



# The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of  
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

## SONS IN RETIREMENT

**A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men**

**Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity in Retirement**

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at  
Mariani's Restaurant

2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Fellowship at 11 AM, Luncheon begins at 12 Noon

<http://branch62.sirinc2.org>

### Big Sir Message

February 2019



Greetings! My name is John Dieckman, and I will be serving as your Big Sir for 2019. 2019 is a year of change for both the SIR organization and

our own Branch 62. At the state level, new rules are in effect that should make it easier for us to recruit new members from a much wider field of candidates. When I joined this branch ten years ago, we had over 100 members. Today, our membership is in the low sixties. We cannot sustain ourselves, if our membership keeps decreasing.

We have also changed within our branch. Dave Riopel has stepped up as our Little Sir, Bob Pasterino is our Secretary, and Wally Anderson is our Assistant Secretary. Thanks Guys!

If you attended the January meeting, you received a 2019 Branch Directory. My thanks to Heber Slusser for making that happen.

You can also see that our newsletter, the Rooster, has undergone change. Since most of our members now receive it via email, the formatting has been changed to make it easier to read on a computer screen or smartphone. My thanks to John McGuire and Jim Mellenger for all their work.

Your Big Sir,

*John Dieckman*

### NEXT MEETING

**February 17, 2019**

**Menu:** Caesar Chicken Salad  
Chicken Marsala

**March:** Boat Fruit Salad  
Grilled Ham w/Cherry  
Sauce

### February Speaker

Is hearing getting to be a problem either with or without hearing aids? Then come and listen to our speaker, John Miles, Au.D. He is a practicing audiologist, who has been in a private practice at HearWell Audiology in Los Gatos since 1980. He will speak on "Relationship between the Ear and the Brain".

Dr Miles' talk is on the complexity of the ear and its relationship to the brain. He will go into several studies analyzing different hearing deficiencies. Reports from two other SIR groups say his talk is OUTSTANDING.

**OFFICERS**

Big Sir	John Dieckman	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
Little Sir	Dave Riopel	Treasurer	Roger Falberg
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Leon Kowaleski

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jeff Bautista	John Howard	Russ Kohlrust
Ron Olson	Frank Guyre	Alex Fremling

**COMMITTEES**

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Jim Mellenger
Audit	Mel Waldman		John McGuire
	Wally Anderson		John Dieckman
	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Phil Thomas
Book Swap	Ted Crutchfield		John Steele
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Rick Henderson
	Leon Kowaleski	Program	Walt Strach
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
Bridge	Phil Thomas	<b>RAMP</b>	
Chaplain	Bob Hebson	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	<b>Recruitment</b>	Jeff Bautista
Condolence	Mal Hopkins	<b>Activities</b>	Russ Kohlrust
Directory	Tom Birley	<b>Membership</b>	Heber Slusser
Fishing	Heber Slusser	<b>Publicity</b>	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson		
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley		
	Dave Riopel	Rooster Items	John McGuire
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel		Bob Byers
Historian	Wally Anderson	Sunshine	Mal Hopkins
Humorist	Don Coletti	Transportation	<b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Membership	Jeff Bautista		Roy Jordan
		Wine Tasting	Phil Thomas
		Webmaster	Heber Slusser

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Ed Benson  
 Region 4 Director: Patrick O'Keefe  
 Area 11 Governor: Bob Grandey

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: If you do not attend five (5) meetings without a suitable excuse within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a makeup for missing our Luncheon

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***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 [jpmcguires@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguires@aol.com).

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

**February Birthdays**

Tom Birley	Feb 13
Warren Dunn	Feb 6
Roger Falberg	Feb 20
Gene Gillman	Feb 21
Bob Hebson	Feb 6
Rick Henderson	Feb 22
Russ Kohlrust	Feb 15
Leon Kowaleski	Feb 14
Ed Moskalik	Feb 11

**Bocce Ball**

The next bocce ball event is scheduled for February 8th at Lake Almaden Park in South San Jose at 1:00 pm. Jeff is looking for a volunteer to run it.

Jeff Bautista

**Fishing Report**

Fishermen, it's now time to get your 2019 fishing license.

We are ready and are planning to rent 17-foot boats at the Capitola Pier and catch some Dungeness Crabs and whatever fish take our line bait. Watch our web page, or contact Bob Cheney for details and dates.

If you are interested, please contact Heber Slusser. Currently, we have about 11 members in this activity and are looking for more. No experience is necessary and equipment is available from other members. We hold Fishing Activity Meetings monthly following the Branch Luncheon.

## 18 Hole Golf

The Regional Tournaments are set. The 18 hole community is now SIR Area 11 with 10 branches. Sam Walters is setting up the games for 2019. I signed up to run Seascape in June and Pacific Grove in Sept.

Our first Area Tournament is Feb 25th at San Jose. Money must be in by Feb 11<sup>th</sup>.

February is being run by Tom Birley, and he may switch with someone as he will be on travel for a couple Mondays.

I have ordered 10 player rule books and 4 full up books. I will bring them to lunch meeting in March.

The 2019 roster is finalized at 24 players. I will mail out copies when I get confirmation from NCGA.

