



Big SIR Report

My fellow SIRs,

On June 12 we had our annual picnic at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale, and it was a great success. The weather was perfect, the food was great, and we had 30 people attending. Many thanks to all of you that volunteered to make the picnic a success, especially Bob Pastorino, who came back from Arizona to cook for us. View the photos on page 6.

On July 10 we will resume our regular monthly lunch meetings at the Black Bear Diner. They always have really good food. See the menu in this newsletter for the lunch selections.

It's now summer, and golf and the other activities are in full swing. I encourage you to take the opportunity to get out and participate in our SIR activities.

Regards,
Bruce Edmundson
Big SIR

July 2025

The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter of
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

SIR is

**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.**

July Only Lunch Ordering Info

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the luncheon preceding the one you plan to attend. Whether you purchase an advanced ticket or not, **you must contact Steve Burnham** 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.

Steve Burnham

Call (Leave a message)

[or](#) Email him.

July Lunch Menu

1. Taco Salad
2. Tri Tip Dip
3. Hot Turkey Sandwich
4. Shasta Cheeseburger

(See [SIR Luncheons](#) for detailed descriptions).

Branch Officers

Big SIR	Bruce Edmundson	Little SIR	John Dieckman
Secretary	Lynn Grilley	Asst. Secretary	John Dieckman
Treasurer	Jim Hohenshelt	Asst. Treasurer	John Dieckman

Board of Directors

John Dieckman Dave Riopel Heber Slusser
Steve Burnham Mike Miller

Committees

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

Area 11 Representative:
Phil Thomas

State Officers

State President: Rich Carlston

Sick Call & Condolence: Please report illnesses or the passing of any Branch 62 Member to the Sunshine Committee: Wally Anderson, (408) 736-6408, so that we may respond.

Rooster: If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, call John Dieckman at 408-718-5527 or email him.

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BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

Jeff Bautista

The plan is to start this activity at Questa Park in Mountain View. Nothing new yet to report.

Bridge

John Dieckman

Due to the death of Roger Falberg, the bridge players need to meet and discuss how to keep bridge active in our branch.

The Tom Chatfield Walk

Roy Jordan

We only had three people for the first walk in June, but we enjoyed walking a route that caught parts of a Sunnyvale outdoor art route. The prime feature was the little garden at the base of the Libby's fruit can water tower.

For July, the first walk is planned to be through Central Park in Santa Clara on the usual second Friday, July 11th. Meet at 9:30 AM in the parking lot on the east side of Keily, just north of Homestead. Roy will miss this date, but we have others who can guide us through the park.

The second walk will be along the Stevens Creek Trail. Meeting place is the Blackberry Farm golf course parking lot, off Stevens Creek Boulevard in the hollow between De Anza College and Foothill Boulevard, meeting is 9:30 AM on Friday, July 25th.

If you are interested in a nice walk, contact Walt Strach (see the Branch 62 Membership Directory) or Roy Jordan (after July 21st) so we can tip you off to changes or cancellations – or just show up. Roy has a list of walkers he sends reminders to and informs them of changes, rain contingencies, etc. We can add you to the list.

Walking is good for you.

See photo on p.4.

18 Hole Golf

Paul Goodwin, June TC



Closing out May at the Pacific Grove Golf Links, the 18 Hole Golf Group moved back into the Bay Area for June's competitions under the guidance of Paul Goodwin at Deep Cliff, San Jose Muni, Sunnyvale and Santa Teresa Golf Courses. Aptos Seascape will be the final June venue.

After having reloaded our depleted supply of those little round things that have an affinity for trees, sand and water with an aversion to the bottom of a hole that has a flag sticking up, July will find us applying our skills (and counting on lots of luck) to the Sunnyvale, Spring Valley, Monterey Pines and San Jose Muni Golf Courses. Please check your email and respond promptly so that I can determine in advance as to how many will be savoring the opportunity to bring these courses to their knees.

We can always use more 18-Hole golfers! If interested, please contact Walt Marwitz.

Branch 62 Travel

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt Assistant: Roy Jordan

Romance of the Rhine & Mosel River Cruise

July 2 – July 21, 2025

When you see this, two Branch 62 members will be on our way. We will take the pre-trip visit to Lucerne, Switzerland, then go to Basel to join the cruise down the Rhine and Mosel Rivers to Antwerp, Belgium. passing by many fine castles, towns and sights.

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. There are 2 cabin selections left, priced at \$6345 and \$6545 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 at (408) 394-7226 or Roy at (408) 757-1132.

Check our web site for more travel information:
www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Travel/Travel.php

SIR Bowling

President
Tom Birley

Vice President
Phil Thomas

Publicist
Lynn Grilley



After the second week of the 2nd half, team #6 has 7 wins and 1 loss and team #4 has 6 wins and 2 losses. Steve Bishop bowled a 236 game so we now have a 3-way tie for High handicap game.

Check the website for current team standings:

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

Lynn Grilley

Bowlers Needed!

We have several vacancies. Contact Tom, Phil, or Lynn if you're interested in joining our fun league.

9 Hole Golf

Wally Anderson

We continue to play 9 holes of golf on alternate Wednesday mornings at either Sunken Gardens or Blackberry Farms Golf Courses. The tee-times are around 10 am and we are usually done by noon in time for a nice lunch. The restaurants are the Blue Pheasant at Blackberry Farm, and the Old Greenwood BBQ at Sunken Gardens.

We really could use a few more golfers. Contact Wally if interested.

We play all year every Wednesday.
Contact Wally to get on the mailing list.

July Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker in July is Alice Dang. Alice is from the Alzheimer Association, Northern California and Northern Nevada Chapter.

Wine Tasting

Dave Riopel

Nothing is planned yet. Watch your email for wine tasting events.

June walk near the Sunnyvale Water Tower



July Membership Report

Active Members	39
New Members	0
Members Pending	3
Average Age	80.3
Median Age	81.0

Poker

Mel Waldman

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>

SIR State Newsletter:

[The Rooster Crows](#)

Help Needed

We still have several positions open within Branch 62. This is a good opportunity for you to contribute to the success of our Branch.

Here's a list of open positions that need your help:

- [Songster](#)
- [Activities Coordinator](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Health & Safety](#)

Please contact Big SIR Bruce Edmundson if you are ready to take on one of these important positions. Click on the job title to view the job description.

July Birthdays

Mike Miller

Lana Kawakami

Barbara Waldman

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.

The June and July birthday drawings will be at the July meeting.

SIR Branch 62 June Picnic

