



# April 2020 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  
Barrel 19 Restaurant  
605 Macara Avenue, Sunnyvale  
Fellowship at 11 AM, Luncheon begins at 12 Noon

## BIG SIR Report

During these stressful times, I want to wish all of you, health and safety. Stay home, stay safe. Each and every one of you are very important and treasured members of Branch 62.

A Major milestone has been reached by our humorist Don Coletti. Please join with me to congratulate our new SUPER SENIOR 95 years young! Happy Birthday Don, and many, many more. We will sing to you as soon as we can.

On that note, the April meeting may be cancelled. We will send and call in an update as soon as we know. Also, the May meeting has a 50-50 chance at present, but I am hopeful that we can all return to normalcy before then. Stay tuned.

One of the topics I was going to discuss at the April meeting concerns inputs from the State meeting that Steve Burnham and I attended with President Benson and his self-proclaimed "Oracle" Dwight Sales. They did impart some very troubling news. Due to an unfounded wrongful death lawsuit filed against one of the branches, our insurance carrier has balked at renewing our policy and, in fact, just recently has canceled our insurance. We believe this action is thoroughly unfounded and are fighting it. The bottom line is we are now uninsured

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### BIG SIR Report *cont'd*

for all activities. I am doubtful that a resolution will come quickly and at a reasonable cost. That said, all Branch 62 activities must be curtailed until we have further guidance. With the shelter in place directive in effect, we have no planned activities at present, but need to be mindful of that for future events and activities.

Our Thanks to April speaker Rod Stafford for his preparation and trust that we will be able to hear him at a future meeting.

Lastly does anyone remember the Monkey, iron, rope etc?

Stay Safe,  
Dave Riopel, Big Sir

### April Menu

#### Asian Chicken Salad (Plated\*)

\* - Salad Plates are prepared and are not part of the buffet.

or

#### Tri Tip\*\*

Roasted Potatoes, Cookies

\*\* - There will be NO take home boxes from the buffet.

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**Wine Tasting**

Branch 62 had a fun get together March 6th. Sixteen Sirs and spouses gathered to sample 8 very different and interesting wines. Also, an added attraction was some excellent appetizers. Many thanks to all participants. Future events are in planning and will be posted at the next meeting and in the Rooster.

Dave Riopel, Wine Tasting Chairman



**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Bobbie Hairston  
Region 4 Director: Patrick O'Keefe  
Area 11 Governor: Phil Thomas

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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.

**NON-RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE**

All tours and activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. through its branches and committees 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. V4 Jmel

***Sick Call & Condolence Notification:***

Please report illnesses or the passing of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Wally Anderson, (408) 736-6408, so that Branch 62 may respond.

***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).

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

**Fishing**

Our surf fishing outing in March at Martin's Beach (south of Half Moon Bay) was delightful and productive for Gerhard Schneider, who caught the only legal fish of the day. We enjoyed good weather and good friendship.

If you aren't a member of our Fishing Group and would like to fish with us or just tag along to bask in the great outdoors, please contact me. Our current group members can help by loaning you equipment and providing free "expert" instruction and advice (but you get what you pay for)! Our plans for the 2020 fishing season, which will include lake, stream, surf, and ocean fishing with trips to Alaska and the Sierras, are currently on hold but hope to get going again soon. Visit our Branch Web Site and click on the Fishing Icon to learn more. Fishing Chairman: Heber Slusser 408 769-1851



Gerhard Schneider  
With his perch  
catch  
of the day

## 18 Hole Golf

By now most of you know that the golf activity is in hiatus until the Corona Virus is under control. I keep hearing of courses closing for indefinite periods of time, despite efforts to protect golfers and staff by cleaning carts and online signups and payment.

The area tournament for March and all state level events are cancelled. We will stick to our published schedule to the degree allowed and courses being open.

My direction through April is no prize collection and awards. If we play as a group, it will be for bragging rights and you can post your own scores. I am asking the tournament coordinators Wally and Walt to let us know if the planned course is open and what times they have reserved.

The courses have been soggy and greens are being prepared for spring so the game is fun but frustrating. The 12 players at Los Lagos had poor scores with none getting even close to net par. The best net score was 5 over – not normal.

April is being coordinated by Walter Marwitz

6 – Spring valley

13 – Gilroy

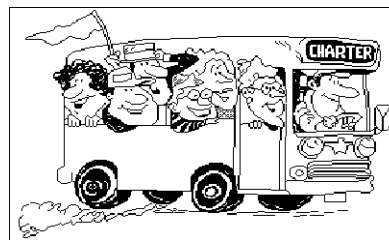
20 – San Jose

27 – Monterey Pines

Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman



Introducing **SUPER SENIOR SIR** Don Coletti. Don has attained this status having celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in March. He has been our unofficial Branch 62 humorist these many years and has never failed to keep us chuckling at our meetings. Congratulations Don and keep the laughs coming.



