



Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

It has been a pleasure serving as your Big Sir this year. It was an interesting one. Our January meeting, to be at Macara in Sunnyvale, found us all standing at a locked door until we learned that Macara was closed, without notice, for good. So, next month (February) we moved to Café Vitale in Los Altos (we had our 2023 Christmas dinner there). But unfortunately, the manager backed out of our pricing agreement and the price became unacceptable. So, another search led us to the Blue Pheasant in Cupertino. That worked well, but the space they would allow us was a bit small for our expanding group. Finally, we were fortunate to find a space at Black Bear Diner in Sunnyvale. It has room for growth, and has now worked well for us since April.

Thanks to our recruiting team, we grew our membership from 37 to 46 members this year – most of it in the last four months. I’m confident that we will continue this growth in 2025.

I look forward to next year when we hope to officially begin adding women to our membership, Thanks to all of you who supported me and made my job easy this year. I know you will do the same for your 2025 Big Sir, Bruce Edmundson.

May this Christmas season bring you and your family peace, love, and joy.

Regards,
Mike Miller
Your 2024 Big Sir

December 2024

The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter of
Sunnyvale Branch # 62
SONS IN RETIREMENT
A Non-Profit Organization Devoted to the
Promotion of Independence and Dignity in
Retirement

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at:

Black Bear Diner
415 E El Camino Real
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Social Hour 11:00 AM Lunch 12:00

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



Christmas Dinner
Hurry-up – Get signed up NOW!
Thursday - December 12, 2024
Doors open 5:00 PM
\$50 per person

Blue Pheasant Restaurant
Downstairs Banquet Room
22100 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino, CA 95014

Contact our Little SIR – Bruce Edmundson to make a reservation.
Live Music – Great Food – Lots of Fun!
Single or bring a companion – ALL are welcome
Send your check to Jim Hohenshelt.
See page 3 for the dinner menu.

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Mike Miller		
Little Sir	Bruce Edmundson		
Secretary	Wally Anderson	Asst. Secretary	John Dieckman
Treasurer	Jim Hohenshelt	Asst. Treasurer	Roger Falberg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Dieckman	Steve Burnham	Jack Pettygrove	Heber Slusser
		Dave Riopel	

COMMITTEES

Attendance	Tom Birley	Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan
Audit	Mel Waldman	Membership	Wally Anderson
	Wally Anderson	Newsletter	John Dieckman
	Heber Slusser		Dina Anderson
Awards	Bob Byers		Mike Miller
	Tom Birley	Nominations	Wally Anderson
	Mike Miller		Heber Slusser
	Heber Slusser		John Dieckman
Bocce Ball	Wally Anderson		Wally Anderson
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley	Photographer	Heber Slusser
Bowling	Tom Birley	Program	Henry Crossfield
	Phil Thomas	Property	Jim Hohenshelt
	Lynn Grilley	RAMP Chair	Jeff Bautista
Bridge	John Dieckman	Recruitment	Heber Slusser
Chaplain	Hugh Moore		Need Volunteer
Poker	Mel Waldman	Activities	Wally Anderson
Condolence	Wally Anderson	Membership	Heber Slusser
Directory	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Phil Thomas
	Mike Miller	SIR Logo Items	Roger Falberg
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Songster	Bob Byers
	Wally Anderson	Special Events	Wally Anderson
Golf, 9 Hole	Wally Anderson	Sunshine	Need Volunteer
		Transportation	Jim Hohenshelt
Golf, 18 Hole	Need Volunteer	Travel	Roy Jordan
Greeter	Dave Riopel		Dave Riopel
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Wine Tasting	Mike Miller
Historian	Wally Anderson	Webmaster	
Humorist	Paul Goodwin		

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Rich Carlston
Area 11 Representative: Phil Thomas

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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 so that Branch 62 may respond.

Rooster:

If you haven't received the "Rooster" by mail by the 10th of the month, call John Dieckman. If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let John know.

BE A SIR!!! BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!! HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

We are currently on hold. If enough members are interested, we can start up again.

Wally Anderson, Coordinator

Bridge

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at Roger Falberg's home in Sunnyvale to play in person. On the other Tuesdays, we play online using the Bridge Base Online browser app.

We play every week on Tuesday at 1:30. Roger Falberg organizes the games for both the in person and online games. If you would like to play, let Roger Falberg know and he will work you into the game.

