



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Fortieth Year

January 2015

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January, 15, 2015

"More Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



HAPPY NEW YEAR BRANCH 59!!! May the year 2015 be good to each and everyone us as well as those we love!!

We start this New Year with a few changes administratively. First of all our beloved Past Big Sir Jim Ferenz, for medical reasons, had to give up his position as Governor for Area 8. Our new Past Big Sir, Rob Ingebretson, has accepted the position of Governor for Area 8. Finally, because our immediate Past Little Sir was unable to assume the position of Big Sir for Branch 59 this year – and there being no other volunteers to step forward---I have agreed to step back in as your Big Sir for 2015 to keep Branch 59 moving ever forward.

I must admit that I was a very humble, yet proud "Has Been" having served as Big Sir in 2013. And like the line in many a crime drama: "I thought I was out, but they dragged me back in!!!" I would like to exuberantly praise Sir Rob Ingebretson for his exceptional performance as Big Sir last year. He just did a wonderful all-around job (except for all of the Cal stuff). Rob, we thank you for stepping up to fill a very big vacancy with Sir Jim's departure from his Area 8 position. All members should know that the last 3 Area 8 Governors ALL came from Branch 59. Both Jim and Rob spent countless hours petitioning members from other branches to come forward—all to no avail.

Among our many goals this year is the most important of all---increased membership!!!! I personally have abused and recruited all of my neighbors save one---and I'm sure we'll get him soon!! Obviously fresh young blood is what we need to keep our Branch viable, so I encourage all members to re-double your efforts to swell our ranks.

Welcome Sir Jim Ulam as our new Little Sir for 2015!! As you did for me and Sir Rob, please step up and introduce yourselves to Sir Jim and offer kind words of encouragement in lieu of cash!!

Many thanks kind Sirs!! Wish me luck this year, but remember that if I mess it up it's Ferenz's fault.

!!!!GO BRANCH 59!!!!

SPEAKER David Sloss By Little Sir Jim Ulam



Now retired after thirty-two seasons as Music Director and Conductor of the Fremont Symphony, David Sloss led the orchestra through its development from a largely amateur community group into a professional symphony hailed as a "stunningly polished orchestra ensemble."

Mr. Sloss is also founding Artistic Director of Fremont Opera, which celebrated its inaugural season in 2007. He has conducted Fremont Opera productions of *La Bohème*, *The Barber of Seville* and *La Traviata*, and will be on the podium again for Fremont Opera's March 2015 production of Benjamin Britten's *Noye's Fludde*.

During his long association with West Bay Opera, beginning in 1981, he conducted over twenty productions for the Palo Alto company. He served as General Director of West Bay Opera from 1997 to 2005, and as stage director for several productions as well. He has also conducted operas for Pacific Repertory Opera, Berkeley Opera, the Lamplighters, the San Francisco Talent Bank, and the Oakland Symphony.

From 1970 until the start of his full-time work at West Bay Opera in 1997, he was Professor of Music at Sonoma State University.


Mr. Sloss lives in San Carlos with his wife, Barbara, and two demanding cats who have no respect for the maestro's extraordinary achievements.

MENU

Sweet and Sour Pork and Lemon Chicken

Chow Mein, Fried Rice, Green Beans

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.



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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Sheldon Schwartz

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 November Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Rob Ingebretson called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Nat Lord, Sir Skip Mugford
Directors Absent: None

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey presented the September 2014 Treasurer's report and indicated an Adjusted Check Book balance of \$4,060.32

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Larry Goodman reported that today's speaker would be CHP officer Colton Kropp

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 114.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated there would be 8 members celebrating a November Birthday, ages 67 to 91, at the meeting today. The Officers and Directors wished all a very Happy Birthday.

Bowling: Pertinent information is in January's Pathfinder.

Cyber Geezers: Pertinent information is in the January's Pathfinder

Golf: Pertinent information concerning golf will be in the November Pathfinder.

Up Coming Holiday Party: Sir Jim Ferenz and Sir Hugh Towmey reported the Holiday Party planning is progressing nicely. Sir Bill Leake talked about the process of requesting prizes from businesses.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there was one new member. A motion was made and seconded to accept. There was one change in status.

