



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Ninth Year

June 2014

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, June, 19, 2014

WHAT'S HAPPENING? by Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



What a wonderful Sweetheart Luncheon we had in May. Thanks to the work of Sir Jim Ferez and his committee the luncheon was a huge success. A special thank you to Sir Fred Gotthard for all the work in selling tickets and organizing the table assignments. Another big thanks to Sir Bill Leake for all the great door prizes he was able to acquire for the

luncheon. The Country and Western theme "For the Good Times" was well carried out by the entertainment provided by "The South County Pickers" with our own Sir Ed Guthrie playing the steel guitar. Everyone is already looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon.

I would like to take this time to thank Sir Wayne Adams, our librarian, for all his years of service putting out the wonderful collection of books for all our members to peruse during each of our monthly meetings. I know our members love it and specially the ladies at our Sweetheart Luncheons. Sir Wayne Adams assistant, Sir Jim Ploor, has graciously stepped up to be our new librarian and Sir Roger Wallin has volunteered to be his assistant.

Another thank you goes out to Sir Howie Thompson and Sir Sheldon Schwartz as they will join our Little Sir Larry Goodman as a committee of three to find the best possible speaker for our monthly meetings.

Finally I would like to thank Sir Bill Leake for writing a very insightful article for the Tri City Voice about our organization. You can find it on page 17 of the May 13th issue.

Don't forget to look for "ROLLIE" in this issue of **THE PATHFINDER**. If you find him and tell Sir Nat Lord or Sir Arnold George, the gentlemen that sell our monthly luncheon tickets, you will be entered into the drawing for a free lunch.

Speaker Kristi Caracappa by Little Sir Larry Goodman


Kristi Caracappa is the Health Insurance Information Service Coordinator for Washington Hospital. She has held this position since 2009. Kristi provides information to community members to assist them with making informed decisions regarding health care coverage. Kristi can provide assistance with Medicare, Medi-Cal as well as private insurance and other government or community based health programs. Kristi is a Certified Enrollment Counselor for Covered California, California's health insurance exchange.



Caracappa has lived in Fremont for 41 years. She graduated from Irvington High School. She is married and has two adult children.

Kristi will speak to us about Health Insurance Options: What you need to know. She will talk about different options for health insurance and what you can do if you are without it. The goal of the service at Washington Hospital is to help people get the health insurance or services they need, whether it be through low cost or free community programs or through government-sponsored programs. The service is free and available to everyone, no matter who you are or where you live.

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.

MENU

Paella and Asturian Style Beef
Potatoes braves, Vegetable Medley



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

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Sir Frank R. Thomas April Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Rob Ingebretson called the meeting to order at 10:03 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, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey and Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides.

Officers Absent: Assistant Treasurer Arnold George

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

Directors Absent: Sir Sheldon Schwartz and Sir Ed Thomas

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the March 20, 2014 Treasurer's report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$6,378.15.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Larry Goodman reported that today's speaker would be Sister Caritas Foster.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 121.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 10 April Birthdays ranging 85 to 68 today. The Officers and Directors wished these men celebrating today a very Happy Birthday.

Bowling: Pertinent information is in the Pathfinder.

Cyber Geezer: Pertinent information is in the Pathfinder

Golf: Sir Bill Leake indicated that by the time this is read, the 8-team qualifier would have been completed. We could have as many as 12 teams between Branch 59, 6 and 26. The results of the Spring Fling will be in the June Pathfinder. Fliers for the Division 4 State Qualifier will be passed out this month sometime. It will be held on Wednesday, August 13th at Boundary Oaks in Walnut Creek. Additional information can be found in the June Pathfinder.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that 2 new members and 3 guests were expected

today. Sir Fred Stabell resigned.

Social: Sir Jim Ferez, Social Chairman, indicated that plans for the May Social Event were looking good but that Door Prizes were still needed.

Sunshine: It was announced that Sir Glenn Coon had passed away.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Rob Ingebretson brought up the following concerns which he hoped could be covered by our Directors:

(1) We need to have a RIDE COORDINATOR in charge of making sure that a member that needs a ride to our meeting is taken care of.

(2) We need an ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR.

(3) We need a person in charge of following up on new guests to see what they feel about the organization and if they decide not to join and try to find out why. Big Sir knows Ron Brutvan does some of this for the organization.

(4) Big Sir was thinking of having a committee of three men; Larry Goodman, Howie Thompson, and Sheldon Schwartz that would be in charge of getting our speaker for our monthly meeting.

(5) We need to get our NOMINATION COMMITTEE going about next year's officers.

(6) We need to discuss ways to increase our membership.

