



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Ninth Year

March 2014

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, March 20, 2014

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

by Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



I was so impressed with our February meeting turn out after having to change the date from our normal meeting time.

I noticed that twice as many men found "ROLLIE" in this month's Pathfinder as compared to last month. Our winner of a free lunch for March was Sir Tony Bruno. The three SIR Brothers that won a bottle of wine were;

Vincent Fernelius, Ed Thomas, and John Pesek III.

Our social chairman, Sir Jim Ferenz, has really got our May Sweetheart Luncheon under way. We will start selling tickets next month. Remember if you want to reserve a table for 8 please use the proper form and submit all checks together with the form. Look for more information in this Pathfinder. If you are single don't hesitate to join us as there will be a table or two where we will put the single gentlemen together.

I want to thank all of you that contribute to our Donation Bucket. It is greatly appreciated as it helps to keep our expenses under control.

An area of concern for me is our lack of activities for our members. Researching some of our other branches in the Bay Area I was amazed that for a group of our size we have so few activities. One branch that is roughly twice our size has 22 activities. Our branch has 5. I will address this at our next meeting. If you have some ideas don't hesitate to call me or come up and talk to me at our next meeting.

Please remember my plea about saving places at a table for your friends. Please have individual name cards for each person that you are saving a spot for—no saving an entire table by putting a sign that says "MY BUDDIES."

Finally, it is nice to have many members still active in their 80's and 90's. But our branch still needs more new members. As you know the success of our branch depends on a steady supply of new and active members. Please continue to talk to your friends to join our branch.

Don't forget to look for "ROLLIE."

Speaker Sir Tom Federico

by Little Sir Larry Goodman

Tom Federico enlisted in the US Navy in 1955 after 2 years of college as a Naval Cadet and was sent to Flight Training School at NAS Pensacola.

Tom completed the Navy's Flight Training program in 1956 and was assigned to Attack Squadron 155 flying AD Skyraiders from the aircraft carriers USS Hornet and USS Hancock. He left the Navy in 1963 and was employed by Ameron International's Pipe Division, a manufacturer of large diameter concrete and steel pipe. He held various positions for Ameron, the last being the Northern Division's Sales Manager. Since 1997 he has volunteered as a Docent, conducting tours on the USS Potomac and the USS Hornet.

His talk will cover the 8 ships named USS Hornet that served our country, with emphasis on the last two that were aircraft carriers. The carrier that is docked at Alameda, CVS-12, served our country from 1943 to 1970, all through WW II, the Cold War, Vietnam, and the Space Program.



BRING IN A GUEST

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

MENU

Corned Beef and Garlic Chicken

Potatoes/Carrots, Rice, Cabbage



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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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

A Nonprofit
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Sir Frank R. Thomas February 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.

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 Skip Mugford, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Sheldon Schwartz and Sir Ed Thomas

Directors Absent: Sir Nat Lord

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the February 26, 2014 Treasurer's report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$3,878.97.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Larry Goodman reported that today's speaker would be Sir George Vlastelica.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 129.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 17 February Birthdays ranging 97 to 68. The Officers and Directors wished these men celebrating today a very Happy Birthday.

Bowling: Pertinent information is in the Pathfinder.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake indicated that the Golf Club was still taking names for the upcoming team tournament the end of May. It will be held at Sunol and so far Branch 59 has 3 teams and is forming 1 more. Higher index golfers (25+ index) are needed. The Golf Club's first tournament will be in April – the spring

fling. It is close to being full – check the web site if you still want to enter. Monday March 3rd is the day to sign up for Reno – fliers are in the mail. The Golf Club plays on Mondays at 7:30 AM. Additional information can be found in the Pathfinder.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that 1 new member and 3 guests were expected today.

Social: Sir Jim Ferenz, Social Chairman, indicated that plans for the May Social Event were moving forward with several items locked in place and other items moving forward for the event.

