



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Twenty-Eighth Year

April 2003

Bulletin No. 4

If you are **not** coming or
If you are bringing a guest or visitor

Please Call before Monday April 14th

Fred Gotthardt - 797-4592

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Arnold Mozzetti - 797-2127



NEXT MEETING - APRIL 17, 2003

WORDS TO LIVE BY

By Big Sir Don Henry

At our December ladies day luncheon Sir Rick Arenas approached me to tell me that he appreciated the great variety of speakers I had provided for the year. I was just trying to do a job, but I can't tell you how pleased I was at Rick's compliment.



We have so many officers and chairmen doing really outstanding jobs. These volunteers mostly go without recognition or thanks from the membership. Some we see doing their jobs and others are behind the scene and not seen by the members.

It would be nice if you can recognize and thank those who serve us so well. From now on I'm going to introduce a few of these chairmen at each meeting so you can let them know they are appreciated in your own genuine way. Nobody is more genuine than a Sir.

Don

OUR SPEAKER

by Little Sir Tom Sherba

Fremont Fire Chief William McDonald will discuss the status and future of the Fremont Fire Department during the present budgetary crunch.



William "Willie" McDonald is a 45-year-old native of California, born as the seventh of eight children and raised in Fresno, California. McDonald received a Bachelors Degree in Biology from California State University, Fresno in 1984. He later moved to the SF Bay Area in 1993 and received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from California State University, Hayward in 1995. McDonald is also a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program through the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and has completed the State and Local Government Program for Senior Executives at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The Fresno City Fire Department hired McDonald in 1978 as a Firefighter and he was promoted through the ranks to the position of Deputy Chief in 1990 responsible for the Bureau of Training and Support Services until his departure in 1993.

Willie was appointed as the City of Foster City Fire Chief in 1993 and became the City of San Mateo Fire Chief in 1996. He joined the City of Fremont Fire Department in July 2002 as the City's fifth fire Chief following Chief Dan Lydon (a member of SIR Branch 59) who contributed over 40 years of dedicated service to the community. McDonald is a member of the California Fire Chiefs' Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the League of California Cities Public Safety Policy Committee, is a past president of the San Mateo County Fire Chiefs' Association and past president of the League of California Cities Fire Chiefs' Department.

Chief McDonald is married and has two young sons, Joshua (11) and Jordan (9) who are involved the Fremont Football League.

Menu

Barbecue Chicken
Corn
Potato Salad
Green Salad
Rolls and Butter
Cake for Dessert



Get your SIR Badges & Emblems - baseball caps with SIR logos are available for \$7.50

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Rollin Cunningham
Herb Epstein
George Hubach
Chris Lemler
Frank Thomas
Guy Whitener

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 February 2003 were approved with corrections.

The State Organization Region 6 Director requested our recommendation for Area 8 Governor. It was agreed that the name Robert Beam be submitted for Governor.

State Growth Committee Chairman Jim Wyatt, expressed concern over the loss in membership. He offered assistance to any branch desiring additional members. To help his planning it was requested that all branches be accurate in reporting their status on Big Sir Monthly Membership Report, Form 56.

Big Sir Don Henry requested comments on how to cope with the "No Show" members for each meeting. Sir Herb Epstein made a motion to charge those who do not call in to cancel their standing order for lunch. Sir Rollin Cunningham seconded the motion. Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that despite sketchy information, he is able to predict attendance within about five people. Following a great deal of discussion, Sir Les Addison volunteered to telephone those members who were unexcused. Sir Fred Stabell recommended that phone calls - one on one - to offenders would be more personal and effective. We should therefore accept Les Addison's offer to do this. Sir Herb Epstein withdrew his motion. It was suggested that the problem be highlighted in our newsletter, *The Pathfinder*, in order to inform our members.

Attendance Committee Chairman Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that a total of 225 attendees including seven guests are projected to be present at lunch today. He also reported that there would be a Cybergeezers meeting next Monday. Membership Chairman Sir Ed Bingle reported that three new members are expected today. Sir Art Winkley reports 27 birthdays this month, including 6 of our committee members, ranging in ages from 63 to 96 years.

