



Big Sir Report

My fellow Sirs:

We held our first luncheon at Café Vitale in February. It worked well, with 24 attending. The food and service were great. After the meal, we expected to have dessert (which had been agreed upon ahead of time), but it didn't happen.

Unfortunately, the manager had left and forgot to tell the staff. A follow-up with the manager by our venue team was met with deep apologies for the mistake, but he also had decided that he would have to charge us much more in the future.

So, our luncheon venue search team has been hard at work. They have found the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino, where we will meet in March.

Last month I asked you to make a list of friends/family. Did you follow up by inviting them to a meeting? I know at least one of you did. Please spend time finding others to join us in our fun!

On that note, Heber has requested booth time at the Sunnyvale Farmer's Market on the five Saturdays in March. We need 2 to 4 volunteers to help man the booth; let's make this effort fruitful! Please let Heber know that you can help.

The recent rain has been greatly welcomed, but I know that we are all looking forward to Spring when we can get activities like walking, golf, cornhole, and bocce back up and running fulltime.

Best regards,
Mike Miller
Your 2024 Big Sir

March 2024

The ROOSTER

The Monthly Newsletter of
Sunnyvale Branch # 62

SONS IN RETIREMENT

**A Non-Profit Organization of Retired Men
Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity
in Retirement**

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at:

Blue Pheasant Restaurant

**22100 Stevens Creek Blvd
Cupertino, CA 95014**

Next Meeting is Thursday March 14, 2024

Social Hour 11:00 AM Lunch 12:00

**Zoom Link: Zoom is available by request. Contact
Heber Slusser a few days in advance of the meeting.**

Lunch Ordering Information

Tickets are sold in advance of the monthly lunch. If possible, please buy your lunch ticket at the luncheon meeting preceding the one you plan to attend. For those who have not purchased an advance ticket for the luncheon, you must contact **Barry Boole** via email or call him to indicate your intent to attend the luncheon. Payment (\$32) may be made at the door.

Help Needed!

We need 2 to 4 volunteers to man the Sunnyvale Farmer's Market booth on the 5 Saturdays in March. Please contact **Heber Slusser** if you can help.

OFFICERS

Big Sir	Mike Miller		
Little Sir	Bruce Edmundson	Asst. Little Sir	Barry Boole
Secretary	Bob Pastorino	Asst. Secretary	Wally Anderson
Treasurer	Roger Falberg	Asst. Treasurer	Jim Hohenshelt

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Dieckman	Steve Burnham	Jack Pettygrove	Heber Slusser
		Dave Riopel	

COMMITTEES

Attendance	Tom Birley	Lunch Tickets	Roy Jordan
Audit	Mel Waldman	Membership	Bob Byers
	Wally Anderson	Newsletter	John McGuire
	Heber Slusser		John Dieckman
Awards	Bob Byers		Mike Miller
	Tom Birley	Nominations	Phil Thomas
	Mike Miller		Heber Slusser
Bocce Ball	Wally Anderson		John Dieckman
Book Swap	Lynn Grilley	Photographer	Bob Pastorino
Bowling	Tom Birley	Program	John Dieckman
	Phil Thomas		Bruce Edmundson
	Lynn Grilley	Property	Henry Crossfield
Bridge	John Dieckman	RAMP	
Chaplain	Hugh Moore	Chair	Jim Hohenshelt
Poker	Mel Waldman	Recruitment	Jeff Bautista
Condolence	Wally Anderson		Heber Slusser
Directory	Heber Slusser	Activities	Need Volunteer
	Mike Miller	Membership	Bob Byers
Fishing	Heber Slusser	Publicity	Heber Slusser
	Wally Anderson	SIR Logo Items	Phil Thomas
Golf, 9 Hole	Tom Birley	Songster	Roger Falberg
	Dave Riopel	Special Events	Bob Byers
Golf, 18 Hole	Paul Goodwin	Sunshine	Wally Anderson
Greeter	Dave Riopel	Transportation	Need Volunteer
Guests & Visitors	Dave Riopel	Travel	Jim Hohenshelt
Historian	Wally Anderson		Roy Jordan
Humorist	Need Volunteer	Wine Tasting	Dave Riopel

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Dale Decker

Area 11 Representative: Phil Thomas

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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 haven't received the "Rooster" by mail by the 10th of the month, call John McGuire (408) 248-4620. If you haven't received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let John McGuire know at: jpmcguiresr@aol.com.

