

February 2021

## 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

We had a much improved turnout for the January Zoom Luncheon, and I want to thank all of you that joined in the meeting. Also, a special thank you goes to Walter Strach for continuing to line up wonderful speakers, including the January speaker Sandy Rosenthal. Her talk on the flooding in New Orleans and the refusal of the Army Corps of Engineers to accept responsibility for the failure of the dikes was very interesting.

We also welcomed our newest member, Barry Boole, back to Branch 62 after a few years absence from SIR.

Lastly, I want to offer a special thanks to Heber Slusser and Mike Miller for all of the work they do behind the scenes to keep up our website and coordinate our weekly Zoom meetings.

As far as recruiting new members goes, please look at your friends and ask them to join our Monthly SIR Zoom Luncheon meeting on February 18, 2021. It is a great way to get them interested in SIR.

Best wishes in 2021.  
Wally Anderson

### February 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Speaker: Eddy Shahin**

**Topic: Second Harvest of Silicon Valley**

Founded in 1974, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley is one of the largest food banks in the nation. Due to prohibitively expensive cost of living in Silicon Valley and the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, hunger is at an all-time high. Second Harvest is now serving an average of 500,000 people every month, twice as many people as it reached pre pandemic. Eddy Shahin will explain how this gets this done and what you can do to help.

### SIR Branch 62 Zoom Luncheon

Our Zoom Luncheons are wonderfully successful, even though half of our members don't participate. If you are a participant, make it a point to contact one who is not and coax them along. We have great speakers with important information for many of us. The technology held up and everyone that joined us was able to participate. Watch your email for details.

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Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Dave Riopel
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Book Swap	Lynn Grilley		John Steele
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	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
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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
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Transportation	
Historian	Wally Anderson	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Humorist	Don Coletti		Roy Jordan
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Membership	Heber Slusser	Webmaster	Heber Slusser
			Mike Miller

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Stu Williams  
 Region 4 Director: *vacant*  
 Area 11 Governor: Phil Thomas

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**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.

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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](mailto: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 eight 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.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Phil Thomas and Leon Kowaleski bid and made a small slam.

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. 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

## February Birthdays

Warren Dunn	6 <sup>th</sup>
Roger Falberg	20 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Hebson	6 <sup>th</sup>
Leon Kowaleski	14 <sup>th</sup>

## 18 Hole Golf

I attended some of the state zoom meetings. Getting to know the state officers was interesting. I have a better understanding of the depth of their dedication and knowledge in their area of service. The zoom meetings with 120+ participants were very well managed.

Golf was addressed and the insurance said it was permitted as long as we complied with the COVID rules for the county of the course. I came away with the conclusion that we can start tournaments as long as we don't gather. I will be collecting sweeps and paying prizes in a spreadsheet. Cash will flow when we start real lunches – someday.

### February schedule – TC: Paul Goodwin

1 – Sunnyvale  
8 – San Jose  
15 – Spring Valley  
22 – Seascape

Stay safe and masked.

Paul Goodwin, 18 hole golf chairman

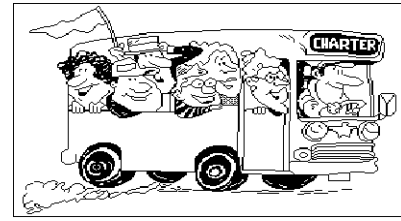
## SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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

### **Membership Report**

Active Members 60

January Zoom Attendance 32



**SIR Travel – Branch 62**  
**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt**  
**(408 394-7226).**

**Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).**

With Covid-19 still with us, SIR travel activity is at a standstill. We hope to reschedule our one-day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors** sometime when restrictions on SIR travel are lifted. Any possibility of re-instating **Normandy Beaches and Seine River Cruise** seems far off, but if you might be interested please contact Jim or Roy. The Area 11 Travel Bulletin is no longer being published (at least for the time being). We have no information about Branch 32 “Columbia River Cruise” May 2-10, and it appears that the “Canadian Rockies by Train & Calgary Stampede” (July 11-19) is no longer a SIR trip. Anyone wanting information about these trips should contact 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.

### **2021 Branch 62 Directories**

The new directories were mailed to your home in January. If you did not receive one, let Heber Slusser know..

**February Anniversary**  
Lee Wriglesworth 15 Years



**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY**

**February 14th**

### **MEETING CASH AWARDS**

Beginning in January, in addition to \$25 cash birthday awards at our Monthly Zoom Luncheon Meetings there will be one additional \$25 cash attendance award.

Remember, you must be present on Zoom video or telephone to be eligible to receive an award. Be involved and have a shot at these riches.

January Winners:

Birthday Prize: Richard Pope

Attendance Prize: Roger Falberg

### **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



Branch Secretary  
Bob takes minutes  
during the Zoom  
BEC Meeting.

### **SIR Branch 62 Zoom BEC Meeting**

Our Zoom Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meets at 11 AM prior to the Zoom Luncheon. If you feel that you have business to bring before the BEC, drop me a line and I'll send you an invite. Remember that you can read the BEC, Luncheon, and Treasurer's Report on our web site at <https://sirinc2.org/branch62/> under the Branch Info Tab.

Heber Slusser

### **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

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## Branch Officers for 2021

Big Sir: Wally Anderson  
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Treasurer: Roger Falberg  
Assistant Treasurer: Paul Goodwin  
Secretary: Bob Pastorino  
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Ted Crutchfield  
Mike Miller  
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## Dues Dues Dues

For 2021, Branch 62 member dues have been reduced to \$10 (\$7 of this goes to the 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

## Help Needed!!

**Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:**

**RAMP Activities Chairman**

**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 Thursday Zoom Chat

Our Sunday Chats have been moved to Thursday! They are scheduled for each Thursday at 12 Noon except when there is a Luncheon. These have been very successful but we hope to get more of you in attendance. Check your email or contact me for details. Don't be afraid of Zoom ... you can call in from a Plan-Old- Telephone (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 our fellow Sirs and to find out what is going on as well as provide your input and expertise to our members.

Heber Slusser 408+769-1851 [hebers@comcast.net](mailto:hebers@comcast.net)

### SIR Branch 62 Zoom Fellowship Meeting

Our Zoom Fellowship gathering will precede the Luncheon and follow the BEC, please join in to have a drink (BYOB to your own house) with your fellow Sirs.

## SIR BOWLING

**President Vice President Treasurer**

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 Birlev

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