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INCORPORATED  
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>  
**January 2016**

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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.

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FOR DECEMBER 17, 2015**

Attending	(Christmas Dance)	35*
Guests		35*
Transferred In		0
Transferred Out (Past Month)		0
Resigned		0
Deceased		0
Active		88
Inactive		32
Returned From Inactive		0
Inducted This Month		0
Members in Process		0
Membership		120

\*estimate

**JANUARY SPEAKER**

Our January Speaker is Brigadier General Chester Ward. His speech is "Vietnam Recollections".

Dr. Chester Ward has a long and distinguished career as a physician in the public and private sectors. After an illustrious military career in the US Army Medical Corps, Dr. Ward retired as a Brigadier General and returned to his native state of California.

Dr. Ward started his career as an Airborne Ranger. He served on the personal staffs of Presidents Nixon and Ford as a White House Physician from 1971 through 1976. His career covered many military branches and places.

**Luncheon Menu  
JANUARY 21, 2016**

**Chef Salad Spring Mix or  
Rosemary Baked Chicken**

**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	Phil Thomas (408) 410-3626	Leon Kowaleski (408) 446-1129

After 2 weeks into the 3rd quarter we have the Sultans, consisting of Al Draeger, Ron Olson, and Don Paulson; and the Deans, consisting of Phil Thomas, Carl Del Rosario and Dave Jeong, tied for first place. The Deans came out with the lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**Top Scores for the Season are:**

Scratch Series: 647 Tom Birley  
Scratch Game: 235 Bob Hebson  
Handicap Series: 823 Mal Hopkins  
Handicap Game: 335 Lynn Grilley

We still have some openings in our Winter League. If you want to take up the sport, please see me or email me at [phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu](mailto:phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu) and I will gladly add you to a team. We readily accept all those who want to learn as well. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino.

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 \$21. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

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

Cut out and mail to: Jim Hohenshelt, 2626 Estella Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051 or call (408) 241-4421

\*Use this form if you did not buy a lunch ticket at the last meeting.

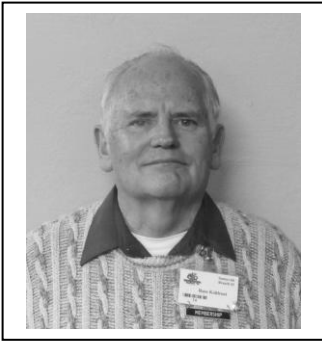
***Sick Call:***

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  
Russ Kohlrust*

Fellow Sirs:

I am fortunate to be your branch's 42<sup>nd</sup> Big Sir joining a great group of men in leadership, NINETEEN OF WHOM ARE ACTIVE IN OUR BRANCH! What a wealth of knowledge and experience to provide advice to make my job easier. But, I can't think of nineteen jobs for them to work on. Most tasks are in place; thanks to their great work, which makes my job easier. However, we have ALL encountered a similar condition – declining membership. This is nothing new to social organizations in this day of age. All have declining membership including Masons, Shriners, Elks, Moose, etc. The good news is that we are not alone. The bad news is that it is happening to us in SIR and in our branch. SIR state leadership has resolved to have the branches return to the upward slope of the membership parabola graph, which is a segue to my next paragraph.

Part of my Big Sir training was attending a session on RAMP, an acronym for Recruitment, Activities, Member relations, Publicity. You will be hearing me discuss RAMP throughout the year. Our new Little Sir, Jim Hohenshelt, and our Membership Director, Jeff Bautista, attended the training and you may be hearing from them also. I'm asking all our branch's members to give them your support if they ask for your assistance. **TOGETHER WE CAN FAVORABLY CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF OUR DECLINING MEMBERSHIP.** RAMP will be included as a topic of discussion at all our Executive Board Meetings starting in January.

What do I foresee in the future? I predict we will have at least five new activities to offer our members to participate in. What are they? I'm open to your recommendations. One thought that was given to me is how about wine tasting? Yep, I enjoy a nice glass of white wine occasionally. We have several vineyards nearby to sample their recipes. Anyone interested in heading up that activity give me a call. Another thought I had is how about an exercise activity all of us need and can participate in, such as walking? This would be perfect for us to enjoy our great weather, learn new sites that we haven't been to, and the cost is right for us retirees → NONE. Do you have computer problems? How about a computer activity? Any volunteer to head up that activity, give me a call. How about photography for an activity? I'm interested in what your thoughts are for new activities. Give me a call at 408.306.8335 and please leave a call back number with your name and phone number. Let's share our experiences and interests with the other 80+ active members in the branch.

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**MARIANI'S LUNCH INFORMATION**

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch at Mariani's (2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051). If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend

If you cannot buy your meal 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.

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 2*), 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 Jim Hohenshelt at 408 241 4421.

**NOTICE**

On 8/20/15, the Branch Board approved a dues increase from \$20 to \$25 effective January 2016. The breakdown per member is as follows:

Rooster.....	\$14
State Assessment.....	5
Guest & Birthday Lunches....	5
<u>Office.....</u>	<u>2</u>
Total.....	\$26

(Cost of Annual Roster is covered by the Picnic Profits.)