Sunshine: It was announced that Sir Wayne Adams was out of the hospital, was hoping to attend the February meeting. Sir Alvin Dockter was recovering from his major surgery and has moved to inactive status. Sir Howard Thompson had recovered from his significant surgical procedure and was planning on attending the February meeting. Sunshine is also trying to reach out to Sir Darrell Jewel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion concerning A's Baseball Tickets with no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.
Submitted by Branch Secretary

Sir Frank R. Thomas

**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

March Birthdays

Manuel Silva	03/16/1923	91
Norman Silveira	03/19/1923	91
Sylvan Farrell	03/07/1925	89
Lyle Kingery	03/17/1926	88
Arnold Mozzetti	03/25/1929	85
James Putler	03/28/1930	84
Robert Benya	03/19/1931	83
Sam Mitchell	03/04/1932	82
Allen Sprague	03/13/1935	79
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	03/26/1935	79
Sergio Zilli	03/08/1936	78
Gerald Hensel Jr.	03/09/1936	78
Howard Thompson	03/22/1936	78
S. Edward Barnes	03/26/1936	78
Robert Lewis	03/31/1937	77
Richard Lightholder	03/29/1938	76
Gary Bennett	03/21/1939	75
David Tanner	03/12/1940	74
John Prior	03/16/1940	74
Bill Plant	03/04/1941	73



New Members

John T. Parent

380 Blake Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536-4304
510-673-7594

Email: JTPARENT@PACBELL.NET

Birthday: 4/14/1946

Badge No. 75

Sponsor: Rob Ingebretson

Call me: John



John Parent

**Welcome
John**

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:
Mike Lopez
Mike Lunardi
Roger Wood

Guest of:
Skip Mugford
Ben Fernandez
George Perry

Visitors:
Dan Soria

Guest of:
Bob Kammerer

Change of Status:

Ray Erickson	Resigned
Ahmad Falsafi	Resigned
Glenn Coon	To Inactive
Alvin Dockter	To Inactive
Walter Fasolis	To Inactive
Donald Lessard	To Inactive

Membership Total
(as of February 2014)

172 — Active Members
30 — Inactive Members

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Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For February 2014)

Members	132
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Total =	136
21 excused	25 unexcused



Guest Mike Lunardi on the left is entertained hearing a joke by Sir Tom Sherba (center) with Sir Ben Fernandez looking on.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo

Don Henry and **Jerry Sabo** were surprised to find that they placed 3rd in Doubles at Stockton, and forth in Doubles at Livermore. Don also placed in the All Events category. Branch 6 bowler, **Lew Heffron**, did much better at Livermore along with his partner **Dick Sofield**. Lew rolled a scratch 680 series for doubles putting the pair in first place Doubles and Lew took first in All-Events. The other bowlers that have attended the first two tournaments have not fared quite so well, but we are continuing to improve. At Livermore we had **Victor Okumura**, **Frank Cordova**, **John Pesek**, and **Nat Lord**. **Darrell Jewell** has had a serious illness and has not been able to bowl since just before Christmas. Darrell is definitely missed at tournaments. We welcome the return of **Greg Johnston** to our bowling group. Greg was missing for eleven weeks. Rumor has it that **Roger Wallin** might be returning to our group bowling left handed once again. **Gary Bennett** has also been hampered by a foot injury—I think the Achilles tendon, but is hoping to return soon.

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

Upcoming tournaments include:

Folsom – Folsom Lake Bowl

Apr 4, 5 Fri, Sat

Carson City –Gold Dust West

Apr 14, 15, 16, 17 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu

Pollock Pines – Knotty Pine Lanes

Apr 26, 27, 28 Sat, Sun, Mon

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 the Branch 59 golf column

Our team tournament is coming right along. What we need are high handicap golfers – 27+. Are you out there? If so and you want to play let me know. Speaking of 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 again be making announcements at the general meeting in 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.

Before the team tournament we have the **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.* Want to golf but not a NCGA member – call me at 793-6561. **Did you sign up for Reno?** 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. If you did not sign up let me know – I will give you the info. On **Wednesday August 13** we will have the state qualifier and we return to **Boundary Oaks**. Expect fliers on this event 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 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.

Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

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

Tuesday March 18 — 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

We will be at another new location:

Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA. Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

Our February meeting topics were:

- Troubleshooting startup problems in Windows and Mac OSX
- More about backing up data or cloning a hard drive
- Refining your searches on the internet
- E-mail software such as Outlook or Windows Live—configuring POP3

What is a Cyber Geezer? We are members of SIR Branch 59 and friends that want to keep up with technology. Topics are varied and usually generated by attendees.

