



Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs,

Our 2025 January lunch meeting at the Black Bear Diner began with an interesting presentation of some little-known facts about the escape from Alcatraz in 1962. Heber has been doing an excellent job of finding interesting speakers and topics. At the February meeting, a speaker from the Sunnyvale Senior Center will provide insights as to what is available and other information that we should know. Come learn more about the Senior Center and enjoy the camaraderie of a group lunch. We expect to be welcoming some new members in February. If you haven't paid your dues for 2025, please do so at the meeting or send a check to our Treasurer Jim Hohenshelt. (\$25)

Last month we had an issue with the timing of the lunch service. This is being addressed to ensure that the meal service will be on time from now on.

Our activities programs are continuing during the winter. 18-hole Golf, 9-hole Golf, Bowling, Bridge and Walking are on the regular schedules. Other activities may be re-started in the spring.

The State SIR has begun a monthly newsletter called "The Rooster Crows!" which will be distributed to our Branch 62 members.

Regards,
Bruce Edmundson
Big Sir

February 2025

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.**

February Lunch Ordering Info

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.

John Dieckman
Call (Leave a message)
[or](#) email

February Lunch Menu

Crispy Cobb Salad
Tuna Melt
Western BBQ Burger
Crispy Chicken Bacon Ranch

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Rich Carlston

Area 11 Representative: Phil Thomas

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Golf, 9 Hole	Wally Anderson	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Golf, 18 Hole	Walt Marwitz		Roy Jordan
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Historian	Wally Anderson		
Humorist	Paul Goodwin	Wine Tasting	
		Webmaster	

Sick Call & Condolence Notification:

Please report illnesses or the passing of any Branch 62 Member to the Sunshine Committee: Wally Anderson, so that we may respond.

Rooster: If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, call John Dieckman or email him.

BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

We would love a volunteer to organize a bi-monthly Bocce or Cornhole league, especially with the spring weather coming. Please contact Wally Anderson if interested. We can play at Almadin Lake or at Questa Park in Mountain View. Wally has the Bocce Sets.

Bridge

Until now, bridge has been based at Roger Falberg's home. Roger passed away in January, so that is no longer possible. Our bridge players need to meet and discuss how to keep bridge active in our branch.

John Dieckman, Bridge Publicist

The Tom Chatfield Walk

Roy Jordan



Five sunny day walkers on Dec 20th

The first Tom Chatfield walks for the New Year will be on the second and fourth Fridays in January, the 10th and 24th. For January, we plan to explore a new location, the **Sunnyvale Baylands Park**, off Caribbean Drive just north of Hwy 237. To get to the meeting place, go north on Lawrence Expressway, cross Hwy 237 and turn right on Moffett Park Drive into the parking lot, then right again where we'll meet at 9:30. During the winter, parking is free (there is a charge during the summer).

Walking is good for you.

18 Hole Golf

The latter part of December found this group of 18 Hole Golf stalwarts, as guided by Alice Goodwin, on the fairways and greens of Deep Cliff and Monterey Pines golf courses. We were also found in a few more sand traps and other various hazards than we would have liked - but we're pretty much accustomed to that. In January, Wally Anderson took us to the Gilroy, Spring Valley and Monterey Pines courses. The weather was inviting in most cases except for the gale winds at Spring Valley. I'm not saying that having our fades turned into horrific slices, and our putts pushed a foot offline wasn't loads of fun. But that's golf. There were no noticeable injuries, and no lost equipment other than the usual conscription of golf balls by the local golfing gods. So, I guess one can claim that the outings were very successful.

For February, Paul Cole has promised us euphoric experiences at the San Jose Muni, Shoreline, Spring Valley (bring your kite) and Santa Teresa courses. We always have room for more SIR players and guests.

Walt Marwitz

I would appreciate the 18 Hole Golf members contacting me, Walt Marwitz, at wjmarw@yahoo.com with your preferred monthly selection.

Branch 62 Travel

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt

Assistant: Roy Jordan

Ruby Hill Winery – March 29, 2025

We are arranging another trip to the Ruby Hill winery. This time, we have set up a little higher level trip, which will include tasting higher end wines and snacks, and a more elaborate tour of the vineyards in perhaps a more luxurious vehicle than the ex-Grateful Dead bus on the last tour. Again, to keep it simple and lower cost, we plan to drive to the winery – perhaps arranging carpools. The price will be \$60 (remember the higher end wines and tour). **More information and opportunity to sign up at the February luncheon or contact Jim** after Feb. 3rd. There are pictures from a previous visit on our web site under Travel.

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 supplements are \$895. Pre-trip and post-trip are available.

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. The 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 sharing a cabin might be arranged.

February Guest Speaker

Sunnyvale Senior Center

Trenton Hill

Mr. Hill is the manager of the Sunnyvale Senior Center and will provide insights as to what is available and other information that we should know.

Wine Tasting

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

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

Recruiting

There is no formal recruitment 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

We continue to play 9 holes of golf at alternate Wednesday mornings at either Sunken Gardens or Blackberry Farms Golf Courses even with the chilly morning weather. We have a great time and will always make room for anyone that would like to join us. The tee-times are around 10 am, and we are usually done by noon, just in time for a nice lunch. The restaurants are the Blue Pheasant at Blackberry Farm, and the Old Greenwood BBQ at Sunken Gardens. Please come join us for an enjoyable time.

We play every Wednesday.

Contact Wally to get on the mailing list.

SIR Bowling

President
Tom Birley

Vice President
Phil Thomas

Publicist
Lynn Grilley



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	D Paulson 677	Helen Rossler 701
Handicap Game	A King 251 J Pettygrove 251	Ruth Pettygrove 262

We bowled our 3rd week of the 3rd quarter, and there are 3 teams with 8 wins and 4 losses.

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings:

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

Lynn Grilley

February Birthdays

Thomas Birley 13th James Karditzas 27th.

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

February Membership Report

Active Members	45
New Members	1
Inactive Members	0
Members Lost	2
Members Pending	3

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 the dealer's choice with the exception of no wild card games and no high-low split pots.

There are more details on our website.

Branch 62 Website:

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

Roger Falberg

February 20, 1930 – January 12, 2025



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of a beloved member of our branch. Roger Falberg departed this world on January 12th, 2025, at the age of 94. Roger passed away in his sleep Sunday night. Roger was an integral part of our branch, having served as the Senior SIR and Branch Hero. He has also been our Branch Treasurer for many years. Roger's interests included golf, tennis, bridge, travel, and reading. He sponsored the Branch Bridge Activity and taught many how to play. His pleasant demeanor will be greatly missed.



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