



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Ninth Year

February 2014

Bulletin No.2

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, February 27, 2014

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

by Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



Well I now officially feel like Branch 59's Big Sir after our first meeting. I want to share with all of you a few changes that I hoped you noticed at our January meeting and I wish to carry through the rest of the year.

First, I was a little disappointed that only a dozen members found mascot "Rollie" in the January *Pathfinder*. By the way our winner of the free lunch drawing

was Sir Will Wyman.


Second, I noticed many of our SIR Brothers getting their desert during our social hour. The idea of a desert table I think has been a good addition. Did you also notice that the salad had more things in it and you could put it in a bowl instead of on your plate – a nice touch.

And finally, I hope you all will stick around to the end of our meeting as you could be one of the three SIR Brothers that wins a bottle of wine.

Little Sir Larry Goodman brought a wonderful speaker for our January meeting, Marvin Gold, who told us all about the museum called Playland-NOT-at-the-beach, located in El Cerrito. It contains many of the artifacts from Playland At The Beach which was a part of a lot of us that grew up in the Bay Area. If you have a speaker suggestion let Larry know.

Social Chairman Sir Jim Ferez and his team are getting our May Sweetheart Luncheon under way. If you are at all interested in helping them please don't hesitate to join in.

Finally, I want to thank four of our Directors; Sir Ed Thomas, Sir George Perry, Sir Sheldon Schwartz, and Sir Skip Mugford as they are currently contacting members that joined our organization since 2010 through 2013. These new members will have an opportunity to discuss the organization with men that are veterans of our organization. I feel it will give us some great feedback.

A "Thank You" to Sir Frank R. Thomas, who has graciously offered to be our branch secretary, after a brief absence. Frank was our Big Sir in 2010 and brings a lot of experience to our organization. — Don't forget to find "ROLLIE." 

Speaker Sir George Vlastelica

by Little Sir Larry Goodman

Educator and community volunteer George Vlastelica will be the speaker for the February luncheon meeting.

George grew up in Aberdeen, Washington and is one of 10 children, all of whom are still alive. He graduated from Western Washington University and began teaching in 1958. He did graduate work at U.C. Berkeley and San Jose State. He

taught History and Government in Washington for 6 years and then moved to California in 1964 to begin a career at Newark Unified School District.

He was a longtime volunteer for the homeless and found apartments for at least 100 families who were living in the streets. He has a passion for the poor.

He will lead a discussion on Gun Control and Racism. These subjects are in the news and need to be talked about in a rational matter. You are encouraged to ask questions and get things off your minds. These are emotional subjects and almost everyone has an opinion one way or another. The Bill Of Rights will be discussed as well as local laws and immigration as it pertains to the area. Remember to speak up or forever hold your peace. George is a member of Branch 59 and spoke a few months ago about his experiences in the Korean War. He said you were a tremendous crowd and thanks you for your good behavior.



Meeting Date Change

Please note that this month we are meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month.

February 27th

MENU

Sweet and Sour Pork and Broccoli Beef

Chow Mein, Fried Rice, Green Beans



If you are not coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor
Don't forget to Call on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



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George Perry
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Branch 59

Meets at Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Newark
on the 3rd Thursday of
each month
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

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Sir Frank R. Thomas January Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Rob Ingebretson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He also acknowledged the presence of our current Area 8 Governor, Jim Ferenz.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Rob Ingebretson, Little Sir Larry Goodman, Secretary Sir Frank R. Thomas, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey and Assistant Treasurer Arnold George.

Officers Absent: None

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir Skip Mugford, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo and Sir Sheldon Schwartz.

Directors Absent: Sir Ed Thomas

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the November Minutes as published in the *Pathfinder*.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the General Funds Balance as of January 16, 2014 is \$4,476.26.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Larry Goodman reported that our speaker for today would be Marvin Gold. He also indicated that he had the speaker for next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 133.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 15 December Birthdays ranging 82 to 57 and 15 January Birthdays ranging from 92 to 57. The Officers and Directors wished these men celebrating today a very Happy Birthday.

Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reported that pertinent information is in the *Pathfinder*.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that the first Tournament of the year will be the Annual SIR Team Tournament on May 22nd 2014. Additional information is in the *Pathfinder*.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there was 1 new member, 1 returning member and 1 guest expected.

Social: Sir Jim Ferenz was named Social Chairman for 2014. He is putting a team together to put on the May and December Events. Sir Jim will present the May Event plan at the February Meeting. The team will have a difficult time to top the December 2013 Event.

Sunshine: It was announced that Sir Wayne Adams was in the hospital.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Should we continue to advertise in the *Tri-City Voice*? A Motion was made, Discussed and Passed in favor of continuing.

