



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

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**Attention.** Each month we must determine how many lunches to order. **Members NOT ATTENDING** should call to cancel their standing order for a lunch. **Members bringing guests or visitors** should call to order an extra lunch. We need to know the Monday preceding the meeting. Members with three consecutive unreported absences or who attend fewer than six meetings in a 12-month period will be dropped.

**PLEASE CALL FRED GOTTHARDT (797-4592), MANUEL SILVA (793-2705) or ARNIE MOZZETTI (797-2127)**

## NEXT MEETING - MARCH 20, 2003

### WORDS TO LIVE BY

By Big Sir Don Henry

Our nominating committee is already hard at work finding candidates for next year's officers. These jobs are all important and must be done and done well.



I remember how scared I was of the Little Sir job. I had never solicited speakers or anything else from total strangers. It turned out to be so easy and rewarding, I would recommend it to anyone. There are so many people out there eager to talk to a group of 200+ members you can select the most interesting ones.

Success doesn't just happen, it takes effort, but the most necessary ability for all these jobs is AVAIL-ABILITY. Talk to the members of the nominating committee: Art Lampert, Les Addison, or Fred Gotthardt to find out what they need.

Les Addison is stepping down from Membership Chairman and I want to commend him for an outstanding job over the last several years. A big thanks Les! Our new Membership Chairman is Ed Bingle and we wish to welcome him as one of our committee chairmen.

*Don*



### Menu

Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Boiled Potatoes  
Tossed Salad  
Rolls and Butter  
Cake for Dessert



### OUR SPEAKER

by Little Sir Tom Sherba



Bob St. Clair, a San Francisco native, started his football career at Polytechnic High School and earned a scholarship to the University of San Francisco. While attending USF, Bob jumped into the national spotlight with the rest of the team that saw 9 players go to the NFL the following season. In fact, three players, including Bob, were eventually inducted into the prestigious NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

When USF dropped football, Bob St. Clair finished his college playing days at the University of Tulsa and was drafted in the third round by the San Francisco Forty-Niners. Bob had the size, speed, intelligence and the hitting ability, he excelled as both a run and pass blocker, and in 1956, he was responsible for blocking 10 field goals.

During his twelve years tenure with the 49ers, Bob was All-Pro three times and chosen to play in the Pro Bowl five times. He served as the 49ers team captain and wore number 79, which was retired last year by the SF Forty-Niners.

The culmination of all honors received by Bob St. Clair came in 1990 when he was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame. In his class were such outstanding names as Buck Buchanan, Bob Griese, Franco Harris, Ted Hendricks, Jack Lambert, and Tom Landry which completed the rest of the inductees. Another outstanding honor was afforded to Bob just a few years ago when the field at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco was renamed "Bob St. Clair Field." This field is where Bob played his high school, college and professional football.

He continued to pursue politics as San Mateo County Supervisor from 1966-74, and again as a lobbyist out of Orange County, CA. Currently he and his wife of 54 years, Ann, live in Santa Rosa where Bob is involved in public relations and sales for Clover Stornetta Farms.

Bob will talk about the NFL of the past as it compares with that of today.



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## Attention Members

We are still having a "Call In" problem because members do not call to be excused from attending the luncheon. At the March business meeting we are going to discuss the possibility of charging the members for lunch when they do not call to be excused. If you cannot attend the luncheon call Fred, Manuel, or Arnold (for their phone numbers refer to Page 1 just under the Masthead) so we can submit an accurate count to the caterer. Your call, to be excused, must be received no later than the Monday preceding the luncheon. Fred has to call the caterer by early Tuesday morning to advise him of the expected luncheon attendees. If you are going out of town for two or more months, tell the Membership group before you go. This excuses you.

— A message from Don Henry, Big Sir

## Edited Excerpts from the Minutes of Sir Al Wydler

Big Sir Don Henry called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Roll Call following the Pledge of Allegiance indicated all Officers and Directors to be present. Minutes of January 2003 were approved with corrections.

A letter from State President Jim Faverman reported that they were able to obtain the same coverage of insurance through another company with just a \$175 annual premium increase. Also reported was a drop of 874 men from November 2001 to November 2002. Our latest figures show we have a membership of 26,005.

Acting upon the January 2003 meeting suggestion, the Honorary Life members were appointed as the nominating committee for suggesting future Honorary Life Member appointments.

Attendance Committee Chairman Fred Gotthardt reported that a total of 215 members and seven guests are expected to be present at lunch today. He also reported a Cybergeezers meeting next Monday.

The Big Sir wished to commend Les Addison, who resigned as Chair of the Membership Committee, for outstanding service the many past years. New Membership Chairman Sir Ed Bingle reported that four new members and seven guests are expected. Sir Art Winkley reported 23 birthdays this month ages ranging from 62 to 87 years including 2 members of the Executive committee.

