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# The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of  
**Sunnyvale Branch #62**

Meets on the third Thursday of the month  
Sunnyvale Elks Lodge  
375 N Pastoria

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

**January 2012**

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**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

If you do not attend three (3) consecutive meetings without a suitable excuse, or if you fail to attend seven (7) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, you may be dropped from the membership. The later rule applies even though you may have reported you absences to the Attendance Committee. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a make up for missing our Luncheon

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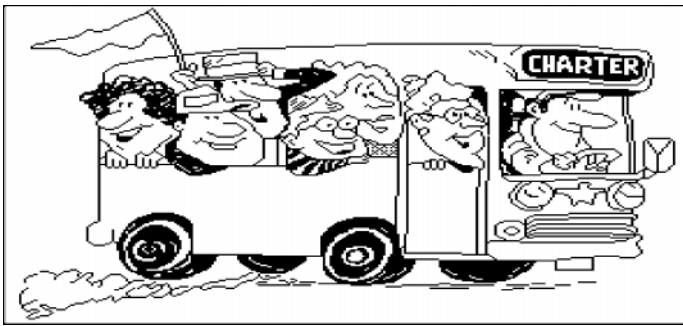
**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
 SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
 MEMBERSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

ATTENDING .....	98
GUESTS.....	00
TRANSFERRED IN .....	00
TRANSFERRED OUT (PAST MONTH).....	00
RESIGNED.....	00
DECEASED.....	00
INACTIVE.....	12
RETURNED FROM INACTIVE .....	02
Paul Conrad and Jim Mellenger	
INDUCTED THIS MONTH .....	00
WAITING ....., Byung Lee .....	01
MEMBERSHIP .....	119

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**Fleet Week – October, 2012 (1 day)** – Fleet Week date not defined yet. Trip will include bus to Jack London Square to board the Celebration on the Bay motor launch for a day on the bay (catered lunch) to view the Fleet Week air show (Blue Angels). Details and costs are being finalized.

**Kauai Golf and Tour – November, 2012 (12 days)** – We will be staying in luxury condos on Kalapaki Beach (Kauai) and playing golf every other day. On alternate days we will tour the island to see Kauai's unique attractions such as Waimea Canyon, the Na Pali Coast, Spouting Horn, and Hanalei. Price includes air fare, accommodations, Kauai transportation, scenic tours, all breakfasts, several meals, and golf at 5 different quality courses. This is a group trip that has not been done before and is being considered because Jim just returned from Kauai and thought others might also enjoy the experience. We expect the costs to be approximately \$5000 pp. This will be our first attempt at a golf trip and it will be limited to 12 people. Contact Jim ASAP if you are interested.



## SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62

Coordinators, Jim Hohenshelt (408-241-4421) & Roy Jordan (408-735-8765)

Golden Gate Fields – April 20, 2012 (1 day) SIR is hosting another race day at Golden Gate Fields. Transportation to the track is not included but price does include admission to the Turf Club, buffet lunch, daily program, valet parking, and the best in thoroughbred horse racing. Cost is \$30/person. Deadline is April 1, 2012. Tickets will be delivered at Branch Meeting on April 19, 2012. Contact Jim or Roy to attend.

Giants Spring Training – March 22-26, 2012 (5 Days) – Fly San Jose to Phoenix for 3 Giants Spring Training games. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Old Town Scottsdale, a few blocks from the Scottsdale Stadium. Trip includes home pick up/return, air fare, airport transfers, accommodations, all breakfasts, 1 dinner, admission to 3 games, and free time between games. Cost is \$1295 (dbl) and \$1745 (sgl). Call Jim if you have questions.

Seattle/San Juan Islands – May 19-24, 2012 (6 Days) – We meet at San Jose Airport and fly to Seattle for 3 nights with tours of the Boeing Aircraft factory, Underground Seattle, Pioneer Square, and the opportunity to visit Pike Place Market and Seattle Center and Space Needle. We finish at the Crab Pot Restaurant for a Pacific Clambake Dinner. Then it's on to Friday Harbor for 3 days (2 nights) of scenic cruising, sightseeing, and whale watching. We close with a farewell dinner in Friday Harbor. Cost of \$2195 pp includes air fare, airport transfers, accommodations, and a free day in Seattle, all breakfasts, 2 dinners, and the opportunity to see the whales up close. Call Jim or Roy if you have questions.