NEW BUSINESS

Should we purchase 25 Giant Baseball tickets for the All SIR Day at the SFGiants? A Motion was made, Discussed and Passed in favor of purchasing the tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.
Submitted by Branch Secretary
Sir Frank R. Thomas

**BRING IN A GUEST
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

SIR
HAPPENINGS

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

You can get this issue of the *Pathfinder* or earlier issues by going to the Branch Website:

<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie, and Sir Art Winkley

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

February Birthdays

Forrest Lusher	02/13/1917	97
Harlan Werner	02/28/1922	92
Frank Borghi	02/22/1924	90
Francis Rose	02/28/1925	89
Donald Thatcher	02/04/1929	85
Charles Linzey	02/24/1929	85
Noboru Ono	02/05/1930	84
Bernard Thien	02/03/1931	83
Walt Caeton	02/24/1932	82
Les Prestwood	02/17/1933	81
James Ferenz	02/24/1934	80
Sal Lamagna	02/10/1935	79
George Prows	02/11/1935	79
Wayne Lindquist	02/25/1936	78
Alan Weiner	02/10/1943	71
Ronald Hamro	02/14/1945	69
Stephen Francis	02/27/1946	68



New Members

Bill Plant

35122 Adriano Street
Fremont, CA 94536-4518
510-791-1304

Email: bill.plant@comcast.net

Birthday: 3/4/1941

Spouse: Rosie

Badge No. 36

Sponsor: Tony Bruno

Call me: Bill

Frank R. Thomas

864 Lucille Street
Livermore, CA 94550-3519
925-960-0429

Email: frthomas11@att.net

Birthday: 6/15/1940

Badge No. 125

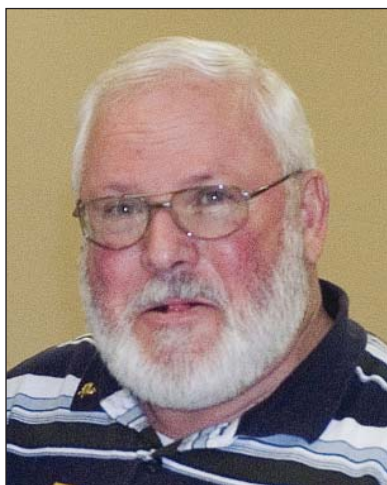
Sponsor: Fred Gotthardt

Call me: Frank

**Welcome
New
Members**



Bill Plant



Frank R. Thomas

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:
John Parent

Guest of:
Rob Ingebretson

Visitors:

Marvin Gold

Robert McCall

Speaker

Inactive Visitor

Change of Status:

Harold Anderson

James Blood

Gus Anastole

Edward Baldini

Terry Pearson

Resigned

Resigned

To Inactive

To Inactive

To Inactive

**Membership Total
(as of January 2014)**

177 — Active Members

26 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For January 2014)

Members	124
Guests	1
Visitors	4

Total = 129

23 excused 34 unexcused

**BRING IN A GUEST
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SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Our 2014 tournament season has begun. Only three bowlers from Branch 59; **Don Henry, John Pesek** and **Jerry Sabo** went to our first tournament in Stockton. Nothing special, but at least we had a nice outing.

We are now taking signups for the Livermore Tournament of February 11, and hope to report success in the next *Pathfinder*.

One exciting event happened recently: **Victor Okamura** rolled his best game ever and had a nice



500 series along with a 213 game shown at the left. Other highlights of the past few weeks included good games by: **Howard Elz**, 209; **Ron Hamro**, 211 and 203; **Don Henry** with a 213 and 221 (two weeks in a row a 556 series); and **Jerry** with a 209.

The next scheduled tournament will be Concord on March 17 & 19.

There is always room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. We do not bowl on teams when we bowl so if you miss occasionally we will miss you; but you are not letting down teammates nor charged any fees. If we get a few more bowlers, we will likely form teams.

We meet at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling on Monday at 12:45 P.M. Cost is \$13.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to Branch 59 golf column.

We have 2 new members – **Dennis Reed** and **Julian Vega**. Both recently joined SIR Branch 59 and SIR golf. Welcome Dennis and Julian.

Take a bow category – Ever shot your age? One person who has done it at least twice this year is **Forrest Lusher**. But – **How about if you are in your early 70's**. Yes, that happened – Congratulations **Dominic Aiello** who is 73 years old AND shot a 71 at Cypress January 23. This included an eagle and 3 birdies. Way to go **Dominic** and you may take a bow.

