



## Big Sir Report

Hello Branch 62 Members,  
 As the year draws to a close, it's a time for reflection and anticipation of the New Year. This year brought changes to our luncheon venue and Christmas Party. Our festive gathering will take place at Café Vitale in Los Altos, departing from the traditional Dinner-Dance party format due to a decline in membership, making it challenging to cover fixed event costs.

Despite these adjustments, I am confident that this year's Christmas Party at Café Vitale will be a resounding success, ensuring a delightful experience for all participants. I encourage you to join us, and while carpooling is recommended, ample parking is available at the venue. Please check your email and our website for event details.

The upcoming Christmas Party will also mark the introduction of the new Big Sir, creating an opportunity for someone to step into the role of Little SIR. During the November BEC, we will select the new Little Sir from volunteers interested in taking on this position.

Our ongoing priority is recruitment, and as a special incentive, any member successfully recruiting a new branch member (confirmed by the new member's dues payment) will receive a complimentary lunch.

Looking ahead, Zoom attendance will 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.

Best Regards,  
*Heber Slusser, 2023 Big Sir for Branch 62*

# November 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**

Meets on the second Thursday of the month.

### Macara Restaurant

605 Macara Avenue at Sunnyvale Golf Course  
 Sunnyvale, CA 94085

**Next Meeting is Thursday November 9, 2023**

Social Hour 11 AM Lunch 12 Noon

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

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

### 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.

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 Sunnyvale, CA 94085-3662  
 (408) 505-5670 (Leave a message)  
[bboole@aol.com](mailto:bboole@aol.com)

## OFFICERS

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Dieckman	Steve Burnham	Jack Pettygrove	Wally Anderson
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## COMMITTEES

Attendance	Tom Birley	Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan
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	Wally Anderson	Newsletter	John McGuire
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Awards	Bob Byers		Mike Miller
	Tom Birley	Nominations	Phil Thomas
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	Phil Thomas		Bruce Edmundson
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Chaplain	Hugh Moore	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	<u>R</u> ecruitment	Jeff Bautista
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Fishing	Heber Slusser	SIR Logo Items	Phil Thomas
	Wally Anderson	Songster	Roger Falberg
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Special Events	Bob Byers
	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Transportation	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
Greeter	Dave Riopel	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
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## STATE OFFICERS

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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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month and the next date is Nov 2 at Almaden Lake.

*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 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

Tom Chatfield started a walking activity and expressed a wish that it continue just before he passed on. For November we will walk on the first and third Fridays, November 3 and 17. **The walk will be through Central Park in Santa Clara. The meeting place will be the parking lot on the east side of Keily just north of Homestead.** We have at least two participants, Jim Hohenshelt and Walt Strach, who can guide us through the park.

If you would like a nice walk, you might contact Roy Jordan so we can expect you or tip you off to cancellation such as for rain or bad air. Or you could just show up.

## 18 HOLE GOLF October Recap

Statistically, the recreational golfer has a one in twelve thousand chance of making a hole in one each time a par three is played. September 26<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day at the scenic Pacific Grove Golf Links and it was Bob Pastorino's turn to accomplish this feat on his very first shot at the Area Tournament. Obviously, Bob also won the closest to the pin prize. The next best achievement this month was a claim by one of our players who boasted of successfully playing the same ball for fifty-four consecutive holes. In consideration of the paucity of this deed, his name is being withheld.

Subsequently, our stalwart group protected our mid-round snacks from the predatory, but cute, red foxes roaming the Los Lagos fairways; enjoyed an outing at San Jose Muni and were befuddled by the devious greens of the Spring Valley Golf Course.

### November Lineup

Up next are the San Jose Muni, Gilroy Golf Course, the Area's Turkey Shoot at Spring Valley and then back to feed the Los Lagos foxes.

*Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter*



### November Birthdays

George Center 2<sup>nd</sup>      Walt Marwitz 19<sup>th</sup>  
Heber Slusser 20<sup>th</sup>

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 October winner was Barry Boole.

