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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>
April 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 MARCH 17, 2016**

Attending	<i>(Data not available)</i>	---
Guests		1
Transferred In		0
Transferred Out (Past Month)		0
Resigned		0
Deceased		4
Active		89
Inactive		25
Returned From Inactive		0
Inducted This Month		0
Members in Process		0
Membership		114

Branch 62 Wine Tasting Club

At the March meeting, I put out a list for everyone to sign who was interested in wine tasting. Currently, I have 7 people signed up for the club.

My thoughts are that once a month we would get together at a local winery or at someone's house, and discuss the fine aspects of enjoying a good wine, be it red, white or rose in color.

Our first outing will be held at J. Lohr wine tasting room in San Jose. I will call everyone and set up a date and time. Most likely on a Saturday or Sunday when we can taste their Cuvee's. Another trip will be scheduled for Ruby Hill Winery in the July time frame. This winery is in the Livermore area and, time permitting, we can stop by Concannon Winery for a tasting as well. Concannon was one of the first wineries to produce the Petite Sarah wine.

If anyone is interested in joining this club, please let me know at the next meeting or give me a call at 408-410-3626.

You can also email me at phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu.

Phil Thomas, Wine Tasting 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	Phil Thomas (408) 410-3626	Leon Kowaleski (408) 446-1129

As it stands now, the Admirals consisting of Jack Pettygrove, Leon Kowaleski and Lynn Grilley, are a game in first place. There is a tie for second place between the Deans, consisting of Richard Thomas, Phil Thomas, Carl Del Rosario and Dave Jeong and the Generals, consisting of Al Delfino, Harold Kaye, Bud Collison and Tom Birley.

Top Scores for the Season are:

Scratch Series: 647 Tom Birley
Scratch Game: 259 Steve Bishop
Handicap Series: 823 Mal Hopkins
Handicap Game: 335 Lynn Grilley

I will be making up the teams for the Summer League so please see me or email me at 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

NOTICE

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE!!.

If you did not pay yet, please send a check for \$25 to our Treasurer. Make check payable to SIR Branch #62:

Roger Falberg
751 Silver Pine Ct
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

LUNCH MENU

APRIL 21, 2016

CAESAR CHICKEN or BAKED HAM
SALAD w/CHERRY SAUCE

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:

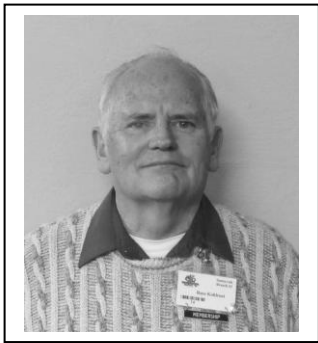
Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine
Committee: Mal Hopkins, (408) 720-0849.

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. 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*

If you were unable to make the March luncheon, you missed a great presentation by Steve Blank, author, former Stanford professor, and one of the thirty most respected people in the US. The subject was “How WWII Influenced The Silicon Valley”. Steve showed great visual slides and humor in his talk. Beginning with strategies in the air and on water for both US and Germany, he discussed aircrafts and ships on both sides. Technology at that time was radar and vacuum tubes. Cryptograms and ciphers were very primitive. The Korean War did not add or change the technology. In the late 50’s, vacuum tubes were replaced with transistors and solid state boards. In the 60’s, there was the Vietnam War, large sized computers in air conditioned rooms and Silicon Valley technology shrinking mainframe computers into desktop size computers. Hello Bill Gates and Steve Jobs. Hello Microsoft, PC and Apple. Computer R&D development was done at MIT on the east coast and at Stanford on the west coast behind closed doors in windowless rooms. Hello Blue Cube in Sunnyvale. Hello startup companies Fairchild, National Semiconductor, Intel, and others in Silicon Valley. Hello big dish communication and satellites. Hello Lockheed. Communication was improved for the armed services, private industry, and the world’s use. The National Security Agency in the US was formed. Classified military communication utilization also changed. No longer was “switchboard technology and equipment” used. Thank you Stanford graduates, professors, and student engineers. You gave us start-up companies in the valley improving the world’s technology, and the valley’s economy.

Kudos to our Gene Bunzel for booking a terrific speaker who gave us an interesting subject and excellent presentation. It brought back memories to our Sirs.

LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If at all possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the meeting preceding the one you plan to attend.

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 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 questions, please contact Little Sir Jim Hohenshelt at 408 241 4421.

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly we mourn the loss of these four Sirs who have passed away recently:

Joe DeRoche, Frank McElroy,
Ian McMurray, and Harlon Smith



**Property Tax
Due on
April 10th.**

**Income Tax
Filing due on
April 15th.**

18 Hole Golf

Our first rain-out of the year was March 7. What is that saying, if March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb? Let's hope so.