We had the Area 8 annual meeting and the schedule is set for 2014. The schedule is as follows: **Spring Fling** in Napa – Eagle Vines and Chardonnay on April 21 and 22. Entry forms are on the web and it is filling up fast. This will be a 4 man team, 2 man best ball tournament for the men and a scramble for the ladies. Yes, ladies are invited to the Spring Fling tournament – you must have a valid index from NCGA. Following Spring Fling we will have **the team tournament** – it will be held at **Sunol on May 22** with an 8:00 shotgun start. The winning team goes to **Solano GC for the state championship** on August 11. I will be making announcements at the general meeting in February and March. If you would like to play but don't have a team let me know and I will try to get you on a team. Last year we had 12 teams from the 3 branches within Area 8. **Reno** is our next tournament and it will again be at the **Atlantis**. The dates are June 15-20 and June 23-27. There is a big difference this year – week 1 will have 3 formats, day 1 regular play, day 2 – 4 man team, 2 man best ball and day 3 scramble. Week 2 will be all scramble. Fliers will be out sometime in March. On **Wednesday August 13** we will have the state qualifier and we return to **Boundary Oaks**. Expect fliers sometime in April or May. The top 2 from each of the 7 flights get a free ride to **Poppy Hills** on October 27 (open play is Oct 28). Finally, the **Fall Classic will be at Solvang** on Sept 14 to 18. This is a lot of fun and the format is 2 days of 2 man best ball, 4 man team, and 1 day scramble.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (3 tee times) and occasionally on Thursday (1 tee time) at Sunol. Join us -- to find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE. Post -- post your score.

We need more members for SIR and also SIR golf.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the first Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. However our Next meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday February 25, 2013 - 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

We will be at the new location in Niles
at 255 H Street, Fremont, CA.

Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

Topics discussed at the January meeting:

- Why is HP selling new PC's with Windows 7 rather than Windows 8.
- What system requirements are needed to upgrade from Windows XP—upgrade the computer or get a new one?
- Upgrading from Windows 8 to Windows 8.1.
- Tablet computing –the iPad or other similar device.

If you have any technology topic that you would like included in our next session, please send the information to Jerry at JLSABO@SBCGLOBAL.NET.

During our next session, we will revisit some of the topics previously discussed—especially tablet devices such as the iPad and other devices such as the Kindle or Surface. If you have such a device and have questions; bring it to our next session.

SIR members and friends/significant others are welcome, and we do have wireless access so bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet. We are able to use the Niles Church thanks to Carl Nordling. Call Jerry Sabo – 510-790-3135 if you have other questions.



READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read.

Sir Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



BRIDGE GROUPS

The Bridge activity includes 2 night time couple's groups and a daytime group following the monthly luncheons. The diners are encouraged to join the latter card sharks in order to overwhelm the noise of tables and chairs being moved by Pavilion's staff.

Sir Arnold George - 510-797-9524

PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

Sir Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Sir Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



Thursday, July 3, 2014 will be the next All SIR Day at the San Francisco Giants. The game starts at 12:45 and the opponents will be the St Louis Cardinals. The Giants sell out every game so it is important to get tickets early. A SIR Quartet will sing the national anthem.

Branch 59 of SIR will again participate in the SIR Day at Giants Ballpark. This year it will be held July 3 and tickets will be on sale at the February meeting. Please e-mail or call Bill Leake if you want tickets. They are \$32 each and there are about 15 left. If we sell them all and the demand is there we can get more.

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Emile Lassalle & Lou Pagni

February 23-26, 2014

PALM SPRINGS USO SHOW TRIBUTE

Three shows (A USO Show Tribute, An Evening with the 4077 M*A*S*H, A Salute to the Rat Pack), three nights at the Comfort Inn Palm Springs, three breakfasts, two dinners, round trip airfare, home pickup, luggage handling, all taxes and tips.

Cost: \$1195 Double, \$1425 Single, Insurance \$85 each person (Optional)

This is a Guaranteed trip (no minimums) Contact Lou Pagni for more info 510-276-5025.

**Call Travel Chairman Lou Pagni
for more information 510-276-5025**

Trips Being Planned

June 4th the we are planning a mystery day trip. We are still working with the travel company for the final details, Please remember to sign up early so you don't get left out.

The second trip being arranging is a cruise to Hawaii in September, it will depart from San Francisco and return to San Francisco, cost will depend on the cabin you select.

**Call Travel Chairman Emile Lassalle
for more information 510-538-7463**

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

WAYNE ADAMS: Sir Wayne had major heart surgery (four stents) in mid-January. Sunshine last spoke with Sir Wayne on February 14th and he says his recovery is going well and he plans to make our next meeting on February 27th. Sir Wayne is Branch 59's Librarian and is grateful to his Assistant Sir Jim Floor for displaying the books, and

gathering up the books not taken, for our members. He also reports that meetings with our Significant Others results in the biggest take-home of books.

