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**SUNNYVALE**  
**BRANCH # 62**



# The ROOSTER

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

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Sunnyvale Elks Lodge  
375 N. Pastoria

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

**June 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 your absences to the Attendance Committee. You can attend another Branch's Luncheon as a make up for missing our Luncheon

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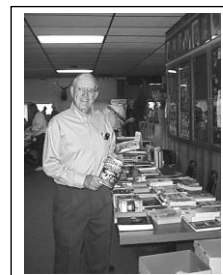
**MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT  
 SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62 SONS IN RETIREMENT  
 MEMBERSHIP FOR MAY 17, 2012**

ATTENDING .....	78
GUESTS.....	00
TRANSFERRED IN .....	00
TRANSFERRED OUT (PAST MONTH).....	00
RESIGNED.....	00
DECEASED.....	00
INACTIVE.....	12
RETURNED FROM INACTIVE .....	00
INDUCTED THIS MONTH .....	02
WAITING .....	Ralph Babcock.....02
MEMBERSHIP .....	118

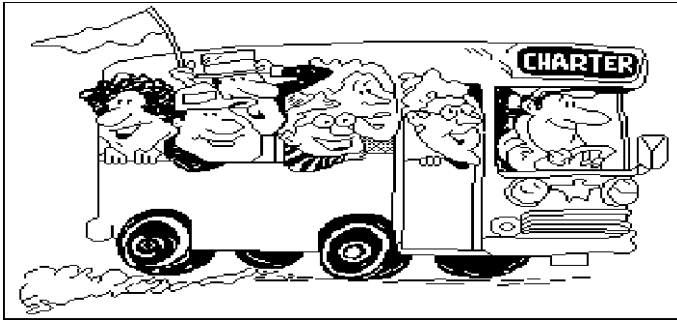
**ROOSTER E-MAIL UPDATE**

If you are receiving the print edition of the Rooster but would prefer the email edition, please send your email address to John McGuire at [jpmcguiresr@aol.com](mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com). Because of the increased e-mail subscriptions, we have less frequent need for the Bucket Brigade Collections at our meetings. Congratulations!

**BOOK SWAP**



Recycle those books that you have enjoyed. Bring them to the luncheon and place them on the table at the entrance. Help yourself to one or two and enjoy! We would appreciate any "Large Print" books you may have. Happy Reading!



## **SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62**

Escorts: Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226 or 408-241-4421) and Roy Jordan (408-735-8765).

**Baltic Cruise: London to St. Petersburg and back - July 12 to 26, 2013 (15 days)** - We board the Crown Princess in Southampton and, for the next 14 days, we cruise the North and Baltic Seas with stops in Oslo, Gothenburg, Tallinn (Estonia), St Petersburg (2 days), Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Brussels. We are considering a few extra days to see the sights of London. Details will be discussed at the trip presentation at Mama Mia's, August 23, 2012 at 10:30 AM. Cost will be \$4795 to \$4890 (plus air fare) for a balcony cabin. The travel agent is allowing the use of airline miles for the air fare, if you would prefer. Details are currently being defined. For questions, call escorts Jim Hohenshelt or Roy Jordan.

**Fleet Week - October 7, 2012 (1 day)** - We will board the Celebration on the Bay motor launch in Jack London Square for a 3 to 4 hour day on the bay. Cost will be \$160/person and include round trip bus from VTA parking lot and a catered lunch while we view the Fleet Week air show (Blue Angels). Although this trip is currently full, an additional cruise on Friday, October 5, is being investigated. This may also open some spaces on Sunday, so if you are interested in either day or have questions, call Jim or Roy.

**SF Giants - August 2, 2012 (1 day)** - SIR Day at the Giants. The SF Giants play the NY Mets starting at 12:45 PM. There are 141 box seats in Section 131 reserved for SIR. For information or to sign up contact Ashley Campisi at [acampisi@sfgiants.com](mailto:acampisi@sfgiants.com).