Roger Falberg, Treasurer

## SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

Alice Goodwin is the January Golf Director (650) 269 8331.

Here is the schedule for the month:

Jan 4 - Santa Teresa - white tees

Jan 11 - Los lagos - white tees (ctp will be under 130 yds)

Jan 18 - Santa Clara - black tees

Jan 25 - Spring Valley - silver tees

I hope all who have been on travel and/or healing will be able to join us in the new year.

Some have been asking about the details of handicaps. I will send out mini lessons illuminating that mysterious number from time to time.

FYI Moffett Field Golf Course is now open to the public. The course has undergone numerous improvements and is a welcome addition to golfing opportunities in the south bay.

Hope you had a great Christmas and I wish you a wonder-filled New Year.

Paul Goodwin, Tournament Chairman  
408-480-4900

## BOCCE BALL UPDATE

Our next play is **January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00** at the Lake Almaden Park Bocce Courts off of Winfield, south of Blossom Hill Road in San Jose. Almaden Expressway is the quickest route to get there. We usually play on the center courts where there is shade. In the past 10 months, only once were they unavailable and we played on the end courts then.

December's play was a rainout. El Nino wasn't kind to us, but it was good to see the rain. Even better was to get a good dose of snow in the Sierras for our spring water needs.

I'm looking forward to seeing a new year's group of men at Bocce on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Bocce is an easy sport to learn and fun to play. Call me at 408.306.8335 and I will be glad to explain the benefits of Bocce to your health in addition to the game's enjoyment. Bocce is similar to shuffleboard but uses small balls close in size and weight to croquet balls instead of pucks. The sport requires **no cost to play**. Our chapter provides all equipment needed. New players to the sport are welcomed.

Russ Kohlrust, Bocce Chairman

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

### Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 Players

C.T.P. Bob Hebson 18'

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Vern Miller, John Parker 28

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Don Stuedeman, Bill Crosby 30

Birds & Chip-ins: Dave Riopel (2B)

### December 9<sup>th</sup> 9 Players

C.T.P. John Parker 14'6"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John Howard 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Don Stuedeman 27

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Bill Crosby 29

Birds & Chip-Ins: Jim Anderson (B)

### December 16<sup>th</sup> 10 Players NO PLAY (Frost Delay)

### December 23<sup>rd</sup> 7 Players

C.T.P. Dave Riopel 18'

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: John Parker 24

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 29

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson, Don Stuedeman 32

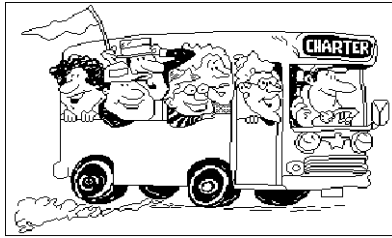
Birds & Chip-Ins: Dave Riopel (B)

Big Sir Report, cont'd from p3

We had a great dinner dance this month thanks to Tom Birley heading it up. Our 2016 leaders were also inaugurated. I missed it by staying home with a heavy cold. Our new Little Sir, Jim Hohenshelt, was off on a cruise. I'm looking forward to him telling us of his adventures.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB BYERS who received an HONORARY LIFE MEMBER AWARD presented to him at the dinner by Pat Misener, SIR Region 7 Director. Our Area Governor, Rene Padilla was also in attendance at the dinner. I'm sure all our branch members renewed acquaintances with the three men and provided congratulations to Bob for his significant contributions to our branch (too many to list here because I ran out of space).

*Rush Kohlrust, Big Sir*



## 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).

**Brochures for the following trips are available from the escorts or at the travel table**

**July 11 - 23, 2016: Eastern Europe to the Black Sea:** Danube River cruise from Budapest to Bucharest with interesting & historic tours including; Belgrade, Iron Gates and Danube-Black Sea Canal. There are optional extensions available to Vienna or Prague, and Transylvania or Istanbul. \$4670 pp/dbl. occ. with air from San Francisco.

**Nov 12 - 23, 2016: Panama and Canal Passage:** Panama City, Chitre Rain Forest, Canal Administration Building, plus a 2 day Canal passage on a small ship with an overnight on Gatun Lake. Optional extensions available to the wild archipelago of Bocas del Toro and Cartagena, Columbia. \$4770 pp/dbl. occ. includes air from San Jose. Early signup discounts up to 4% are available.

### SIR Branch 62 web site

Our SIR 62 branch website has been redone by our webmaster Heber Slusser. Please visit the website at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org/> and provide feedback to Heber. You can email Heber at HeberS@comcast.net.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bud Collinson	Jan 14
Frenchy Manou	Jan 18
John Dieckman	Jan 21
Richard Pope	Jan 22
Stephen Bishop	Jan 29
Phil Rossignol	Jan 30

## 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 next two scheduled meetings will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January. The hosts, tentatively, will be Roger Falberg and Dave Riopel respectively. A new schedule (unless already created and I'm not aware of it) will be published soon.

We start at 1:00 and play for about 3 1/2 hours.

We play 4 rounds of bridge per table and the losers move to the next table. We get in about 4 rounds before having to call it quits.

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