BE A SIR!!! BE COMMITTED!!

BE ACTIVE!!! HAVE FUN!!

Bocce and Cornhole

Bocce and Cornhole are currently on hold until Spring.

*Wally Anderson
Bocce and Cornhole Coordinator*

Bridge

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays at Roger Falberg's home, 751 Silver Pine Court in Sunnyvale to play in person. On the other Tuesdays, we play online using the Bridge Base Online browser app.

We play every week on Tuesday at 1:30. Roger Falberg organizes the games for both the in person and online games. If you would like to play, let Roger Falberg know and he will work you into the game.

John Dieckman, Bridge Publicist

THE TOM CHATFIELD WALK

Roy Jordan

For March in 2024 the Tom Chatfield walks will be on the second and fourth Fridays, March 8 and 22. This month, the walk will be through Central Park in Santa Clara. The meeting place will be the parking lot on the east side of Keily just north of Homestead at 9:30 AM. We are also going to set a rain contingency of walking through the big Westfield Mall Valley Fair, accessible from Winchester just north of Stevens Creek. Meet near the entrance to Macy's Men's store. If you would like a nice walk on either of these days, or have questions, please contact **Roy Jordan**. You could just show up, but if you make contact beforehand, we can give detailed directions or let you know when we are using the rain contingency. **Walking is good for you!**

18 HOLE GOLF

Walt Marwitz – Golf Reporter



SIR 18 Hole Golf February Recap

I guess that we can all agree that we needed the rain. In the long run, it will have rehabilitated the fairways and greens and, unfortunately, strengthened the rough on the local courses. It did, however, cause us to cancel several of our scheduled outings, allowing us to play only two courses these past several weeks. Fortunately, the weather and conditions for our rounds at Santa Teresa and Spring Valley were excellent and, as always, we enjoyed the comradery and bantering within the group.

Hopefully optimistic that we will be able to get back out there on a consistent basis, the schedule calls for Santa Teresa, San Jose Muni, Monterey Pines and Spring Valley. We always have room for other “recreational golfers” to join us in our quest for that one *once in a lifetime* fabulous round of golf.

March Birthdays

Roy Jordan	17 th	Wally Anderson	19 th
Ken Kawakami			20 th

A \$25 cash birthday award is drawn at our Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Birthday boys must be present on Zoom or in person to be eligible to receive an award. None were present, so there was no February winner!

BRANCH 62 TRAVEL

Chairman: Jim Hohenshelt

Assistant: Roy Jordan

Columbia and Snake River Cruise

April 28 – May 6, 2024

This trip is now filled. If you would like to try to get on a wait list, please contact Jim. There is a description on our web site (see link below).

State SIR – Prague to Budapest

Nov. 6 - 20, 2024

State SIR has organized a Grand Circle overland trip and river cruise from Prague to Budapest. The trip features Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Linz, Wachau Valley, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest. Prices range from \$3195 to \$3995 pp/dbl. occ. depending on cabin, plus \$1100 air from SFO. Single Supplement is \$795. Pre-trips are available to Dresden & Berlin (\$995) and Warsaw & Krakow (\$1095) and a post trip in Budapest (\$745). Contact Milt Smith at (925) 258-2897 or miltsmith549@gmail.com for information and to sign up. Contact Roy for more information or see our web site - link below.

Check our web site for up-to-date travel information, including trips from other branches - SF to Alaska cruise (May-June) & Spain + Portugal (Apr-May)

www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Travel/Travel.php

Anniversary!

Roy Jordan joined SIR 15 years ago this month. Roy, thank you for your service to SIR!

SIR Bowling

President
Tom Birley

Vice President
Phil Thomas

Publicist
Lynn Grilley



After the 6th week of quarter #3, Team #5 is in 1st place with 19 wins and 5 losses. Team #5 bowlers are Eleanor Barrett, Donna Diehl, and Steve Bishop.

We have openings for more bowlers. Contact Tom, Phil, or Lynn if interested.

Season High Scores are listed below.

	MEN	WOMEN
Scratch Series	Steve Bishop 650	Donna Diehl 498
Scratch Game	Lynn Grilley 237	Pat Hutton 192
Handicap Series	Jay Mark 696	Ruth Pettygrove 676
Handicap Game	Jack Pettygrove 262	Helen Rossler 256

Check the Branch 62 Bowling website for current team standings:

<https://www.branch62.sirinc2.org/Bowling/Bowling.php>

Lynn Grilley

March Report

Membership 38
Meeting Attendance 24
New Members 0

March Guest Speaker

Our March guest speaker will be describing Sunnyvale's SMART (Sunnyvale Materials Recycling and Transfer) station.

