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# The ROOSTER

The Monthly Bulletin of

# **Sunnyvale Branch #62**

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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 latter 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 JANUARY 17, 2013

ATTENDING	77
GUESTS	01
TRANSFERRED IN	00
TRANSFERRED OUT (PAST MONTH)	00
RESIGNED.	
DECEASED.	00
INACTIVE	10
RETURNED FROM INACTIVE	00
INDUCTED THIS MONTH	00
MEMBERS IN PROCESS	01
MEMBERSHIP	

# **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 ANNIVERSARIES

20 Years: Warren Dunn & John Steele

10 Years: Paul Blefari & Pete Tobias

# R & B 9 HOLE GOLF.

# Henry Crossfield / Tom Birley-Co Chairmen

No update on 9 hole golf this month.

# **Travel (continued from page 6)**

At Arles, we tour the city, then board the Grand Circle 5 star rated cruise ship "Provence", and depart for an 8 day (7 night) cruise of the Rhone and Saone Rivers, with stops, day tours, and free time in Avignon, Viviers, Tournon, Lyon, and Trevoux. After disembarking in Macon, we spend three days and nights in Paris. The cost is approximately \$4700 to \$5400 pp/dbl occ., including air fare, transfers, accommodations, taxes, cruise meals, breakfasts, and some tours.

**Short trips being considered** We are considering the following trips. Please contact Jim or Roy to help us determine which ones to pursue:

Palm Springs – to attend the Follies, maybe 3 days with an overnight on the way

Edna Valley Wine Trip, possible extension to Hearst Castle, maybe two days

Los Angeles Air Museum – new home of the last space shuttle, also tour the battleship USS Iowa

# **Luncheon Menu**

For February 21, 2013

# Chicken Cordon Bleu or Shrimp Salad

# **Ordering Salad:**

Call Mal Hopkins by 6PM Sunday before the meeting.

#### Permanent Salad List:

If you are on this list, you must call if you will <u>NOT</u> 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 Mal Hopkins, no later than 6PM Sunday before the meeting.

Mal Hopkins, 408 720-0849 or rothmary@comcast.net.

#### Sick Call:

Please report illnesses of any Branch 62 member to the Sunshine Committee: Mal Hopkins, (408) 720-0849.

#### Rooster:

If you do not receive 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!!.. <u>HAVE FUN!!..</u>



From Our Big Sir Harvey McAninch

Greetings to all Sirs and their families:

I'm looking forward to an excellent year for Branch 62. A special thanks to all the 2012 officers, directors, and all that served to make Branch 62 outstanding.

Gene Bunzel will bring us more excellent speakers that he always seems to find. Our schedule of activities will continue: Golf (9 & 18 Hole), Bowling, Poker, Wine Tasting and a full schedule of available trips. We owe our hearty thanks to the members who plan and coordinate these activities - they can always use volunteers to help with these activities.

Good News! You can win cash by just bringing in a new member. This is how it works: just bring a friend to the meeting and you will receive a \$5 coupon to KFC. If that person signs up and becomes a member of Branch 62 your name will be written on a Ping-Pong ball (every new member adds a ball) which is then put into a pot. A drawing will happen in May and November. We are doing this because our membership is decreasing (a 15% loss over the past year). We need to increase our membership by at least 16 new gentlemen this year. We need your help. Bring a friend, neighbor, or someone you knew from your work to the next meeting.

I want to thank Mal Hopkins and Past Big Sir Phil Thomas for filling in for me while I am Cruising on the Princess Grand ship.

Crusing in the Southern Hemisphere

#### The Statesmen SIR Bowling

Vice President President Harvey McAninch Jim Lona (408) 984-5305 (408) 735-9362 (650) 493-9132

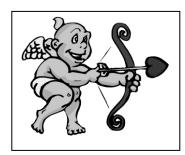
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Sorry but there was no bowling input available for this month.

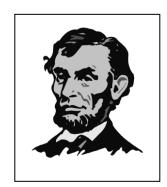


We still need more Bowlers, Don't sit at home. Come on down to Homestead Lanes.