John Dieckman, Bridge Publicist

The Tom Chatfield Walk

Roy Jordan



Westfield Mall rainy day walkers



Seven sunny day walkers

Tentatively, we plan the first walk in December for Friday, December 6th. Contact Roy Jordan for details, other possible walks, and rain contingencies. **Walking is good for you.**

18 Hole Golf

Golf has continued with minimal participation this month due to weather and other factors.

Four of our golfers were out participating in the ILT golf tour in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico. They played 18-hole rounds at three different courses, including El Tigre, Vista Vallarta, and Higuera. El Tigre hosts two live Bengal tigers (in a cage) on the course.

The weather was hot and humid; however, all three courses were well maintained and enjoyable to play. A few holes had jungle for the out-of-bounds on one side or the other. If your drive ended up there, it was best to leave the ball to the gators, snakes, and other critters who live there.

Mike Miller

SIR Branch 62 2024 Christmas Dinner Menu

Entrée (select one of the following):

Entrees include garden fresh mixed greens, potato or rice (depending on the item of choice) fresh vegetables, French bread, coffee or tea, and desert.

*Sodas are **not** included.*

1. **Pasta Primavera** - Fresh seasonal vegetables tossed with linguini, fresh basil & garlic in a light dry white wine sauce
2. **Broiled Salmon** - Fresh king salmon broiled to perfection & topped with fresh dill sauce
3. **Breast of Chicken Jerusalem** - Boneless breast of chicken lightly sautéed in white wine, fresh squeezed lemon and artichoke hearts
4. **Roasted Loin of Pork** - with garlic, rosemary and sherry wine sauce

Corkage fee is \$18.

There is a full bar where you can purchase wine and drinks.

Branch 62 Travel

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt

Assistant: Roy Jordan

The Douro River: Lisbon to Porto November 7 to 17, 2025

Jim, wife Margaret, and Roy have signed up for this trip, and we want to see if there is enough interest to make it a SIR trip. This trip begins with a visit to historic Lisbon, then goes to Porto, and a cruise up and down the especially scenic Douro River, with a visit across the border to Salamanca, Spain. The prices will range from about \$5145 to \$6745 pp/dbl. occ. including air fare. There is a pre-trip extension to Cascais and Tomar for \$1495 pp and a post trip to Santiago (in Spain) and Braga for \$1395 pp. Anyone interested in a single, note that Roy has a single, but we might be able to arrange sharing a cabin. For more details, questions and to indicate interest, contact Jim or Roy.

Romance of the Rhine & Mosel River Cruise July 6 – July 21, 2025

There are still two of us planning to take this cruise, but we need more travelers to keep it as a SIR trip. The cruise begins in Basel, Switzerland and goes down the Rhine and Mosel Rivers to Antwerp, Belgium, passing by many fine castles, towns and sights. Prices (pp. double occupancy, including air) range from \$6345 to \$7645. Single supplement is \$895. Pre-trip and post-trip are available.

If interested contact Roy Jordan.

December Birthdays

(There are no December birthdays)

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

The November winner was George Center.

George turned 102 in November.

SIR Bowling

President
Tom Birley

Vice President
Phil Thomas

Publicist
Lynn Grilley



After 3 weeks of the 2nd quarter team 2 is still in 1st place.

Team 2: Marlys Byers/Bobbie Byers/Helen Rossler

Individual High Scores are listed below.

	MEN	WOMEN
Scratch Series	Steve Bishop 647	Pat Hutton 517
Scratch Game	Lynn Grilley 225	Donna Diehl 190
Handicap Series	Armond King 675	Helen Rossler 701
Handicap Game	Jack Pettygrove 246	Ruth Pettygrove 262

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings:

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

Lynn Grilley

November Membership Report

Active Members	46
New Members	1
Inactive Members	0
Members Lost	2
Members Pending	2
Luncheon Attendance:	
Members:	24
Guests:	2

December Guest Speaker

We will not have a guest speaker this month. Instead, we will be thanking the old and cheering in the new 2025 Branch 62 leaders at the Christmas dinner. See page 5 for a list of next year's Branch 62 leaders.

Wine Tasting

We hope to have an event in Spring of 2025. Watch for an announcement in your email.

