

March 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

The outlook for March is improving as many of our Sirs are now receiving their Covid 19 vaccine shots. We are all hopeful for an end to this terrible pandemic so we can get back to our pre-pandemic activities and hold our luncheon meeting at an actual restaurant.

Our February speaker was Eddy Shalin of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Foodbank – Silicon Valley. She did an excellent job explaining the problems facing the hungry in the Silicon Valley and 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest's efforts in meeting their needs. I was amazed at the fact that they provide food for over 500,000 hungry people each month in the Silicon Valley alone. Well done 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest!

I encourage everyone to join us at our weekly Zoom chat meetings and also our monthly Zoom Luncheon meetings. Check out Heber's e-mails for the logon info.

As far as recruiting new members goes, please look at your friends and acquaintances and ask them to join our Monthly Sir Zoom luncheon meeting on March 18. It is a great way to get people interested in SIR. I am sure they will enjoy our guest speaker talk about the Jeopardy Game show

Your Big Sir,

Wally Anderson

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

**Speaker: Leslie Frates**  
**Topic: Backstage Secrets of Jeopardy**

Leslie had to cancel last month due to medical reasons, but has agreed to join us in March. Leslie Frates is a multi-episode champ of the TV game show "Jeopardy". She was a five-time daily Jeopardy winner plus she participated in an additional six tournaments. Leslie will share with us a few secrets of the show and possibly a little insight into its long-time former host, Alex Trebec. A good opportunity to invite our spouses or other Jeopardy fans to join us.



Leslie Frates with Alex Trebec on the Jeopardy set.

**OFFICERS**

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

John Dieckman	Ted Crutchfield	Jack Pettygrove
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Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Dave Riopel
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	Leon Kowaleski	Program	Walt Strach
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
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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
	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Transportation	
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Historian	Wally Anderson		Roy Jordan
Humorist	Don Coletti	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Webmaster	Heber Slusser
Membership	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 Saint Patrick's Day**

March 17th



**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. More to come. 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

**March Birthdays**

Wally Anderson	19 <sup>th</sup>	Roy Jordan	17 <sup>th</sup>
John Brownie	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ken Kawakami	20 <sup>th</sup>
Don Coletti	7 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Policky	12 <sup>th</sup>
Ted Crutchfield	14 <sup>th</sup>	John Steele	25 <sup>th</sup>

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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!!..**

## 18 Hole Golf

The NCGA was very pleased at the number of golfers that were posting scores in 2020. They showed a chart in a recent newsletter that compared 2020 to 2019. Examination shows that starting in March (what else started that month in 2020?) the rounds posted averaged 7,000 per day more than “normal 2019”. This makes it clear why we can’t get a group of 3 times anywhere near 9:00. I will be glad when all those weekend golfers go back to work and leave the weekdays for us seniors.

We got a special invitation to play the San Jose Country Club on Tuesday. We took it instead of playing Monday. Nine players enjoyed the privilege of playing the course. It was so difficult that the handicap system gave everyone who played that day a 2-point reduction in their differential (that is what makes up part of a handicap). We all scored poorly but so did all the other players. Whew!

Tournament Coordinator for March is A. Goodwin

1 – San Jose Muni  
8 – Los Lagos  
15 – Spring Valley  
22 – Santa Teresa  
29 - Gilroy

Stay safe and masked.  
Paul Goodwin  
18 Hole Golf Chairman

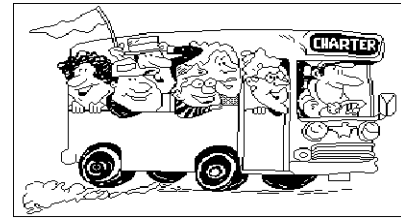
## SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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

### Membership Report

Active Members 61

February Zoom Attendance 28



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

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

With Covid-19 still with us, our Branch 62 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 “SIR Travel Opportunities” newsletter lists the May 2-10 Columbia River Cruise by Branch 32 and a cruise on the Crystal Serenity from Quebec City to New York City, Sept. 25–Oct. 3 by Branch 146. If you might be interested in these trips, Roy can forward the newsletter, or discuss the trips.

**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.



**Spring Begins**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

### 2021 Branch 62 Directories

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

## SIR BOWLING

**President Vice President Treasurer**

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

The COVID 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 COVID 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 Birley

### 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.

#### February Winners:

Birthday Prize: Leon Kowaleski

Attendance Prize: Lynn Grilley

## 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

## Dues Dues Dues

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

Dues were 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**

**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.

## 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

[branch62sir@gmail.com](mailto:branch62sir@gmail.com)

## 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) 2-18-21

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 brought up the idea of inviting guest to our Zoom meetings and weekly chats on Thursdays, as a way to recruit new members. Wally asked Tom Birley to give an update on SIR business cards that we can give out to people who may be interested in Sirs. Tom said he has them ready to give out to members. Heber Slusser asked Tom to send him one to look over before getting them out. Wally asked that we look at diversity when recruiting for new members.

**Membership Chairman/Web Master: Heber Slusser:** There was some discussion about activities not being reported on Form 27 each month. It was determined that the activities only need to be reported quarterly, and that only those activities that were done will be reported. It was noted that each activity will be reported once on Form 27. A proposal by Big Sir Wally Anderson that we make our weekly Zoom chats an official activity. On a motion by Wally and seconded by Bob Pastorino the motion was voted on and approved. Heber Slusser will be the Committee Chairman. On a motion by Paul Goodwin and Seconded by Leon Kowaleski Form 27 was approved for January.

**Treasurer Roger Falberg:** Roger said that 41 members have paid their dues and is waiting on another 20 to pay. Roger said there is \$3,418.00 in the bank. With \$728.00 for prepaid lunches the adjusted cash balance is \$2,690.00. He recommended that we continue to have monthly Birthday and Attendance award drawings.

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**Abstract of BEC Minutes for 2-18-21, continued from page 5.**

**Program Chairman Walt Strach:** Our Speaker for this month is Eddy Shahin. She is with the Second Harvest Food Bank and she will be talking about how many people they are serving during the Pandemic and how we can help. Next month's Speaker will be Leslie Frates. Her long-awaited presentation is "Backstage Secrets of Jeopardy". She will share her experiences from being on the show.

**Area Governor Report: Phil Thomas:** Phil mentioned that the State SIR will be sending an email out with a questionnaire, to see how many members have gotten their vaccine shots and who may need help getting one. Phil said he would check to see if there is a chance we could have our picnic in June.

**New Business:** Wally again mentioned that we consider diversity when looking for new members. It was voted upon and Approved to put the Minutes of the BEC meetings in the Newsletter each month, even though they have yet to be approved. It was decided that we have the Birthday and Attendance drawings after the Guest Speaker to encourage members to stay on the call.

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