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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

Branch 62 Sirs,

SIR Branch 62 has been busy this spring with its new luncheon venue, Holder's Country Inn on Wolfe Road. While the commute and parking have improved, the acoustics and sound system are being addressed for the April meeting. Despite the mixed reviews, the food has been good, and the Branch continues to meet and enjoy each other's company.

The warmer weather has been a boon for the Branch's activities, which include 18 Hole Golf, Bocce, Bowling (2 teams), Bridge, and Walking. The recent Wine Tasting event was a success, and we are considering adding Pickle Ball as a new activity.

In addition to these activities, the Branch has decided to rent a spot at the DeAnza Flea Market on Saturday, June 3 to advertise its offerings. Volunteers are needed to man the booth from about 7 AM to 2 PM. Golf, bocce ball, cards, bowling, and wine tasting items will be on display to attract passersby. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Wally Anderson.

The Branch is also making a special plea to all its members to help increase membership. Consider talking to your children, neighbors, else you can think of about the benefits of joining SIR. We need to expand our membership to keep the Branch thriving.

Lastly, the Summer Picnic is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> (not June). Please mark your calendars and contact me if you can help.

As always, the Branch appreciates the support of its members. Your involvement and participation make these events and activities enjoyable for everyone. Thank you, and let's keep the momentum going!

*Heber Slusser, 2023 Big Sir*

Meets on the second Thursday of the month.

## Holder's Country Inn

10088 N Wolfe Rd STE 130,  
Cupertino, CA 95014

Park in the back parking lot and enter from there.

**Next Meeting is Thursday April 13, 2023**

Social Hour 11 AM Lunch 12 Noon

**We encourage those who are hearing impaired to  
sit in front near the Speaker**

Zoom Link: See page 5 for information on joining  
the meeting using Zoom.

### Lunch Ordering Information

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the luncheon meeting preceding the one you plan to attend. For those who have not purchased an advance ticket for the luncheon, please contact Barry Boole via email at [bboole@aol.com](mailto:bboole@aol.com) or call him at 408-505-5670 (Leave a message if no answer.) to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$28 or \$6 if you have a \$22 ticket) may be made at the door.

Barry Boole 284 W. Eaglewood Ave.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3662  
408-505-5670 (Leave a message)  
[bboole@aol.com](mailto:bboole@aol.com)

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	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
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**SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED**

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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 may 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. V3mjnm

**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 haven't received the "Rooster" by mail by the 10th of the month, call John McGuire (408) 248-4620. If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let John McGuire know at: [jpmcguiresr@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com).

**BE A SIR!!! BE COMMITTED!!**

**BE ACTIVE!!! HAVE FUN!!**

**Bocce and Cornhole**

Due to the weather and other factors, and after talking to a few of the other BOCCE players, we have reduced our BOCCE outings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at the Almaden Lake Bocce Courts. If others want to play at other times, I will be glad to lend them a set of BOCCE balls. Assuming the weather cooperates, the next outing will be 2PM on Thursday April 6 at Almaden Lake. Cornhole is optional.

Wally Anderson  
Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator

**Bridge**

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at Roger Falberg's office, 3375 Scott Blvd. office 332 in Santa Clara to play in person. On the other Tuesdays, we play online using Bridge Base Online browser 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

**April Birthdays**

Bob Byers 8<sup>th</sup> Tom Chatfield 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Paul Goodwin 3<sup>rd</sup> Rod Stafford 22<sup>nd</sup>

**DeAnza Flea Market  
Recruiting Event!**

We have rented a booth at the **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** Saturday Flea Market from 7AM to 3PM to recruit new members. **WE NEED 2 or 3 VOLUNTEERS** to man the booth for 2 to 3 hour shifts.

Contact Wally Anderson  
(408) 736-6408

[wallyowen@comcast.net](mailto:wallyowen@comcast.net)

## 18 Hole Golf

Inclement weather forced the cancellation of the March golf tournaments at Sunnyvale Muni and Spring Valley. Our elite band of links-men would surely have set a few course records had Mother Nature allowed them to attack the greens. We're hopeful that upcoming outings will survive the atmospheric river that has turned the course fairways into swamplands.

Some of our golfers may have been billed \$39 by the NCGA as I have – don't pay it. Their system is screwy. Let me know if you have been charged. I am working with them to clean this up.

### UPCOMING EVENTS – April TC is Dave Riopel

April 3: Deep Cliff      April 10: Pacific Grove

April 17: San Jose Muni    April 24: Los Lagos\*\*

Paul Goodwin – Golf Chair

408-480-4900

[awaychair9@hotmail.com](mailto:awaychair9@hotmail.com)

\*\*Area Tournament – we will cancel if cart path only.

