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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

Branch 62 had a very small attendance at this past month's zoom luncheon. So, anyone who needs help in getting on the zoom meeting, please let me know. We are available to assist you. We are looking forward to next year when we can restart our in-person meetings. That may take a while, so please join in the zoom meetings for now.

The State office is asking for us to contact our branch members. We will be contacting you.

Please note that the Branch Executive Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11 AM (one hour before the regular luncheon). Invitations are sent to the regulars but if you would like to attend, send me a note and I'll include you on the invite list.

Zoom Chats are on Thursdays at noon. Yes, I know that this is in conflict with our zoom luncheon, but I figure that it is all at the same place, so it shouldn't bother us too much.

Hope you are all safe. I look forward to seeing you.

Dave Riopel
Big Sir Branch 62

November Speaker

November Speaker: Dr. Horace Hines

Topic: Geology from the Pacific to the Rockies

Horace Hines, who spoke to our SIR group two years ago on the Science of Baseball, returns with a discussion on Geology. Have you ever wondered why there is a mountain range on the California coast followed by the great Central Valley and then the Sierras? Why is the descent from the Sierra summit down to Reno steeper than the rise from the Sacramento Valley to the summit? What created the Great Basin where rivers go to die? Dr Hines will answer these questions and more.

**Join us to Converse, Connect, and
Convey at the State Board Officers'
Training Presentations**

November 16-20, daily, 1-3 pm

Zoom Link: <http://bit.ly/3mkaKHU>

Meeting ID: 847 7081 4710

Pass code: 553379

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	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Transportation	Jeff Bauista
Guests & Visitors	Wally Anderson	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Historian	Don Coletti		Roy Jordan
Humorist	Roy Jordan	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Lunch Tickets	Heber Slusser	Webmaster	Heber Slusser
Membership			Mike Miller

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Bobbie Hairston
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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.

On October 12th, Phil Thomas and I bid and made a small slam.

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

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 R. caught a big one from Lake Alpine with Wally A. 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

**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. V4jd

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

As of this writing, the first round of the club championship is finished. There are only 5 strokes separating the 6 leaders. It could be anyone's game. One or two disaster holes is all it takes to knock one out of the top spot. The pressure is on for the final round on October 19. The leader in the club house for the first round is Rod Stafford shooting a net 1 under par 71.

We welcome a new player returning to the game. Charles Hart has played 3 times with us and is getting his old mojo back after last posting a score in 2017. Watch out guys – he could be a game changer.

2021 membership renewal dues for \$45 are payable in October. Please give me a check made to SIR 62. Cash will only be accepted in an envelope with your name on it.

November Schedule – TC: John Dieckman

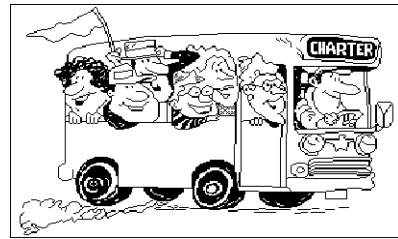
- 2 - Sunnyvale Muni
- 9 - Moffett Field
- 16 - Spring Valley
- 23 - Deep Cliff
- 30 - San Jose Muni

Swing easy and stay safe.

Paul Goodwin
18 Hole Golf Chairman

SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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



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 plans, along with all other SIR and Branch 62 activities. Branch 62 trips for 2020 have been cancelled. If the COVID-19 situation improves, we might be able to reschedule our one day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors**, possibly to January or February of 2021. 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.

November Birthdays

George Center	2 nd
Jim Mellenger	8 th
John Shields	10 th
Heber Slusser	20 th
Pete Tobias	18 th

November Anniversaries

Wally Anderson	15 Years
Don Colleti	30 Years

Nine Hole Golf

Nine Hole Golf is back playing. We still play at Sunken Gardens at 8 AM each Wednesday. We currently have 5 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 join us. Please let me know if you want to participate in the fun.

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 October is **Jim Mellenger** our newsletter co-editor. Congratulations Jim 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.



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.



Veterans Day
November 11



Thanksgiving
November 26

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 Branch 62 Zoom Luncheon

We held our last Zoom Luncheon on October 15th and it was a raving success with 21 members present. We had a great speaker who shared the services offered by Sunnyvale Community Services. The technology held up and every one who joined us was able to participate. The November 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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The Coronavirus continues to be a very large problem to us all. We were hopeful that Homestead Lanes would open again in time for the 20/21 Winter League to start. Currently there is no indication that they will reopen by Jan '21 so we are looking to start the 2020/2021 Winter League whenever they can open for league play and have a shortened session.

Tom Birley

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