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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

I hope everyone is doing well, and that all of our members have now received the Covid 19 vaccine shots. We have what I consider some excellent news. The Big Sir from Branch 54, Mr. John Knapp, reached out to me and asked if Branch 62 would like to join Branch 54 at their lunch at Three Flames restaurant in San Jose. Three Flames has a requirement of 50 guest minimum to schedule a group lunch, so this is a great opportunity for both branches to return to a sense of normal. I do hope that you will be able to attend. They hold their meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and we have agreed to that day (June 10<sup>th</sup>) for our luncheon. The details will be in the emails sent out by Heber Slusser. Another plus is that the cost per meal is \$22 versus the \$26 we were paying at our previous venues.

Also, Bobbie Byers and Tom Birley investigated the possibility of a July picnic at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale, and found that the park will not be open by then. There will be no picnic this year.

Thank you, Your Big Sir, Wally Anderson



**Father's Day**

**June 20th**

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The June Branch 62 SIR Luncheon is IN PERSON at Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose, CA 95125, on Thursday, June 10, 2020. **Social Hour 11 AM & Lunch at noon.**

**Lunch is \$22 – if you paid for your lunch pre-COVID, that will pay for this lunch.** Please notify the Little Sir (Leon Kowaleski at 408-446-1129 or [leon\\_ski@hotmail.com](mailto:leon_ski@hotmail.com)) if you plan to attend and your menu choice (meatloaf or pasta or salad).

**COVID-19 Special Requirements:** Upon entry, you will be scanned for temperature. At your first luncheon at Three Flames, you will have to show your COVID-19 **proof of vaccination** (this will be recorded by our Branch 62 ticket takers).

**June Speaker: Richard Horrell.**

**Topic: “The Perfect Cup of Coffee”**

Mr. Horrell is one of the owners of “Big Bully Roasters”. Getting a GREAT cup of coffee is no accident. Richard is a fanatic about his coffee. He will go over some of the things necessary to get that perfect cup of Joe. What are some of the things you should be doing and what things need to be changed. He and his co-owners are also fanatics about their bulldogs from which the company gets its name, **Big Bully Roasters.**

## OFFICERS

Big Sir	Wally Andron	Asst. Secretary	Dave Riopel
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Fishing	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
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Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Transportation	
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Humorist	Don Coletti	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
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## STATE OFFICERS

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 Area 11 Governor: Phil Thomas

## 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

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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.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, Leon Kowaleski and Steve Burnham bid and made a small slam.

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.

## Fishing

Fishing meetings are now in conjunction with the Thursday Zoom Chats. 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 are going to Alaska to catch some salmon in June. Seven Sirs and friends are traveling to Sitka, AK for a 3-day, 4-night trip to get us back on track for a good fishing season.

Don't forget to get your 2021 fishing license; it is available online.

We will get back on track as soon as it is safe to do so ... let's all hope that is soon.

Heber Slusser

### **Walking Program**

Tom Chatfield has organized a Branch Walking Group. Contact Tom at 408 736 8044 or by e-mail at [tchatfield761@gmail.com](mailto:tchatfield761@gmail.com) if you have interest or comments.

## 18 Hole Golf

Another newbie this month. June 28<sup>th</sup> is the first Area Tournament this year. Seascope in Aptos is one of my favorite courses but, alas, I will have a knee replacement June 1<sup>st</sup> and will be off the links 'til mid-July.

Wally Anderson will be taking signups for the Area Tournament at Seascope on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. To play, send a \$55 check made out to Wally Anderson. He will collect the signups and money and then write a check to the Area Tournament Director.

The format of the tournament is an Irish/ramble? A team effort with the best net on the first 6 holes, the 2 best on the next 6, the 3 best on the next 5 and the team net on 18. Also, there will be an optional skins contest with no carry-overs for \$5. Glad I am not scoring this one.

Tournament Coordinator for June is Bob Pastorino

June 7 – Spring Valley

June 14 – San Jose Muni

June 21 – Monterey Pines

June 28 – Aptos Seascope – regional event-\$55

Stay safe and masked.

Paul Goodwin

18 Hole Golf Chairman

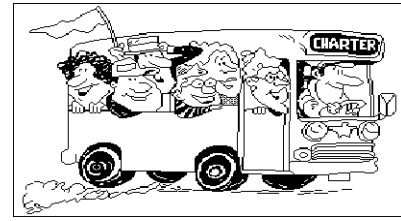
## SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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

### Membership Report

Active Members 61

May Zoom Attendance 24



## SIR Travel – Branch 62

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt  
(408 394-7226).**

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

We (Branch 62) hope to reschedule our one-day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors** when the Covid situation permits. We are also investigating the possibility of a bus tour (approximately 2.5 weeks) along the eastern shore of the Adriatic – **Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Slovenia, perhaps Albania**, around March or April of 2022. Trip would likely include Dubrovnik, Kotor, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Ljubljana, and Lake Bled. If you might be interested in such a trip, we suggest you call Jim, indicate your interest and discuss the possibilities.

