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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>  
**January 2019**

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Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
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Humorist	Don Coletti	Transportation	<i>Volunteer Wanted</i>
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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 if missing our Luncheon

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

All tours and activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. through its branches and committee or agents are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. However, Sons In Retirement, Inc., and its branches, do not assume any responsibility for the well being and safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining to said tours and activities. Members and guests will participate at their own risk. v3jmel

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

Attending Meeting	38
Guests	0
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Past Month)	0
Resigned	0
Deceased	0
Active	66
Inactive	0
Returned From Inactive	0
Inducted This Month	0
Members in Process Paul Wcislo, Chuck Hart	2
Membership	66

**TRAVEL Continued from page 5.**  
**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Inside Vietnam:** We'll travel the country from north to south, visiting places like Hanoi, Hue, Danang, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), the Cu Chi Tunnels, Mekong Delta and more. Cost is \$3775 per person, single or double, 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 and the famous temples at Angkor Wat (\$1395) are available.

**DUES DUES DUES DUES**

Due to a surplus from 2018, dues are temporarily dropped to \$15 per branch member for 2019 (yeah!).  
 Member fees are due 1/17/2019  
 Pay to Leon at the January meeting, or mail check ("SIR Branch 62") to:  
 Roger H Falberg  
 751 Silver Pine Court  
 Sunnyvale, CA 94086

## 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

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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bud Collinson 14<sup>th</sup>    John Dieckman 21<sup>st</sup>

Richard Pope 22<sup>nd</sup>



**Happy New Year!**

## LUNCH MENU

<b>JAN</b>	Chef Salad	Beef Stroganoff
<b>FEB</b>	Caesar Chicken Salad	Chicken Marsala

### *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!..***

## JANUARY SPEAKER

Our January speaker will be world class musicologist-historian John Lehman. John knows more about the origins of all specific recorded songs in the USA since 1890 than probably anyone in the world.

His presentation is a fun program that he calls "*Who Sang It*" where he plays a snippet of a popular or movie-theme song dating to as far back as he feels the audience might be familiar and asks all people collectively at a table to identify such things as who sang it, what movie it was from, etc. There is competition between tables as he presents approximately 20 songs. Thereafter, he shares insight into the history of the songs and singers. Should be lots of fun!



*From Our Outgoing  
Big Sir  
Phil Thomas*

My fellow Sirs:

2018 has gone by so fast that it seems I only held office for a couple of months. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is looking forward to another year of great happenings as Sirs. We had a lot of forest fire related hardships with our fellow Sirs up in Paradise and we hope they are all recovering from that disaster. We added a couple of new activities this year to our branch. A fishing group is currently going on fishing excursions and meetings to trade fishing experiences. Now that I have more time, I may just join as well and try my hand at fishing. The other new activity was the Wine Tasting which is growing in numbers to the tune of about 20 participants. Additionally, we have been trying different ethnic restaurants along with the wine tasting. What I thought I might do is to add a new activity of Lunch and Dinner events to continue with our quest of new restaurants. At times, if it is convenient, we may include them together just as we did with Bocce Ball. I will get with the Branch Executive Committee and negotiate the terms.

This year we have a new Big Sir in John Dieckman. I know he will do a fine job at the helm of Branch 62. Our new Little Sir is Dave Riopel. Bob Pastorino will take over the job as Secretary.

As always, I ask that you do all that you can to support the longevity of our Branch 62 by going out of your way to find new members to join us. This means talking to your neighbors, friends, family members (sons and nephews), church members, wives, friends, husbands, etc.

Your outgoing Big Sir,

*Phil Thomas*

**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 408-255-1825 or driopel@msn.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: Dave Riopel, 10516 Whitney Way,  
Cupertino, CA 95014.

## 18 HOLE GOLF

A review of the number of times the club played a course for 2018 resulted in the following:

### #TIMES      COURSES

10	Santa Teresa, San Jose
5	Los Lagos
3	Deep Cliff, Moffett
2	Santa Clara, Gilroy, Spring Valley, Sunnyvale

That is 20 of the 39 available (I didn't count regional events) but I was on travel or otherwise unable to play on those other 19 Mondays so there was no entry in my calendar. Some venues were one timers like Pacific Grove and Monterey Pines. There are at least 20 other golf courses within the driving time of Gilroy and in the price range of Santa Teresa. Let's try some other venues in 2019.

18 hole club dues of \$45 will be due by Dec 31, if you want to keep your membership with the club in the NCGA. Please get your check made to SIR 62 to Paul Goodwin by then. If not received, you will need \$55 to renew next year.

January will be coordinated by Dave Riopel

- 7 – San Jose
- 14 – Los Lagos
- 21 – Deep Cliff (MLK holiday)
- 28 - Gilroy

Submitted with Seasons Greetings by Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf

## 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)

## R & B 9 HOLE GOLF

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen

**There is no 9 hole golf report for this month**

## SIR WINE TASTING

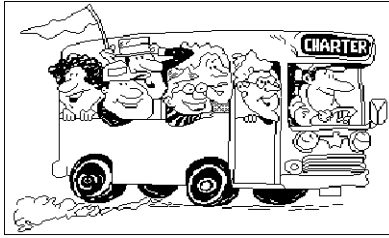
While the weather is still nice, I hope to plan another wine tasting trip to the Santa Cruz area to taste some locally grown and processed wines. Bonny Doon winery is just over the hill in Santa Cruz and has some unique wine blends to sample. Their signature wine is called Le Cigare Volant which is a Granache, Syrah, Mourvedre 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

## BOCCE BALL

No Bocce for 2 months due to illness in family.

Jeff Bautista



## **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 and their spouses, also to guests and widows of SIR members.

**May?, 2019 Casino Trip** We are looking into a bus trip, probably to Reno, for one or two nights for shows and other casino activities. Contact Jim, if you have a choice of dates, how many nights or suggestions for activities.

**May 10, 2019 Rubino Winery “Duck” Tour** of the vineyard including Duck ride and tasting. Maximum of 14 people. Details to follow

**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 (single supplement is \$745) including air fare. Discounts available for full early payment. A pre-trip extension in Vienna for \$795 and a post trip extension to Bruges, Belgium for \$795 are available.

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## **BRIDGE CLUB**

As of this writing, I don't have a schedule of Bridge meetings for 2019. I was told to announce in this newsletter input my faux faux made at our last meeting. I meant to bid a preemptive (weak bid) of 3 clubs, but alas it came out as a 2 club bid (strong bid). Needless to say, everyone had a laugh. Oh well, we learn by our mistakes.

We are back down to 2 tables of bridge players. The game of bridge is starting to become more competitive for us as we continue to grow in players and experience.

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

## **Fishermen – Get Your 2019 Licenses**

We took the month of December off in order to get ready for the new year. Now 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.

We hold Fishing Activity monthly meetings following each Branch Luncheon. This last meeting we determined that we now have 11 members.

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

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