## SIR Travel – Branch 62

**Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt (408 394-7226). Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765)**

**Trip brochures are available on the Branch website [branch62.sirinc2.org](http://branch62.sirinc2.org) (click Travel, then the trip), or from the travel chairmen or at the travel table at the monthly Branch 62 Luncheon**

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

**Wed., June 24<sup>th</sup> 2020: Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors:**

We're planning a one-day bus trip to the Blackhawk Museum to visit their new "into China" gallery, containing Chinese items and art, including some of the Terra Cotta Warriors from Xi'an. The cost is expected to be \$132 for the bus trip, lunch at a restaurant in Blackhawk, and entrance to the museum. If we get more than the minimum number of participants (twenty), appropriate refunds will be made, as was done on the Beach Blanket Babylon trip. Watch for sign up details in future "Roosters" or call the travel chairmen.

**Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Paris to Normandy:**

Travel from Paris via Caen (visit the Peace Museum) to Honfleur and meet our river cruise ship. Tour the D-Day invasion beaches and American Cemetery and other sites. Then depart on a cruise up the Seine calling at such places as Rouen, Les Andelys, Vernon, Giverny (Monet's Garden), Pontoise, and ending with 2 nights in Paris. The cost is \$5275 to \$5675 per person double occupancy (depending on cabin choice), including round trip air fare from San Francisco. A 4-night pre-trip to Brittany and Mont St. Michel for \$995 and a 3-night post trip in Paris for \$745 are available. This trip is in October so we are hoping the COVID-19 pandemic will have abated enough that the trip will go.

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## SIR Bowling

**President**      **Vice President**      **Treasurer**  
**Tom Birley**      **Phil Thomas**      **Mal Hopkins**  
(408) 736-8869      (408) 410-3626      (408) 720-0849

After 20 weeks of bowling, Team 8 with 25 wins, consisting of Gwen Jeong, Richard Thomas, and David Jeong, are the winners of the second quarter of our Winter League. We are currently shut down due to the Corona Virus. We hope to be bowling again by April 7<sup>th</sup>.

We currently have 6 openings, if anyone wants to join us please contact us.

### Top Scores of the season are:

Scratch Series: 661 Lynn Grilley and 546 Mary Roth  
Scratch Game: 243 Bob Hebson and 214 Usrel Turner  
Handicap Series: 698 Don Paulson and 663 Gwen Jeong

Handicap Game: 274 Jack Pettygrove and 241 Marly Byers

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 at Homestead Bowl in Cupertino. Come by and root us on.

Tom Birley, League President

### Help Needed!!

**Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:**

#### RAMP Activities and Bowling Publicist

Increase your enjoyment by actively participating in our branch. We are 100% dependent on volunteers. Being a volunteer will help you become more acquainted with other members and provide the satisfaction of helping your fellow members.

#### Book Exchange

Ted Crutchfield will not be able to handle the book exchange for a while, and we need a volunteer to cover that area. It will entail bringing and putting out two boxes of books. Contact the Big Sir if you can help.

### Travel Cont'd from p3

Please contact the travel chairmen to sign up before filling out the sign-up form in the brochure, and for more information, questions about the status of the trip and cancelation policy.

### TIME TO PAY MEMBER DUES

Once again, membership fees of \$15 are now **Past Due**. Since our April meeting is in doubt, please mail a check ("SIR Branch 62") to:

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

### R & B 9 Hole Golf

Tom Birley/ Dave Riopel Co-Chairmen  
We play at Sunken Gardens GC each Wed.  
Tee Times are from 8:00AM to 8:30AM

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>

Nine Golf was not played in March.

### April Birthdays

Dave Ashby	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Paul Goodwin	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bob Byers	8 <sup>th</sup>

### 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)

## Bridge Club

Due to the current shelter in place order, we only played the first Tuesday in March with two tables. Bridge is discontinued until we can get together again. I am currently searching for a way for us to play bridge on line.

If anyone is interested in learning or getting back into the game of bridge please see Roger Falberg or myself and we will get you started.

John Dieckman, Bridge Publicist

## Attendance Report

March Meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

### April Speaker

Topic: **Sunnyvale Community Services**  
Speaker: Janette Brambilia Ramirez

Ms. Ramirez is the Community Navigator for Sunnyvale Community Services. Founded in 1970, the organization is an independent, nonprofit emergency assistance agency. Its mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger in our local community. Come and find out more of what they do and how you can help.

Please Note: Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic this presentation is tentative

### Golf Shirt Orders

I have received and delivered 14 SIR Golf shirts at the Luncheon meeting in November. I will now negotiate a price between two vendors for our Bowling shirts. Bowling shirts will differ from the golf shirts with the larger logo on the back of the shirt. I can order more golf shirts if anyone is interested.

Phil Thomas, Rooster Item Chairman

## Lunch Ordering Information

If you buy a ticket and cannot make the meeting, call or email Steve Burnham 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 Steve Burnham 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 2020 is \$26.

**Please contact Steve Burnham at  
408-931-2361  
stephen\_burnham@yahoo.com**

### SONS IN RETIREMENT

#### Branch 62

#### **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: Steve Burnham

10940 Santa Teresa Dr.

Cupertino, CA 95014

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

### Important Notice

Federal and California Income Tax Filing Deadlines have been extended to July 15<sup>th</sup> to accommodate COVID-19.



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