



Big SIR Report

My fellow Sirs,

October is around the corner and 2021 is coming to a close. It happens so fast these days, it must be the fact that I am getting older and that puts everything in perspective. For those of you that were not able to attend the luncheon on September 10th, you missed a great lunch and a wonderful presentation by our very own John Dieckman. He had a great slide show highlighting the SIR Branch 62 fishing expeditions to Alaska. We were also able to induct a new member to Branch 62, Mr. Bruce Edmondson. Thank you Paul Goodwin for recruiting him and remember to ask you friends to join our SIR Branch 62.

Please note that the Luncheons are the **2nd Thursday** of each month, so mark your calendars for **October 14 at 11am.**

Thank you.
Your Big Sir,
Wally Anderson

September Meeting Speaker

“Water Conservation”

Santa Clara Valley Water District

October 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**

Meets on the second Thursday of the month at
Holder’s Country Inn
998 South De Anza Blvd., San Jose
Fellowship at 11 AM
Luncheon begins at 12 Noon

Lunch Information

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend. For those who have not purchased an advance ticket for the luncheon on September 9th, please contact:

Steve Burnham
10940 Santa Teresa Dr
Cupertino, CA 95014
or call him at 408-931-2361
or e-mail him at stephen_burnham@yahoo.com

to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$28) may be included if mailing in the notice, or may be made at the door.

October 14th Menu*

Swordfish Sicilian Chicken
Salisbury Steak Teriyaki chicken stir-fry
Tri Tip Steak

All entrees served with a dinner salad.

Place your order with the server.

*A detailed description of these menu items is shown on page 5.

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Wally Anderson	Asst. Secretary	Dave Riopel
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Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Paul Goodwin

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Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	John McGuire
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Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Songster	Roger Falberg
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	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Transportation	
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Historian	Wally Anderson		Roy Jordan
Humorist	Don Coletti	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Webmaster	Heber Slusser
Membership	Heber Slusser		Mike Miller

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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.

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!!..

Bridge

We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at Roger Falberg's office, 3375 Scott Blvd. office 332 in Santa Clara to play in person. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, we play online using Bridge Base Online app.

We play every week on Tuesdays at 1:30. Roger Falberg organizes the play and sends each player the table positions and hosts prior to our gathering time for either on line or face to face play. If you want to join us, let Roger know ahead of time so he can arrange the player tables.

John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist

In Memoriam - Leon Kowaleski
February 14, 1941 – September 6, 2021

We will miss you!

Leon was the SIR Branch 62 Assistant Treasurer from 2015 through 2020. He became the Little SIR in 2021.

“Valentine Baby, Polio Survivor, Warm Beaming Smile, Ever Present Mustache, People Person, Good Listener, Fierce Bridge & Scrabble Player, Loyal Husband, Loving Father, Kind Friend, World Traveler, Devoted Music Lover & Choral Tenor, Excellent Eater & Dessert Fanatic, and Humanist.”

Leon is survived by his wife and two adult children.

18 Hole Golf

A lot of missing players made the month simpler for Walt Marwitz, but he did the job very well. The big event was the area tournament at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch.

SIR 62 had two teams playing a red ball tournament. Players took turns in rotation playing a red golf ball with the team number on it. If the Red ball was not turned in at the end of the round, the team was disqualified. The first two teams lost it and were out.

Team 3 – Frank Doyle, Alice Goodwin, Richard Simpson and guest Justin Gamble came in first with a 133. Team 4 – Wally Anderson, Paul Goodwin, Glenn Herrell and Walt Marwitz came in second with a score of 136. Third place scored 141. From a gross score list, Frank Doyle came in third with a 90. The net score of 73 to get second place went to Richard Simpson.