OUR ANNUAL **LADIES DAY PICNIC** AT ORTEGA PARK will be held on Thursday June 21, 2012 starting at 11A.M. Lunch will be ready at 12 noon. There will be games, prizes and entertainment like last year.

### **Picnic Luncheon Menu**

**June 21, 2012**

***BBQ Tri Tip & Chicken***

***Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob & Beans***

***Look for the Insert in this Rooster for sign-up and cost information.***

### ***Sick Call:***

Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Mal Hopkins, 720-0849.

### ***Rooster:***

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

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

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



*From Our  
Big Sir  
Phil Thomas*

We were given an excellent dissertation on the subject of Hospice Care by Ed Wendler. This one hit home for me as I'm sure other SIR members were equally informed.

We inducted two new members into our Branch during the May meeting. Bill Tsai, sponsored by John Shields, and Joe Koval, sponsored by Bob Casho, were given their new badges along with a new member packet. Unfortunately, Ralph Babcock was unable to attend the meeting to get his induction to our fold. Hopefully, we can induct him at the July meeting. I had planned to put their pictures in this edition of the newsletter along with a brief biography but did not get the chance to do so. I hope to do so next month with the induction of Ralph.

This brings us to the next subject of Luncheon Attendance! We have been running at about 65% attendance since the start of this year. I'm not sure all members are knowledgeable of the fact that the goal for each SIR branch is 70%. Let's see if we can improve on our attendance. If you know of someone who has not been coming or is too ill to attend, please let me or George Bower know. It's just a matter of time before the SIR State Officers start getting on our case to improve attendance. Let's be proactive and make that effort to get to the meetings.

June is our annual Picnic. I know of no better meal you will get this year than the barbeque hand-crafted by none other than our fabulous duo of Tom Birley and Bob Byers! Once again, I'm looking forward to some great Tri-tip, Chicken and Sausage prepared with love and care. And don't forget, this is our opportunity to bring our significant others to our get together. If I have what your appetite for this gala event, please call me at (408) 410-3626 and I will see what I can do to add you to our list of attendees.

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**The Statesmen SIR Bowling**

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>	<u>TREASURER</u>
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408 736-2958	408 735-9362	650 493 9132	408 446-1129

**Homestead Lanes  
May 2012**

The SIR's Winter League bowling ended May 8th. After 35 weeks of fun competition, the winning team for the Winter League was Team 3, The Chiefs with Harold Thiede, John Kaminski, and Jim Long. Second place went to Team 4, The Deans with Frank Blefari, Paul Blefari, Phil Thomas, and Ron Olson. Third place went to Team 10, with Van Dietz, Earl Blakely, and Steven Bishop. Fourth place went to Team 1, The Admirals, with Ted Meyers, Jack Pettygrove, and Don Paulson.

On April 10th Steven Bishop rolled a score that any pro would be proud of. He had games of 277, 269, and 217 for a 763 series. Now that's bowling!

The Summer League started May 15th with eight 3-man teams. If anyone is interested in bowling, hurry down to Homestead Lanes next Tuesday at 9 AM and you can get signed up and bowl that day. There are still a couple of openings. A great way to start your day and the coffee is free. Just see Dave Jeong or call Harvey McAninch @ 408-984-5305.

**Don't sit at home and be a Turkey!**  
**We need Bowlers!**

Harvey McAninch

## SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf

Mel Waldman was running the 18 Hole Golf for May. He did an excellent job. Since he lives in the Villages, he set us up for a round on his home course--one of the benefits of having the members being chairman.

Next month is the pleasure of Phil Thomas. This will be his first time and we hope he doesn't get swamped with golfers – just kidding.