Big Sir also felt we should have a meeting at a restaurant for lunch where we could invite the members of the B.E.C. to discuss the above topics. He is working on this and hopes to have a meeting at the end of this month or the beginning of next.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.
Submitted by Branch Secretary

Sir Frank R. Thomas

SIR
HAPPENING

<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

May Birthdays

Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	90
Dragomir Dutina	05/26/1925	89
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	85
William Wessells	05/22/1931	83
Joseph Montellano	05/07/1933	81
Willard Wyman	05/23/1933	81
Larry Goodman	05/07/1936	78
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	78
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	75
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	75
Roberto Morales	05/13/1940	74
Ron Brutvan	05/21/1941	73
Donald LaVance	05/05/1942	72
Jack Roach	05/25/1944	70
Bill Palleschi	05/17/1945	69
Henry Brown	05/07/1947	67
Dale Grant	05/16/1947	67
Thomas Breen	05/24/1950	64

June Birthdays

Fred Alfred	06/12/1929	85
Phil Utic	06/24/1929	85
William Pereira	06/27/1931	83
George Vlastelica	06/28/1932	82
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	81
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	81
Willie Jackson	06/01/1935	79
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	77
John Vennemeyer	06/19/1937	77
Frank Thomas	06/15/1940	74
Jerry Sabo	06/02/1942	72
Michael Lopez	06/05/1949	65
Dennis Reed	06/13/1951	63



New Members

Willie D. Jackson

1165 Gilbert Court
Fremont, CA 94536-4036
510-896-8397
Email: wgilbertct@aol.com
Birthday: 6/1/1935
Badge No. 97
Sponsor: Larry Goodman
Call me: Willie

Laverl E. Tomlinson

3314 San Pedro Court
Union City, CA 94587-2706
510-952-9371
Birthday: 2/10/1937
Spouse: Wilma
Badge No. 109
Sponsor: Victor Okumura
Call me: Tom

Welcome New Members



Willie Jackson



Laverl Tomlinson

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

<u>Guests:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
Cliff Austin	Rob Ingebretson
Bruce Roberts	Tom Blalock
Leroy Sayas	Skip Mugford

<u>Visitors:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
Sister Caritas Foster	Speaker

Change of Status:

Edward Baldini	Died 3/31/2014
Glenn Coon Jr.	Died 4/12/2014
Anthony Gross	To Inactive

Membership Total
(as of April 2014)

174 — Active Members
29 — Inactive Members

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

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For April 2014)

Members	116
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Total =	120
34 excused	25 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Most recently, **Don Henry** and **Jerry Sabo** bowled at the State Tournament in Yuba City. We bowl team and doubles at that tournament. This year in order to form a team; we merged with Branch 6 bowlers Lew Heffron and Rich Bowers. Last year we had two full teams of four and Branch 6 won the State Trophy. This year's team was a bit weaker, but Don and Jerry bowled very well in doubles.



Roger Wallin and **Gary Bennett** are both ready to start tournament bowling.

Unfortunately, we lost one of our stalwart tournament bowlers, **Darrell Jewell**. Darrell passed away in March after a long illness. We were also saddened by the loss of Art Winkley's wife. Art is still one of our biggest supporters.

Jerry and **John Pesek** also bowled with three Branch 6 bowlers at the USBC open tournament in May. Jerry had the misfortune of being in the Open division (180 average and up), but actually did well in singles. He and Lew (Branch 6) will likely cash in for doubles in the Classified division. This tournament is at the National Bowling stadium, and extends from February to July, so there are a lot (thousands) of bowlers and a lot of awards. We bowled team (5 bowlers), doubles, and singles.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Pinole	Jun 4, 5	Wed, Thu	Pinole Valley
Paradise	Jun 17, 18	Tue, Wed	Tall Pines
Yuba City	Jul 14, 15	Mon, Tue	Nu Generation
Napa	Jul 28, 29	Mon, Tue	Napa Bowl

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

Take a bow – **Jim Ulam** shot a 93 at Sunol late March.

So what you say. With his index of 27.8, that equates to a net of 65.2. Way to go Jim and please take a bow. Oh yes, ho hum – **Forrest Lusher** shot his age at least once last month. Way to go Forrest.

Upcoming activity: By the time you read this column the area 8 team tournament will have been completed at Sunol. Area 8 had 12 teams competing from our 3 branches, 6, 26 and 59. 4 from 59, 4 from 6 and 4 from 26.

The top 1-2 teams from this tournament will go to the state championship to be held on Monday, August 11, at Rancho Solano GC (Fairfield) with an 8:00 am start.

