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The ROOSTER

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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

I hope everyone is doing well, and that all of our members have now received the Covid 19 vaccine shots. It is a great relief with the security that the vaccine provides.

As you know, in the past years, our June meeting has been a picnic at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale. With Covid restrictions, the BEC has decided to postpone that picnic until the 3rd Thursday of July, and hopefully the park will be open by then.

I encourage everyone to join us at our weekly Zoom chat meetings and also our monthly Zoom Luncheon meetings. Check out Heber's e-mails for the log-on info.

As far as recruiting new members goes, please look at your friends and acquaintances and ask them to join our Monthly Sir zoom Luncheon meeting on April 15th as a way to get people interested in SIR Branch 62.

On another note, there are 17 of our Branch 62 members who have not paid their dues for 2021. The dues are only \$10 this year. Our branch is required to pay the state SIR organization an annual assessment for each member and the \$10 covers that

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April 15th Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Karl Knopf

Topic: Grow Strong Not Frail...Age is no Barrier

Dr. Knopf has worked in almost every aspect of the fitness industry from personal trainer and therapist, college instructor, and consultant to major universities and professional organizations. His senior fitness books are often promoted in Tuft's University Health Letters. He has been a guest of public television's "Sit and Be Fit" show and was a regular guest on KGO radio.

Big Sir Report

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assessment. If you haven't yet done so, please write a check made out to SIR Branch 62.

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Your Big Sir,
Wally Anderson

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Attendance	Tom Birley	Newsletter	John McGuire
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	Phil Thomas	Property	Henry Crossfield
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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	
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
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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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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. V3jhd

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!!..

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 eight 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.

On March 23, a small slam was bid and made by Leon Kowaleski and Roger Falberg.

John Dieckman – Bridge Publicist

Fishing

Fishing meetings are now in conjunction with the Thursday Zoom Chats. Until in-person meetings are re-established, please join the "SIR Branch 62 Thursday Chat" to talk about our exploits, fish stories, and dreams about the big ones with others.

We are going to Alaska to catch some salmon in June. Seven Sirs and friends are traveling to Sitka, AK for a 3 day, 4 night trip to get us back on track for a good fishing season.

Don't forget to get your 2021 fishing license ... it is available online.

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

Heber Slusser

April Birthdays

Dave Ashby	3 rd	Paul Goodwin	3 rd
Bob Byers	8 th	Bob Masik	26 th
Tom Chatfield	23 rd	Rod Stafford	22 nd

18 Hole Golf

The weather has been a major factor as usual at this time of year. We haven't been rained out recently as the gods have managed to finish raining before Monday. However, the wind is another story. One of the events had the wind blowing the golf ball off line on the putting green. Not Fair! In fact, it was so bad that the USGA handicapping system knocked off 2 strokes from everyone's score that played the course that day. That helped, but still.... not fun. Two smart players left after the first 9 holes (Smart or wimps?).

Rod Stafford is the TC for April. Let's get out and support him in his initial effort at doing this tough job. Sounds like he already has the courses lined up for the month.

Tournament Coordinator for April is Rod Stafford

April 5 --- Poppy Ridge, Livermore
April 12 -- Sunnyvale Golf Course, Sunnyvale
April 19 -- Los Lagos, San Jose
April 26 -- Monterey Pines, Monterey

Stay safe and masked.
Paul Goodwin, 18 hole golf chairman
18 Hole Golf Chairman

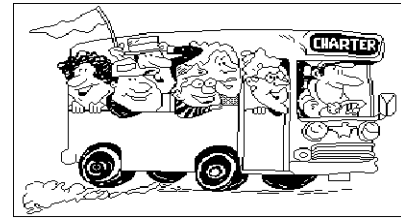
SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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

Membership Report

Active Members 61

March Zoom Attendance 22



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

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

With Covid-19 still with us, our Branch 62 travel activity is at a standstill. We hope to reschedule our one-day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors** sometime when restrictions on SIR travel are lifted. Any possibility of re-instating **Normandy Beaches and Seine River Cruise** seems far off, but if you might be interested please contact Jim or Roy. The "SIR Travel Opportunities" newsletter lists the May 2-10 Columbia River Cruise by Branch 32 and a cruise on the Crystal Serenity from Quebec City to New York City, Sept. 25–Oct. 3 by Branch 146. If you might be interested in these trips, Roy can forward the newsletter, or discuss the trips.