The Area 11 Coordinated Travel Committee has dissolved. Branches will still sponsor trips when the Covid situation improves. Brochures for these trips will be available on <http://sirbranch125.org>. There are no trips scheduled with the State SIR Travel Committee. **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.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Bautista	27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Pastorino	14 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Burnham	13 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Pettygrove	13 <sup>th</sup>
Frank Doyle	16 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Thomas	17 <sup>th</sup>
Lynn Grilley	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mel Waldman	17 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Hohenshelt	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Wriglesworth	8 <sup>th</sup>

## SIR BOWLING

**President Vice President Treasurer**

Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski  
(408)489-4815 (408)410-3626 (408)446-1129

After seven weeks of our Winter League, we have Team 2, consisting of Bud Collinson, Don Haythornwhite and Vacant, in first place with 20 wins and 8 losses. Team 4, consisting of Nina Middaugh, Pat Hutton and Phil Thomas, is in second place with 17 wins and 11 losses.

### Top Scores So Far

Scr. Series: 596 Lynn Grilley and 525 Pat Hutton  
Scr. Game: 215 Bobby Byers and 167 Ursel Turner  
Hand. Series: 687 Mal Hopkins and 686 Dottie Birley  
Hand. Game: 264 Dave Jeong and 256 Marlys Byers

Tom Birley, League President

## 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.

### May Winners:

Birthday Prize: Bob Cheney  
Attendance Prize: Roger Falberg

## 9 HOLE GOLF

Nine-hole golf is played at Sunken Gardens at 9AM each Wednesday. We currently have four 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

## In Memoriam

Ernie Huesby

1924 -2021

Honorary Life Member 2004

SIR Presidential Award-2014

Branch 62 Big Sir 2004

## Help Needed!!

**Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:**

**RAMP Activities Chairman**

**Bowling Publicist**

**Transportation**

**Health & Safety**

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.



**Flag Day**

**June 14th**

## 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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## SIR BRANCH 62 ZOOM ACTIVITIES

Several of our activities are now conducted via Zoom. All members are encouraged to join.

- **Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting:** Third Thursday at 11 AM
- **Monthly Branch Luncheon Meeting:** Third Thursday at 12 Noon
- **Monthly Fellowship Gathering:** Third Thursday following the BEC Meeting as time allows before the Luncheon Meeting starts
- **Branch Weekly Chat:** Thursdays when there is no luncheon at 12 Noon

These meetings have been very successful but we would like more members to participate.

If you have business to bring before the BEC, let Heber Slusser know and he will arrange it.

The weekly chat is a great way to keep in touch with fellow Sirs and to find out what is going on as well as provide your input as well as expertise to our members.

### Want to Improve Your Zoom Skills?

There are some brief, easy, tutorials on our Branch Web site that will help you with some basic Zoom skills such as Rename, Chat, Split Screen, Mute, etc. If you need help with other skills, please feel free to contact Heber Slusser at [hebers@comcast.net](mailto:hebers@comcast.net) or 408+769-1851.

### Abstract of Minutes of Branch Executive Committee (BEC) 5-20-21

For complete details of the minutes go to the Branch 62 website at <https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>.

**Big Sir: Wally Anderson:** Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Wally welcomed everyone to our Zoom BEC meeting. Wally opened the discussion about the possibility of sharing a Luncheon meeting with Branch 54 at the 3 Flames Restaurant in San Jose on the second Thursday of the Month instead of our normal third Thursday. The reason being that the 3 Flames requires that we have a minimum of 50 people at the luncheon. Neither Branch could meet the requirement alone. After much discussion, it was decided that Wally would present this to our members at our Zoom luncheon and then poll the members to see who would agree to attend the luncheon at 3 Flames. Wally called for an Emergency meeting after the Luncheon to go over the results of the poll and then make a decision whether to proceed or not with the Luncheon with Branch 54. Wally proposed a motion to approve an Emergency Meeting. Upon a motion by Steve Burnham and seconded by John Dieckman, the motion was approved. Wally also wants to discuss our July Picnic at the meeting.

**Travel: Jim Hohenshelt:** Jim asked the Board to approve a SIR trip to the Adriatic and Croatia in April 2022. On a motion by Paul Goodwin and seconded by Roger Falberg, the motion was approved for Jim and Roy to go ahead with negotiating pricing and plans for the trip.

### Abstract of Minutes of BEC Emergency Meeting 5-20-21

**Big Sir: Wally Anderson:** Wally opened the discussion about joining Branch 54 for a luncheon at 3 Flames Restaurant on June 10<sup>th</sup> saying that we will commit to having 21 members in

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attendance. It was determined that Wally will talk to the Branch 54 Big Sir about questions we have about how we pay for the meals, Zoom attendance for those who cannot make it in person, which Speaker to use and any other questions that might come up. Area Governor Phil Thomas said he will talk to the Manager of 3 Flames about mask and vaccination requirements, internet access, and any other requirements they need met. It was decided that this would be a trial event and we would make a decision to continue with the luncheons after we have feedback from attendees.

We also decided that we would ask Tom Birley and Bob Byers to meet with Sunnyvale officials about having our Summer Picnic at Ortega Park in July. We also discussed if we should ask Branch 54 to join us at the Picnic.

It was decided that we would continue to have our next BEC meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>, the third Thursday as usual. We also left it open that we may have our Luncheon on the 17<sup>th</sup> if we decide not to join Branch 54 for lunch on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

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