Sir Drag Dutina, Historian and Bridge Chairman has available the formats used in the past to help recommend the appointment of Honorary Life Members. He would like more Bridge players.

The Nominating Committee reports they are still working on two candidates for 2004.

Sir Robert Beam, Area Governor, requests that a person addressing the Guest Speaker to stand so that question may be better understood.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am. Respectfully Submitted: Alfred Wydler, Secretary



## Financial Report by Lou Bufkin

Our bank has changed names – it is now U.S. Bank. The month of January started with a balance of \$5345.51. Receipts totaled \$312.97. General fund disbursements totaled \$865.11 they included printing, postage, first quarter state assessments and rent. Custodial funds disbursed for golfing activities totaled \$1622.00. Ending balance was \$3171.37.

## Save May 15th Venice Revisited



*Strolling Musicians*  
*Exciting Raffle*  
*Social Hour 11:00 AM*  
*Luncheon at noon*

*Menu*  
*Chicken Parmagiano*  
*Pasta*  
*Salad*  
*Rolls & Butter*  
*Dessert*

**We need donations for Raffle Prizes:  
White Elephants, Wine, Tickets for  
events, weekends at Cabin or Condo**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sweetheart's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make out check to **SIR Branch #59** and mail to:

**Sir Bob Benya, 42224 Forsythia Drive, Fremont, CA 94539.** Tickets also available at March and April lunches.

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

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE & BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Les Addison, Sir Fred Gotthardt, Sir Ed Bingle & Sir Art Winkley

## New Members

### Robert Anolin

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Fremont, CA 94539-3657  
510-651-1614  
Email: rnsanolin2@msn.com  
Birthday: 3/13/37  
Spouse: Sonja  
Badge No. 111  
Sponsor: Dennis Rudy  
Call me: Bob

### Gary W. Callahan

38930 Godfrey Place  
Fremont, CA 94536-4307  
510-793-8615  
Email: calljpc@aol.com  
Birthday: 2/9/41  
Spouse: Josephine  
Badge No. 160  
Sponsor: Tom Sullivan  
Call me: Gary

### Charles J. Capella

4104 Fairwood Street  
Fremont, CA 94538-6013  
510-226-6536  
Email: ccaped53016@aol.com  
Birthday: 4/15/1927  
Spouse: Ruby  
Badge No. 208  
Sponsor: Frank Birge  
Call me: Charlie

### John H. Vance

38850 Helen Way  
Fremont, CA 94536-7327  
510-794-5755  
Email: zip4gone@earthlink.net  
Birthday: 8/20/31  
Badge No. 97  
Sponsor: Thomas Ahern  
Call me: John

## Membership Report

### Guests:

Ernie Korte  
Robert Teglia  
Robert Armstrong  
Donald Wright  
Robert Delp  
Edward Baldini  
Dino Mostardi

### Guest of:

Frank Birge  
Marty Enriquez  
Robert Edwards  
Nausin Luciano  
Bill Briscoe  
Les Addison  
Robert Ralston

### Visitors:

Frank Lopez

### Visiting From:

Fremont

### Membership Total

(as of 02/20/2003)

### 280 - Active Members

16 - Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

Henry Preston – Resigned  
Dave Middleton – Resigned  
Frank Young – Resigned  
Harold Earl – Resigned  
Rene Friedeberg – Resigned  
Sam Merchant – Resigned  
Lou Stevens – Resigned  
Edgar Campbell – Inactive  
Anthony Cosola – Deceased

### Attendance Report

(For 2/20/2003)

Active Members	215
Guests	7
Visitors	1
Speaker	3
<b>Total =</b>	<b>226</b>

33 excused 22 unexcused

*Happy Birthday*

## March Birthdays

Clarence LeCount	3/24/1907	96
Warren Silva	3/4/1921	82
Bruno Orsetti	3/5/1921	82
Paul Lanferman	3/3/1922	81
John Austin	3/21/1922	81
Manuel Silva	3/16/1923	80
Norman Silveira	3/19/1923	80
Samuel Holloway	3/31/1924	79
Sylvan Farrell	3/7/1925	78
Alvin Dockter	3/17/1925	78
Lyle Kingery	3/17/1926	77
Herb Risser	3/6/1927	76
Carl Tolle	3/29/1927	76
Edgar Campbell	3/7/1928	75
Robert Leinkram	3/4/1929	74
Arnold Mozzetti	3/25/1929	74
James Putler	3/28/1930	73
Robert Benya	3/19/1931	72
Don Farquharson	3/20/1932	71
Rudy Girardelli	3/29/1932	71
John Brogden	3/12/1933	70
Warren Rogers	3/26/1933	70
Allen Sprague	3/13/1935	68
Al Serrano	3/18/1935	68
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	3/26/1935	68
Howard Thompson	3/22/1936	67
Shirley Barnes	3/26/1936	67
Robert Anolin	3/13/1937	66
Chris Lemler	3/25/1938	65
Gary Bennett	3/21/1939	64
David Tanner	3/12/1940	63



