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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>  
**February 2018**

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|                   |                         |                    |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
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|                   | Heber Slusser           | Nominations        | Phil Thomas             |
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| Bridge            | Phil Thomas             | <b>RAMP</b>        |                         |
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| Condolence        | Mal Hopkins             | <b>Activities</b>  | Russ Kohlrust           |
| Directory         | Tom Birley              | <b>Membership</b>  | Heber Slusser           |
| Golf, 9 Hole      | Tom Birley              | <b>Publicity</b>   | Heber Slusser           |
|                   | Dave Riopel             | Rooster Items      | Mal Hopkins             |
| Golf, 18 Hole     | Paul Goodwin            | Songster           | Leon Kowaleski          |
| Greeters          | <b>Volunteer Wanted</b> | Special Events     | Tom Birley              |
| Guests & Visitors | <b>Volunteer Wanted</b> |                    | Bob Byers               |
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| Humorist          | Don Coletti             | Transportation     | <b>Volunteer Wanted</b> |
| Lunch Tickets     | Roy Jordan              | Travel             | Jim Hohenshelt          |
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|                   |                         | Wine Tasting       | Phil Thomas             |
|                   |                         | Webmaster          | Heber Slusser           |

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SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED Sunnyvale Branch #62  
ROOSTER is published monthly.

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 makeup for missing our Luncheon

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**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
MEMBERSHIP FOR JANUARY 18, 2018**

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Attending                    | 42 |
| Guests                       | 1  |
| Transferred In               | 0  |
| Transferred Out (Past Month) | 0  |
| Resigned                     | 0  |
| Deceased                     | 1  |
| Active                       | 75 |
| Inactive                     | 1  |
| Returned From Inactive       | 0  |
| Inducted This Month          | 2  |
| Members in Process           | 0  |
| Membership                   | 76 |

**SIR WINE TASTING**

I have nothing new to report for wine tasting for the past month. I am working with Jim Hohenshelt, who is a member of Ruby Hill winery in Livermore, to schedule a wine tasting and tour of that winery. Please refer to the travel section on page five. I will coordinate the event and put out an email with the specifics when they become available.

Also, over the next few months, I will be looking at combining a bocce ball and wine tasting at another winery.

If anyone is interested in joining us on these wine tasting events, please contact me at [phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu](mailto:phil.thomas@alumni.usc.edu) or 408-410-3626

Phil Thomas. Wine Tasting Publicist

## The Statesmen SIR Bowling

| <u>President</u>             | <u>Vice President</u>          | <u>Secretary</u>              | <u>Treasurer</u>                 |
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| Tom Birley<br>(408) 736-8869 | Charlie Gray<br>(408) 253-0606 | Phil Thomas<br>(408) 410-3626 | Leon Kowaleski<br>(408) 446-1129 |

At the culmination of the second quarter of the Winter League, we have the Admirals, consisting of Armond King, Hugh Moore, David Jeong, and Bob Hebson, winning. This is a correction to the status given at our January Luncheon. We have a tournament coming up in Livermore on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February and a three day tournament coming up in April in Carson City, Nevada. See me if you want to play those tournaments.

### Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series: 648 Lynn Grilley  
Scratch Game: 235 Bob Hebson  
Handicap Series: 758 Carl Del Rosario  
Handicap Game: 294 Tom Birley

We have some vacancies if anyone is interested in taking up the sport of bowling. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

## FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our speaker for February 15th is Rennea Phillips, Senior Volunteer Coordinator for Reading Partners. Reading Partners is a nonprofit reading intervention program that works with underperforming schools. The program is geared for students from Kindergarten to 4th Grade who are behind in their reading. This program is extremely rewarding.

## LUNCH MENU

| MONTH    | SALAD          | ENTREE                         |
|----------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| February | Caesar Chicken | Chicken Marsala                |
| March    | Boat Fruit     | Grilled Ham w/<br>Cherry Sauce |

### *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.

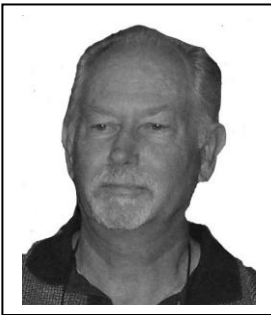
***BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!  
BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..***

## DUES DUES DUES DUES

2018 member fees are due 1/18/2018. Dues are \$20, dropped from \$25 in 2017.

Make check payable to "SIR Branch #62" and send to:

Roger H. Falberg  
751 Silver Pine Court  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Phil Thomas*

Happy Valentine’s Day to all! For those who may have forgotten, we have a Branch 62 Recruitment, Activities, Membership, and Publicity (RAMP) Committee to help our branch grow and survive. I need our Branch 62 membership to help us attain these objectives. We lost a few of our members last year and need new younger members to fulfill that void. If you know of a neighbor, friend, past work associate and/or acquaintance whom you feel may be interested in joining our SIR family, please invite them to our meetings. We have added a couple of activities to our branch that will hopefully help entice prospective members to join.

