makes Branch 62 the very best branch.

Please join me each month for a wonderful buffet luncheon or salad entrée. Together we will all have active and healthy fun.

Remember to bring a guest.

Dave Riopel

OUTGOING BIG SIR REPORT

My time as your Big Sir is nearing an end. Dave Riopel will replace me as your Big Sir in January. As I look back over this past year, our branch has and is going through changes. The Christmas party was our last gig at Mariani's Restaurant. Starting in January, we will be meeting at the Barrel 19 Restaurant. I want to thank Wally Anderson and his team for making that transition happen. I'm also sure we will encounter a few start-up glitches at the new place, so please be patient as those get worked out.

The SIR organization only works well because members volunteer their time to sustain the branch and keep it alive. My personal thanks goes out to Heber Slusser for getting our new member directory out early last January, and Dave Riopel and Phil Thomas for chairing the meetings when I was traveling. Also, my congratulations to Phil Thomas for stepping up to be our Area Governor this next year.

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 various activities.

Your Outgoing Big Sir,

John Dieckman

OFFICERS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

COMMITTEES

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Jim Mellenger
Audit	Mel Waldman		John McGuire
	Wally Anderson		John Dieckman
	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas
Book Swap	Ted Crutchfield		John Steele
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Rick Henderson
	Leon Kowaleski	Program	Walt Strach
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
Bridge	John Dieckman	RAMP	
Chaplain	Bob Hebson	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
Condolence	Wally Anderson	Activities	Volunteer Wanted
Directory	Heber Slusser	Membership	Heber Slusser
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson		
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley		
	Dave Riopel	Sir Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel		Bob Byers
Historian	Wally Anderson	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Humorist	Don Coletti	Transportation	Volunteer Wanted
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Membership	Heber Slusser		Roy Jordan
		Wine Tasting	Volunteer Wanted
		Webmaster	Heber Slusser

STATE OFFICERS

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

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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. v3jmel

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!!..

Our speakers for the January 2020 meeting are Monique Garcia and Brian Lam. Their topic "Reading Partners - A Program Update".

Two years ago Monique Garcia and Rennea Phillips spoke to our group about "Reading Partners", a non-profit organization that provides reading tutors for elementary school students in underperforming schools. They stressed the need for volunteers. Branch 62 responded with several members volunteering including two wives. This year Monique and Brian will provide us with an update. Afterwards, a few of our new volunteer tutors will speak about their experiences. Should be an interesting and fun meeting.

ATTENTION!
WE HAVE MOVED!

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.

Menu: January 16, 2020

Includes: Green salad, Vegetables,

Chicken Cesar Salad (Plated*)

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

or

Teriyaki Chicken Buffet **

Mashed Potatoes, Cookies

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

18 Hole Golf

The meeting after the Nov. lunch was really productive. We made some decisions for the year among which are: The group will not participate in all the AREA tournaments.

The second Monday will be other than local area courses. The prize fund will be used during the year to supplement collected sweeps for games that are not low net and for the second Monday game if there are 8 or more players.. The golfer of the year contest will not be continued.

Your golf chairman will be meeting with the Area planners on January 13 to help with ideas to make the area tournaments faster and other than 4 man 2 best ball.

January is being coordinated by Dave Riopel.

6 – San Jose Muni
13 – Moffett
20 – Deep Cliff
27 – Gilroy

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.

The Alaska outing is tentatively set for:

"Big King Combo Package"

On the Keani River and Ocean

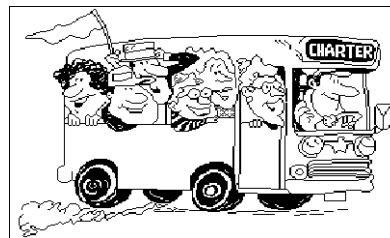
Arrive: July 6th - July 12th, 2020

We hope to catch Salmon, Halibut, and Rockfish

Sign up now!!!

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 December 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 9:15 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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bud Collinson 14th Huey Moore 15th
John Dieckman 21st Richard Pope 22nd

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.

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 start at 8:00AM to 8:30AM

No golf was played in December

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

December 19, 2019

Members Attending	18	Guests	18
Active	67	New	0

ANNIVERSARY

Leon Kowaleski 5 Years

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

BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 7th and 21st of January and the 4th of February. The hosts will be Dave Riopel, Bob Hebson and Fred Carlson, respectively.

We continue to fill 2 tables of bridge and sometimes fill 3 tables. On Dec 3rd, Roger Falberg and Jim Hohenshelt bid and made 6 tricks, a small slam. I know, I was one the opposite side of that hand.

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

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

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 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 2019 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 January meeting**, if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the November meeting.

Bocce Ball Report

No activity in November and December.

SIR 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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