John Brownie and yours truly played in the Regional at Seascap with two other struggling Sirs. Will let you know if we won anything as it was a 4 man-3 best balls and the other three didn't always support the team. The next Regional Tournament is at Pajaro, south of Santa Cruz. This course is in good shape and the weather is usually perfect for golf. The drive is not too long and the price includes a cart. I can't play, but it would be wonderful if we could field a team of 4 and get SIR #62 on the winners' charts.

We are still looking for a director for October. Golf – anyone? A reminder that the director will need his courses selected by the lunch before his month starts. It would be helpful if he let me know before the lunch so I can shoot the members a heads up e-mail.

June: Phil Thomas  
July: John Dieckman  
August: Richard Pope  
September: Alice Simpson  
October: ???  
November: John Dieckman  
December: Tom Birley

My thanks to all who have stepped up to the plate (tee?)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 4 - San Jose      Jun 11 - Sunnyvale  
Jun 18 - Los Lagos    Jun 25 - Deep Cliff or Pajaro Regional  
9 AM shotgun \$51

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

03 Lloyd Bayley  
06 Jim Hohenshelt  
06 Harry Meedon  
08 Tom McDonough  
08 Lee Wriglesworth  
13 Wally Johnson  
17 Phil Thomas  
17 Mel Waldman  
18 Bob Long  
27 Ian McMurray  
30 Tom Prebel

### **Big Sir Letter, continued from p.3**

Don't forget Crazy Shirt Day at the July meeting. Let's not let our Branch dwindle in membership. Please invite your neighbor, ex-coworker, friend and/or relative to visit our next luncheon. We have a reward for you!!!!

Your Big Sir,  
Phil Thomas



## **JULY SPEAKER**

Jack Roberts, who worked for several Defense Contractors in Silicon Valley beginning in the 1960's, will be our speaker at the July meeting. In addition to his career, Jack became a private pilot in August and earned his commercial license in September 1960. Aviation has always been in his blood, having grown up hearing about his cousin Clyde Pangborn who was the first to fly the Pacific Ocean, non-stop in 1931.

Beginning in 1997, Jack worked with the EAA in Wenatchee Washington to build a replica of "Miss Veedol", the original Bellanca Sky Rocket that Clyde flew from Misawa Japan to Wenatchee, WA in 41 hours and 13 minutes.

In 2003, Jack flew copilot in Miss Veedol in the National Air Tour (2003 National Air Tours - Sponsored by the Aviation Foundation of America, Inc.) and in 2005 from Prince Edward Island, Canada to St. John's Newfoundland and back. Jack will speak to us about Clyde Pangborn's adventure: "The 1931 Flight of Miss Veedol-- Non-stop Japan to Washington."

Jack is also involved in SIR, having been Big Sir of his branch.

# **R & B 9 HOLE GOLF**

"There are two kind of bounces; unfair bounces and bounces just the way you meant to play it."

**Henry Crossfield & Tom Birley, Co Chairmen**

## **April 18, 2012**

CTP: Joe DeRoche

Low Net: G.Elliott(26) 2d Bob Garry (27) 3d John Howard (29)

Birdies-Chip-ins: Henry Crossfield; G.Elliott; Roger Falberg

## **April 25, 2012**

CTP: Joe DeRoche

Low Net: Chet Elliott(22) 2d John Parker (24) 3d Tom Birley (25)

Birdies/chip-ins: Bud Collinson; Tom Birley

## **May 2, 2012**

CTP: Phil Leffel

Low Net: Vern Miller (22) 2d John Howard; Phil Leffel; George Sousa; Don Stuedeman

Birdies: Alex Fremling; Vern Miller; Larry Scott

## **May 9, 2012**

CTP: John Parker

Low Net: Vern Miller; 2d Jim Hildebrand; 3d John Parker

Chip-in : John Howard; Birdie: Vern Miller

## **May 16, 2012**

CTP: Fred Carlson

Low Net: Henry Crossfield; 2d Vern Miller; 3d Jim Hildebrand

Birdies: George Sousa; Bob Garry