Did you sign up for Reno? Believe it or not, at this writing there is still room. The dates are Session 1 June 15-20 and Session 2 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

The Division 4 state individual qualifier will be held Wednesday August 13 at Boundary Oaks in Walnut Creek. There will be 7 flights and the top 2 qualifiers from each flight will be invited to the state championship to be held at newly renovated Poppy Hills GC on October 27 (championship) and October 28 (open play). I will hand out fliers at the June meeting.

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

Results: The first tournament of the year, the Spring Fling at Napa was completed April 21 & 22 and the results are on the web. . Day 1 was individual handicap and day 2 was 4 man team 2 man best ball. For the ladies, both days were scramble. Those golfing for branch 59 were **Terry Dalziel, Forrest Lusher, Gary Bennett, Wayne Meyer, Bill Leake and Bill Stannard with his wife Donna.** The wind & weather blew us away, literally, on day 2. The winners were: Day 1: No one on individual play; **Day 1 CTP Bill Stannard, #12, 3rd place; Day 2: Gary Bennett, 5th place.**

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (early) at Sunol and every Tuesday at Sunol (a little later). 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 meet on the first Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday June 24th - 1:30 to 3:30 PM**. We will be at our new location: **Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA**. Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

We did not meet in May (nor December), but at our April meeting topics included:

1. What to do about Microsoft stopping support for Windows XP Upgrade? Buy a new computer???
2. More about iPads and apps.
3. The heartbleed virus.
4. Malwarebytes free software and other remedies for a slow (infected) computer.

June topics will include converting analog music such as tapes and records into CD's. Please send me additional topics that you would like to cover.

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 jsabo@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 James Floor 510-656-9537



BRIDGE GROUPS

The Bridge activity includes 2 night time couple's groups and a daytime group following the monthly luncheons. **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



Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Emile Lassalle & Lou Pagni

June 3, 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.

June 11th - Branch #2 has booked the whole house (LITTLE THEATER AT POINT RICHMOND) and a Prime Rib Dinner at Hotel Max all for \$34.00. Date: June 11th, Dinner at 6:00 PM, show at 8 PM. This is an area activity for branch's 2, 6, 26, 59 and 73. Call Robert Aiello for details at: 510.268.0794

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



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. Please e-mail or call Bill Leake if you want tickets. .

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

FRED STABELL: Sunshine visited Sir Fred on April 15th at Lincoln Villa on Lincoln St. in Irvington. Fred was smiling and engaging in conversation. Fred's short-term memory getting to be challenging. Fred would welcome visitors.

In Memoriam

Glenn Coon Jr.

Darrell Jewell

Ed Pierick

Clark Redeker

Dan Silva

Gifts and Donations

By Bill Leake

We had a very successful Sweetheart Luncheon in May. It appears that everything went very well. The food was served on time and it was hot. The bar was open and folks seemed to be having a good time. And we had door prizes – lots of door prizes. This is where you come in – whether you went to the party or not, whether you won anything or not – we need your help.

Please note the list of donors for the social. There are a lot of them. Next – 🐾 – the next time you go into this establishment take a minute to seek out the manager and say thank you from SIR. Thank you goes a long way – two words – **Thank You!** Very powerful words. Please also make it a point when you or your significant other visit the donating establishment to please say thank you from Branch 59 Sons in Retirement.

The establishments that donated door prizes are:

Sunol Golf Course (6 gifts)
Elephant Bar Restaurant (2 gifts)
Safeway
Massimos Restaurant

Jack's Brewing Company
Restaurant
Market Broiler Restaurant (2 gifts)
Lucky/Savemart/Food Max

Goodyear Tire Center (2 gifts)
Erik's Deli Fremont
Big Bear Restaurant

FRED GOTTHARDT RECEIVES SENIOR HLM



In the photo above (left to right) Governor Jim Ferenz, Sir Fred Gotthardt receiving Senior HLM and Big Sir Rob Ingebretson.

In the photo to the right Sir Don Henry (left) shows some of his wood carvings to Sir Charles Wilkins.



For The Good Times



South County Pickers entertained Sirs and guests at the Sweetheart Luncheon in May. Left to right vocalist Nancy Long, with Ed Guthrie and Billy Smith



Hugh and Mary Twomey chatting with Little Sir Larry Goodman.



Past Big Sir Pat Kingery reminiscing with George Vlastelica.



Walter Wade and Gloria Wellman were the first to get up and dance. They were shortly joined by Larry and Nancy Goodman, Rob and Gig Ingebretson and Bill and Georgette Leake.



Bill Anderson, Bill Leake and Georgette Leake are shown setting up the door prize selection bags.



Social Chairman Jim Ferenz is checking with his door prize ticket distribution team, Arnold George, Carol Floyd and Nat Lord.



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

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