Sir Stu Lane resigned as editor of *The Pathfinder* newsletter due to illness. His assistant, Sir John Skarpelos is now editor and also responsible for the roster. Sir Fred Gotthardt will be his assistant.

Sir Guy Whitener, Golf Chairman reported that 59 members of SIR entered the Manteca tournament to be held March 25th, an excellent participation.

Sir Fred Gotthardt reported for the Nominating Committee that the following candidates for officers are nominated for 2004: Big Sir - Tom Sherba, Little Sir - Howard Thompson, Secretary - Al Wydler, Assistant Secretary - Drag Dutina, Treasurer - Lou Bufkin, Assistant Treasurer - Fred Stabell. Nominated for Directors: Herb Epstein, Don Gillis, Don Henry, Chris Lemler, Frank Thomas, and Guy Whitener.

Sir Robert Beam, Area Governor, reports that Insurance for travel events, may limit coverage. "The number of guests participating in a SIR travel event shall not exceed the number of active members participating plus affiliated SIR members participating." (Rule 367.1)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am. Respectfully Submitted: Alfred Wydler, Secretary



Financial Report by Lou Bufkin

The month of February started with a balance of \$3171.37. Receipts totaled \$299.36. General fund disbursements totaled \$353.84 they included printing, postage, and rent. Ending balance was \$3116.89. This results in a decrease of \$54.48 from the end of January 2003.



Save May 15th Venice Revisited



Menu

Chicken Parmagiano
Pasta
Salad
Rolls & Butter
Dessert

Strolling Musicians
Exciting Raffle
Social Hour 11:00 A.M.
Luncheon at noon

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

See or call Nat Lord (797-1704) to reserve a Table for 10

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 April lunch.

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

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE & BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

New Members

Dino R. Mostardi
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Fremont, CA 94536-6815
510-793-5269
Email:
drmconsulting@pobox.com
Birthday: 7/27/30
Spouse: Connie
Badge No. 40
Sponsor: Robert Ralston
Call me: Dino

Robert J. Teglia
35224 Cornish Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-2413
510-797-9793
Email: bob101042@aol.com
Birthday: 10/10/42
Spouse: Phyllis
Badge No. 198
Sponsor: Marty Enriquez
Call me: Bob

Donald C. Wright
4429 Faulkner Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-5813
510-797-7326
Birthday: 3/18/30
Partner: Opal
Badge No. 236
Sponsor: Luciano Nausin
Call me: Don

Membership Report

Guests:
Louis Buserwini
Jim Bersey
Edward Pierick
James Siciliano
Gregge Vernon
Jerry Springer
Peter Sodini

Guest of:
Transfer from Br 26
n/a
Fred Gotthardt
Robert Anolin
Jack Havermeier
Nat Lord
Valentino Pianetta

Visitors:
Gerald Smith
Keith Pricer

Visiting From:
Barnum, MN
Penn Valley, CA

Membership Total (as of 03/20/2003)

281 - Active Members
16 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Robert Willard - Deceased
Manuel Garcia - Resigned

Attendance Report (For 3/20/2003)

Members	210
Guests	7
Visitors	2
Speaker	1
Total =	220

45 excused 24 unexcused

April Birthdays

William Robinson	Apr 21, 1914	89
Lee Mineau	Apr 09, 1920	83
Herbert Epstein	Apr 12, 1922	81
George Hubach	Apr 24, 1923	80
Edward Kurtz	Apr 24, 1926	77
Jack Knoth	Apr 07, 1927	76
Charles Capella	Apr 15, 1927	76
Thomas Tinker	Apr 13, 1929	74
Dareld Youngker	Apr 27, 1929	74
Guy Whitener	Apr 05, 1931	72
Ricardo Arenas	Apr 03, 1932	71
Jack Lindley	Apr 09, 1932	71
Richard Hocking	Apr 24, 1932	71
Kenneth Peterson	Apr 02, 1934	69
James Peters	Apr 09, 1934	69
James Duffy	Apr 25, 1935	68
Robert Desch	Apr 20, 1937	66
Les Gora	Apr 05, 1940	63
Theodore Bresler	Apr 30, 1942	61



Are you receiving the Newsletter?

