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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>  
**September 2018**

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**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:** If you do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without 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 AUGUST 16, 2018**

Attending Meeting	35
Guests	2
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	63
Inactive	0
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process	1
Membership	63

**SIR WINE TASTING**

At the time you read this, we will have attended our luncheon at a Yucatan-style Mexican restaurant in Sunnyvale. Roger Falberg has generously volunteered his house to taste some delectable wines after the Luncheon.

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

**SIR Travel, continued from page 5.**

**June 3 – 18, 2019 River Cruise – Danube, Rhine-Danube Canal, Rhine:** Vienna to Amsterdam. Cost is \$5875 to \$7275 pp/dbl. occ., (single supplement \$745) Discounts available for full early payment. Extensions in Vienna and Bruges, Belgium available .

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Inside Vietnam:** Cost is \$3775 per person, single or double. Discounts available for full early payment. Extensions available.

## The Statesmen SIR Bowling

<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
Tom Birley (408) 736-8869	Vacant	Phil Thomas (408) 410-3626	Leon Kowaleski (408) 446-1129

We just finished the Position Round of our Summer League with Team 2, consisting of Marc Haberman, Elena DeCandia, Mal Hopkins and Tom Birley, coming in first place of the second half. Team 4, consisting of Gwen Jeong, George Center, Bud Collinson and Bob Hebson, came in second place. Roll off with the winner of the first half and the winner of the second half will be played for the championship the week of August 28, 2018.

### Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series: 624 Tom Birley and 531 Pat Hutton  
Scratch Game: 244 David Jeong and 203 Nina Middaugh  
Handicap Series: 692 Bob Hebson and 674 Elena DeCandia  
Handicap Game: 268 Mal Hopkins and 240 Ruth Pettygrove

As a whole, we did pretty well in the Tournament at Reno's National Bowling Center the week of the 13th of August. Five of us placed in the tournament and won money.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, we start our Winter Bowling League and will continue to add women to our line-ups. The Summer League with women added was a success.

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.  
Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Fred Carlson	9/4	Carl Mendel	9/5
Bill Crosby	9/10	Dave Riopel	9/20
John McGuire	9/30	Mike Sanchez	9/12

## IN MEMORIAM

Jay Smolick 1922-2018

## LUNCH MENU

SEPT Caesar Chicken Salad Bay Shrimp Carbonara

OCT Boat Fruit Salad Spaghetti Marinara w/ Meatballs

### 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!!..**

## SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our September speaker is Assemblymember Marc Berman, representative from California Assembly District 24. District 24 covers San Mateo County and northern Santa Clara County including Sunnyvale. He will speak on issues that affect our district. Bring your friends and questions. Should be interesting.

## ANNIVERSARY

Frank Guyre 5 Years



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Phil Thomas*

It was certainly impressive what our Speaker did to rehabilitate himself after being incarcerated for so many years. He certainly turned his life around and now is educating young inmates on the morals and legalities of life. Hopefully, after finishing his parole, he can continue his work with troubled kids in our schools. Congratulations and the best of luck to him in his future endeavors. As I announced at the meeting, the State SIR organization has reduced the requirements to be a SIR by eliminating the age 55 requirement on the application and removing most references to being retired. Obviously the “R” in SIR needs to be played down to attempt to get those semi-retired.

I would like to start a game of “Who Am I” at our luncheons -- similar to “What’s My Line” game show. I will secretly single out one of you and get a brief biography that I can use to describe who you are. At the meeting, I will give out to the audience this information step by step and see if someone can guess that person’s identity. If it gets difficult, I will start adding hints to assist in the process of guessing. If no one guesses his identity, then we will award the mystery person a \$5 KFC gift certificate. If someone guesses his identity, then he will get the certificate. So be looking for that mysterious phone call or tap on the shoulder at the next meeting – it could be you!

As your Big Sir, I ask that all of you to work harder to bring in neighbors, past fellow workers, friends, and, if you visit a senior center, post our SIR brochure, if allowed. Ask them to come to our meeting and join in the activities we have. I can think of no better way to spend my retirement than with people I like and activities that I enjoy.

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 price for 2018 is \$26.

