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BRANCH # 62



The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of
Sunnyvale Branch #62
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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>
September 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 AUGUST 21, 2014**

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Attending | 56 |
| Guests | 0 |
| Transferred In | 0 |
| Transferred Out (Past Month) | 0 |
| Resigned | 0 |
| Deceased | 0 |
| Inactive | 18 |
| Returned From Inactive | 0 |
| Inducted This Month | 0 |
| Members In Process | 3 |
| Membership | 92 |

BRIDGE UPDATE

We play every other Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center, 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332. We start at 1:30 and play for about 3 hours.

Roger Falberg has volunteered to give bridge lessons for Sirs interested in learning the game. If you are interested please give Roger (408-730-0801) or myself (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 myself a call.

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist

The Statesmen SIR Bowling

| <u>President</u> | <u>Vice President</u> | <u>Secretary</u> | <u>Treasurer</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tom Birley (408) 736-8869 | Charlie Gray (408) 253-0606 | Dave Jeong (650) 493-9132 | Leon Kowaleski (408) 446-1129 |

In the summer league, the first session winners were the Deans consisting of Bob Hebson, Phil Thomas, Frank McElroy, and Harold Thiede. The winners of the second session were the Generals consisting of Marvin Hirschel, Charlie Gray, Ron Olson, and Lynn Grilley. The winners of the third session were the Deans again. According to our secretary, the champions for the summer session are the Deans. The roll off for second place will take place between the Generals and the wild card team of the Admirals consisting of Leon Kowaleski, Charles Bailey, Van Dietz, and Tom Birley.

Top Scores for the Season

Scratch Series: 707 Tom Birley Scratch Game: 270 Steve Bishop
 Handicap Series: 717 Charlie Gray
 Handicap Game: 284 Charles Bailey

The Winter league signups are still going on. Please see or call one of the officers above if you are interested in bowling with us and having a lot of fun.

We bowl on Tuesdays starting at 10:00 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 entrée of the month () for the meeting in the month of _____.
 Included with this form is payment of \$19. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name _____ Badge Number _____

Cut out and mail to: Bob Hebson, 1170 Stafford Drive
 Cupertino, CA 95014, (408) 255-3753

*Use this form if you did not place an order at the last meeting.

Luncheon Menu For September 18, 2014

Broiled Chicken Salad or Spaghetti ala Marinara

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our speaker this month is Brian Shiroyama, Colonel, USAF, retired. He will describe his experiences as Director of Security and Terrorism Counteraction. His duty was to provide Security for Air Force One and the fleet of aircraft that support the President and Congressional leaders.

Future Speakers

October: Rick Deutsch: Machu Picchu-The Inca Empire
 November: Teresa Alvarado: Santa Clara Valley Water District

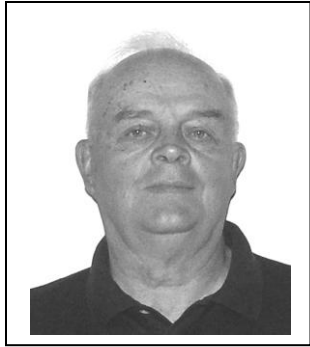
Sick Call:

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. 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*

Fellow Sirs,

Our August luncheon speaker talked about her early childhood in Germany. We are very fortunate to be Americans living in a great country.

Regarding our activities, Bridge Club is up and running and Bocce Ball will eventually be the same. Golfers are having great weather and our bowlers returned from our SIR tournament--some with good luck and others still trying.

On page 6 of this issue of the Rooster, I am publishing our Treasurer's Report outlining our current status. Based on the results shown, I will be asking the Board to review the level of dues we collect from the members. We have to face the truth. Facts and figures don't lie. Our branch has kept its expenses under control and, compared to the other branches in our area, we are still on the low side. Most of these branches charge \$25.00 dues.

Mal Hopkins, Big Sir

BOCCE BALL UPDATE

So far, six members have expressed a desire to play but we need more players. Call Russ Kohlrust a 408-306-8335 and leave a message with your name and branch badge number. Russ will call you with details of this new SIR activity.

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 are unable to make the meeting after you bought your ticket, you need to call the Little Sir no later than one week prior to the meeting so that your order can be canceled. Failure to do this, without an emergency, will cause you to lose the money for the ticket.
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* Bob Hebson at (408) 255-3753

Luncheon Menu for the rest of the Year

| | <u>SALAD</u> | <u>ENTREE</u> |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------------|
| September | Broiled Chicken | Spaghetti ala Marinara |
| October | Chef | Pasta Primavera |
| November | Broiled Chicken | Turkey |
| December | DINNER DANCE | |

Travel, continue from page 5.

November 5-23, 2016 - Crossroads of Turkey - Land tour of Turkey begins with 3 days in Istanbul, proceeds to Asiatic Turkey featuring stops at Gallipoli battlefields, legendary Troy, many ancient Biblical, Roman and Greek sites, fascinating geological features & history back to the Hittites, ending in Ankara. Per Person cost is \$3795, includes air fare from SFO, tour transportation, all hotel accommodations, all taxes and fees, gratuities for drivers/guides, 35 meals. Optional 5 day pre-trip to Athens is available for \$1295.

SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

The golf coordinators for the balance of 2014 are:
September Tom Birley October Dave Riopel
November Jeff Bautista December Paul Goodwin

Here's the course list for September

9/8 Santa Teresa 9/15 Sunnysvale Muni
9/22 San Jose Muni 9/29 Spring Valley

The September coordinator is Tom Birley 408-736-8869.

May you hit them long and straight.
Phil Thomas 408-410-3626

BOOK SWAP

Recycle those books that you have enjoyed. Bring them to the luncheon and place them on the table at the entrance. Help yourself to one or two and enjoy! We would appreciate any "Large Print" books you may have. Happy Reading!

