

June 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**



### **BIG SIR Report**

As our shelter in place is still in effect, I trust that all Sirs are staying in, are safe, and taking care.

We had a successful May home luncheon on Zoom. Many thanks to Heber Slusser for making that happen. We had 24 Sirs and an informative and timely speaker. For those who missed it, please try to be there for our June home picnic. We will miss the wonderful fare that Bob Byers and Tom Birley usually put on, but fix a nice lunch and join us.

We have been advised by State Board that our insurance has been reinstated. We can expect to have a higher premium next year. Travel will be affected. I believe that as we work toward normalcy, we will again be able to have our activities. I will keep you posted.

As we have not been able to have the birthday drawings, we will do that as soon as we can.

We have three new directors on the BEC, please welcome Ted Crutchfield, Steve Burnham and Glenn Herrell. All are fine, qualified gentlemen. We are better because of their contributions to Branch 62.

There are still some whose dues have not been paid; please send checks to Roger Falberg.

### **June Meeting**

**At the present time, the plan is to have a virtual meeting via Zoom on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.**

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

### **Big Sir Report, continued**

Please take care. I really miss all of you and look forward to our meeting again.

If anyone has had a problem or needs assistance, please let us know. I am not sure what we can do, but I promise to try to help.

Thank you.

Dave Riopel

Big Sir Branch 62.

**OFFICERS**

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

John Dieckman	Ted Crutchfield	Gerhard Schneider
Steve Birnham	Mike Miller	Glenn Herrell

**COMMITTEES**

Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	Jim Mellenger
Audit	Mel Waldman		John McGuire
	Wally Anderson		John Dieckman
	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	<b>RAMP</b>	
Chaplain	Bob Hebson	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
Condolence	Wally Anderson	Activities	<b>Volunteer Wanted</b>
Directory	Heber Slusser	Membership	Heber Slusser
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
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Greeters	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Transportation	Jeff Bauista
Historian	Wally Anderson	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Humorist	Don Coletti		Roy Jordan
Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel
Membership	Heber Slusser	Webmaster	Heber Slusser

**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. V2jmcg

***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

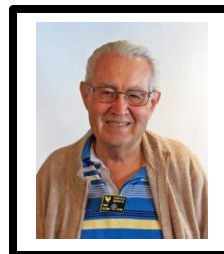
Until in-person meetings are re-established, I recommend that our Fishing group join the "SIR Branch 62 Sunday Chat" to talk about our exploits, fish stories, and dreams about the big ones with others.

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



**Ron Olson**  
**1940 – 2020**



**We will miss you!**

We are sorry to announce the passing of a dear friend and member of our SIR Branch 62.

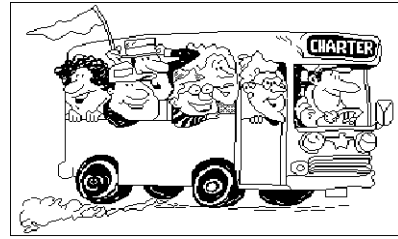
Ron was a member of SIR Branch 62 since 1990 and was a Branch Executive Committee Director from 2009 through 2020. He enjoyed Bowling, Golf, and Digital Photography.

## 18 Hole Golf

The State Golf Committee has not sanctioned SIR tournaments yet.

My direction through June is no prize collection and awards. We play as friends for bragging rights and you can post your own scores. I am asking the tournament coordinator Bob Byers to let us know when he can find a course to play

Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman



## 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.

The covid-19 has disrupted our travel, in addition to its effect on the rest of SIR and Branch 62. Both of our Branch 62 trips have been cancelled, as noted below. There are still a few trips by other Area 11 branches listed in the Area 11 Travel Bulletin. Their brochures can be seen on [sirbranch125.org](http://sirbranch125.org), click “travel” at the bottom of the home page. When we start having Branch 62 luncheons again, we expect that trip brochures will be available on the travel table. Any questions, please call Jim or Roy.

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**Wed., June 24<sup>th</sup> 2020: Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors: This event has been cancelled.** It might be rescheduled later.

**Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Paris to Normandy: This trip has been cancelled.** For more information contact Jim or Roy.

### SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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



**June 14th**

### 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.

## HEROES OF THE MONTH

Our Big Sir has been naming “Hero 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:

March: Heber Slusser

April: Leon Kowaleski

May: Bobby Byers

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

### Nine Hole Golf

Nine Hole Golf is back on! Every Wednesday from 8 AM to 9 AM at Sunken Gardens.

### SUMMER BEGINS

**JUNE 20th**

### 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 (payable to SIR Branch 62) to:

Roger Falberg

751 Silver Pine Court

Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

### June Birthdays

Jeff Bautista 27<sup>th</sup>

Steve Burnham 13<sup>th</sup>

Frank Doyle 16<sup>th</sup>

Lynn Grilley 29<sup>th</sup>

Jim Hohenshelt 6<sup>th</sup>

Bob Pestorino 14<sup>th</sup>

Jack Pettygrove 16<sup>th</sup>

Phil Thomas 17<sup>th</sup>

Mel Waldman 17<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?

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?

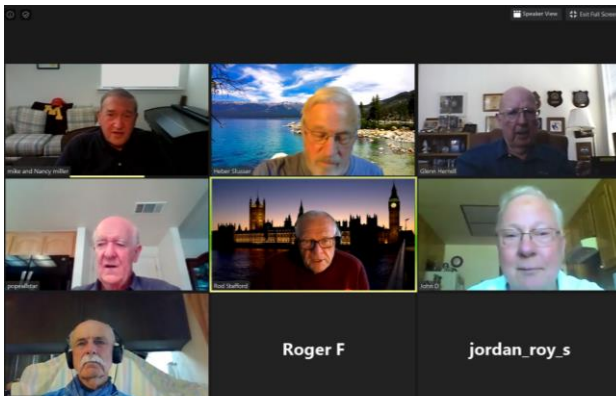
Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:  
<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

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 June "Picnic" will also be held on Zoom (wish we had "smell-a-vision"). 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.

Heber Slusser 408+769-1851  
[hebers@comcast.net](mailto:hebers@comcast.net)

### Important Notice

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

## SIR BOWLING

**President Vice President Treasurer**  
Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski  
(408)489-4815 (408)410-3626 (408)446-1129

After 20 weeks of bowling, the 2019/2020 Winter League ended due to the Coronavirus.

We were hopeful that Homestead Lanes would open again in time for the Summer League to start. Currently, there is no indication that it will reopen before July 1st, so we are looking to start the 2020/2021 Winter League in September.

Tom Birley



**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY**

**June 21st**

## 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.

Contact Dave Riopel if you're interested at  
408-482-1454 or [driopel@msn.com](mailto:driopel@msn.com)

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

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