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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



BIG SIR Report

Our June picnic was quite subdued as we all ate at home again. Thanks to all Sirs for joining in our zoom meeting.

We need to find a way to get more Sirs on line so we can have a greater response.

As some activities in the community are opening up, we need to be especially careful to insure the health and safety of all Sirs.

State-approved travel is again in doubt and we will send an update as soon as we get new input from State.

We had a very good speaker this month; I hope you all enjoyed the talk. Elder care and its resources are vital to us.

Golf and on-line bridge are the only activities open at present, but hopefully we can expand as the county opens up more this summer. Bowling may start in August.

Take care and stay safe.

Dave Riopel
Big Sir Branch 62.

July Meeting

At the present time, the plan is to have a virtual meeting via Zoom on Thursday, July 16th.

Look for a Branch 62 e-mail with details on how to join the meeting and who the speaker will be.

HEROES OF THE MONTH

Our Big Sir has been naming “Heroes of the Month” for Branch 62 in recognition of all that person does for us. In the past three months he has named the following members:

April: Leon Kowaleski

May: Bobby Byers

June: Roger Falberg

CONGRATULATIONS!

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Dave Riopel	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
Little Sir	(vacant)	Treasurer	Roger Falberg
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Treasurer	Leon Kowaleski

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Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Jim Mellenger
Audit	Mel Waldman		John McGuire
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	Heber Slusser	Nominations	Wally Anderson
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley		John Dieckman
			Heber Slusser
Bowling	Tom Birley	Photography	Bob Pasterino
	Leon Kowaleski	Program	Walt Strach
	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
Bridge	John Dieckman	RAMP	
Chaplain	Bob Hebson	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
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Fishing	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson	Sir Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Songster	Leon Kowaleski
	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Transportation	Jeff Bauista
Guests & Visitors	Wally Anderson	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Historian	Don Coletti		Roy Jordan
Humorist	Roy Jordan	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Lunch Tickets	Heber Slusser	Webmaster	Heber Slusser
Membership			Mike Miller

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



SONS IN RETIREMENT, INCORPORATED
Sunnyvale Branch #62

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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. V4jmel

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.

BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!

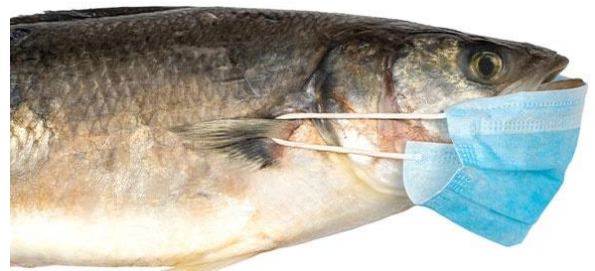
BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!..

Fishing

Until in-person meetings are reestablished, I recommend that our Fishing group join the "SIR Branch 62 Sunday Chat" to talk about our exploits, fish stories, and dreams about the big ones with others.

We will get back on track as soon as it is safe to do so ... let's all hope that is soon.

Fishing Chairman: Heber Slusser 408 769-1851



18 Hole Golf

We continue to play on Mondays. Bob Pastorino is setting up games for the month of July. There is no set schedule since the course played depends on when we can get 3 tee times. It is difficult to get 4 times because most courses consider that a tournament and tournaments have not been allowed by the State Golf Committee.

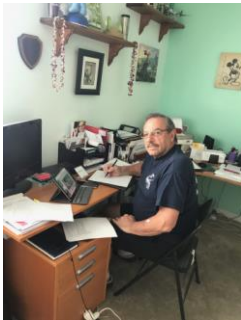
If you want to play in July, call Bob Pastorino - (510) 755-5524 - and let him know.