ALVIN DOCKTER: Sir Alvin had major surgery in mid-January. He is recovered enough to begin resuming his activities for the Fremont Symphony, but he is no longer driving, and has gone on inactive status; Sunshine will bring Sir Alvin to our Branch 59 meetings that he feels up to attending.

FRED GOTTHARDT: Stayed two nights at Washington Hospital to have some cardiac diagnostic tests performed. All tests turned out A-OK! Missed last month's meeting, but got all his SIR work done.

HOWARD THOMPSON: Sir Howie had a significant medical procedure to remove a kidney stone, and recovered well. He is planning to attend our meeting on Feb 27th.

New member Bill Plant being introduced to Branch 59 with Little Sir Larry Goodman (left) and Big Sir Rob Ingebretson (right) looking on.

Win a Free Lunch

By finding Rollie you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let them know where he is located in the **Pathfinder** when you buy your luncheon ticket. Even Waldo is looking for Rollie.

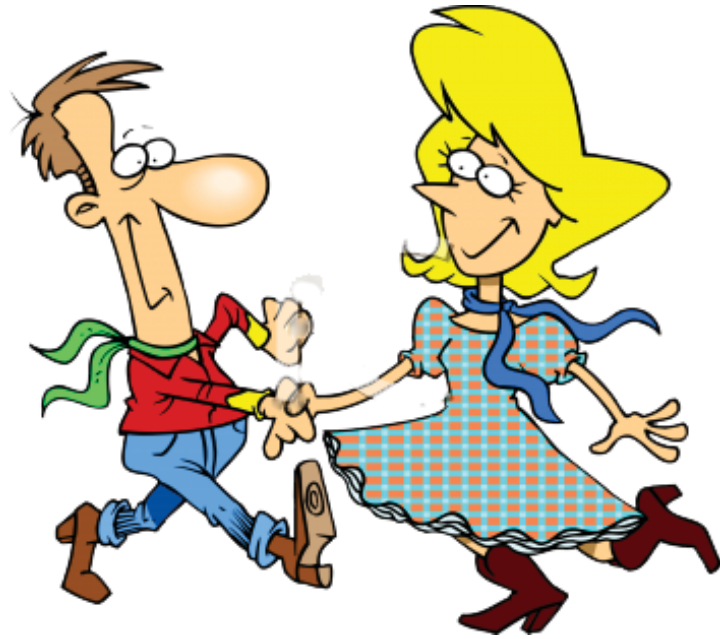




Save the Date

May 15, 2014

Take your wife or
friend to lunch.



"For the Good Times"

A warm "Hello" to all of our Members. I just wanted to make you all aware that the Social Committee is off and running on the May Sweetheart Luncheon. This time we are going to try a different approach. The Luncheon theme will be Country Western- with some great Western Entertainment. Western dress will be optional for the men and women so start dusting off the Stetsons and the Denim. Six guns will be checked at the door. The date will be May 15, 2014. Please set this date aside.

Door prizes are always welcome. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help on this event is very welcome.

Sir Jim Ferenz
Social Committee Chairman



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ACTIVITIES

- **Chairman**

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Bill Pruner - Assistant
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant
John Williams - Assistant

AUDIT

Carl Nordling - **Chairman**
Ron Brutvan - Assistant

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Art Winkley - **Chairman**
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant

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Jerry Sabo - Assistant

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Arnold George - **Chairman**

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Dino Mostardi - Assistant

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Ted Bresler - Assistant

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Bill Leake - **Chairman**
Fred Ilg - Assistant

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Carl Nordling - Assistant

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PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the
Pathfinder will be Thursday a week
after the monthly luncheon meeting.

PAST BIG SIRs

1976 Peter Clark*
1977 Karl Heine*
1978 Harry Cooper*
1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
1984 George Herman*
1985 Ray Crosby*
1986 Loran Coburn*
1987 Robert Davis*
1988 Robert Klindt*
1989 Martin Annen*
1990 Lee Updegraff
1991 Fred W. Fretter*
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1993 LeRoy J. King*
1994 George Hubach*
1995 Clyde Killion*
1996 Bill Schwan*
1997 Nat Lord
1998 John Buchanan*
1999 Art Lampert*
2000 Harry Heyen*
2001 Bob Beam
2002 Rollin Cunningham*
2003 Don Henry
2004 Tom Sherba
2005 Howard Thompson
2006 Les Addison
2007 Ted Bresler
2008 Richard Holley
2009 Don Gillis*
2010 Frank R. Thomas
2011 Hugh Twomey
2012 James Ferenz
2013 Skip Mugford

*(deceased)