Region 6 Director: Guest Sir Richard De Voe shared his views concerning membership issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM.

Submitted by Branch 59 Secretary

Sir Frank R. Thomas

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Allen Sprague

In Memoriam
Les Prestwood
William Watts

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

December Birthdays

Les Addison	12/17/1931	83
Wayne Adams	12/21/1933	81
Edgar Guthrie	12/03/1935	79
Julian Vega	12/01/1936	78
Carl Nordling	12/07/1939	75
James Lawrence	12/02/1940	74
William Bauhofer	12/03/1940	74
Frank Cordova	12/18/1940	74
William Williams	12/13/1941	73
George Perry	12/20/1944	70
James Ulam	12/08/1945	69
Joseph Stanley	12/26/1945	69
Charles Austin	12/27/1945	69
David Shideler	12/16/1946	68

January Birthdays

Raymond Carlson	01/19/1922	93
Melvin Nunes	01/13/1925	90
Walt Oden	01/13/1927	88
Joseph Jenö	01/24/1930	85
John Cordeniz	01/26/1930	85
Thomas Blalock	01/06/1932	83
Robert Kammerer	01/09/1932	83
Martin Spellman	01/17/1933	82
Walter Ulrich	01/07/1934	81
Tony Martinez	01/26/1935	80
Richard Chatham	01/12/1936	79
Greg Johnston	01/04/1938	77
Dominic Aiello	01/05/1942	73
Michael Burns	01/29/1950	65
Victor Okumura	01/24/1957	58



New Members

Sammy Lum

40150 Canyon Heights Drive
Fremont, CA 94539-3082
510-366-9673
Email: lumsam@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 9/13/1955
Spouse: Linda
Badge No. 68
Sponsor: Larry Goodman
Call me: Sammy

Welcome Sammy Lum



Sammy Lum

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

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



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

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: **Guest of:**
NONE

Visitors: **Guest of:**
Colton Kropp **Speaker**
Sir Dick DeVoe **Region 6 Director**

Change of Status:

Lloyd Keplinger **Transfer to Br 26**
Robert Lewis **Transfer to Br 26**
Wayne Lindquist **to inactive**
Frank R. Thomas **to inactive**
Henry Scherer **dropped Rule 100**

Membership Total

(as of November 2014)
163 — Active Members
34 — Inactive Members

BRING IN A GUEST
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For November 2014)

Members	119
Guests	0
Visitors	2
Total =	121
27 excused	22 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



The bowling tournament year ended with Concord on November 19th. All in all, both Branch 59 and our bowling partners of Branch 6 had a very good year. Don't want to rehash our success, but most of the time Don Henry, Jerry Sabo, Lew Heffron, Jim Minton, Kasey Warner and Rich Bower were amongst the top bowlers.

Roger Wallin, Nat Lord and Gary Bennett have been on the injured list for most of the year so their success was hampered. Frankie Cordova and Miguel Ferras also made great showings.

The first three scheduled tournaments of the year:

Stockton	Jan 20	Tue	Pacific Bowl
Napa	Jan 26, 28	Mon, Wed	Napa Bowl
Livermore	Feb 10,11	Tue, Wed	Granada Bowl

We usually have good attendance at all three tournaments, and generally do very well.

This year we are trying something new! Branch 59 and Branch 6 have decided to host our own private tournament on March 2nd. The tournament name: **Chuck Pereira Memorial Bowling Tournament** will carry on the name of one of our deceased bowlers from Branch 6. Chuck was a bowler at most of our tournaments the past several years, but during the past year his bout with cancer took its toll. We actually lost several bowlers this past. Appropriately we say so long to Les Prestwood, Greg Johnston, and Ron Sternal for health reasons. We also lost Darrell Jewell and George Howe in addition to Chuck Pereira. Darrell has been gone for a long time, but when he was bowling, he rarely missed a tournament.

Our hope is that we grow large enough to form teams if we decide to do that. Presently, we still only bowl as individuals so no team dependency exists nor is there a penalty for missing a bowling session or two. We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. 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 \$14.00 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.