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

Recruiting

There is no formal recruiting event planned this month. However, you are encouraged to do your own recruiting. There are friends, family and neighbors who would benefit from one or more of our activities. Maybe there's someone looking to expand their social life. You'll never know unless you ask!

9 Hole Golf

Wally Anderson

We continue to play 9 holes of golf on alternate Wednesday mornings at either Sunken Gardens or Blackberry Farm Golf Courses. We always have a great time and will always make room for anyone who would like to join us. The tee-times are around 10 am and we are done by noon, in time for a nice lunch. The restaurants are Blue Pheasant at Blackberry Farm, and the Old Greenwood BBQ at Sunken Gardens.

We play every Wednesday.

Contact Wally to get on the mailing list.

Poker

Mel Waldman is running the friendly poker table following our luncheons at the Black Bear Diner.

Chip buy-in is \$5.00 at the beginning of the game.

Bets are between \$.05 to \$.25 with a maximum of three raises on any one betting sequence. Games played are dealer's choice with the exception of no wild card games and no high-low split pots.

There are more details on our website.

January 2025 Lunch Ordering

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. **Whether you purchase an advanced ticket or not**, you must contact John Dieckman via email or call him to indicate your intent to attend, menu choice, and how you will pay for your luncheon. Payment (\$32) may be made at the door.

Our 2025 Branch 62 Officers

Big Sir	Bruce Edmundson
Little Sir	John Dieckman
Secretary	Wally Anderson
Asst. Secretary	John Dieckman
Treasurer	Jim Hohenshelt
Asst. Treasurer	Roger Falberg
Speakers	Heber Slusser
Photographer	Wally Anderson
Chaplain	Mike Miller
Membership	Wally Anderson

Branch 62 Website:

<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

Sunnyvale SIRS Branch 62
 Branch Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 Location: Black Bear Diner
 November 14, 2024

Officers in Attendance:

Area Governor:

Big SIR: Mike Miller, Little SIR: Bruce Edmundson Asst Little SIR: Barry Boole Secretary: Wally Anderson Asst Secretary: John Dieckman Treasurer: Jim Hohenshelt	Phil Thomas
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Directors Present

Officers Absent:

John Dieckman, Steve Burnham Heber Slusser, Dave Riopel, Jack Pettygrove	Asst Treasurer: Roger Falberg Secretary: Bob Pastorino
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Big Sir Mike Miller welcomed everyone to the BEC meeting and started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS

Reported minutes for October were approved.

Treasurer Jim Hohenshelt:

1. Jim has had some computer problems which delayed his getting ready to handle Treasurer Duties. This is now resolved.
2. Report for November will be sent out once Jim gets the distribution list from Wally Anderson.
3. Jim will collect and handle the Christmas Party Funds.

Membership Chair Wally Anderson:

1. New member Mohammed Darwish was approved by the BEC.
2. Guests Ken and Marylyn Wright are expected to join luncheon meeting.
3. Heber indicated Josephine Chan was interested in joining Branch 62.

Program Repots:

18 Hole Golf: Paul Goodwin Absent. Wally Anderson reported that we continue to play each Monday, although the numbers have dwindled significantly. This coming Monday we are playing at Spring Valley GC at 9:22 am.

9 Hole Golf: W. Anderson reports that a group plays every Wednesday, alternating between Sunken Gardens and Blackberry Farms GC.

Bowling: Lynn Grilley, Bowling every Tuesday and the Homestead Bowling Lanes. Still would like more bowlers.

Bridge: Group is meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday and Roger Falberg’s house and 2nd and 4th Tuesdays on line.

Fishing: great outing in early November at the new Capitola Pier. Look for new outings from Heber.

Wine Tasting: Dave Riopel stated that an event is planned for March or April.

Walking: Roy Jordan. Group meets twice a month; next outing is the Baylands Lake trails.

Travel: Roy Jordan. We may have to cancel the two European River Cruises planned for 2025. Jim H. mentioned a group is planning on taking a cruise on the St. Lawrence Seaway in October, 2025.

Website: Mike Miller. He has added new photos

Mike mentioned the Christmas Dinner has been confirmed at the Blue Pheasant restaurant in Cupertino on December 12, 2024. Price is \$50 per person. Checks can be mailed to Jim Hohenshelt.

Meeting adjourned by Big Sir Mike Miller



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