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SUNNYVALE  
BRANCH # 62



# The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of  
**Sunnyvale Branch #62**  
Meets on the third Thursday of the month at  
Mariani's Restaurant  
2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara  
A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men  
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence  
and Dignity in Retirement  
<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>  
**December 2014**

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SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED SunnyVale Branch #62

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**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

If you do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without a suitable excuse, or if you fail to attend seven (7) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. The latter rule applies even though you may have reported your absences to the Attendance Committee. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a make up for missing our Luncheon.

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

Attending	51
Guests	0
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	2
Inactive	17
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	1
Members In Process	1
Membership	93

**BRIDGE UPDATE**

We play every first and third Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center on 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332. The get-togethers in December will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. We start at 1:30 and play for about 3 hours. We have not had a bid and made Grand Slam as yet but we are still hoping.

Roger Falberg has volunteered to give bridge lessons for four Sirs interested in learning the game. If you are interested please give Roger (408-730-0801) or me (408-410-3626) a call and we will set something up.

If anyone else is interested in playing a party style type of Bridge, please let me know at the next meeting or give Roger or me a call.

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist

**The Statesmen SIR Bowling**

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We are now 12 weeks into the winter bowling league and we have a tie for first place between the Admirals consisting of Frank McElroy, Jim Shinmoto, and Don Paulson and the Kings consisting of George Center, Mal Hopkins and Lynn Grilley. Congratulations to the winners of the first session: the Chiefs consisting of Tom McDonough, Charles Bailey, Vern Miller and Lee Wrigglesworth. They won by 2 and 1/2 games.

We still need bowlers to fill a few empty slots.

**Top Scores for the Season so far are:**

Scratch Series: 641 Don Paulson

Scratch Game: 254 Tom Birley

Handicap Series: 845 Vern Miller

Handicap Game: 318 Bob Hebson

We bowl on Tuesdays starting at 9:30 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come join us! -----Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

**SONS IN RETIREMENT—Branch 62**

**LUNCHEON ORDER FORM\***

**MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

I wish to order a salad ( ) or the hot entrée of the month ( ) for the meeting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.

Included with this form is payment of \$20 for January or \$21 for February. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out and mail to Russ Kohlrust, 2561 Lancaster Ct., Santa Clara, CA 95051 (408) 306-8335.

**REMINDER**

**NO LUNCHEON THIS MONTH**

Our annual Christmas Dinner Dance will take place at Mariani’s Restaurant on Thursday, December 18, 2014.



There is still time to get tickets for the Event.

Use the order form included in this Rooster.

Doors open at 5:30pm

Music starts at 6:00pm

Dinner served at 7:00pm

Casual Dress

Contact Tom Birley for details.

408 736 8869

**Sick Call:**

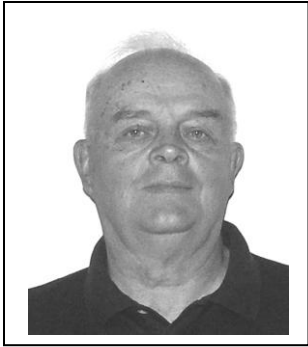
Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Mal Hopkins, (408) 720-0849.

**Rooster:**

If you have not received the “Rooster” by mail by the 10th of the month, please call John McGuire (408) 248-4620. If you have not received the “Rooster” by e-mail, let John McGuire know by e-mail at [jpmcguiresr@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com). To switch to e-mail delivery, send your e-mail address to John McGuire. E-mail subscriptions reduce Branch expenses.

**BE A SIR!.. BE COMMITTED!!**

**BE ACTIVE!.. HAVE FUN!..**



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Mal Hopkins*

Well Sirs, 2014 is almost over and this my last input for our monthly newsletter. I enjoyed my tenure as Big Sir for the last 12 months and want to thank all committee members for their help during the year. **GOOD NEWS:** Our incoming Big Sir, Bob Hebson, gave a presentation at the Branch 153 final luncheon and came back with ten applications for transfer to our branch--a fantastic way to start 2015 for our branch. Don't forget our Christmas Party on Thursday December 18th at Mariani's-- good music, good food, and a night out for our significant others (our wives are significant). Doors open at 5:30 P.M. I look forward to seeing many of you there. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With our great start for 2015, we could have a good year for new members. We still have a challenge to bring a potential new member to one of our luncheons. We lost a few due to health reasons and a few to passing away. We need to give our new Big Sir our cooperation in making 2015 a great year. See you at the Christmas party.  
*Mal Hopkins, Big Sir*

**BOCCE BALL UPDATE**

Bocce ball will not be implemented as a new activity until January 2015. Plans still are to play at Lake Almaden Park, but will be deferred to January due to November and December holidays. Bob Hebson and Russ Kohlrust will be playing Bocce with the Village Sirs while we finalize implementation plans.

**MARIANI'S LUNCH INFORMATION**

As you know, we now sell tickets for our monthly lunch at Mariani's (2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051) and several questions have come up.

1. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend.
  2. If you cannot buy your ticket for the next month at the luncheon or send your money to the Little Sir at least one week in advance (that's the Thursday before the meeting), then don't come to the meeting expecting to eat. If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call the Little Sir one week before the meeting and he will get your ticket moved to the following month. If there is an emergency and you can't make the meeting, call the Little Sir and he will decide if it is a true emergency and will forward the ticket to the following month. This is going to be enforced and if you buy a ticket and don't show up without letting the Little Sir know, you will lose your money.
  3. If you have not purchased a ticket for the upcoming meeting and wish to attend, you must submit the Luncheon Order Form (*found on page 9*), with your payment, **so that the Little Sir receives it no later than Thursday, one week prior to the meeting.** Lunch orders received less than one week before the meeting will not be processed and your money will be refunded.
- If you have any other questions please contact *Little Sir* Russ Kohlrust (408) 306-8335.