Good by 2014 and Hello 2015. For membership last year, we gained a few and lost a few. For 2015, please welcome back **Miguel Ferras** who transferred back into branch 59 golf. Please also welcome **Larry Lardie**, new to SIR and who also joined SIR NCGA. Welcome.



I will be meeting with Division 4 golf chairman late January to go over the 2015 schedule. **If you have comments please let me know ASAP.** We have collected dues for 2015 and they remained at \$37. If you are a golfer and would like to join the deadline is the end of January or dues to go \$47.00 Female golfers are welcome – currently we have 2 female golfers and always welcome more. Please make checks payable to SIR Branch 59 and mail to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont 94537. We have the following tournament schedule for 2015 – **April 21 and 22** – Spring Time in Napa – Eagle Vines GC & Chardonnay GC (Ladies Welcome). This tournament fills up very quickly so get your entry in now. Mid – May – Team Tournament at **Sunol**. Male golfers only. Will set date later this month. June – **Reno Tournaments**, Week 1: 6/16/15 thru 6/20/15, Week 2: 6/23/15 thru 6/27/15. We stay at the Atlantis and play three great courses. Each week has a different format. **Division 4 state qualifier (course will be named later)** with top 2 winners from each flight going to Poppy Hills Golf course. The course and date to be announced later this year. **Monday August 11 Team Championship.** This will be the winners from the qualifier above. The courses will be named later. **Solvang** – always a lot fun and a great vacation spot – the dates are September 13-17 and the courses will be named later. Finally, October 26 & 27th – The state individual championship (26th) and open play (27th) – both at **Poppy Hills**.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (1-2 tee times early) and Tuesdays in the 8:00 timeframe. We play at Sunol – 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 Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday January 20th - 1:30 to 3:30 PM. We meet at Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA.** Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

January topics may include more information about using MS Excel or other spreadsheets, iPads or other tablet computing and various Apps. Jerry will talk about his new Sonos speakers, and more about NAS storage (personal cloud), or Media Servers. Another item will be the Internet provider, Tekify.

The above items are only tentative. Please send any and all topic request to Jerry prior to the meeting of the 20th.

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.

Region 6 Director



Big Sir Rob Ingebretson introducing Region 6 Director Dick Devoe to the Branch at the November luncheon.



Sir Skip Mugford and Sir Jim Ferenz chat during the social hour before the November Luncheon.

BRING IN A GUEST WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

COUPLES WINE TASTING

All Sirs (singles, couples, friends) are invited to join us. This activity is in the planning stage so let your thoughts be known to:

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Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537



November New Member



New member Sammy Lum being introduced to Branch 59 members at the November Luncheon. From left to right Big Sir Rob Ingebretson, new member Sir Sammy Lum, his sponsor Little Sir Larry Goodman..



Installation of 2015 Officers and Directors

Pictured (left to right) Sir Arnold George, Assistant Treasurer, Area Governor elect Sir Rob Ingebretson Sir Jim Ulam, Little Sir elect, Area Governor Jim Ferenz, Sir Nat Lord, Director, Sir Peter Angelides, Secretary, Big Sir elect Skip Mugford and Sir Hugh Twomey, Treasurer.



CHRISTMAS WAS HERE

South County Pickers, founded in 1999, 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 along with vocalist Nancy Long entertained Branch 59 at the Holiday Luncheon.



Dolores Ferenz, Area Governor Jim Ferenz and Sir Arnold Mozzetti waiting on the sidelines for the festivities to begin.



Big Sir Rob Ingebretson and his wife, Gig, enjoying the Christmas party.



Sir Bill Leake, Door Prize Chairman, (center) announcing door prize winners. He is aided by Sir Arnold George (left) and Howie Thompson (right).



Sir Ken Peterson and his wife Carmen arriving early for the Christmas Party.

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January 2015

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- Chairman

ATTENDANCE

Ed Guthrie - **Chairman**
Bill Pruner - Assistant
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant
John Williams - Assistant

AUDIT

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

BOWLING

Frank Cordova - **Chairman**
Jerry Sabo - Assistant

CAPS & EMBLEMS

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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*
1992 Lyle Kingery
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
2014 Rob Ingebretson

*(deceased)