Player of the Year standings find Jim Marquez in first as a result of winning 3 of the last 6 rounds. This accomplishment is reflected in his index going down a whole stroke. Wally Anderson and Dan Frietas tied at second. Frank Doyle and Paul Goodwin tie for third at this point.

The golfer's handicap depends on slope for the course and tees being played. The slope is a measure of difficulty for average golfers vs scratch golfers. A course and tee of standard difficulty has a rating of 113. Slope can range from 55 to 155. The handicap for the course and tees being played is calculated by multiplying the golfer's index by the ratio of the slope/113 and rounding to a whole number.

April is coordinated by Bob Pastorino 510-755-5524. Call to get your name on the tee sheet.

April 18 Hole Golf

4 – Santa Teresa

11 – Los Lagos

18 - Gilroy

25 – San Jose

25 – Spring Valley Regional (contact Bob to play)

Submitted by Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chair 408-480-4900

WHAT'S NEW?

If you haven't visited our new website, I would urge you to do so. It has information on our branch activities, archival newsletter records, and even a classified section which is sure to grow in popularity. Our Webmaster Heber Slusser is to be congratulated for having done an excellent job in producing the website. If you have any comments or suggestions, you can email them directly to Heber at HeberS@comcast.net.

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R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

March 2nd 9 Players

C.T.P. Tom Birley 22'

1st Low Net: Tom Birley 25

2nd Low Net: John Howard 29

3rd Low Net: Vern Miller

Birds & Chip-ins: Jim Anderson (C)

March 16th 8 Players

C.T.P. Vern Miller 21'1"

1st Low Net: Tom Birley 28

2nd Low Net: Vern Miller 29

3rd Low Net: Mike Hasting, Don Stuedeman 30

Birds & Chip-ins: Vern Miller (C), Don Stuedeman (B),
Tom Birley (B)

March 23rd 9 Players

C.T.P. None

1st Low Net: Tom Birley 26

2nd Low Net: Mike Hastings 27

3rd Low Net: Henry Crossfield, Alex Fremling 30

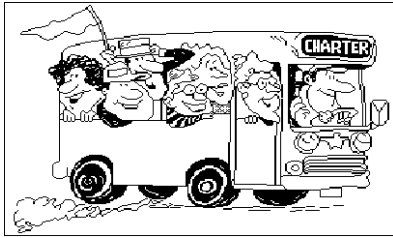
Birds & Chip-ins: Jim Anderson (C/B)

APRIL SPEAKER

Our Speaker is Rick Deutsch. His Speech is:

"The Cold War and the Bay Area's Readiness".

He holds Degrees from the Universities of Maryland, South Carolina, and Santa Clara. He had a 30 year career as marketing manager at Intel, Sun Microsystems and others. A member of the National Speakers Association, he gives over 18 presentations a month, ranging from adventure talks to motivational keynotes at museums, colleges, associations, and companies.



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 are available from the escorts or at the travel table

Oct. 9, 2016 Fleet Week Air Show Cruise (1 day): Watch the 2016 Air Show from San Francisco Bay on a lunch cruise aboard the iconic San Francisco Belle. Complementary coffee and tea. Soft drinks and sparkling wine are also available. Price is \$185 per person, includes bus transfer from San Jose.

July 7-19, 2016: Black Sea to Eastern Europe:

This Danube River cruise has changed direction and dates (note dates in title). The cruise now runs from Bucharest to Budapest, still featuring interesting and historic tours: Danube-Black Sea Canal, Iron Gates and Belgrade. Optional pre-trip extension to Transylvania & post-trip to Prague. From \$4670 pp/dbl. occ. (single supplement \$595) with air from San Francisco.

Nov 12 - 23, 2016: Panama and Canal Passage: Panama City, Chitre, rain forest, Expansion Project Visitor Center, plus a 2 day Canal passage on a small ship with overnight in Gatun Lake. Optional extensions to the wild archipelago of Bocas del Toro and Cartagena, Columbia available. \$4770 pp/dbl. occ. includes air from San Jose. Early signup discounts up to 3% available

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

David	Ashby	Apr 3
Bob	Byers	Apr 8
Bruce	Capron	Apr 29
Paul	Goodwin	Apr 3
Donald	Holthaus	Apr 11
Harold	Thiede	Apr 24

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 three scheduled meetings will be held on the 5th and 19th of April and the 3rd of May. The hosts will be Fred Carlson, Leon Kowaleski and Roger Falberg respectively. Dick Tillinger has graciously volunteered his house while Roger was busy with taxes. We will be going back to Roger's place starting the 19th of April.

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