Paris, Rhone River, and Provence – September 1 to 14, 2012 (14 days) – After our SFO to Marseille (France) flight, we take a motor coach to Arles where we board the UniWorld 5 star rated cruise ship, the "River Royale". The next 8 days (7 nights) we cruise the Rhone and Saone Rivers, with stops and day tours in Avignon, Viviers, Tournon, Lyon, and Chalon sur Saone. After disembarkation at Chalon sur Saone, we board the TGV (Bullet Train) to Paris. We have 5 nights in Paris at a luxury hotel near the Eiffel Tower. Our first 2 post cruise days will include a full day guided tour of Versailles followed by a full day guided tour of Paris (highlighted by the Louvre, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Opera, the Madeleine, the Champ Elsysees, and the Eiffel Tower). Our last 2 full days in Paris are open, but with a bus and guide at our disposal. We (inputs encouraged) will decide which attractions we will visit (or revisit) those last 2 days. The cost is \$7248 to \$7517 pp, depending on the cabin category, including air fare, transfers, accommodations, taxes, cruise meals, land breakfasts, the Versailles Tour, and the Paris City Tour. The Paris extension can be deleted for a saving of \$1100. For questions or a brochure, call Jim or Roy.

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## Luncheon Menu

For January 19, 2012

**Pork Roast or Shrimp Salad**

### *Ordering Salad:*

Call Harvey McAninch by 6PM Sunday before the meeting.

### *Permanent Salad List:*

If you are on this list, you must call if you will NOT attend the luncheon by 6PM Sunday before the meeting. If you fail to call two consecutive times you will be taken off the list.

All salads are made to order.

### *Attendance:*

If you cannot attend a luncheon, you must call Harvey McAninch no later than 6PM Sunday before the meeting.

Harvey McAninch, 408 984-5305 , [hakaprop@comcast.net](mailto:hakaprop@comcast.net)

### *Sick Call:*

Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Alex Fremling 246-6391 or Roger Falberg 730-0801.

### *Rooster:*

If you do not receive the "Rooster" by mail by the 10th of the month, please call Lee Rogers 736-7149 or John McGuire 248-4620. If you have not received the "Rooster" by e-mail, let Lee Rogers know by e-mail at [ltrs@juno.com](mailto:ltrs@juno.com)

***BE A SIR!!.. BE COMMITTED!!***

***BE ACTIVE!!.. HAVE FUN!!***



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Phil Thomas*

Well, here we are Branch 62 Sirs, another year ahead of us. Congratulations to Armond King for his diligent and well done job as last year's Big Sir. The Christmas Dinner was another success and all who attended had a good time. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Bob Byers and Tom Birley for once again making all the arrangements for the Xmas Dinner. Our Area Governor, Gene Elliott, and his wife Janet attended the Dinner. Gene swore in the new Executive Board and Officers for 2012.

Harvey McAninch is our new Little Sir for 2012. If for some reason you cannot attend the monthly meeting or want a salad instead of the hot meal you can call him at 408-984-5305 or e-mail him at [hakaprop@comcast.net](mailto:hakaprop@comcast.net) no later than Sunday evening prior to the luncheon. I have been informed that the Sunnyvale Elks will be increasing the price of the meal by a dollar starting in February.

It was a priority with the SIR State Officers last year that we do what we can to increase the membership in all Branches. The state goal was to recruit 1,900 new members for the year 2011. Branch leaders exceeded this goal by recruiting and inducting 2,100 new members. While this was a significant win for the state, we are still in need of new members. Membership declined from 32,000 members in 1990 to about 18,000 today. 44 branches failed and closed in the last 12 years. According to our State President, this happened because we lost focus on maintaining a balance of newer and older members in our branches. We all need to do what we can to go out and talk to your neighbors, friends and relatives to join our fun type organization.

Your Big Sir,

*Phil Thomas*

**The Statesmen SIR Bowling**

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>
Bob Byers 408 736-2958	Jim Long 408 735-9362	Dave Jeong 650 493 9132	Leon Kowaleski 408 446-1129

**Homestead Lanes  
December 2011**



**What SIR Giving is all about**

**A big Thank You** to Don Paulson for helping the youth groups at Homestead Lanes. If you would like free bowling lessons from Don, just make a contribution to the youth group and come to Homestead Lanes on any Wednesday afternoon from 2PM to 5PM.