Happy Valentine's Day February 14th





Presidents' Day February 18th

# **SIR Branch 62 Eighteen Hole Golf**

The weather has been good to Tom McDonough and all of his Monday offerings in January have been dry. Thanks Tom, for your arranging things with the guy upstairs. Richard Pope is in charge this month. Maybe Tom can pass the secret word to him to get more dry Mondays.

A brief note on the technical side. So, NCGA has given you differentials for each score you posted. On the 1st and 15<sup>th</sup>, they take the lowest 10 of the last 20 rounds, calculate the average, and multiply it by 95%. Voila! Your index – <u>not your handicap</u>. Your handicap depends on the course and tees you play. The final answer next month.

Out of 44 weeks we played 5 courses in 23 of those weeks – Spring Valley, Santa Clara, San Jose, Sunnyvale, Deep Cliff. I guess we know the favorites. There are some within a 45 min drive that we have not played in my memory e.g.: Sunol, Callippe, De La Veaga, Coyote Creek, and The Ranch. Let's try some new ones.

# **Next Tournament Coordinators**

FEB RICHARD POPE – (650) 593-6663 MAR MEL WALDMAN – (408) 532-1814

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

FEB 4 PALO ALTO

FEB 11 SUNNYVALE

FEB 18 MOFFETT

FEB 25 SAN JOSE

LAS POSITAS - REGIONAL



May your year be blessed with health, prosperity and straight shooting.

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# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Frank Blefari	2nd
Warren Dunn	6th
Bob Hebson	6th
Al Cardona	9th
Ed Moskalik	11th
Tom Birley	$13^{th}$
Leon Kowaleski	$14^{\mathrm{th}}$
Russ Kohlrust	15th
Roger Falberg	$20^{th}$
Mike Klein	23rd
Jay Smolik	24th

#### 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 <a href="mailto:jpmcguiresr@aol.com">jpmcguiresr@aol.com</a>.

Because of the increased e-mail subscriptions, we have less frequent need for the Bucket Brigade Collections at our meetings. Congratulations!

## FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our speaker is Mark Stewart speaking on "Fraud & Scams Toward Senior Citizens"

Mark Stewart joined the Contractors State License Board's S.F. Investigation Center in 2010. On April 1, 2011, he transferred to the Statewide Investigative Fraud Team, commonly known as SWIFT, and is currently assigned to San Jose and Santa Cruz Counties.

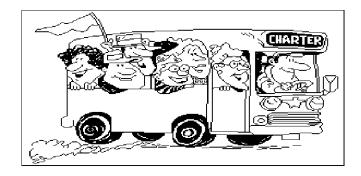
Mark has been involved in several sting operations and works closely with county district attorneys to prosecute contractors.

In recent months, Mark and other SWIFT members have been involved in successful stings netting citations and arrests for unlicensed activity and various contractor law violations.

#### **FUTURE SPEAKERS:**

Mar. 21st, Bob Walker-Fine Wine & the Wine Industry

Apr. 18th, Wendy Lynn- Physical Balance Among Seniors



# SIR TRAVEL - BRANCH 62

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

September 7, 2013 America's Cup Finals Watching America's Cup races in San Francisco Bay may be a once in a lifetime experience. We plan to take a cruise on the Bay to watch the Oracle Team defend the Cup against the winner of the Challenge Elimination Series. The finals are a best of 9 race series; we tentatively plan to watch the first race on September 7. The details and cost are still being worked out. They may be changed from what was described in previous bulletins. However we expect to include the cruise, round trip transportation from San Jose, and perhaps a lunch. If you are interested or have questions, call Jim or Roy. Also, we are considering trips in July or August to watch races in the Challenge Elimination Series. If you are interested, please call one of the escorts.

**October 13, 2013 Fleet Week** Again this year, we are planning a cruise on the Bay to watch the Fleet Week air show (featuring the Blue Angels). Details and costs are still being worked out. If you are interested or have questions, call escort Jim Hohenshelt (408-394-7226) or Roy Jordan (408-735-8765).

Nov 13 to Nov 25, 2013 Provence, Rhone River, and Paris We are proposing a less expensive version of the Rhone river cruise previously listed. We fly from San Francisco to Nice for an overnight stay and short exploration. The next day, a motor coach takes us to Arles.

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