Paul Goodwin
18 Hole Golf Chair

SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

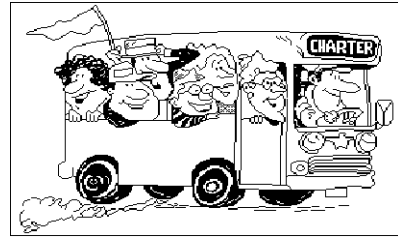
Please note that **BOCCE BALL**, **WINE TASTING** and **BRIDGE** activities have been suspended for the time being.

SIR Branch 62 Zoom BEC Meeting



Bob the Branch
Secretary on
Zoom

We held our first Zoom Branch Executive Committee (BEC) in May. It was a success and will be the norm for the foreseeable future. Remember that you can read the BEC, Luncheon, and Treasurer's report on our web site at <https://sirinc2.org/branch62/> under the Branch Info Tab.



SIR Travel – Branch 62

Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt
(408 394-7226).

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

The covid-19 has disrupted our travel, along with the rest of SIR and Branch 62. Branch 62 trips for 2020 have been cancelled. We are trying to put together trips for 2021. More travel information is on our website branch62.sirinc2.org, including the Area 11 Travel Bulletin, which shows trips sponsored by other branches. Any questions, please call Jim or Roy.

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

April 6th – 18th, 2021: Paris to Normandy: We are going to try to **re-initiate** our **cancelled** trip from October of 2020. As before, we will travel from Paris, via Caen (visit the Peace Museum), to Honfleur and meet our river cruise ship. Tour the D-Day invasion beaches, American cemetery and other sites. Then 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. We expect the cost to be around \$5200 to \$5700 pp double occ. (depending on cabin choice), including round trip air fare from San Francisco. A 4 night pre-trip to Brittany and Mont St. Michel and a 3 night post trip in Paris will be available. If you might be interested, contact Jim or Roy for more information as it becomes available.

November ?, 2021: Adriatic Cruise: We are hoping to put together a small ship cruise in the Eastern Adriatic area, featuring Dubrovnik, Croatia. If you might be interested, contact Jim or Roy for more information as it becomes available.

July Birthdays

Glenn Herrel 14th

Bill McTiernan 22nd

Mike Miller 31st

Member Dues

As noted in the Big Sir Letter, some members have not paid their annual dues for 2020. If you are one of them, please send your check for \$15 to:

Roger Falberg

751 Silver Pine Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

Nine Hole Golf

Nine Hole Golf is back playing. We still play at Sunken Gardens at 8 AM each Wednesday.

We currently have 4 players and can get tee times for more. We do not play as a tournament, we just enjoy a round of golf and the friendship of our fellow Sirs. Come on out and have some fun.

Tom Birley

9 Hole Golf Chairman

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

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.

Thanks to Lynn Grilley for stepping up to handle the Book Swap activity.

Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?

Want to read the joke from the luncheon?

Need to contact the speaker?

Forget the luncheon’s speaker details?

Want to see what other members are doing during COVID-19?

Want to read back issues of the Rooster?

Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:
<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

Heber Slusser

SIR Branch 62 Zoom Luncheon

We held our first Zoom Luncheon in May and it was a raving success with 24 members present. We had a great speaker with important information for many of us (maybe all of us in the future). The technology held up and everyone that joined us was able to participate. The July meeting will also be held on Zoom. Please join us – all are welcome! Watch your email for details.

SIR Branch 62 Sunday Zoom Chat

We have held three Sunday Zoom Chat sessions and will continue to do so EVERY Sunday at 2:00 PM in the future as long as people show up. Check your email or contact me for details. Don't be afraid of Zoom ... you can call in from a Plane-Old- Telephone (POTS), a smart phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer all with or without video. If you have questions, please feel free to call me.

This is a great way to keep in touch with fellow Sirs.

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SIR BOWLING

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Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski
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Currently Homestead Bowl is still closed for league play. SIR State Bowling Committee has allowed some tournaments to be held in Yuba City and Reno. We are hoping to get back to bowling for the Winter League in Sept. We will send out the planned teams in August and hope all will join us again.

Tom Birley



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AMERICA**

Important Notice

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

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