



Big Sir Report

Dear Branch 62 Members,
As we bid farewell to 2023 and eagerly anticipate the arrival of 2024, I find myself writing my final Big Sir Rooster column. It has been an absolute honor to serve as your Big Sir, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this year.

I am confident that the column will be in excellent hands next year as Mike Miller takes on the role of Big Sir. I will undoubtedly miss these responsibilities, but I am excited to see the continued success of our branch under Mike's leadership.

Reflecting on the past year, we have experienced triumphs with successful luncheons at three different venues and a highly enjoyable annual picnic. The Christmas Party at Café Vitale promises to be a unique and memorable event, with over 30 attendees already confirmed. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time – reach out to Mike Miller to secure your spot.

Looking ahead, our primary focus remains on recruitment. To encourage your participation in expanding our branch, any member who successfully recruits a new member (confirmed by the new member's dues payment) will be rewarded with a complimentary lunch. Additionally, we have several open officers and BEC positions that need dedicated individuals like you. Consider volunteering for these roles, and I guarantee you'll find the experience rewarding.

Even as I transition out of the role of Big Sir, I will continue to contribute to the branch by assisting with communications, particularly in organizing Zoom sessions for our luncheons. Zoom attendance will now be available upon request only. If you plan to join the luncheon via Zoom, kindly inform me a few days in advance, and I will make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your Big Sir. Here's to a fantastic 2024 under the capable leadership of Mike Miller!

Best Regards,

Heber Slusser *Outgoing Big Sir Branch 62*

December 2023

The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter of
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

SONS IN RETIREMENT

**A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity
in Retirement**

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Macara Restaurant

605 Macara Avenue at Sunnyvale Golf Course
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Next Meeting is Thursday January 11, 2024

Social Hour 11 AM Lunch 12 Noon

**Zoom Link: Zoom is available on request. Contact
Heber Slusser a few days in advance of the meeting.**

hebers@comcast.net or (408) 769-1851

Lunch Ordering Information

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If 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 or call him to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$25) may be made at the door.

Barry Boole

(408) 505-5670 (Leave a message)

bboole@aol.com

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Heber Slusser	Asst. Little Sir	Barry Boole
Little Sir	Mike Miller	Asst. Secretary	Dave Riopel
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Jim Hohenshelt
Treasurer	Roger Falberg		

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Dieckman	Steve Burnham	Jack Pettygrove	Wally Anderson
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	Wally Anderson	Newsletter	John McGuire
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Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Transportation	Need Volunteer
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State President: Richard K. Kindle
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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 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.

BE A SIR!!! BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!! HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

Please contact Wally Anderson if you would like to play. It is more fun if we can get at least 4 players at the courts so come on out. Bocce is normally held on the 1st Friday of each month. The next date is December 1st at Almaden Lake.

Wally Anderson
Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator

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 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 online 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

THE TOM CHATFIELD WALK

The December Tom Chatfield walks will be on the first and third Fridays, the 1st and 15th. For this month the starting point will return to the Blackberry Farm Golf Course parking lot, off Stevens Creek Boulevard in the hollow between Foothill Boulevard and De Anza College, at 9:30 AM. The walks will proceed out the Stevens Creek trail either to McClellan Road or on to Linda Vista Park, depending on the mood of the walkers. If you would like a nice walk on either of these days, or have questions, please contact Roy Jordan.

jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com (408) 735-8765.

You could just show up, but if you make contact beforehand, we can tip you off for cancellation (such as for rain). **Walking is good for you.**

18 HOLE GOLF November Recap

The 18 Hole Golf Group enjoyed outings at Sunnyvale Golf Course, San Jose Muni, Gilroy Golf Course and Sunken Gardens. The weather cooperated for each venue, not allowing anyone to blame an errant tee shot on the wind (not, of course, that there would be many errant shots to begin with). And all in all, everyone had a good time during their rounds as they searched for a player's ball in the rough or complemented a great approach shot or putt. Afterwards in the clubhouse, bragging about a long drive or complaining about the bad bounces just added to the comradery experienced within the group. Regardless of their score, everyone would leave the course looking forward to the upcoming Monday's challenges and rewards.

On the horizon is the Area Turkey Shoot at Spring Valley Golf Course (although turkeys are seldom seen there); chasing those rascally cute foxes that try to steal anything edible in your cart at the Los Lagos Golf Course; a round at San Jose Muni and then it's back to the hills of Spring Valley.

Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter



December Birthdays

NONE of our SIRs were born in December!
(Maybe we better recruit a few).

A \$25 cash birthday award is drawn at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Birthday boys must be present on Zoom or in person to be eligible to receive an award.

The November winner was Heber Slusser.

BRANCH 62 TRAVEL

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt

Assistant: Roy Jordan

April 28 Columbia and Snake River

This trip is now filled. If you would like to try to get on a wait list, please contact Jim. There is a description on our web site (see link below).

January 24, 2024 - Ruby Hill Winery

We now have enough people for this trip to go, but there is still room for more. This trip features a tour of the vineyard in an old school bus which once transported the Grateful Dead Rock Band and was obtained by the winery and converted for vineyard tours by replacing the seats with cut out wine barrels, fully cushioned and swiveling for good views. There is also tasting and snacks. To keep it simple and inexpensive, we plan to drive to the winery – perhaps arranging carpools.