**Notable Scores**

**Scratch Series Scratch Game Handicap Series Handicap Game**

**Steve Bishop 688 Bob Hebson 289 Dave Jong 809 Lee Wriglesworth 322**

**National Association Awards earned last week**

**Tom Birley 225 game, Ron Olsen 204 game and Lee Wriglesworth 252 game.**

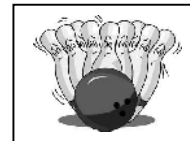
**SIR area tournaments**

**Jan. 17 Pacific Bowl at Stockton (209) 956-6763**

**Jan 30, Feb 1 Napa Bowl at Sonoma (707) 252-0423**

**Feb 14, 15 Granada Bowl at Livermore (925) 447 7051**

**We need bowlers**



*Bob Byers*

## SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

All the signups for NCGA renewal are in. Let me know if you want to get in the club for \$36. The NCGA has extended the signup deadline until Jan 14 (for some unspecified reason - Jan 14? - really). We have 24 members on the roster as of this writing. Two have not contacted me with their checks and will be dropped if not renewed by the cut -off date. The cost to be reinstated after Jan 14 is \$46.

The regional planning meeting was held at Spring Valley (at 8 AM – ugh) and directors for the 2012 tournament were identified. Spirited discussion ensued regarding a second invite to the Villages in late November for a noon shotgun. There was consensus in declining the invitation due to the late hour and many would not be able to finish. Other usual venues are in play except that Coyote Creek was changed from the Valley course to the Tournament course – something more challenging.

The process for 2012 will be simpler in that courses will be identified and times arranged 7 to 14 days in advance depending on the course. We will be going all over the place as the days get longer but staying close to home for the rainy and frosty season. Be sure to call the course if you sign up to see if there is a frost delay.

The 2011 sweeps will be paid out at the luncheon on Jan. 19. If you are not at the luncheon, I will mail the cash to you. All who won points will get something – even if it is only a \$1. We will be distributing over \$400 in prizes. The final round for 2011 was Dec 19 at Sunnyvale and 11 players went for a larger share of the gold.

I have been honored to lead you in our golfing events this past year. Thank you for your support in my efforts to make the outings fun and easy for your participation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 9 - San Jose
- Jan 16 - Palo Alto
- Jan 23 - Sunnyvale
- Jan 30 - Coyote Creek-Tournament course  
Regional event with 8 AM Shotgun.

Paul Goodwin  
408-739-5254  
867 Trenton Dr. Sunnyvale 94087  
[AWAYCHAIR9@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:AWAYCHAIR9@HOTMAIL.COM)

## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

JIM HILDEBRAND	08
FRANK CENTOLANZI	11
BUD COLLINSON	14
JOHN DIECKMAN	21
BILL MYERS	27
TED MEYERS	28
STEPHEN BISHOP	20
PHIL ROSSIGNOL	30
RICHARD POPE	22
SAID MOHAMMED	23

## **THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER**

Larry Tartaglino –The America's Cup

The America's Cup is the most coveted sporting trophy in the world. This program examines the men, the organizations, and the yachts that helped create the romance of the "Auld Mug". Using photographs and stories, we examine the fortunes and reputations gained and lost in pursuit of The Cup.

## **ROOSTER EMAIL UPDATE**

Latest count! 75 Sirs are receiving the Rooster via e-mail. Savings: \$75.00 this month. Over half of our membership has now subscribed to the e-mail edition. Because of the increased e-mail subscriptions, we have less frequent need for the Bucket Brigade Collections at our meetings. Congratulations!

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**5 YEAR**

Mal Hopkins

**NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012**

At the Annual Christmas Dance on December 15<sup>th</sup>, the new Branch 62 Officers for 2012 were installed. They are:

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Little SIR: Harvey McAninch

Secretary: Art Bedford

Assistant Secretary: Alex Fremling

Treasurer: Roger Falberg

Asst. Treasurer: Joe DeRoche

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**“ R&B” 9 Hole Golf**

**“IF A LOT OF PEOPLE GRIPPED A KNIFE AND FORK AS POORLY AS THE WAY THEY DO A GOLF CLUB, THEY’D STARVE TO DEATH ” Sam Snead**

Lee Rogers/Tom Birley-Co Chairmen

**November 23, 2011**

No golf-Thanksgiving

**November 30, 2011**

CTP: Strach

Low Net: 1. Garry (25), 2. Howard (26).

Birdies-Chip-Ins: C. Elliott (C),

G.Elliott(C),Garry (B),Scott (2B), Wood (B).

**December 7, 2011**

No golf – Frost Delay

**December 14, 2011**

CTP: Parker

Low Net: 1. Garry (22), 2. Parker, Wood (28).

Birdies/Chip-ins: Parker (2B/C), Howard (B).