## Oakland A's Baseball



All-SIR Day with the Oakland A's playing the Atlanta Braves will be held

**Thursday, June 12, 2003 at the Oakland Coliseum and the first pitch will be at 12:35 pm.**

Tickets are \$12 for Field Level and \$11 for Plaza Level

Please make out your checks to the **Oakland A's**



## Giants Baseball

The 26th Annual All-SIR Day with the San Francisco Giants playing the Arizona Diamondbacks will be held

**Thursday, July 24, 2003 at Pac Bell Park and the first pitch will be at 12:35 pm.**

Ticket price is \$18 for view level seats.

Please make out your checks to the **San Francisco Giants**

Send your checks to **Sir Nat Lord at 36035 Cedar Blvd., Newark, CA 94560.**

If you have any questions call Nat at (510) 797-1704



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES



## Strikes & Spares

by Rollin Cunningham for Dave Dunlap

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Garry Bennett	204	445
Frank Cordova	224	645
Al Costa	156	452
Rollin Cunningham	186	482
Dave Dunlap	224	523
Ray Erickson	188	502
Ray Faria	191	533
Don Henry	194	556
Roy Johnson	188	504
Nat Lord	191	511
Bob Snodgrass	156	406
Frank Thomas	164	451
Carl Tolle	208	588
Art Winkley	151	436

We would like to have you join us on Mondays at Mowry Lanes with a 1:00 PM, starting time. Local cost is \$4.50. Participate in SIR out of town bowling tournaments too. For more information call **Dave Dunlap** 657-2603.

### Senior Golf Logic

A foursome of senior golfers hit the course with waning enthusiasm. "These hills are getting steeper as the years go by," one complained. "These fairways seem to be getting longer too," said one of the others. "The sand traps seem to be bigger than I remember them too," said the third senior.

After hearing enough from his senior buddies, the oldest and wisest of the four of them, at 87 years old, piped up and said, "Just be thankful we're still on the right side of the grass!"

## DIVOTS by Guy Whitener

### TOURNAMENT – Reno

Circus-Circus Hotel and Casino was to have mailed a brochure during the first week of March. The only way to make reservations is by phone or e-mail. There are no paper applications. The tournament will be held the weeks of June 16 and June 23, 2003.

### DIVISION TOURNAMENTS

Branch 59 is in Zone 4 which has 5 divisions. This year each division chairman will host a 1-day tournament. All tournaments are after June except for Division 5, which is April 28. That will be held at Fig Garden Golf Course in Fresno. If you wish to play that tournament, phone Dave Betts at: **(559) 434-1468**, or Email him at <[golferdfb@msn.com](mailto:golferdfb@msn.com)>. The cost is \$50, everything included. More information will be available at the March meeting.

### SIR GOLF COMMITTEE WEB SITE

A Website has been established to provide all information that is available from the State Golf Committee to all branches. The Website is **[sirinc.org/sirforms](http://sirinc.org/sirforms)**. When you click on the web site go to activities. Under activities go to golf.



## THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Monday, March 24th at 2 PM. at Fremont Main Library. Beginners and seasoned addicts are welcome to share Internet experiences, misinformation, frustrations, rumors and gossip.

Call Chief CybergEEZER: **Fred Gotthardt** at 797-4592



## BRIDGE GROUPS

We have two bridge groups: The first is couples bridge and meets monthly.

**Two couples are needed to enable formation of a third two table SIR bridge group.** Call Drag Dutina for information.

The second group is for any member who wants to show up after lunch here at the Elks' Club.

**Drag Dutina** 657-1037



## PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

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

**Don Henry** at 656-5659.

## READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share. Mysteries and westerns are popular books; please don't bring *Time*, *National Geographic* or *Modern Maturity*.

**Bob Matthies**



## TRAVEL by Bill Sexton

**SEPTEMBER 17- 29, 2003**

**SIR 45th Anniversary**

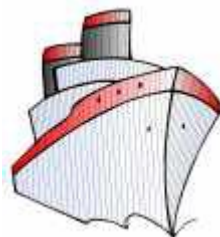
**Alaska 13-day Cruise.**

Board and return to San Francisco after a 13-day luxury cruise on the Holland America's ms Volendam. On board activities, food, entertainment, anniversary party in Vancouver. Carefree boarding, baggage handling, orientation.

