



Big SIR Report

My fellow SIRs,

It's picnic time! On June 12 we will have our annual picnic at Ortega Park. This is always a fun event with great food, a raffle, and lots of time for socializing. Volunteer to help if you can, but please come to help us have a successful event. I hope to see you all there!

In May we had an interesting presentation from Mr. Richard Holmboe on the different species of whales that are native to the west coast. We also welcomed our newest member, Lana Kawakami.

On May 24, several SIR members again spent some time greeting prospective members at the Sunnyvale Farmer's Market. We plan to do this again a few times during the summer. If you are interested in helping, let Heber know.

I encourage you to take the opportunity to get out and participate in our SIR activities.

Regards,
Bruce Edmundson
Big SIR

June 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.**

June 12th is our annual picnic!

See the announcement on p.6.

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.

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, so that we may respond.

Rooster: If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, call John Dieckman 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 had a nice tour on the first walk in May. Again we followed a route laid out by the City of Sunnyvale exploring outdoor artworks and other points of interest. We passed a few pieces of art in downtown Sunnyvale that we didn't know were there, and then on to Murphy Park. Highlights were the bronze & stainless-steel fountain "Community", a Rube Goldberg inspired miniature clock tower near the Plaza del Sol, the stamp mill built by the Joshua Hendy Iron Works in Martin Murphy Park, and a close-up view of the (quiet) arrival and departure of a new electric Caltrain from Sunnyvale.

For the first walk on June 13th (the day after the picnic), we think we will walk a route that mostly catches the parts of the City of Sunnyvale outdoor art route that we had to cut on that first walk in May. We'll again plan to meet on Taffee Street in front of Target in Sunnyvale at 9:30 AM. For the second June walk on the 27th we will likely walk either Central Park in Santa Clara or the Stevens Creek Trail again. If you are interested in a nice walk, contact Roy Jordan. He 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 photos on p.6.

18 Hole Golf

Paul Goodwin, June TC



Golf for June is at all the old local courses. Starting on June 2 we can warm up at Deep Cliff. Then, more flat terrain will be played on June 9 at San Jose Muni. June 16 will be at Sunnyvale Muni, where we can watch the planes flying over from time to time. Heading South on June 23, we go to Santa Teresa. Then, we will play Poppy Ridge's magnificent new course on June 30. These last three courses will combine for an eclectic. Your lowest score on each hole over the three rounds will be used to create a single optimized scorecard. The lowest total score will be eligible for the big prize.

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

Branch 62 Travel

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt Assistant: Roy Jordan

Romance of the Rhine & Mosel River Cruise

July 2 – July 21, 2025

This trip leaves in about a month, with two of us from the Branch going. 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.

Portugal's Douro River: Lisbon to Porto November 7-17, 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. We might be able to arrange to share a cabin. For more details, questions and to indicate interest, contact Jim or Roy.

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



We have picked up 4 bowlers from another league. That would make six 3 person teams for the summer league.

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.

Recruiting

Heber Slusser

We will have a recruiting event in June. Look for an email to learn the time and place. Volunteers will be needed.

June Guest Speaker

No guest speaker in June. Let's share our own great stories at the picnic!

Wine Tasting

Dave Riopel

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

There may be someone at the picnic who would be willing to share a glass with you.

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.

June Membership Report

Active Members	39
New Members	1
Inactive Members	0
Members Pending	3
Members Lost	4
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.

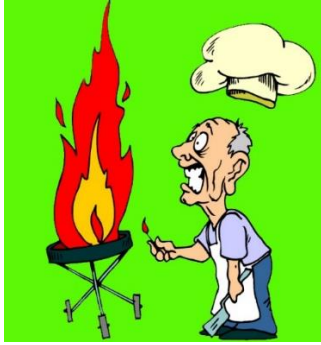
June Birthdays

Steve Burnham Jeff Bautista
Paul Cole Frank Doyle
Lynn Grilley Jim Hohenshelt
Bob Pastorino Jack Pettygrove
Phil Thomas Mel 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 birthday drawing will be at the July meeting.

*******IT'S PICNIC TIME*******



Join SIR Branch 62's Picnic at
Sunnyvale Ortega Park on JUNE 12th.

Hors D'oeuvres 11:30 AM

Lunch 12:00 AM

**Bring a dessert & get a chance to win a
prize.**

Chicken and sausages will be grilled!
We'll also have green salad, potato salad, corn on
the cob and ice cream.

This is a BYOB affair.

Cold bottled water will be served.

Location: 636 Harrow Way, Sunnyvale
(Picnic area)

If you haven't yet committed to coming, contact:

Jim Hohenshelt

ASAP so we can get an accurate count, and so we
know how much food to buy.

The ticket price is **\$32**. You will need to pay for any
guests as well as yourself. Jim will add you and your
guest to the attendance headcount and collect your
fees at the picnic. Your receipt for each ticket will be
one ticket per person for the raffle. We will be selling
additional raffle tickets at the Picnic.

SIR Branch 62 May Walkers



May 9th Walkers in front of bronze & stainless-steel
fountain "Community" by Archie Held. From L. to
R. are Roy Jordan, Mohammed Darwish, Jim
Karditzas, and Jim Hohenshelt. Behind the camera is
Walt Strach.



The Rube Goldberg inspired miniature clock tower
near Plaza del Sol.

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Lynn Grilley

Location: Black Bear Diner Sunnyvale
May 8, 2025

Officers in Attendance:

Big Sir: Bruce Edmundson
Little Sir: John Dieckman
Secretary: Lynn Grilley
Asst Sec: John Dieckman
Treasurer: Jim Hohenshelt
Asst Treas: Dave Riopel
Membership: Wally Anderson

Directors Present:

Steve Burnham
Heber Slusser
Jack Pettygrove
Mike Miller

Directors Absent:

None

Area representative:

Phil Thomas

Committee Chairs:

Membership: Wally Anderson
18 Hole Golf: Walt Marwitz
9 Hole Golf: Wally Anderson
Newsletter: John Dieckman
Bowling: Lynn Grilley
Travel: Roy Jordan Jim Hohenshelt
Fishing: Heber Slusser
Recruiting: Heber Slusser
Walking: Roy Jordan
Poker: Mel Waldman
Speaker: Heber Slusser

Treasurer Jim Hohenshelt reported that the branch has \$3999.48 on hand.

Recruiting: Heber Slusser reported that there will be a recruiting event sometime in May at the Sunnyvale Flea Market. Date TBD. Note: Recruiting is a corporate mandated activity and does not need BEC membership approval.

Fishing: Heber Slusser: No activity planned at this time.

General Discussion / Issues: The picnic will be held on June 12 this year.

Travel: Jim Hohenshelt: Nothing new is planned at this time.

18 Hole Golf: is on Mondays at several different courses.

9 Hole Golf: Wally Anderson: is at either the Sunken Gardens or Blackberry Farm golf courses on Wednesdays.

Bocce Ball and Cornhole: Nothing scheduled yet.

Bowling: Lynn Grilley: reported bowling is every Tuesday at Homestead Bowl at 10:00.

Bridge: John Dieckman: No activity is planned at this time.

Walking: Roy Jordan: is on Fridays at various sites.

The BEC Meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Bruce Edmundson.

Secretary Lynn Grilley: Our quorum is now four. We have a quorum.

Membership: Wally Anderson:

Lana Kawakami is accepted as a member of SIR Branch 62.

Big Sir: Bruce Edmundson: opened the BEC meeting. Secretary Lynn Grilley checked that we had a quorum.