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. As mentioned previously, we have recently discussed such things as e-books and audio downloads using devices such as the Kindle, iPad or iPod, but other topics are most welcome. Also being discussed are operating systems such as Windows 8 and Mac Mavericks.

SIR members and friends/significant others are welcome, and we do have wireless access so bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet. Call Jerry Sabo – 510-790-3135 or 510-299-3736 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 10 left. If we sell them all and the demand is there we can get more.

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Emile Lassalle & Lou Pagni

**June 11, 2014
MYSTERY BUS TRIP.**

This is a place I believe our branch has never gone to. Should be limited walking and a great time. Lunch is included.

COST is only \$99.00 per person. Trip is booked for only 30 persons, so sign up early.

Escorted by Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463, or sirs26@earthlink.net.

**November 22 to December 9, 2014
CRUISE TO HAWAII**

Depart from San Francisco, sail to the 4 Islands of Hawaii, Oahu, Kauai and Maui (Lahaina). Great trips available from Princess Lines for you land enjoyment while touring the Islands. We will sail to Ensenada Mexico for our return trip back to San Francisco.

COST: Per Person, Double Occupancy the rates vary depending on room section, from \$2570 to \$3974.

Escorted by Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463 or sirs26@earthlink.net.

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

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SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

No news is good news.



Sir Noburo Ono (left) chatting with Chairman Sir Art Winkley at the Birthday Table.

Senior Sir Award



Area 8 Governor Sir Jim Ferenz (left) is presenting Sir Frank Borghi with his Presidents Senior Award for having reached the age of 90.

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.

Three members waiting for lunch at the Birthday Table. Sir Forrest Lusher, Sir Frank Borghi and Sir Don Thatcher. (left to right)





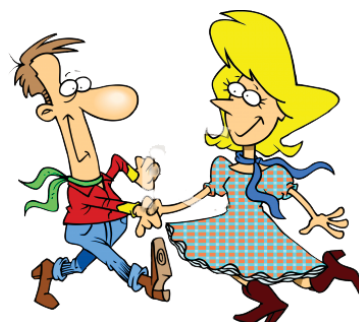
Save the Date — May 15, 2014

Take your wife or friend to lunch.



South County Pickers

South County, founded in 1999, is a small, dynamic ensemble of singers and musicians, with country and western flair, featuring vocals with the lively sounds of the pedal steel guitar, fiddle and Dobro. Ed Guthrie and Billy Smith will entertain at the Sweetheart Luncheon along with singer Nancy Long.



"For the Good Times"

I thought I would give you all an update on the May Event. We have secured the entertainment for the event. It will be Ed Guthrie and his South County Band. The group will play country and western as well as pop tunes. The menu will be **Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce, Chicken Cordon Bleu with Champagne Gravy Sauce and Tri Tip Strip with Light BBQ sauce.** The cost of tickets will remain at \$22.50 per ticket. Sir Fred Gotthardt will be selling tickets at the March meeting — you can use the order form below and place your order early. To reserve a full table use a **TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST FORM.**

Western attire is appropriate for both the men and the ladies. This should be a fun event and we look forward to seeing you all. Special accommodations will be made for our single members so don't let being single stop you from coming to the event.

As always door prizes are greatly appreciated and help to make the day enjoyable.

Sir Jim Ferenz

Social Committee Chairman

Beef:	Tri Tip Strip with Light BBQ sauce
Chicken:	Chicken Cordon Bleu with Champagne Gravy Sauce
Fish:	Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce

Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the March and April Luncheons

Number in Party _____ x **\$22.50** per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**
and mail to: **Sir Fred Gotthardt, 38353 Farwell Drive, Fremont, CA 94536**

Ticket orders must be received by May 8th

Indicate Meal Choice & No:

Beef:

Chicken:

Fish:

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

No refunds after May 8th.

Requests for Table Reservations must be submitted on a **TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST FORM** with a list of Sir Member names and their Partner names. Forms will be available at the March and April Luncheons and also on the Branch Website.

<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/TableRequestForm-Fillable-20130401e.pdf>

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Ron Brutvan - Assistant

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Arthur Winkley

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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

PAST BIG SIRS

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1977 Karl Heine*
1978 Harry Cooper*
1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
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1985 Ray Crosby*
1986 Loran Coburn*
1987 Robert Davis*
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1990 Lee Updegraff
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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)