Notice of \$1 Luncheon Increase

Our Executive Committee has made several decisions necessary to keep Branch financially stable. The committee has approved an increase in our ticket prices to \$20.00 for lunch effective January 1, 2015 and our dues to remain at \$10.00 for the year to eliminate the bucket brigade.

R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Henry Crossfield / Tom Birley-Co Chairmen
A NEW GOLF ALPHABET by Carrie Foote Weeks
K is to " Keep your eye on the ball";
If we follow this rule, there is hope for us all.

7/30/14 CTP #7: Fred Carlson 1'10"; 1st Low Net: Don Stuedman 25; 2nd Low Net: Bill Crosby & Alex Fremling 26. Chips & Birds: Tom Birley B; Fred Carlson B&C; Bud Collinson C & Bill Crosby C

8/6/14 CTP #9: Henry Crossfield 14'10". 1st LowNet: Don Stuedeman 25; 2nd Low Net: George Sousa & John Howard 26. Chips & Birds: Fred Carlson B; John Peterson B & John Parker B

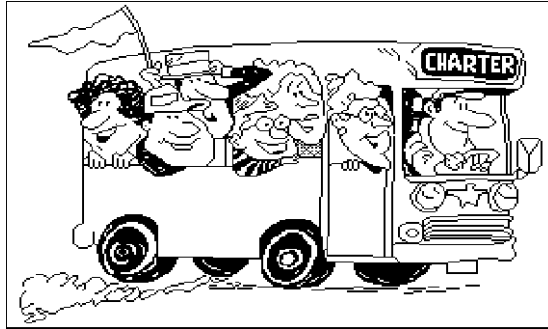
8/13/14 CTP #4: Bob Hebson 23' 7". 1st Low Net: Fred Carlson 24; 2nd Low Net: Bud Collinson, Bill Crosby & John Howard 28. Birds & Chips; Gene Bunzel C; Bud Collinson B&C; Don Stuedeman C

8/20/14 CTP #5: Don Stuedeman 7' 10" 1st Low Net: Roger Falberg & John McGuire 27; 2nd Low Net: George Sousa 28. Birds: Alex Fremling B

8/27/14 CTP #7: Bud Collinson 26"; 1st Low Net: Gene Bunzel & Bud Collinson 24; 2nd Low Net: Roger Falberg & Alex Fremling 26. Birds: Bud Collinson 2B; John Howard B

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------|------|--------------|------|
| Bob Garry | 9/02 | Art Bedford | 9/14 |
| Fred Carlson | 9/04 | Dave Riopel | 9/20 |
| Marv Hirschel | 9/09 | John McGuire | 9/30 |
| Bill Crosby | 9/10 | | |



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)** (Roy Jordan at 408 735-8765 not available until September 22).

October 17, 2014 – SIR Day at the Races, GG Fields – WE NEED TO ACT QUICKLY; A MINIMUM PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED BY SEPT. 12th. The \$39 pp. cost includes admission to the Turf Club, buffet lunch, valet parking, a daily program, tax & tip, and of course the best in thoroughbred racing. Jim will take BART and forego the valet parking (& traffic). Call Jim for details.

November 4-17, 2014 - Spain – SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE to experience historic and culturally diverse Spain for 13 days, unpacking only 3 times. Travel to Madrid, Valencia, and Barcelona; Segovia, Toledo & others optional. Cost reduced to \$3395 (pp, single or double same), includes airfare, accommodations, tours, taxes, gratuities, transfers and 22 meals.

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.

January 9 – 19, 2016: Mexican Riviera: Grand Princess cruise from San Francisco (**no air**) with stops in Puerto Vallarta, Manzanillo, Mazatlan, and Cabo San Lucas. Per person double occupancy cost ranges from \$1455 (Interior), to \$1995 (Balcony), includes home pick up to & from SF Pier, cruise meals & entertainment, all taxes and fees, gratuities for drivers & porters.

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SIR Branch 62 Treasurer's Report

| <u>Projected Revenues</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Dues | 840 | 750 |
| Raffle | 250 | 240 |
| Picnic (net) | 164 | 300 |
| Dinner Dance | 100 | 100 |
| Luncheons | <u>260</u> | <u>1,300</u> |
| Total | <u>1,614</u> | <u>2,690</u> |

| <u>Projected Expenses</u> | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Directories | 350 | 350 |
| Rooster | 1,150 | 1,150 |
| Free lunch-guests | 180 | 180 |
| Free lunch-birthdays | 216 | 216 |
| State dues | 500 | 480 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>100</u> | <u>100</u> |
| Total | <u>2,496</u> | <u>2,476</u> |

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| <u>Net Cash Flow</u> | <u>(882)</u> | <u>214</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|

Primary causes of the 2014 deficit are (1) that luncheon was priced at cost for the first six months costing about \$420, and (2) that picnic revenues were about \$300 below prior years.

| <u>Cash</u> | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning of year | 1,836 | 954 |
| Expected net | <u>(882)</u> | <u>214</u> |
| End of year | <u>954</u> | <u>1,168</u> |

Our objective in prior years was to maintain this at \$1,500.

Narrative

Each year we have fewer members to support the same or greater fixed costs. The burden falls on those members attending the luncheons, since they are the ones paying the extra \$2, and they are the ones most likely to pay the annual dues. Some members still feel that dues are voluntary and for whatever reason don't pay. Annual fixed costs less the support from the picnic, dinner dance, and raffle run about \$1,900. That's about \$30 per active member. If we priced luncheons at cost, each active member would need to pay annual dues of \$30. Each member should understand this.