



March 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

We had a great turnout for the February luncheon. I sure hope to see more of you in March. If you did not make it, you missed a great story from Humorist Don Coletti. We are proud to announce a new Senior Sir... Roger Falberg. Congratulations Roger. Winner of the Birthday free lunch was Gene Gilman.

We celebrated Branch 62 Hero of the Month, Walt Strach, whose excellent work as Speaker Chairman has brought us many wonderful and enlightening presentations. Thank you, Walt for your dedication and super achievements for our branch.

We said goodbye to Alex Fremling, an excellent contributor as an Officer and Director with 20 years in Branch 62. He is moving to Colorado to be with family.

We welcomed new member Bob Masik. As always, please continue to look for and recruit new members.

I will attend a State meeting in February and will report on that at the March luncheon.

Your Big Sir,
Dave Riopel

March Meeting Speaker

The speaker for our March meeting is Rod Stafford. His talk is "Amateur Radio: Fun and Public Service".

Rod is a member of our Branch #62. His talk is about what amateur radio ("ham radio") is all about. What does it take to get a license and the various activities that hams get involved in including public service during telecommunication emergencies? Fellow branch member Walt Marwitz and Rod are both members of the Santa Clara Rotary. Walt heard him give this talk to the Rotary and thought it might be a good subject for our SIR group.

Prior to Rod's presentation, there will be a brief review on the 14 items mentioned by Chester Santos in his "Monkey Story" during the February Meeting. How many can you remember?

Walt Strach
Program Chair

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

March 17th



FREE BEER!!!

Our tradition of free beer at the March meeting will continue this month!

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Dave Riopel	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
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Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
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State President: Bobbie Hairston
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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.

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!!..***

Menu: March

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.***



**SPRING
 BEGINS
 March 19th**

Branch 62 Wine Tasting

We will be having 4 events this year: two at a member's home and two at a winery. The first event will be on Friday March 6 at 2 PM. It will be held at the home of Dave and Lora Riopel in Cupertino. Anyone wishing to co-ordinate a winery visit, or to host the second event at his home, please contact Dave Riopel.

For the first event, we have a huge turnout of 28 interested people signed up. We will blind taste and rate 8 wines and have finger foods and tapas to munch. Directions and details have been sent to the participants. Dave Riopel, Wine Tasting Chair



March 8th

18 Hole Golf

I gave Wally Anderson a private lesson on Golf Genius. He didn't groan too much, but kind of got the idea. It is not a straight forward, intuitive system.

The weather gods have been kind and most events were played. Your golf chairman is keeping up with his Pip, Dip, and other finger therapy. Should be back on the courses starting with Moffett in March.

March is being coordinated by Wally Anderson

2- San Jose 16- Monterey Pines
9- Los Lagos 23- Moffett
30- Pajaro

Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

FISHING

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)!

We are now making plans for the 2020 fishing season which will include lake, stream, surf, and ocean fishing with trips to Alaska and the Sierras.

The Alaska outing is set for:

"Big King Combo Package"

On the Keani River and Ocean
July 6th - July 12th, 2020

We hope to catch Salmon, Halibut, and Rockfish.

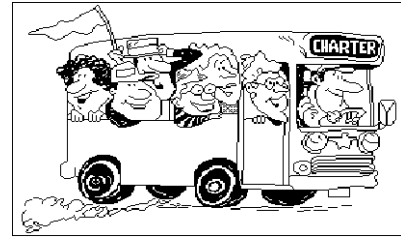
Visit our Branch Web Site and click on the Fishing Icon to learn more.

Fishing Chairman: Heber Slusser 408 769-1851



SENIOR SIR

Congratulations to Roger Falberg on achieving the status of Senior Sir, when he reached age 90 in February. We wish you many more years.



SIR TRAVEL – BRANCH 62

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

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

Trip brochures are available 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 24th 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. 3rd – 15th, 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. Single occupancy is sold out. 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. The brochure is available on the branch web site <http://branch62.sirinc2.org> under Travel, then Additional SIR Area 11 Travel, or see the travel table. Please contact the travel chairmen to sign up before filling out the coupon in the brochure, and for more information or questions.

SIR BOWLING

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

A Bowling Report for February was not available. If anyone is interested in reporting on the bowling activity each month for the newsletter, please contact John Dieckman.

We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15AM at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. Come by and root for your favorite team.

I will negotiate a price for the SIR bowling shirts and let you know the colors, sizes, etc.

Phil Thomas, Bowling Publicist

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Wally Anderson	19 th	Roy Jordan	17 th
John Brownie	3 rd	Ken Kawakami	20 th
Don Coletti	7 th	Gary Policky	12 th
Ted Crutchfield	14 th	John Steele	25 th
Chuck Hart	6 th		

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 Cruthfield 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.

TIME TO PAY MEMBER DUES

Once again, membership fees of \$15 are due March 19, 2020. Pay to Roger at the March meeting, or mail 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

No golf was played in February.

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

NEW MEMBER



Please welcome Bob Masik to Branch 62. Bob is a retired HR manager from Lockheed M&S. His interests include golf, baseball, coins, dancing, dining, football, and wine tasting. We know that he will be a great addition to our organization.

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

BRIDGE CLUB

We are now well into tax preparation season, so Roger's office is not available to hold our next three meetings. These meetings will be held at members' homes. The meeting on March 4th will take place at John Dieckman's house and hosted by Leon Kowaleski. The meeting on March 17th will be held at Dave Riopel's house and hosted by Phil Thomas. The meeting on April 7th will be held at TBD's house and hosted by Jim Hohenshelt.

At our last meeting, we had 3 tables play.

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

Carl Del Rosario 1933-2020



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

Carl passed away February 16th in the morning. He had fractured his pelvis, but his heart and kidneys could not pull him through this time. So, with sadness in our hearts, we let him go peacefully. He wanted to return to bowling, but it wasn't to be.

A memorial will be held at Odd Fellows Lodge on Homestead Road in Cupertino on Saturday, March 28th, 11 AM-5PM.

Carl was an active bowler and longtime member of Branch 62. He had 18 years of service and made many contributions. He was a gentleman and well respected by the membership. He will be missed.

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**

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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: 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.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

February 20, 2020

Members Attending	39	Guests	3
Active	64	New	1

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