## SIR 62 Fishing Program

### Salmon Fishing in Alaska 2023

The Fishing Activity is currently planning a Salmon/Halibut/Rock Fish trip to Ketchikan, Alaska June 19-23, 2023. If you are interested, please contact Heber Slusser or Wally Anderson. It will be an enjoyable adventure (even if you don't fish). Last year we saw whales, sharks, sea lions, orca, numerous sea birds including a rare puffin. Ketchikan is best known for three things: feisty salmon, idyllic scenery, and an incredibly rich Alaska Native culture.

Heber Slusser  
Fishing Chairman

### April 13th Luncheon Menu Choices

Roasted Turkey      Ribeye Steak

Sea Bass              Chicken Parmesan

Apple Harvest Salad



### SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226). [jim\\_hohenshelt@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_hohenshelt@yahoo.com)**

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

**[jordan\\_roy\\_s@yahoo.com](mailto:jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com)**

**There is no Branch 62 travel activity at this time**

### Other Branches' Trips

State SIR occasionally sends out a newsletter which includes some trips put on by other branches. There is still one trip which may be open from the last newsletter we received.

**Autumn Colors trip to East Coast, Oct. 13-22, 2023.** 2 nights in Boston, visit Manchester and Burlington, Vermont; North Conway and Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine, and Acadia National Park; take scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway. \$4330 pp/dbl. occ. plus air fare. Roy has the contact information to get brochures and additional information.

There may be information about trips sponsored by other branches on our web site <https://sirinc2.org/branch62> under Travel. Roy may also have access to information about these trips.

**Reminder:** Trips organized by SIR are available to SIR members, their spouses, siblings, children, grandchildren, also to guests and widows of SIR members.

### **TIME TO PAY MEMBER DUES**

2023 membership fees of \$20 are past due. Pay to Roger at the April meeting, or mail check payable to "SIR Branch 62" to:

Roger H. Falberg  
751 Silver Pine Court  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

## SIR Bowling

<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Publicist</b>
Tom Birley (408) 489-4815	Phil Thomas (408) 410-3626	Lynn Grilley (408) 482-3845



The SIR bowling team bowls at Homestead Bowl in Cupertino every Tuesday Morning starting at 10:30AM. Spectators are welcome! We also have some vacancies. If anyone is interested in taking up the sport of bowling, please contact one of us.

Lynn Grilley, Bowling Publicist

## Meeting Cash Awards

Remember that, in addition to one \$25 cash birthday award at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting, there will be one additional \$25 cash attendance award.

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.

### March Winners:

Birthday Award: Roy Jordan  
Attendance Award: Bud Collinson

## Lunch Speaker Ideas?

Do you have a subject you think would be interesting to our SIRs, such as travel, work, or hobby - or - do you have an interesting topic to present? Please contact John Dieckman at:

[John\\_dieckman@hotmail.com](mailto:John_dieckman@hotmail.com)

## Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?  
Want to read the joke from the luncheon?  
Forgot the luncheon's speaker details?  
Want to read back issues of the Rooster?  
Read meeting minutes and Treasurer reports?  
Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:  
<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

## Wine Tasting

Dave and Lora hosted a very fine wine tasting event at their home on March 3. It was well attended, and was a fun event for all!

Watch for upcoming events...

Dave Riopel

Wine Tasting Program Coordinator

## 2023 Picnic Help Needed!

Our SIR Picnic will be held on **July 13th** this year at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. Starts at 11AM. Watch later for details.

### Volunteers Are Required!

Please step up and help out - you will find it very rewarding.

Contact Heber Slusser  
(408) 769-1851

[hebers@comcast.net](mailto:hebers@comcast.net)

## Membership Report

Active Members 41  
March Attendance 24

## Help Needed!!

### Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:

- RAMP Activities Chairman
- Transportation

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.

## 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 an interest or comments.

## ZOOM Information for the April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting

When possible, we will make our monthly meetings available on Zoom.

Link to Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5901729440?pwd=RFZwQmI3eFZYOFRHc1R2ZGVxbUtlUT09>

*If the above link does not work for you, please try the following link and enter the ID and Password manually*

<https://zoom.us/join> or type [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) into your browser address line

**Meeting ID: 590 172 9440**

**Password: 62**

### Zoom - Telephone Call into a Zoom Meeting

1. Audio conferencing participant will need to call: (415) 762-9988 or (408) 638-0968, AND follow the verbal instructions.
2. Enter the meeting ID you wish to join followed by the # key.
3. You will be asked to enter your participant ID. Simply press the # key.



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