Wine Tasting

We will have a wine tasting event in April. Watch for an announcement in your email.

Dave Riopel – Wine Publicist

Branch 62 Web Site

Have you visited our web site lately?
Want to read the joke from the luncheon?
Forgot the luncheon's speaker details?
Want to read back issues of the Rooster?
Read meeting minutes and Treasurer Reports?

Get all of this and more on our Web Site at:
<https://sirinc2.org/branch62/index.php>

Annual Member Dues

If you have not yet paid your 2024 SIR Membership dues of \$25, they are now past due. Send your check (payable to SIR Branch 62) to Treasurer **Roger Falberg** at:

751 Silver Pine Court

Sunnyvale, CA 94086-8256

Or bring your check to the March meeting.

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on February 1st via Zoom.

Big Sir: Mike Miller: Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike welcomed everyone to our Zoom BEC meeting and thanked everyone for being on the call. Mike asked Secretary Bob Pastorino if we had a Quorum to conduct business. Bob said not at this time and that hopefully others will join the call. We decided to continue with reports and approve reports either later or at the luncheon.

Secretary: Bob Pastorino: Confirmed that a quorum was not present at the start to conduct business. A quorum was later present when two officers were able to join the meeting. January meeting minutes were presented for approval. Reported minutes were published for January. Upon a motion by Bob Pastorino and second by John Dieckman the minutes were approved.

Membership Bob Byers: Bob presented Form 27 for January for approval. Bob said that we have 39 members at this time. Upon a motion by Bob Byers and a second by Bob Pastorino, Form 27 was approved. Bob said that he thinks that there is no need to send the State form 27 as they no longer require it. He will continue to do so to report on our membership total for us. Bob mentioned that Gerhard Schneider and Tarik Petterson would like to return as members. On a motion by Heber Susser and a second by John Dieckman it was approved to reaccept them back to our Branch.

Treasurer Roger Falberg: Roger reported that we have \$4,000.00 in the bank, the amount includes the balance from the Golf Account. Roger said form 28 has been sent out. Roger said that the State will charge the same amount each quarter using our membership at 39 members. The cost will be \$97.50. Upon a motion by Roger Falberg and second by John Dieckman, the Treasurer Report for January was approved.

Program Reports: John Dieckman: Speaker this month is Joe Burdick from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. He will talk about elder financial fraud, including common scams, protective measures for prevention and reporting fraud.

Travel Roy Jordan: Roy talked. No report.

18 Hole Golf: Wally Anderson: Weather has been a factor. Only one round played in January.

Bowling: Heber Slusser: Looking for more bowlers. Heber is putting ad on Craig's List.

Bridge: John Dieckman: Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Roger's Home at 1:30 and online for the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

Fishing: Heber Slusser: Planning a trip to Ontario Canada in June and will put something on the website if anyone is interested in joining him.

Bocce and Cornhole: Wally Anderson: Bocce has been put on hold until Spring.

Wine Tasting: Dave Riopel: No report.

Walking John Dieckman: Walk on February 2nd at Stevens Creek Trail, 9:30, weather permitting.

Little Sirs Report: Bruce Edmundson: There are two Birthdays in February. Bruce said that there will be 20 members at our Luncheon next week. It discussed and with a motion by Wally Anderson and a second by Heber Slusser, the Birthday prize will remain \$25.00. It will be given to the winner from the till on the day of the Luncheon.

Area Governor Report Phil Thomas: No report.

Little Sir's Report: Bruce Edmundson:

Area Governor Report Phil Thomas: No report.

Link to full reports:
[February 2024 BEC and Luncheon Reports](#)

In Memoriam



Don Colleti

March 7, 1925 – January 26, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of a beloved member of our branch, Don Coletti, who departed this world on January 26th, 2024, at the age of 98. Don succumbed to complications arising from double pneumonia at Good Samaritan Hospital, surrounded by the love of his family. Don was an integral part of our branch, having served as the Senior SIR and holding the esteemed position of Big SIR during the year 2001 in our Branch. His presence and wit were a source of joy, as he assumed the role of our SIR humorist, regaling us with laughter and entertaining anecdotes at our luncheons. Don will be dearly missed!



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