February will be coordinated by Tom Birley

4 – Spring Valley

11 – Santa Teresa

18 - Sunnyvale

25 - Area Tournament at San Jose

Have a Happy New Year - Paul Goodwin,  
18 Hole Golf Chairman

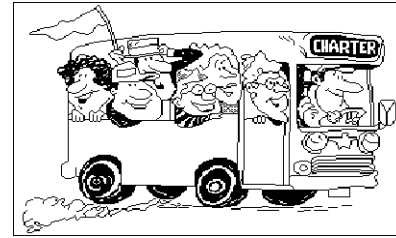
### ATTENDANCE REPORT

January 17, 2019

Members Attending	42
Guests	1
Active	66
In Process	0

### Welcome New Members

We welcomed two new members to SIR Branch 62 in December. They are Paul Wcislo and Chuck Hart.



## 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.**

### May 3 - Monet Exhibit - de Young Museum

Take a bus trip to the de Young Museum in San Francisco to view the traveling Monet exhibit. Lunch in San Francisco. Cost is \$99. We need 20 people committed by April 12th for this trip to go.

**May 10 - Rubino Winery in Livermore, tasting and Duck ride** Tasting and vineyard tour including Duck ride. Maximum of 14 people. Cost is \$45.

**May ?? - Casino Trip** Bus trip to Reno for one or two nights for shows and other casino activities. Details to follow

**Dec 3 or 4 or 5 Beach Blanket Babylon** A bus trip to San Francisco to attend the Christmas show with dinner before.

**June 3 – 18, 2019 Great Rivers of Europe:** Join us for a cruise from Vienna, along the Danube, Rhine-Main-Danube Canal and the Main and Rhine Rivers, ending in Amsterdam. Cost is \$5875 to \$7275 pp/dbl. occ., depending on cabin choice. A pre-trip extension in Vienna for \$795 and a post trip extension to Bruges, Belgium for \$795 are available.

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Inside Vietnam:** We'll travel the country from Hanoi to the Mekong Delta and more. Cost is \$3775 per person including air fare. A 3 night en-route stopover in Hong Kong (\$695), a pre-trip visit to Northern Hill Tribes (\$1095) and a post trip extension to Cambodia, Angkor Wat, (\$1395) are available.

## SIR BOWLING

<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Tom Birley</b>	<b>Phil Thomas</b>	<b>Leon Kowaleski</b>
<b>408-736-8869</b>	<b>408-410-3626</b>	<b>408-446-1129</b>

After 16 weeks of our Winter League, we have Team 8 consisting of Richard Thomas, Maggie Jones and Tom Chatfield in first place. Team 7 is just 2 games out and consists of Armond King, Marlys Byers and Bob Byers.

### Top Scores so far are:

Scratch Series: 616 Tom Birley and 539 Pat Hutton  
Scratch Game: 222 Lee Wriglesworth and 187 Mary Roth  
Handicap Series: 689 Richard Thomas and 671 Ruth Pettygrove  
Handicap Game: 259 Armond King and 248 Marlys Byers

We have openings for new bowlers, so see me if you are interested in taking up the sport. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

## SIR WINE TASTING

While the weather is still nice, I hope to plan another wine tasting trip to the Santa Cruz area to taste some locally grown and processed wines. Bonny Doon Winery is just over the hill in Santa Cruz and has some unique wine blends to sample. Their signature wine is called Le Cigare Volant which is a Granache, Sirah, Movedre blend similar to a Chateauneuf-du-Pape wine produced in the Rhone region of France. School House Winery is located on Summit Pass in the Santa Cruz Mountains and has some good wines to sample. I know there are other wineries close by, and I will get with some of our members and look at them as well. Rick Henderson has asked to join our wine tasting group, and I will keep him apprised of the next outing. Watch for my next email.

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

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

### December 12<sup>th</sup> 5 Players

C.T.P. NONE  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Don Stuedeman 28  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Jim Anderson 32  
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: John Howard, Tom Birley 33  
Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

### December 19<sup>th</sup> Players

C.T.P. Mike Hastings 8'2"  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net: Henry Crossfield 24  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: Mike Hastings 32  
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net: Tom Birley 33  
Birds & Chip-ins: Henry Crossfield (2C)

### December 26<sup>th</sup> Players

C.T.P. NONE  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: RAINOUT  
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net:  
Birds & Chip-ins: NONE

### The Month of January

#### Players

C.T.P. NONE  
1<sup>st</sup> Low Net:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net: RAINOUT  
3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net:  
Birds & Chip-ins: NONE



**HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY**

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>**

## BRIDGE CLUB

The next three scheduled meetings will be held on the 5th and 19th of February and the 5th of March. The hosts will be Richard Pope, Bob Hebson, and John Dieckman, respectively. The February meetings will be held at the Garrett Business Center, but the March meetings will be held at the host's home.

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.

John Dieckman, Bridge Publicist

## Do You Want to Car Pool?

Please visit our interactive Car Pool page on our web site at <http://branch62.sirinc2.org>. Click on the Car Pool "Post-It" on the left side of the home page. You will be able to see the locations of our members on a map and determine if a Car Pool is viable for you.

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

## LUNCH ORDERING INFORMATION

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call or email Dave Riopel one week before the meeting and he will get your ticket moved to a future meeting.

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 Dave Riopel 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 2019 is \$26.

**Please contact Dave Riopel at  
408-482-1454 or  
driopel@msn.com**

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### **LUNCHEON ORDER FORM\*** **MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE** **WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

I wish to order a salad ( ) or entrée ( ) of the month for the meeting in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.

Included with this form is payment of \$26. Make check payable to SIR Branch 62.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cut out and mail to:

Dave Riopel  
10516 Whitney Way,  
Cupertino, CA 95014

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

1639 Benton Court  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087-5160



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