We are blessed to have inducted two new members into our fold last meeting. I would like to extend a hearty welcome to Ken Kawakami and Hugh Moore.

If for some reason you cannot attend the monthly meeting or want a salad instead of a hot meal, please follow the “Lunch Ordering Information” found in the monthly Newsletter.

Last month at our luncheon, we had a very energetic speaker who gave us a very interesting talk about protecting our house and possessions. I look forward to Walt Strach coordinating and coming up with exciting topics to present at our future meetings.

Your Big Sir,

*Phil Thomas*

**LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION**

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call John Dieckman 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, with your payment, **so that John Dieckman receives it no later than Thursday, one week prior to the SIR meeting.** Lunch orders received less than one week before the meeting will not be processed and your money will be refunded.

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. Luncheon prices for 2018 are \$26.

**Please contact John Dieckman at 408-718-5527.**

**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 \$26.00. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

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

Cut out and mail to: John Dieckman, 463 Juniper Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, 408-718-5527.

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

## 18 Hole Golf

A meeting of the Regional Tournament Coordinators was held on Jan 15. The schedule for 2018 will be available as soon as all contracts are signed and tournament coordinators are identified. Paul Goodwin will conduct the September regional event at Pacific Grove.

We had an eclectic tournament at Santa Clara and the second round was rained out. This format entails playing the same course twice and then using your better score on each hole to determine your eclectic score. We plan to finish the second round on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned...

February will be coordinated by A. Goodwin (650-269-8331)  
5 – Santa Teresa  
12 – Spring Valley  
19 – San Jose  
26 – Regional at Las Positas – 4 man 2 best ball

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

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

|               |                  |                |                  |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Tom Birley    | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Bob Hebson     | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Warren Dunn   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Rick Henderson | 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Roger Falberg | 20 <sup>th</sup> | Russ Kohlrust  | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Gene Gilman   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | Leon Kowaleski | 14 <sup>th</sup> |

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

December 27<sup>th</sup> 8 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield 24

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Jack Pettygrove 30

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: John Howard, Don Stuedeman 34

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 0 Players

C.T.P. NONE

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net:

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: NO PLAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net:

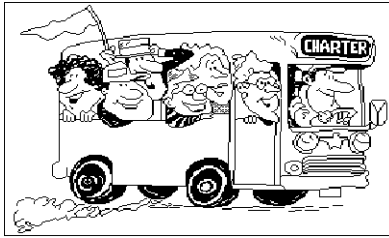
Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

## ANNOUNCEMENT

At our February meeting, we will be collecting old eyeglasses for recycling to other countries. If you have old eyeglasses you no longer use, please bring them along and contribute at the next monthly meeting.

## BOCCE BALL

On Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, five members played, with one guest.  
The next event is scheduled for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.



## **SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62**

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt at (408 394-7226)**

**Assistant: Roy Jordan at (408 735-8765).**

**Trip brochures are available from the travel chairmen or at the travel table at the monthly Branch 62 Luncheon**

**Reminders:** Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available to SIR members, their spouses and to guests and widows of SIR members.

**April 20 or 27 – Ruby Hill Wine Tour and Tasting:** Join us for a unique two-hour tour of the Ruby Hill Vineyards in Livermore on the Mello Cielo, a vintage school bus with 14 swivel chairs made of old wine barrels. Along the way, we will learn the history of Ruby Hill Winery, visit the modern on-site production facility, and see the wine making process from vine to bottle as undertaken by winemaker Jesse Plautz and his experienced cellar crew. Throughout the tour, we will sample a few of the current vintages as well as some still aging in the barrel. The culmination of the tour is a sit-down food and wine pairing at the historic water tower. This is a private tour for 8 to 14 people. We plan to go together in a 15-passenger van. The cost is expected to be \$60. A no host lunch in Livermore is also a possibility. Call one of the travel chairmen and indicate your choice of dates (Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>) if you are interested.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of February and the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. The hosts will be Dave Riopel, Fred Carlson and Bob Lowery, respectively. We will need a volunteer to host a location for our game on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March since Roger's office will not be available due to Tax Season. For that matter, for all of March and the first week in April we will need volunteers to host the location.

At our last session, we had a Small Slam bid and made. They were rewarded by giving the winning team a KFC Gift Certificate for making the small slam.

Roger Falberg has come up with the idea of having a third meeting with wives and husbands or significant others to play bridge. The event will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. Sounds very interesting!

We normally play every first and third Tuesday at the Garrett Business Center on 3375 Scott Blvd. Park in the rear, closest to Suite 332.

Phil Thomas, Bridge Publicist

## **BRANCH 62 WEB SITE**

Have you visited our web site lately? It's well worth a visit.

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

Bookmark it for easy access.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

**Van Dietz**

Van passed away on December 10, 2017 at age 98. He was a former member of Branch 62.