



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Fortieth Year

November 2015

Bulletin No. 10

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, November 19, 2015

"More Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford




Well—it's here at last—my final column for the Pathfinder (hey, hold down the applause)!! Thanks for allowing me to serve as the first Big Sir to be twice elected for Branch 59. It has, indeed, been a privilege and a distinct pleasure to do so. I've tried to perk up our meetings via: (1) joke telling—some good, some marginal—all of which have given me a whole new appreciation

for comics plying their trade. It is a true joy to see a sea of smiling faces when a joke does click. The memory of the groans and boos will soon fade with a few more shots of bourbon!! (2) the recent introduction of "you-tube" patriotic videos for your enjoyment. Many thanks to Sir Jerry Sabo for helping to make this happen!! (3) Thanks, also, to Sir Bob Benya for his masterful song presentations that have always been most informative and enjoyed by all!!

I urge you all to give your full support to your new Big Sir-Elect, Jim Ulam, as he endeavors to move Branch 59 ever forward. Truly one of the good guys on this good Earth!!

Thanks to the BEC members for their profound efforts in keeping this Branch viable and enjoyable. I cannot finish this without acknowledging the incredible efforts of two giants among us—namely Sir Fred Gotthardt and Sir John Skarpelos. THANK YOU SIRS !!!

Win a Free Lunch

By finding ROLLIE —  — you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let Rollie Referee Dino Mostard know where he is located in the **Pathfinder** after you buy your luncheon ticket. Sir Dino will be found at a table in the back left of the hall.

SPEAKERS

Bob Benya & Art Kimber
By Little Sir Jim Ulam



Bob Benya



Art Kimber

At Mission Hills Tennis Club, which used to be the Kimberwoods Tennis Club and a part of the Kimber property, one can often see a man with a shock of white hair and a bright friendly smile intently and agilely playing tennis. Seeing Art Kimber return serves on the tennis court, it would be hard to believe that he is 91 years old. He is a son of the founder of Kimber Farms which became the second largest employer in Fremont.

Soon after Art graduated from Washington High School, people started getting draft orders from the military to fight in WWII. Art decided to enlist in the Air Force before the orders came. Art learned to fly and spent two years and seven months fighting in the war. His squadron was stationed in Northern Italy and ran over 39 combat missions.

Sir Bob Benya is well known to all of us as Branch 59 song leader/historian. In recognition of Veterans Day these two Veterans will speak to us about their experience flying B-25 bombers. They will give different opinions about the operation of this venerable aircraft.

MENU

Turkey and Honey Baked Ham
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Stuffing with Peas and Carrots



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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retired men



OCTOBER Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Skip Mugford called the meeting to order and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers Present: Big Sir Skip Mugford, Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey.

Officers Absent: Little Sir Jim Ulam and Assist Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

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

Directors Absent: None

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported that as of October 15, 2015 there was an adjusted checkbook balance of \$3,718.25.

Little Sirs Report: Acting for Little Sir, Jim Ulam, Sir Rob Ingebretson reported that today's speaker will be Carol Mayer, chief advocate and volunteer of CAPS (Community Ambassador Program for Seniors), a program which bridges the formal network of social services with the faith/cultural based diverse communities in the Tri City area. When not volunteering, she is Project Manager for IBM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 112 including new members and guests.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we will have one

returning member at today's luncheon. He is Sir Harvey McAninch, returning to active status.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated that we are celebrating 12 October Birthdays, ranging in age from 88 to 68.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that NCGA dues, \$37.00, for the 2016 golf year are now due, and the deadline is December 15, 2015. Make out a check to SIR Branch 59 and mail check to SIR Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont, CA 94537. Branch 59 members play Mondays, Tuesdays. Look in Pathfinder for 2016 schedule.

Bowling: See Branch 59 Newsletter for latest news on bowling.

CyberGeezers: See Branch 59 Newsletter for the latest CyberGeezers news.

Activities Committee: Activities Chairman Sir Roger Wallin indicated that so far Couples Dining Out, Wine Tasting, and Investments were the most popular activities. Other activities that got attention included Bridge, Giants/A's games, Beer Tasting, and Bocce Ball.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

'Rule 100' part of the "Required Attendance" section of the SIR MANUAL was discussed at length. As no conclusions were reached, it was decided to table further discussion to the next BEC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Skip Mugford at 11:00 AM

Minutes submitted by

Sir Peter Angelides

Branch 59 Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

November Birthdays

William Delucchi	11/05/1923	92
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	85
James Conard	11/02/1932	83
Emmanuel Baraiya	11/08/1933	82
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	81
James Ploor	11/07/1935	80
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	77
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	70
Wade Walter	11/14/1945	70
Bill Pruner	11/06/1947	68

