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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

As your 2021 Big Sir, I want to say that I look forward to a much better year than 2020. I also want to thank Big Sir Dave Riopel for all that he has done for Branch 62 during the past year under very difficult circumstances. I promise to do all I can to keep our branch moving forward in 2021. I also want to thank all members of the Board of Directors for their work during 2020 and those that have agreed to serve in 2021. Let's all try our best to add to our membership in 2021.

Best wishes in 2021.
Wally Anderson

January 21st Meeting

Speaker: Sandy Rosenthal
Topic: Words Whispered in Water

The catastrophic flooding of New Orleans 15 years ago brought levees into the public conscience. Now flooding seems to be a problem almost everywhere. Much of the nation's population lives in counties protected by levees. A lot of Sandy Rosenthal's presentation is from personal experience. Part of what she will share with us is from her upcoming book: "Words Whispered in Water". She will explain why flooding is such a problem, what it means, and what can be done to stay safe. Should be very interesting. You won't want to miss it!



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.

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Wally Andron	Asst. Secretary	Bob Cheney
Little Sir	Leon Kowaleski	Treasurer	Roger Falberg
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Paul Goodwin

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Dieckman	Ted Crutchfield	Jack Pettygrove
Steve Binham	Mike Miller	Glenn Herrell

COMMITTEES

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Dave Riopel
Audit	Mel Waldman		John McGuire
	Wally Anderson		John Dieckman
	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley		John Steele
			Heber Slusser
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Bob Pasterino
	Leon Kowaleski	Program	Walt Strach
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
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Poker	Mel Waldman	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
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Directory	Heber Slusser	Membership	Heber Slusser
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

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.

John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist



Happy New Year

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

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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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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. V2jmcg

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!!..

January Birthdays

Bud Collinson	14 th
John Dieckman	21 st
Hugh Moore	15 th
Tarik Peterson	9 th
Richard Pope	22 nd

18 Hole Golf

What a year! Thanks for letting me golf with you. (I would say play golf, but that might be an exaggeration).

After much effort, I re-mastered the three golf aps supplied by the wonderful people at NCGA. Really! – they are good folks, just expect a lot from us computer hopefuls. Got all of those who wanted to renew for 2021 set up. Dues are all collected and the bill will arrive on Jan 15. Speaking of January...

Due to the intense Covid situation, I have elected to suspend Sir 62 18 Hole Golf until Jan 18. That is a little over 2 weeks from New Year's Eve and all the revelers will be in the hospital by then. We should be safe. (Sounds like a crass opinion, but it is what it is.)

January Schedule – TC: Paul Goodwin

- 4 – No golf
- 11 – No golf
- 18 – San Jose
- 25 - Gilroy

The best of the season to you and yours.

Paul Goodwin
18 Hole Golf Chairman

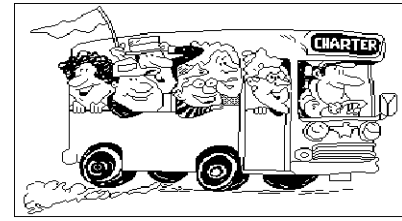
SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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

Membership Report

Active Members 60

December Zoom Attendance 38



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

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

The Covid-19 situation seems to preclude any possibility of rescheduling our one-day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors** by February of 2021. Also, any possibility of re-instating **Normandy Beaches and Seine River Cruise** seems far off. Please contact Jim or Roy for more information. **The next issue of the Area 11 Travel Bulletin will be the last one** (at least for the time being). There were two or three people interested in seeing the Travel Bulletin revive at the November Zoom Branch meeting. If anyone else wishes to support re-instatement of the Travel Bulletin, please contact Roy at jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com. There are still two trips scheduled for 2021 by other Area 11 branches, "Columbia River Cruise" (May 2-10; Br. 32, John Pletsch) and "Canadian Rockies by Train & Calgary Stampede" (July 11-19; Br. 38, Bill Rodman). There are links to info about these trips on our website branch62.sirinc2.org under "Travel" "Additional SIR Area 11 Travel".

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 will be mailed to your home this month. Keep a look out for them.

January Anniversaries

Bob Lowery 10 Years
Mal Hopkins 15 Years

MEETING CASH AWARDS

Beginning in January, in addition to \$25 cash birthday awards at our monthly virtual meetings there will be one additional \$25 cash attendance award.

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

BIRTHDAY DRAWINGS

At the December Meeting, a \$25 prize was awarded to one birthday celebrant for each month from February to December in 2020.

Walley Anderson	Roy Jordan
Tom Birley	Jim Marquez
Bobbie Byers	Mike Miller
Paul Goodwin	Heber Slusser
Lynn Grilley	Phil Thomas
Glenn Herrell	

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 and 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
Little Sir: Leon Kowaleski
Treasurer: Roger Falberg
Assistant Treasurer: Paul Goodwin
Secretary: Bob Pastorino
Assistant Secretary: Bob Cheney

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Mike Miller
Steve Burnham

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

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
(408)489-4815 (408)410-3626 (408)446-1129

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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