See Alaska from the Inside Passage. Sitka, Glacier Bay,

Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Vancouver, Victoria and back to San Francisco. No airplanes! SIR and Golden Gate Tours have established a cabin-sharing program that will match singles who want to share a cabin. Members, affiliates and widows may participate. Cost: \$2495 to \$6055 per person. Contact Golden Gate Tours,

**1-925-798-3000**, for more details.



# SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN SIR DAVE MARYMEE REPORTS

## CALLING OR SENDING A CARD COULD BE THIS DAY'S BEST DEED

**TONY ALEXANDER** says he is doing the "same old thing." His wife, Emily, seems to have recovered from previous hospitalization. Tony sends greeting to friends at SIR.

**ED CAMPBELL's** daughter, Margaret, reports Ed is recovering from a stroke but has memory loss requiring supervision by family members. Ed is presently residing with his son, Mike, in the Sacramento area. Hope you get well soon Ed.

**FRED CUTTER's** wife, Nancy reports Fred had colon surgery in January and is presently undergoing chemotherapy. We wish the very best and a full recovery to Fred.

**BOB DEBALEK** says he is doing ok undergoing dialysis three times weekly. Bob's hobby is making wind chimes that are quite melodious, sounding like a music box. Bob misses his pal Ed Campbell

**JOSEPH FARIA's** wife, Clara, says he is making good progress recovering from a pedestrian/auto accident. Joe is walking (using a walker) without the cast on his broken right leg. He is anxious to start attending SIR luncheons. Glad to hear you are doing well, Joe.

**RAY JARVIS** says he is doing the "same old thing." He depends on a motorized wheel chair to get around. Ray likes to read, bring a book or two and stop in and see him at the Fremont Retirement Inn on Hasting.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON** is reported to have suffered a stroke and is hospitalized at Kaiser hospital in Hayward. We hope for a speedy recovery for Bill and wish him the best.

**STUART LANE**, Pathfinder Editor, is convalescing at home recovering from right shoulder surgery. He has a newer van replacing the one that was crushed by a falling tree. AAA insurance finally came through, enabling the Lanes to pay for the replacement van, which is quite useful. A turn of the key in the back door lock causes the sliding doors to open and makes the chair lift accessible. Glad you now have wheels Stuart, we do miss you at the luncheons and at Cybergeezer meetings. Continue to get well. Later this year the Lanes are planning to move to a new home in Elk Grove where they will be near their son.

**BEN SMITH** says he is doing ok and looks forward to attending SIR luncheons soon. We will be happy to see you, Ben.

**CHARLIE SWANSON**, SIR Assistant Sunshine Chairman is taking it easy. He is diabetic suffering from anginal pain. Charlie attended the February luncheon and later entered Kaiser Hospital for further tests he is waiting for the cardiologists report. We hope all goes well for you, Charlie.

**BOB WALTER** is having cataract surgery for one eye.

**JACK WEBB** says he and his wife, Lisa, are please to be well settled in their newly repaired home, that had been damaged by fire. Jack enjoys attending SIR luncheons.



### *In Memoriam*

### 30th SACRAMENTO JAZZ JUBILEE 2003

SIR Day at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee is Friday, May 23, 2003 at the Cal Expo. For the 16th year they are offering all SIR members the \$38 all day admission the opening day for \$19. A \$92 four-day all events admission badge can be obtained for \$78.20, a 15% discount.



For further information call **HAL NEEDHAM**, Jazz Jubilee Special Projects at (916) 315-8526 or email him at <jonhalneed@aol.com>.

## ANTHONY B. COSOLA

Anthony Cosola of Fremont died February 19 at age 79. He was a member of SIR Branch 59 since 1997.

His wife Patricia; his children Anthony Cosola Jr., J. Christopher Cosola, Carl Cosola, Michael Cosola, Theresa August, Patrick Cosola, and Mary Cosola; and 8 grandchildren survive him. His first wife, Naomi, passed away in 1983.

He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War, retiring in 1963 with the rank of Lt. Col. after 20 years of service. Highlights of his military career include the last and secret bombing run over Japan, after the atomic bombs were dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He was the navigator for the mission, which is chronicled in the recent book, The Last Mission. That mission is also subject of an upcoming documentary on the History Channel.

In February 1957, he received an official commendation for organizing and directing the search and rescue operation of a crashed C-124 aircraft near Kimpo, Korea. He received the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in March 1963 for his work in the Air Force's Office of Special Investigation.

After his retirement from the Air Force, he enjoyed a 25-year career as an investigator with the U.S. Department Labor. He was an investigator on the Colonial Pipe Line Co. fraud and extortion case in Newark, NJ, that resulted in the indictments of a former mayor of Newark, NJ, the city council president, and the president of the Operating Engineers Union Local 825 in 1967.

In his later years, he volunteered with a Fremont adult literacy program, taught safe-driving classes to senior citizens in Fremont through AARP's 55 Alive Program, worked as a management-training consultant for NUMMI in Fremont, sat on the Fremont Police Oral Board for police officer candidates, and was active in Fremont politics.

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March 30, 2003.

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