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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

Zoom luncheons are successful but... we enjoyed a wonderful heart felt talk by Ursula Smith with 23 SIR and some partners in attendance (see picture on p5). Although this is good attendance, it isn't up to the level of excellence that we expect of our Branch 62 members. If you are not participating in our weekly chats, monthly Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meetings, and/or our monthly Luncheons, you are missing out. Please, if you feel that participating is a technical hurdle, give me a call. I can set you up with either your smart phone, laptop, computer, or your plain old telephone.

Please note that the BEC meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11 AM (one hour before the regular luncheon). Invitations are sent to the regulars but if you would like to attend, send me a note and I'll include you on the invite list.

Zoom Sunday Chats are NOW Thursday Chats. Since football season has started, we have had to move the Sunday Chat to Thursday at Noon. Yes, I know that this is in conflict with our luncheon but I figure that it is all at the same place so it shouldn't bother us too much..

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October Speaker

Speaker: October Speaker: Tracy Gott, Community Services Manager for the City of Sunnyvale. She will speak on the various programs the Senior Center has available during and after the Corona Virus Pandemic.

BIG SIR Report, continued.

Since the BEC meetings don't usually last a full hour, I'll keep the Zoom meeting up for those that wish to chat before our luncheon starts.

Take care and stay safe.

Dave Riopel
Big Sir Branch 62.

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Bridge

Since we are in the midst COVID-19 isolation, bridge is now played on-line using the Bridge Base Online (BBO) app for the game play and Zoom for the player communications.

We play every week on Tuesdays at 1:30. The game consists of three rounds of five hands each round. Every round has different players and a different member hosting the table. Roger Falberg organizes the play and sends each player the table positions and hosts prior to our gathering time.

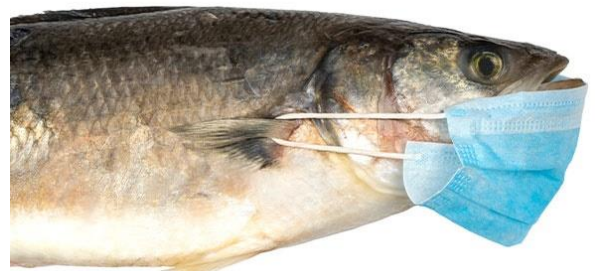
If you want to join us, let Roger know ahead of time so he can arrange the player tables. If you want to learn how to register or use BBO, contact Roger or me.

John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist

Fishing

I wish! For now our fishing is just stories and dreams.

Fishing Chairman: Heber Slusser 408 769-1851



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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.

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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!!..

18 Hole Golf

18 hole golf persists despite the covid challenge. Masks, social distancing (though some still end up too close to their ball – after they hit it) are the order of the day. Kind of miss the hand shake at the end of the round and my elbows are getting bruised.

Your golf chairman is in charge of October golf. I will be running a club championship this month at San Jose Muni. The prize money will come from the treasury since we have no other use for it this year. Two rounds, low net – 10 is the max score on any hole. I hope the greens are in good shape as those putting skills will have been honed at Seascap.

2021 membership renewal dues for \$45 are payable in October. Please give me a check made to SIRS. Cash will only be accepted in an envelope with your name on it.

October Schedule

5 – Seascap

12 – San Jose – Champ 1

19 – San Jose – Champ 2

26 – Pacific Grove

Swing easy and stay safe.

Paul Goodwin
18 Hole Golf Chair

SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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



SIR Travel – Branch 62
Travel Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt
(408 394-7226).

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our travel plans, along with all other SIR and Branch 62 activities. Branch 62 trips for 2020 have been cancelled. If the COVID-19 situation improves, we might be able to reschedule our one day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors**, possibly to January or February of 2021. For the time being, we have abandoned plans for SIR trips to the **Normandy Beaches and Seine River Cruise** in April of 2021 and a **Small Ship Cruise on the Adriatic** in November of 2021. The primary reasons for these cancellations are the cost of insurance for SIR overseas trips and the uncertainty of travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We may make plans for these or other trips later, if conditions seem more favorable. Please contact Jim or Roy for more information. There is more travel information 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.

October Birthdays

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| Don Maxwell | 2 nd |
| Bob Lowery | 18 th |
| Walt Strach | 19 th |
| Gerhard Schneider | 21 st |
| Mal Hopkins | 31 st |

HERO 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. The hero of the month for September is **John McGuire**, our newsletter co-editor.

Congratulations John and well deserved.

Nine Hole Golf

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

We currently have 5 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 Sir. Come on out and join us. Please let me know if you want to participate in the fun.

Tom Birley
9 Hole Golf Chairman

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.

Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?

Want to read the joke from the luncheon?

Need to contact the speaker?

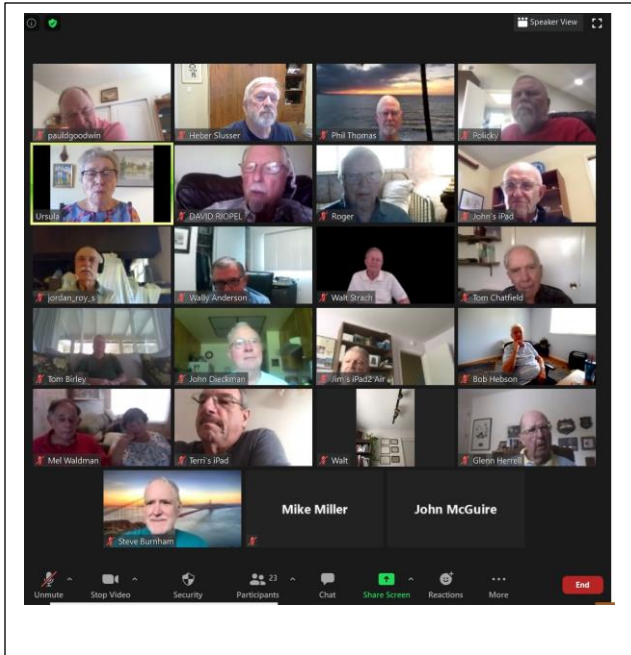
Forget the luncheon’s speaker details?

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



Screen shot of our September Zoom Lunch Meeting

SIR Branch 62 Zoom Luncheon

We held our last Zoom Luncheon on September 17th and it was a raving success with 23 members present. We had a great speaker who shared her experiences as a youngster in Germany during the war. The technology held up and every one who joined us was able to participate. The October meeting will also be held on Zoom. Please join us – all are welcome! Watch your email for details.

ATTENTION

SIR Branch 62 Sunday Zoom Chat have been moved to Thursdays.

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Don't be afraid of Zoom ... you can call in from a Plane-Old- Telephone Service (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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The Coronavirus continues to be a very large problem to us all. We were hopeful that Homestead Lanes would open again in time for the 20/21 Winter League to start. Currently there is no indication that they will reopen by Jan '21 so we are looking to start the 2020/2021 Winter League whenever they can open for league play and have a shortened session. The payout for the 19/20 winter session has been mailed out; if you did not receive a check from me please let me know.

Tom Birley

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