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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



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BIG SIR REPORT

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.

Thanks again to Walt Strach for getting another great speaker for the April Zoom Luncheon meeting. That was Dr. Karl Knopf, speaking on Grow Strong Not Frail...Age is No Barrier. It was a great presentation and has motivated me to get back to exercising again. You also, I hope?

For the May meeting, Walter has arranged for his daughter and another lady to give a presentation. Please login and listen to:

Speakers: Patricia Strach & Kathleen Sullivan

Topic: Dirty Politics - How Corruption Was Used to Clean San Francisco

As a reminder, our normal June meeting is a picnic at Ortega Park in Sunnyvale; however, 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 logon info.

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May 20 Meeting

**Speakers: Patricia Strach and
Kathleen Sullivan**

Topic: Dirty Politics: How Corruption Was Used to Clean San Francisco

On garbage day, San Francisco residents take their trash and recycling out to the curb. Recology, formerly Sunset Scavenger Company, picks up the trash as it has since the mid-nineteenth century. Remarkably, garbage collection hasn't changed much in that time. It's easy to forget that routine, effective trash collection and disposal service was not always the norm. In fact, 19th century cities struggled with mounting trash.

The presenters discuss the origins of trash collection and its political struggles.

Big Sir Report

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

If you are one of these 10, please write a check made out to SIR Branch 62.

Mail to:

Roger Falberg, Treasurer
751 Silver Pine Ct
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Thank you, Your Big Sir, Wally Anderson

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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!!..

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.

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

May Birthdays	
Sieg Koch	May 17 th
Henry Crossfield	May 18 th
Bob Cheney	May 20 th
Eric Greenhut	May 26 th

18 Hole Golf

Cheers for Rod Staffer for doing an amazing job as tournament coordinator for April. Not only did he get the courses lined up, but also had the times booked. Most times were at 10:00 which is perfect for all the guys – even the ones in the southland.

May will be managed by Walt Marwitz. I know he has been making good choices such as playing on Tuesday rather than Monday - May 31 - to avoid holiday rates. This is his first time as TC for us, so let's give him our full support.

Tournament Coordinator for May is Walt Marwitz

May 3 – San Jose Muni

May 10 – Gilroy (11:30,11:37)

May 17 – Moffett Field

May 24 – Laguna Seca

June 1 - Sunnyvale Muni (May 31 is holiday)

Stay safe and masked.

Paul Goodwin, 18 Hole Golf Chairman



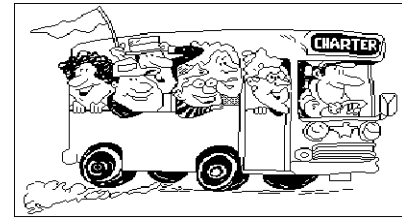
SUSPENDED ACTIVITIES

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

Membership Report

Active Members 61

April Lunch Zoom Attendance 21



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

Assistant: Roy Jordan (408 735-8765).

The Area 11 Coordinated Travel Committee has dissolved. Branches will still sponsor trips when the Covid situation improves. Brochures for these trips will be available on <http://sirbranch125.org>. The "SIR Travel Opportunities" newsletter lists a 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. We (Branch 62) hope to reschedule our one-day trip to the **Chinese Exhibit at Blackhawk Museum - Terra Cotta Warriors** when the Covid situation permits. 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.

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.

Anniversaries:

Glenn Herrell: 5 years

John McGuire: 20 years

Time flies when you're having a good time.

SIR BOWLING

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

After 2 weeks of our Winter League, we have Team 8 consisting of, Chas Bailey, Dave Jeong, and Gwen Jeong, in first place. Team 2 consisting of Bud Collinson, Harvey McAninch, and Don Haythronewhti, are in second place, One game behind. Top Scores so far are: Scr. Series: 596 Lynn Grilley and 525 Pat Hutton. Scr. Game: 215 Bobby Byers and 167 Ursel Turner.

Tom Birley
League President

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.

April Winner:

Birthday Prize-No Show-No Win!-No Prize
Attendance Prize: Frank Doyle

9 HOLE GOLF

Nine-hole golf is played at Sunken Gardens at 9AM each Wednesday. We currently have four 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



Tax Deadline

May 17th



Memorial Day

May 31st

Help Needed!!

Volunteers are needed in Branch 62:
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.

Branch 62 Organizes a Walking Program

Tom Chatfield is organizing a walking group within our branch! Would you like to join him for some outdoor walking???. Walks will be from 45 to 90 minutes long, with some uphill, in the woods near Cupertino and other locations upon request. Please contact Tom at 408 736 8044 or by email tchatfield761@gmail.com if you have interest or comments.

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 he has the Senior Sir certificates for John Shields, John Steele, Bud Collinson and Warren Dunn. He said the State Sirs would like the certificates to be given out in person to the recipients. Wally said he will be sending out a letter to them, letting them know that we will award them their certificates at our first in person luncheon. Wally said we need to find a new location for our luncheons. He said that Mariani's and Three Flames Restaurants are a possibility.

Secretary: Bob Pastorino

Confirmed that a quorum was present to conduct business.

April meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Reported minutes published for April.

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Treasurer Roger Falberg: Roger said that 47 members have paid their dues and is waiting on another 12 to be paid. He noted that there is \$2800.00 in adjusted balance in our account, that included the \$191.00 received from the State travel committee.

Little Sir's Report: Leon Kowaleski: Steve Burnham will do the Birthday drawing this month for Leon. There are 4 Birthdays this month.

Area Governor Report Phil Thomas: Phil said he will check with the Three Flames Restaurant to see if there is a possibility of having our Luncheons there when we resume in person meetings.

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