**Please contact John Dieckman at 408-718-5527 or [john\\_dieckman@hotmail.com](mailto:john_dieckman@hotmail.com).**

**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.

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

## 18 HOLE GOLF

The results are in from the Division Qualifying Tournament at Crazy Horse Ranch in Salinas on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Glenn Herrell qualified with a tie for first place in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight, shooting a net 74. Wally Anderson shot a net 70 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Flight 3 and is an alternate, if the first two can't play on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Dave Riopel is the alternate in Flight 7 with a net 69. As consolation prizes, Wally and Dave get \$25 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Paul and Carl get \$20 for 4<sup>th</sup> place. We send out good luck vibes for the guys when they play in the SIR State Championship at Bayonet in Fort Ord on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

September will be coordinated by Phil Thomas

3 – Deep Cliff

10 – Spring Hills

17 – San Jose

24 – Regional at Pacific Grove being run by Paul Goodwin.

Sign-ups and checks for \$69.00 due 9/17.

Submitted by Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

## ACTIVITY SURVEY RESULTS

Results of the May Activity Survey are in and some potential new activities have been identified! Antique Cars & Computers received 10 votes; BBQs 9; Genealogy, Guys Dine Out, Horseshoes, & Walking each received 8 votes. If you are interested in any of the above activities, please contact me. For more detailed information regarding the survey and its results, visit our web site at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org>.

Heber Slusser [branch62sir@gmail.com](mailto:branch62sir@gmail.com)

## BRANCH 62 WEB SITE

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

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

August 1<sup>st</sup> 11 Players

C.T.P. Jim Anderson 31' 2"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 24

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Mike Hastings 27

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Vern Miller 30

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

August 8<sup>th</sup> 8 Players

C.T.P. Roger Falberg 8'

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Bob Hebson 27

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 29

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Dave Riopel 30

Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

August 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 Players

C.T.P. Jim Anderson 28' 10"

1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson 25

2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Alex Fremling 29

3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield 30

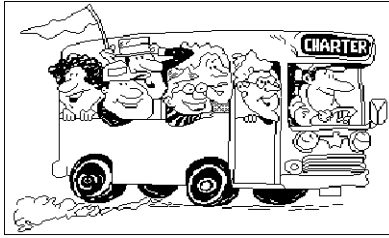
Birds & Chip-ins:

## BOCCE BALL

The next Bocce Ball outing is August 31<sup>st</sup> at Lake Almaden Park in San Jose. Jeff Bautista



SEPTEMBER 3rd



## **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.**

**Fri., Sep. 14, 2018; Santa Cruz Follies:** Santa Cruz Follies, a sentimental journey of memorable singers and songs in the show "The Way We Were." Lunch at the Back Nine Restaurant at the Inn at Pasatiempo, motor-coach transportation from San Jose. Cost is \$130 per person. **Deadline for check to Jim is August 30.**

**Sat., Oct. 8, 2018; Fleet Week Air Show Cruise:** Watch the 2018 Air Show (featuring the Blue Angels) from San Francisco Bay on a buffet lunch cruise aboard the iconic San Francisco Belle. Complementary coffee and tea, soft drinks, sparkling wine are included. Price is \$171.50 per person, includes bus transfer from the Capitol VTA parking lot in San Jose. **Bus leaves promptly at 11:30 AM. Deadline for check to Jim is September 30.**

**Fri., Oct. 26, 2018; San Francisco Bay Model:** Motor-coach leaves VTA parking Lot G at 8 AM to take us to Sausalito and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Bay Model, a working hydraulic scale model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta System. Following our docent-led tour and visit, we will enjoy a hosted lunch at the unique French bistro Le Garage. The cost is \$125.00. per person.

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## **BRIDGE CLUB**

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 9th and 18th of September and the 2nd of October. The hosts will be Jeff Bautista, Jim Hohenshelt, and Leon Kowaleski, respectively.

John Dieckman has had TWO lessons so far and after his first session at the bridge table, he actually did well. Also, at the last meeting we hopefully picked up a new member who plays a great game of bridge, I'm told. I know I'm looking forward to playing with him. If we keep this up with new players, we will grow into a third table of bridge.

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

## **FISHING**

Our NEW Fishing Activity members held their first meeting on August 16th and scheduled our first outing for August 30th. We will be surf fishing at Martin's Beach south of Half Moon Bay. If you would like to join us (no experience necessary) please contact the acting chairman, Heber Slusser at [branch62SIR@gmail.com](mailto:branch62SIR@gmail.com).

We will be meeting once a month on a Friday; additionally, we intend to plan a fishing activity once a month, also on a Friday.

More information is available on our web site at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org>.  
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