As America fires up the works for her 237th Thursday, we salute the natal soirees of some swell San Franciscans. Turning 60 wasn't top of the list for gallerist Martin Muller. So pals Peter Allen and restaurateur Doug Biederbeck produced his festive Florio fete.

Among revelers: artist Mel Ramos, newlyweds Marian and Peter Thieriot, Fred Dal Broi, Lee Hudson and Cristina Salas-Porras, Barnaby Conrad III, Edith and Joe Tobin, Lili Monell, Meridee and Kevin King, Margaret Allen, Ann and Tim Brennan, Jennifer Biederbeck, Jamie Widows, Carol and Mac MacCorkle and artist Mark Stock.

Aside from Muller's sartorial style and encyclopedic knowledge (of, well, everything), this sexagenarian is also a supreme host whose generosity is always wrapped in red paper.

"It's really something to put together a party for Martin," joked Allen. "It's like trying to help Martha Stewart put together her kitchen."

Musician David Jackson delighted with ditties on Martin's mysterious heritage (French? Swiss? Lithuanian?). Toasts, and roasts, were delivered with gusto. And Hans Morris crafted a heartfelt haiku: "Martin is 60/Such tepid lives we lived/Before we met him."