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

### SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

The Coordinator for December is Paul Goodwin. The lineup of courses for this month is:

- 1 December – Coyote Valley
- 8 December – Santa Teresa
- 15 December – Palo Alto
- 22 December – San Jose Muni
- 29 December – Sunnyvale

Remember - if you haven't paid your NCGA dues, you need to do so soon.

May you hit them long and straight.

Phil Thomas 408-410-3626

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Art Albert	Dec. 8	Gene Bunzel	Dec. 12
Bill Westmore	Dec. 15	Dick Tillenger	Dec. 27

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Two long-time members of Branch 62 recently passed away:  
Jim Hildebrand, Member since 1995  
Roy May, Member since 1986



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### **R & B 9 HOLE GOLF**

**Tom Birley-Chairmen**

**“You can talk to a fade but a hook won't listen”.**  
**[Lee Trevino]**

#### October 29 13 Players

C.T.P. R. Falberg

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: T. McDonough 24; 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: R. Falberg 28

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: B. Crosby 29

Birds & Chip ins: T. McDonough (C)

**HOLE IN ONE: ALEX FREMLING**

#### November 5<sup>th</sup> 12 Players

C.T.P. D. Riopel 35'1”

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: D. Riopel 21; 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: G. Bunzel,

B. Crosby 27; 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: A. Fremling 30

Chip Ins: J. Howard & J. Parker

#### November 12<sup>th</sup> 11 Players

C.T.P. T. Birley 7'0”

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: T. McDonough 26; 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: T. Birley &

J. Parker 29; 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: R. Riopel & B. Crosby 31

Birds & Chip-ins: None

#### November 19<sup>th</sup> 7 Players

C.T.P. None

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: J. Howard, J Parker, & B. Collinson 31

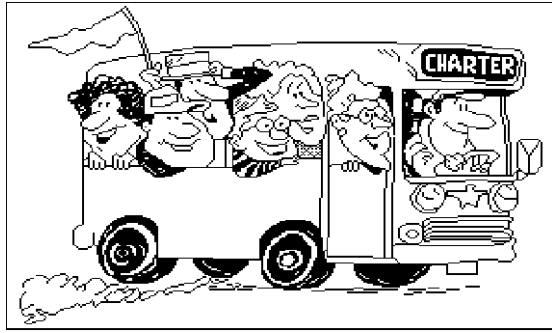
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: B. Hebson 32

Birds & Chip-ins: None

### **BOOK SWAP**

Recycle those books that you have enjoyed. Bring them to the luncheon and place them on the book swap table. Help yourself to one or two and enjoy! We would appreciate any “Large Print” books you may have.

Happy Reading!



## SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62

**Reminder:** Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available not only to SIR members and their spouses but also to guests and widows of SIR members. **Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) and Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765).**

**June, 2015 (6 days) - Las Vegas, World Series of Poker (WSOP):** Exact date TBA when 2015 WSOP schedule is defined. Watch or play (entry fee not included) in the Senior WSOP at the Rio Hotel and Casino, or pursue other Vegas activities. Cost is \$675 (dbl) and \$850 (sgl), includes airport transfers (home to SJC & LAS to the Rio), air fare & 5 nights in a luxury suite at the Rio

**September, 2015 California RR Museum (1 day):** The California Railroad Museum in Sacramento is noted for fine displays of railroad history in California. Round trip travel from the South Bay via Capitol Corridor train. Date & more details in future Roosters.

**November 5–23, 2015 - Crossroads of Turkey** - Land tour of Turkey begins in Istanbul, proceeds to Asiatic Turkey with many fascinating stops. Per Person cost is \$3795, includes air fare from SFO, tour transportation, hotel accommodations, taxes, fees, gratuities for drivers/guides, 35 meals.

**January 9 – 19, 2016: Mexican Riviera:** Grand Princess cruise from San Francisco (no air). Per person double occupancy cost ranges from \$1455 (Interior), to \$1995 (Balcony), includes home pick up, cruise meals & entertainment, taxes, fees, some gratuities.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Motion Passed by the Executive Board in November

As a result of Mariani's increasing their luncheon cost for an expanded menu and in order to keep luncheon costs down for the members, the Branch 62 Board approved the following at the November 2014 Meeting:

**Member annual dues will be increased to \$20 (prorated for new members) for 2015 and the luncheon price will be \$21 effective with the February meeting. (Price is \$20 for January.)** Roger H. Falberg, Treasurer

## 2015 LUNCHEON MENUS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SALAD ENTRÉE</u>	<u>HOT ENTRÉE</u>
January	Chicken Salad Spring Mix	Rosemary Baked Chicken
February	Boat Fruit Salad	Roast Pork Loin
March	Chicken Spinach Salad	Beef Stroganoff
April	Caesar Chicken Salad	Chicken Marsala
May	Chicken Salad Spring Mix	Cheese Ravioli
July	Boat Fruit Salad	Chicken Cacciatore
August	Chicken Spinach Salad	Grilled Ham with Cherry Sauce
September	Caesar Chicken Salad	Bay Shrimp Carbonara
October	Chicken Salad Spring Mix	Roast Pork Loin
November	Chicken Spinach Salad	Chicken Marsala