Tournament Coordinator for October is Wally Anderson

Oct 4 – Spring Valley
Oct 11 – Los Lagos -9:36 start
Oct 18 – Sunnyvale -9:30 start
Oct 25 – Area tournament at Spring Hills

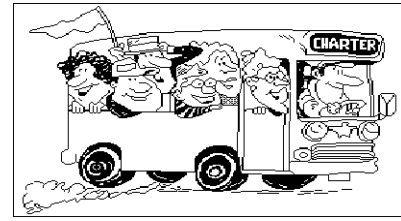
Paul Goodwin
18 Hole Golf Chairman

Walking Program

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

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).

Branch 32 has informed us of two trips they are planning. **May 20–25, 2022, Chicago** all access & Wisconsin, includes Gangster Tour, Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, Wrigley Field, cruise on the Chicago River. **October 2–10, 2022**, Explore the Northwest, **cruise the Columbia River** from Clarkston WA to Vancouver, WA. Information on both trips is available from John Pletsch at (408) 504-1255 or jeplet@sbcglobal.net, or Mike Console at (408) 246-1080.

There are a few trips in the July 2021 State SIR Travel Opportunities newsletter. **Holland (Michigan) Tulip Festival & Mackinac Island (May 12-19, 2022)** is presented by Branch 143, Bill Stires at 209-988-5445. **Fort Lauderdale to San Francisco aboard the Ruby Princess (March 12-17, 2022)** is presented by Branch 146, Milt Smith, miltsmith549@gmail.com, and **Columbia and Snake River Cruise (May 12, 2022)**, Branch 128, Tan Matosian, tgmat54@gmail.com.

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.

Membership Report

Active Members 52

September Meeting Attendance 28

SIR Bowling

President **Vice President**
Tom Birley Phil Thomas

After 2 weeks, we are just getting started with our Winter League. As of the end of the 2nd week, the difference between first place and last place is 3 games. Starting with week 3, we will start including high handicap series and game.

Top Scores So Far

Scr. Series: 595 Lynn Grilley and 526 Pat Hutton
Scr. Game: 214 Tom Birley and 195 Ursel Turner

Lynn Grilley, Bowling Publicist

Meeting Cash Awards

Remember that, in addition to \$25 cash birthday awards at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting, there will be one additional \$25 cash attendance award. Remember, you must be present on Zoom or in person to be eligible to receive an award. Be involved and have a shot at these riches.

September Winners:

Birthday Prize: John McGuire
Attendance Prize: Steve Burnham

9 Hole Golf

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

October Birthdays

Barry Boole	13 th
Mal Hopkins	31 st
Gerhard Schneider	20 th

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.

October Anniversary

Heber Slusser	10 years
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Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?
Want to read the joke from the luncheon?
Need to contact the speaker?
Forgot 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

Details of the October 14th Menu

- Swordfish (pan seared w/ lemon butter sauce. Served w/ mashed potatoes & fresh vegetables)
- Sicilian Chicken (Chicken and mushrooms tossed w/ penne pasta & mildly spiced marinara sauce. Served w/ slice of garlic bread)
- Salisbury Steak (Seasoned ground sirloin w/ mushroom gravy. Served w/ mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables)
- Teriyaki chicken stir-fry (Chicken, bell peppers, onions, snow peas & pineapple stir fried w/ teriyaki glaze. Served w/ rice)
- Tri-Tip Steak (Charred to your preference. Served w/ a baked potato & fresh vegetables)

Abstract of Minutes of Branch Executive Committee (BEC) September 2, 2021

The BEC meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11 AM via Zoom

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 meeting. The first order of business was a discussion about moving the Rooster date to earlier in the month. After much discussion, it was determined that we will leave it as is on the first of the month. Next was going over a spread sheet provided by Heber of the members who have not paid their dues and not attended meetings. There were six members who we are considering dropping. We will call them again before doing so. There was some discussion about starting a phone call team to help notify members that do not have email or text. This way we can get them information on lunches and other information. It was decided that we would wait till after our first in person luncheon to decide if we should move forward. Wally had some encouraging news on possible new members as he has been talking to Richard Simpson about joining. Wally said Dave Riopel has someone and Bob Cheney may have four and Paul Goodwin has two people. That is exciting news.



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