

September 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

September Speaker

Program Title: Picking Tomatoes When the Sky Was in Flame

Our speaker, author Ursula Smith, was a young child in Germany when World War II broke out. Her home located in the German town of Essen was a major target of Allied bombings. She remembers vividly holding a basket of tomatoes in her front garden while B17s were dropping bombs aimed at the coal mine across the street...where her father, a coal miner worked. "Picking Tomatoes When the Sky Was in Flame" is the title of a book she wrote about her experiences. Her story describes what life was like during the bombings in Essen. Ninety percent of the infrastructure was destroyed; sixty percent of its residents were left homeless. Her family survived but it was a physical and emotional struggle. She gave her talk to SIR Branch 20 last February. Program Chair Jim Healey described it as "EXCELLENT...she was polished and articulate...got quite emotional when describing the bombings in her town."

BIG SIR Report, continued.

Golf, both 18 and 9 Hole, and on line bridge are the only activities open at present. It is hoped that bowling can resume again soon.
Happy Birthday to Paul Forney.

Take care and stay safe.

Dave Riopel
Big Sir Branch 62.

BIG SIR Report

In August, we attended the Annual State Meeting on Zoom. We elected a new President and Vice President: Jim Johnson and Stuart Williams. Jim said he would like to see a State SIR RV get together and a State Bocce Tournament. Good ideas. The by-laws were changed to reflect the electronic means of conducting meetings, and we voted to remove the e-mail requirement from the State Roster, (Form 65). They also introduced a program to help in building new membership. We will pursue some of the suggestions.

Our Hero of the Month is Bob Pastorino, our Secretary. Bob does an excellent job and is a major contributor the BEC. Thank you, Bob.

Our August lunch was fun. Again, it was BYOL as it will be the rest of this year. We do need to get more Sirs to attend. Thanks to all Sirs for joining in our zoom meeting. We had a wonderful speaker. Very interesting and I learned a lot. Our thanks to Sunnyvale Community Services.

We really need to be especially careful to insure the health and safety of all Sirs. As I understand it, our State insurance is not only higher but we will need to have higher quarterly assessments.

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	Wally Anderson	Sir Logo Items	Phil Thomas
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	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Tom Birley
	Paul Goodwin		Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Dave Riopel	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
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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

STATE OFFICERS

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

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.

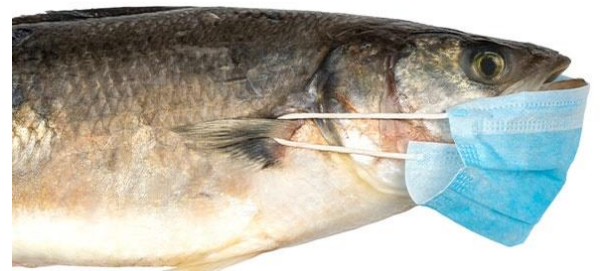
John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist

Fishing

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



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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!!..

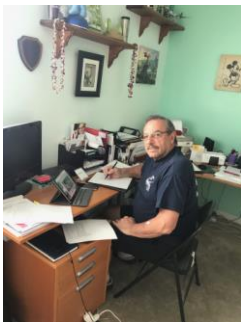
18 Hole Golf

We are still playing as we can find ways to get 3 or 4 times at local courses. The paper Kitty contest was enjoyed by the players – especially Richard Pope since he came in first three weeks in a row. He has moved to his east coast home for the winter and allowed Glenn Herrell to win the fourth round. Money will be paid after I collect from the ‘also played’.

Our volunteer Tournament Coordinator for September was Carl Mandel and he is not able to play yet and has asked to be replaced. Bob Pastorino and Wally Anderson have stepped up to be TCs for the month. In order to avoid the holiday rates on Labor Day, Sep. 7th, they will be planning for a game on Tuesday, Sep. 8th. I think that will likely be the practice for future Monday Holidays.

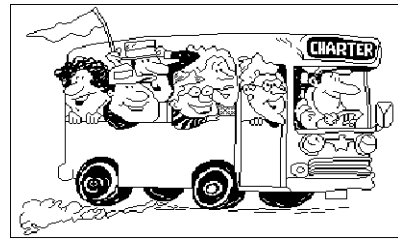
Swing easy and stay safe.
Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman

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 reports 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 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.

SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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

September Birthdays

Fred Carlson	4 th
John McGuire	30 th
Carl Mendel	5 th
Dave Riopel	20 th
Michael Sanchez	12 th

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 Sirs. Come on out and have some fun.

Tom Birley
9 Hole Golf Chairman



September 7th

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.

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. The hero of the month for August is Bob Pastorino, our Branch Secretary.



AUTUMN BEGINS

September 22nd

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 Sunday Zoom Chat

We have held several 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 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.

Heber Slusser 408+769-1851 hebers@comcast.net

SIR Branch 62 Zoom Luncheon

We held our last Zoom Luncheon on August 20th and it was a raving success with 17 members present. We had a great speaker with important information. The technology held up and everyone who joined us was able to participate. The September meeting will also be held on Zoom. Please join us – all are welcome! Watch your email for details.

SIR BOWLING

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Tom Birley Phil Thomas Leon Kowaleski
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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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