Lower Mississippi River Cruise

Sept. 13 - 21, 2024

We are investigating an American Cruise Line cruise from New Orleans to Memphis. This trip starts in the lively city of New Orleans (Jazz, sites to see) and ends in Memphis, TN (music history, museums, Elvis' Graceland, a delicious barbecue). Along the way are grand estates with their beautiful architecture, antiques, a mint julep under 300-year-old oak trees. Also, the local shops and museums of quaint and cozy towns like St. Francisville and Natchez and Civil War history in Vicksburg. The cruise boat features a daily cocktail hour, Hors d'oeuvres, delicious meals, and evening shows with regional entertainers. Price will be around \$5400 to \$6000 PP/dbl. occ. **If interested, contact Jim and get on the list of possibly interested parties** so we can see if this trip can go. With only 180 guests we probably should indicate interest soon.

Check our website for all up-to-date Travel info:

www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Travel/Travel.php

SIR Bowling

President
Tom Birley

Vice President
Phil Thomas

Publicist
Lynn Grilley



The SIR Statesmen 2023-2024 Winter League got off to a great start in September. Once again, this year we have 8 teams.

The season is 34 weeks long with 4 quarterly winners. We have completed week 4 of the 2nd quarter. Team 7 is in 1st place; Team 1 is in 2nd place.

We still have room for more players!

Please contact Tom, Phil or Lynn if interested.

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings.

<https://www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Bowling/Bowling.php>

Lynn Grilley

December Guest Speaker

Because it is our Christmas party, there will be no formal guest speaker this month. We, and all who attend will be the entertainment for the night.

Take the time to enjoy the evening and each other!

November Report

Membership 37
Meeting Attendance 18
New Members 1



Christmas
December 25th

Branch 62 Christmas Party

Wednesday - December 13, 2023

5:00 PM

Location:

Café Vitale

987 Fremont Ave. (Loyola Corners)

Los Altos, CA 94024

Cost is \$50 per person.

Wine Tasting

We will have a wine tasting event in the Spring. Watch for an announcement in your email.

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

2024 Dues

Dues (\$25) are due to Roger Falberg by January 11, 2024 (our next meeting).

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>



Meet **Bruce Edmundson**, Little Sir 2024! Bruce became part of Branch 62 in 2021 and has played a vital role in the Program Committee, contributing to the speaker selection process for our 2023 luncheons. Stepping up to the plate, Bruce has graciously volunteered to take on the role of Little Sir for the upcoming year, and we're confident he'll bring his exceptional talents to shine in this position. Let's rally together and offer our support to Bruce as he embraces his new role.

Heber Slusser

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY FOR
November 9, 2023

(See the website for the full report)

Big Sir: Heber Slusser: The first order of business was to discuss our plan for the Christmas party at Café Vitale in Los Altos on December 13th. We will introduce the new Officers for 2024. Big Sir Heber Slusser will make a brief statement. The Activity Chairmen will present highlights from the past year. Roger Falberg will lead us in song if possible. Secretary Bob Pastorino will order a past Big Sir badge for Heber Slusser. We will continue the book exchange.

Secretary: Bob Pastorino: Confirmed that a quorum was present to conduct business. October meeting minutes were presented for approval. Reported minutes were published for October. Upon a motion by Bob Pastorino and second by Paul Goodwin the minutes were approved.

Membership Bob Byers: Bob said that we have 37 members, with one new member, Jean-Claude Roy, being inducted today.

Treasurer Roger Falberg: Heber Slusser reported for Roger and said that the bank required us to keep \$ 2,000.00 in our account to waive the \$15.00 a month charge. Upon a motion by Heber Slusser and second by Dave Riopel, the Treasurer Report for June was approved.

Program Reports: John Dieckman: Speaker this month is Mark Marymee, a certified photo Manager based in Fremont. His talk will be on Photo and Film Organizing.

Travel Jim Hohenshelt: Columbia River next summer is almost sold out.

18 Hole Golf: Paul Goodwin: NCGA dues will be \$49 next year. Golf Genius cost will be \$300. We will not participate in any Area Tournaments next year. Paul would love for us to do a mystery golf outing next year, where we board a bus and are taken to an unannounced course. Paul opened an account for our golf group with Prudential Credit Union.

Bowling: Lynn Grilley: Lynn said Phil Thomas's team won the first quarter of their league.

Bridge: John Dieckman: With Roger closing his office we will need to find a new place to play in the first and third weeks.

Wine Tasting: Dave Riopel: Another will be planned in the Spring.

Walking Roy Jordan: There is a walk on Friday at Santa Clara Central Park.

Little Sir's Report: Barry Boole: There are Three Birthdays in November.

Other New Business: Heber We need to recruit more new members. We didn't get any from the De Anza Flea Market. We will not go back. We'll look for other areas to recruit. Sunnyvale Farmers Market maybe. We need to find ways to pay for Birthday prizes and Speaker meals.

Bob Pastorino, Secretary



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