

## SLWG Member Spotlight: *We're pleased to present...*

### Tom Anselm



**SLWG Member Since January 2008  
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**TOM ANSELM** has been a member of St. Louis Writers Guild since January of 2008. He joined to find a network of other writers and has not been disappointed in the wealth of experience and talent that makes up this group. He has helped in posting notices for the Publicity Committee this past year. His writing experiences have included a bevy of letters to the editor, a couple stints as an Opinion Shaper with the Suburban Journals, a few years as a stringer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch covering local city governments, and a summer of features for the Community News, where the highlight was a 4-article series on the 2004 U.S. Senior Open held at Bellerive Country Club. He currently writes a bi-weekly column called "A Boomer's Journal" for the Suburban Journal, which can be found online at [www.stltoday.com](http://www.stltoday.com).

Tom has written two as yet unpublished books, *David, My Brother*, a story about a middle school boy with a disability and his start at a new school, and *You're Never Too Old For Space Camp*, a year-in-the-life saga of an aging special education teacher in a suburban middle school. Just by coincidence, Tom is an aging special education teacher in a suburban middle school. Both books are purely fictional, of course. He is currently doing market research for a proposed book of a collection of the columns he has written since May 2004.

Tom is a life-long St. Louisan, father of six and grandfather of eight (Yes, EIGHT!), and married to the lovely Jill for over 35 years.

His only regret in life, so far, is that he started playing golf a bit too late in life to make it to the PGA tour. OK, that and maybe he should have spent more time learning how to hit that curve ball back in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

But he has recently scored a pool table for the basement, so life continues to be sweet.