Happy Birthday



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

New Members

**No New
Members In
October**

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

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For October 2015)

Members	110
Guests	2
Visitors	4
Total =	116
30 excused	22 unexcused

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Guest of:

Larry McMaster
Gene Anderson

Jim Ulam
Walter Ulrich

Visitors:

Carol Mayer
Terri Hall
Roger Baird
Edward Blank

Speaker
Speaker
Br 32 San Jose
Inactive visitor

Change of Status:

Cliff Austin

Resigned

Francis Rose Address Change
2860 Country Drive Apt 353
FREMONT CA 94536-8203

Tony Martinez

To Inactive

Membership Total

(as of October 2015)

160 — Active Members
21 — Inactive Members

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

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

ROSTER TO BE UPDATED

If you recently have acquired a new spouse, telephone number, mailing address, or Email address, please let Fred or John know about it. You can email changes that need to be made to Fred at fredg27@comcast.net or to John at: john@mediaart.com.

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Pathfinder
Branch 59

Your SIR Hotlines

Attendance:

659 - 0498

Sir Ed Guthrie

Membership:

794 - 4019

Sir Ron Brutvan

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



Our current 2015 tournament season ends in November so we are looking at January of 2016 for our next away meets. The schedule for our tournament is always available at <http://sirinc.org/bowling>.

We had four bowlers: **Harvey MacAninch**, Larry, John and Jerry attend the Citrus Heights Tournament, but only Harvey had a good day. Tournament

results have not been posted. Another disappointing day in October at Brentwood with **Laverl Tomlinson**, **Frankie Cordova**, **Lew Heffron** (Branch 6), **Jerry Sabo**, **Larry Sallee**, **John Pesek**, **Howard Elz**, and **Miguel Ferras** bowling.

Hope we do better at our next two November tournaments in Modesto and Concord. By Newsletter publication, we will have bowled at those two tournaments.

We now have four women bowling with us as of this writing, and have another two men that are bowling as guests; but plan to join our SIR group in the next month or two. We have had nineteen bowlers attend our last two gatherings and hope to continue growing because we always have room for more bowlers in our group. There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you can't make it. 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.

Now would be a great time to join our bowling group, because we just began a new bowling season in September. USBC dues are a one-time assessment of \$20 per year. Come by and check it all out.

Jerry Sabo



Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch golf newsletter column. We are winding down 2015 and 2016 is right around the corner.

Take a bow – **Sir Skip Mugford** shot his age at Sky West – 76. Skip – take a bow!

Take another bow – **Richard Holley** shot an 87 on Cypress – his best score this year.

The SIR golf schedule for 2015 is now complete and it is as follows: April 18 & 19 – **Spring time in Napa** – 2 day tournament at Eagle Vines GC & Chardonnay GC (Ladies Welcome). **Reno Tournaments**, Week 1: 6/13/16 thru 6/17/16, Week 2: 6/20/16 thru 6/24/16 At the Atlantis and three great courses! (Courses to be announced later. **September – The Fall Classic (replaces Solvang)** is a Member/Guest Event (Courses to be announced) The dates are September 19th to 22nd, 2016 – more details will come later next year.

It is now still time for 2016 golf dues through SIR. They will remain at \$37.00 and make check out to Branch 59 and mail it to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 9537. If you are not a current SIR NCGA member, but are a member of Branch 59, then I believe the dues remain at \$37.00. If there is a problem I will let you know once I get your check. Mail checks to:

Bill Leake
PO Box 434
Fremont CA 94537

For those golfers that play well – do you want to be recognized? We can do that – just send to me a note and let me know how you did on your round – where you played and what you are bragging about – and it will be put into the column. Space available. Want to try it?

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (1-2 tee times early) and Tuesdays—2 tee times – in the 7:30 timeframe. We play at Sunol – call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE. You do not need to be a SIR NCGA member to play but we would like to keep the times open to only SIR members.

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 November 24th - 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.

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. We have previously discussed such things as e-books and audio downloads using devices such as the Kindle, iPad or iPhone, home Wi-Fi systems, cloud storage, Windows 10, Mac OSX and using software such as Excel. More of the previous or most any new topic is welcomed.

In September Master Cyber Geezer, Fred Gotthardt volunteered to present the group with his findings regarding Windows 10. Fred did an awesome job, and this same topic was again reviewed at our October meeting. We will continue reviewing it at the November meeting, because this operating system has many features that blend both Windows 7 and Windows 8. Since a PC generally lasts only about five years, Windows 7 users will likely need a new computer soon, and computer users that purchased Windows 8 had little good to report. In other words, it's very likely that many SIR members will want to learn Windows 10.

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.