## BRANCH 62 TRAVEL

**Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt**  
**Assistant: Roy Jordan**

### April 2024 - Columbia-Snake River

We now have enough interest for our cruise on the Columbia and Snake Rivers to take place. We fly to Portland, Oregon and spend one night in a hotel before boarding the American Pride sternwheeler. From Portland we cruise west to Astoria (on the coast) with Mt Hood and Mt. St. Helens in view. From Astoria we return and proceed up the Columbia. We cruise through the Columbia River Gorge to the Snake River and up the Snake River, ending in Clarkston, Washington (on the border with Idaho). Along with the wonderful scenery along the rivers there will be complimentary side trips to Mt. St. Helens, Bonneville Dam, Multnomah Falls, and others. At the time of this writing there is one cabin left. If you might be interested, contact Jim.

### January 24, 2024 - Ruby Hill Winery

Several people who have been on our previous visits to the Ruby Hill Winery have requested we investigate another visit. We've picked a date. It's the last Saturday in January of 2024. This trip features a tour of the vineyard in an old school bus which once transported the Grateful Dead Rock Band. There is also tasting and snacks. To keep it simple and inexpensive, we'll plan to drive to the winery – perhaps arranging carpools. **If interested, please contact Jim. We need 8 people minimum.**

There are Ruby Hill pictures from previous trips on our website. There is also information about trips sponsored by other SIR branches.

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

[www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Travel/Travel.php](http://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, we have 8 teams.

The season will be 34 weeks long with 4 quarterly winners. Currently, the first quarter winner is Team #4. Team #4 members include Phil Thomas, Lina Niddauh, Elenor Barrett and Pat Hutton.

### **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.

*Lynn Grilley*

## **November Lunch Speaker**

Our speaker on November 9<sup>th</sup> is Mark Marymee, a certified photo manager based in Fremont. The presentation will be about Photo & Film Organizing. He will explain the basics of sorting through photos and film, identifying your best, A-grade images, tossing out your worst, then scanning prints and slides and organizing these new digital assets into an online system where it's easy to find photos and share them with family and friends.

## **October Report**

Membership 38  
Meeting Attendance 22  
New Members 1  
Lost Members 1



**Thanksgiving**

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **Wine Tasting**

A wine tasting event was held at Dave and Lora Riopels home on October 19<sup>th</sup>. A good time was had by all.

## **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>

## **Branch 62 SIR Christmas Party – SAVE THE DATE!**

**Wednesday - December 13, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**Café Vitale**

**987 Fremont Avenue (Loyola Corners)**

**Los Altos, CA 94024**

**\$50.00 per person (still working on this)**



**In Memoriam  
Malcolm “Mal” Hopkins  
1936-2023**

Mal was a member of our branch for seventeen years.

**SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62  
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR  
October 12, 2023**

**Present:** Slusser, Miller, Boole, Hohenshelt, Burnham, Dieckman, Pettygrove

**Absent:** Falberg, Pastorino, Anderson

**Big Sir Heber** opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Heber Slusser and Seconded by Barry Boole to accept the Treasure’s Report. Motion carried. A motion was made by Heber Slusser and seconded by John Dieckman to accept Form 27. Motion passed.

Planning the Christmas party has started with Wally Anderson and Heber Slusser. The current plan is to hold it at the Sunnyvale Community Center with a catered meal and a DJ for music.

Jeff Bautista is now responsible for branch recruiting.

Updating awards was discussed. The team is Mike Miller and Bobby Byers. The Senior Sir list needs to be updated, and an award for serving as Big Sir twice needs to be given to Wally Anderson and Phil Thomas.

A motion to raise the annual chapter dues to \$25 was made by Heber Slusser and seconded by Bobby Byers. Motion passed.

The book exchange is up and running again.

Heber pointed out that the nominating committee needs to meet to choose a Little Sir for 2024.

**Membership Bob Byers:** A motion was made to accept Jean Roy’s application for membership. Motion passed. Membership now stands at 38. Cleaning up the membership directory is a work in progress. If you find an error in the directory, let Bobby know.

Committee reports were given by the various committee chairmen.



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