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.



Earth Day

April 22nd

2021 Branch 62 Directories

The new directories were mailed to your home in January. If you did not receive one, let Heber Slusser know.

SIR BOWLING

President Vice President Treasurer

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

The COVID virus continues to be a very large problem to us all. Three weeks ago, Homestead Lanes reopened, so we were looking to start the 2020/2021 Winter League whenever SIR State Committee gives us the OK to have SIR indoor events. We were trying to start a practicing league, but the return of the county's COVID virus opening color from orange to purple has made practicing not possible. We will inform you when there are any changes that will let us get started.

Tom Birley

MEETING CASH AWARDS

Beginning in January, in addition to \$25 cash birthday awards at our Monthly Zoom Luncheon Meetings there will be one additional \$25 cash attendance award. Remember, you must be present on Zoom video or telephone to be eligible to receive an award. Be involved and have a shot at these riches.

March Winners:

Birthday Prize: Wally Anderson
Attendance Prize: Walt Strach

9 HOLE GOLF

Nine-hole golf is back playing. We play at Sunken Gardens at 9AM each Wednesday. We currently have 4 players and can get tee times for more. We don't play as a tournament; we just enjoy a round of golf and the friendship of our fellow Sirs. Come out and play. Please let me know if you want to join us.

Tom Birley
9 Hole Golf Chairman

In Memoriam

John Brownie 1934-2021

31 year member

Don Maxwell 1927-2021

24 year member

Help Needed!!

Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:

Rooster Newsletter Editor

RAMP Activities Chairman

Bowling Publicist

Transportation

Health & Safety

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

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SIR BRANCH 62 ZOOM ACTIVITIES

Several of our activities are now conducted via Zoom. All members are encouraged to join.

- **Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting:** Third Thursday at 11 AM
- **Monthly Branch Luncheon Meeting:** Third Thursday at 12 Noon
- **Monthly Fellowship Gathering:** Third Thursday following the BEC Meeting as time allows before the Luncheon Meeting starts
- **Branch Weekly Chat:** Thursdays when there is no luncheon at 12 Noon

These meetings have been very successful but we would like more members to participate.

If you have business to bring before the BEC, let Heber Slusser know and he will arrange it.

The weekly chat is a great way to keep in touch with fellow Sirs and to find out what is going on as well as provide your input as well as expertise to our members.

Want to Improve Your Zoom Skills?

There are some brief, easy, tutorials on our Branch Web site that will help you with some basic Zoom skills such as Rename, Chat, Split Screen, Mute, etc. If you need help with other skills, please feel free to contact Heber Slusser at hebers@comcast.net or 408+769-1851.

Abstract of Minutes of Branch Executive Committee (BEC) 3-18-21

For complete details of the minutes go to the Branch 62 website at <https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>.

Big Sir: Wally Anderson: Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Wally welcomed everyone to our Zoom BEC meeting. Wally said that he found around 500 SIR Business cards and has them available to give out to our members who would like them to give to anyone who is interested in joining SIR. He also said he sent in Senior Sir nominations for John Shields, John Steele, Bud Collinson and Warren Dunn. Wally said that our branch did a good job responding to the State SIR vaccine assistance email. Wally said Little SIR Leon Kowaleski is the vaccine assistance coordinator for our branch.

Membership Chairman/Web Master: Heber Slusser: Heber said that he thought it was a good idea to ask someone who is interested in SIR to join in on our zoom luncheons so they can see what we are about before trying to get them to become a member.

Treasurer Roger Falberg: Roger said that 43 members have paid their dues and is waiting on another 18 to be paid. He noted that there is \$2600.00 in adjusted balance in our account.

Travel: Roy Jordan: Roy said that the Area travel committee has dissolved. They had a small amount of money in their account, which they will be giving out to SIR Branches. SIR 62 will be getting \$190.00, which will be given to Treasurer Roger Falberg who will deposit in our account. After some discussion, it was apparent that any SIR travel would be on an individual branch basis.

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