AREA 8 TRAVEL

“Tracks and Suds” Thursday, February 4, 2016

Your day will begin at the Western Railway Museum for a docent lead Car House tour and a one hour train ride aboard a Historic Electric Rail Car. At the conclusion of your tour you will board the motor coach and head to lunch at Cast Iron Bar and Grill in Suisun City. After lunch it's off to Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser Brewery in Fairfield. During your tour you will observe the art of brewing as you follow the making of Budweiser through the 7 Steps of the Brewing Process. At the beginning of the tour, you will have an opportunity to taste some of the quality beers brewed at the facility in the Budweiser Hospitality Room. As your tour concludes your will also have a chance to sample some more “Suds” in your souvenir glass. This Tracks and Suds day is one you will not want to miss.



Depart: 8:45 am Return: 6:00 pm

3848 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley

Cost Per Person:

\$ 96.00 with 30 paid guests / \$78.00 with 40 paid guests

Cost Includes:

- Round Trip Motor coach Transportation
- Hosted Lunch ~ Tour and Tasting @ Budweiser Brewery
- Tour and Train Ride @ Western Railway Museum

Contact: Emile Lassalle @ (510) 538-7463

Make Checks Payable to: SIR Branch 26

Mail Checks to:

Emile Lassalle,
19574 Stanton Ave.,
Castro Valley, CA 94546-3235

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**

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:

Chairman **Sir Skip Mugford 510-794-1184**
or email **SMUGFORD86@COMCAST.NET**

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READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537




Branch 59 News

OCTOBER SPEAKER



Carol Mayer spoke to us about what help is available for seniors in the Fremont Area. Prior to the talk we were entertained by Kate Smith who sang "God Bless America."



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COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

This is an early reminder to all of our members that our Christmas Luncheon is right around the corner. Save the date **THURSDAY DECEMBER 17th** for a wonderful Christmas Party.

We will be entertained by Rudy Ramos and his acoustic guitar during the social hour and as we eat lunch. After our lunch we will be entertained by "What the Dickens?" a Christmas caroling group.



Our caterer will again provide us with his culinary magic around his wonderful Salmon, Beef, and Chicken entrees.

As always, we depend on our wonderful Sons In Retirement brothers to come through with some great door prizes. I will make available a merchant introduction letter you may use to obtain a door prize from our generous area merchants.



This event is for our ladies or significant other and we will also provide for our single members so there is no reason that everyone cannot have a great time.



Sir Rob Ingebretson
Social Chairman



RESERVE A TABLE FOR CHRISTMAS

Hi Fellow Sirs, The form to reserve a table for 8 for our Holiday Luncheon will be available at this coming November luncheon. A fillable request form is also available on the Branch 59 web-site.

Cheers, Fred Gotthardt
Ticket 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 November Luncheon

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 December 10th

Indicate Meal Choice & No:

Beef: _____

Chicken: _____

Fish: _____

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

No refunds after December 10th.

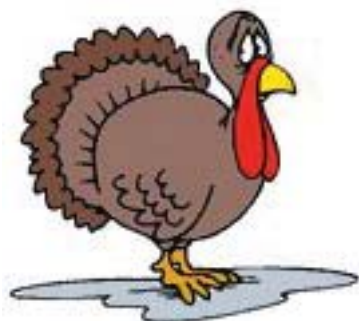
Requests for Table Reservations must be submitted on a **TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST FORM** with a list of Sir Member names and their Partner names. Forms will be available at the November Luncheon and also on the Branch Website.
<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/TABLEREQUESTFORM-20150310e.pdf>

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November 2015

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ACTIVITIES

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James Ploor - Assistant

ATTENDANCE

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

AUDIO-VISUAL

Carl Nordling - **Audio**
Jerry Sabo - **Video**

AUDIT

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

BIRTHDAYS

Art Winkley - **Chairman**
Sammy Lum - Assistant

BOWLING

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

CAPS & EMBLEMS

Nat Lord - **Chairman**
- Assistant

CHAPLAIN

Howard Thompson - **Chairman**
Ted Bresler - Assistant

CIRCULATION

Bill Briscoe - **Chairman**
Fred Ilg - Assistant

COUPLES DINING OUT

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

CYBERGEEZERS

Jerry Sabo - **Chairman**

GOLF

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

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James Ploor - **Chairman**
Roger Wallin - Assistant

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant
Carl Nordling - Assistant

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George Perry - **Chairman**
- Assistant

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Fred Gotthardt - 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*
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*
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2001 Bob Beam
2002 Rollin Cunningham*
2003 Don Henry
2004 Tom Sherba
2005 Howard Thompson
2006 Les Addison
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2008 Richard Holley
2009 Don Gillis*
2010 Frank R. Thomas
2011 Hugh Twomey
2012 James Ferenz*
2013 Skip Mugford
2014 Rob Ingebretson

*(deceased)