



# May 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

### **BIG SIR Report**

As our shelter in place is still in effect, I trust that all Sirs are staying in, are safe, and taking care.

I have real doubts about a May luncheon as the most optimistic news from our Governor is that large groups, especially older people will be banned for some time. We will know more soon.

There is good news, I think. I have not heard from State regarding our status in regard to insurance, but John Dieckman was told that our insurance carrier has had a change of heart and for more money has reinstated our policy. So the good news is that we can again meet and have activities when appropriate. I am hopeful we can still have a picnic in June and so return to golf, bridge, bowling etc. I will keep you posted. Please take care. I really miss all of you and look forward to our meeting again.

If anyone has had a problem or needs assistance, please let us know. I am not sure what we can do, but I promise to try to help.

Thanks  
Dave Riopel, Big Sir

### **May Menu**

**There is no lunch planned for May.**

**OFFICERS**

Big Sir	Dave Riopel	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
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	Leon Kowaleski	Program	Walt Strach
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
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	Wally Anderson	Sir Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
			Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
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Membership	Heber Slusser		Mike Miller

**STATE OFFICERS**

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SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED Sunnyvale Branch #62  
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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. v3jd

***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](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com).

## Fishing

Our Alaska Fishing Trip in July has been cancelled due to the uncertainty surrounding our current "shelter in place" situation.

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)! Our plans for the 2020 fishing season, which will include lake, stream, surf, and ocean fishing with trips to Alaska and the Sierras, are currently on hold but hope to get going again soon. Visit our Branch Web Site and click on the Fishing Icon to learn more.  
 Fishing Chairman: Heber Slusser 408 769-1851

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

## 18 Hole Golf

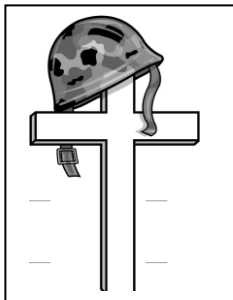
The area tournament for May and all state level events are cancelled. We will stick to our published schedule to the degree allowed and courses being open. I hear that golf may be one of the early sports to open, but not for tournaments. 12 guys playing together is not a tournament. That takes 20 or more – ask any course.

My direction through May is no prize collection and awards. If we play as a group, it will be for bragging rights and you can post your own scores. I am asking the tournament coordinators Walt and Richard to let us know if the planned course is open and what times they have reserved.

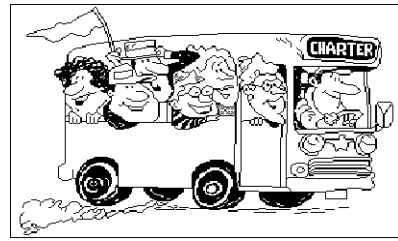
May is being coordinated by Richard Pope

- 4 – Los Lagos
- 11 – Moffett
- 18 – Spring Valley
- 25 – San Jose (Memorial Day)

Paul Goodwin, 18 hole golf chairman



### MEMORIAL DAY May 25th



## SIR Travel – Branch 62

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226). Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765)**

**Trip brochures are available on the Branch website [branch62.sirinc2.org](http://branch62.sirinc2.org) (click Travel, then the trip), or 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.

### **Wed., June 24<sup>th</sup> 2020: Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors:**

We're planning a bus trip to the Blackhawk Museum to visit their new "into China" gallery, containing Chinese items and art, including some of the remarkable Terra Cotta Warriors from Xi'an. The cost is \$132 for the bus trip, lunch in the Museum restaurant, and entrance to the Museum. If we get more than the minimum number of participants (twenty), the cost will go down and we will make appropriate refunds. Contact one of the escorts for trip status information or to sign up. With the COVID-19 pandemic there is a question whether this June trip will go. We expect to hold on to any sign-up checks until the situation becomes more clear, and will either return or shred any checks if the trip doesn't go.

### **Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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### *Travel Cont'd from p3*

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. This trip is in October so we are hoping the COVID-19 pandemic will have abated enough that the trip will go.

Please contact the travel chairmen to sign up before filling out the sign-up form in the brochure, and for more information, questions about the status of the trip and cancelation policy.

### **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.

#### **Book Exchange**

Ted Crutchfield will not be able to handle the book exchange for a while, and we need a volunteer to cover that area. It will entail bringing and putting out two boxes of books. Contact the Big Sir if you can help.



**MOTHER'S DAY  
May 10th**

### **May Birthdays**

Bob Cheney	20 <sup>th</sup>
Henry Crossfield	18 <sup>th</sup>
Eric Greenhut	26 <sup>th</sup>
Seig Koch	17 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Wcislo	5 <sup>th</sup>

### **May Anniversaries**

Jim Marquez	5 years
Paul Goodwin	15 years
Bill McTiernan	25 years

### **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](mailto:branch62sir@gmail.com)

### **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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## Attendance Report

April Meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

### May Speaker

Please Note: Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic there is no planned meeting in May

### 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

### Important Notice

Federal and California Income Tax Filing Deadlines have been extended to July 15<sup>th</sup> to accommodate COVID-19.

## Lunch Ordering Information

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call or email Steve Burnham 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 Steve Burnham 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 Steve Burnham at 408-931-2361  
stephen\_burnham@yahoo.com**

### SONS IN RETIREMENT 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: Steve Burnham

10940 Santa Teresa Dr.  
Cupertino, CA 95014

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

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