We mail out *The Pathfinder* to about 203 of our members, the remainder (about 94) receive the newsletter by Email. We mail an additional 4 copies to State designated individuals. Those of you receiving it by Email save the Branch about \$60 per month.

If you fail to receive the newsletter you can download it from the SIR website - the most recent issue is posted at

<http://sirinc.org/59news.htm>. Even if you don't have a computer you can probably get your granddaughter or grandson to download it for you. If you are really brave you can go to the library and check it out for free on one of their computers.

If you are having problems in receiving the newsletter let your editor, **John Skarpelos**, know about it by emailing him at <jms@mediaart.com> or phone him at 656-6587.

How Can You Help?

Over the past two years we have had from 20 to 46 members fail to call in each month to let the Attendance folks know that they were going to be absent. Our attendance chairman generally has been skillful in predicting the attendance +/- five attendees. Some of the folks on the Executive Board would like to get this a little closer. They have considered charging members for unexcused absences. It was suggested that the delinquent members names be published in *The Pathfinder*, perhaps to shame them into behaving. Neither of these proposals went over big at the last Executive Board meeting.

We ended up that big, mild mannered **Sir Les Addison** volunteered to call the delinquent members to find out why they missed the meeting and encourage them to call in the future. Les realizes that calling 20 to 46 members will be a real chore. He is considering setting up a "phone tree" with some other members helping him. If you think you would like to help him, call **Sir Les at 656-7048** and let him know that you are available.

If any of you have some suggestions, call **Big Sir Don Henry (656-5659)** and let him know how you feel about the problem. If you want to show up at the next board meeting, all would like to hear your ideas.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Frank Cordova	182	530
Al Costa	181	497
Rollin Cunningham	179	480
Dave Dunlap	152	430
Ray Erickson	194	498
Ray Faria	187	468
Don Henry	189	554
Roy Johnson	201	548
Nat Lord	207	535
Bob Snodgrass	130	388
Frank Thomas	145	409
Carl Tolle	208	514
Art Winkley	226	552

You are welcome to join our group at Mowry lanes at 1:00PM on Mondays.

Future tournaments will be held at Livermore, Clayton Valley and Reno, according to Assistant Chairman, Rollin Cunningham.



For more information call **Dave Dunlap** at 657-2603.

THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Monday, April 21st at 2 PM. at Fremont Main Library. No meeting in May.

Beginners and seasoned addicts are welcome to share Internet experiences, misinformation, frustrations, and gossip.

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



BRIDGE GROUPS

We have three bridge groups: Two of them are evening two table groups and each meets monthly. The third group is for any member who wants to show up after lunch here at the Elks' Club. One couple is needed to complete formation of a fourth two table bridge group. Call Drag Dutina for information.



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.

GOLF NOTES by Guy Whitener

TOURNAMENT

The Area 8 qualifying tournament will be played at Alameda Golf Course (Chuck Corica Golf Complex) on May 8th. The total cost is \$41.00 including a mandatory \$3.00 fee for the State Golf Committee. This covers the green fee, golf cart, range balls, and lunch. Anything on the menu can be ordered except the steak sandwich. The first tee time is at 8:00 a.m. on the Clark Course.



Make checks payable to **SIR Branch 59** and send checks to **Guy Whitener**, 35441 Blackburn Dr., Newark, CA 94560. The deadline is April 23rd.

WINNERS

The following Branch 59 golfers won money at the Manteca Golf Tournament on March 25th.

- Flight 1 1st place - Walt Oden, \$38.00
- 4th place - Dave Tanner, \$12.00
- Flight 2 1st place - Dennis Rudy, \$38.00
- 2nd place - Forrest Lusher, \$27.00
- 3rd place - Bill Leake, \$19.00
- 4th place - Tom Sherba, \$12.00

BRENTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Dick Paynter says that he can schedule a tournament with 16 players at Brentwood. The date selected is May 19th at 11AM. Please let **Guy Whitener** (793-5468) know if you have an interest at Brentwood on that date. Cost is \$40.00 for fee and cart.

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



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

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN SIR DAVE MARYMEE REPORTS

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

TONY ALEXANDER says he is "holding his own." Tony faced open-heart surgery in March. He has two or three blockages of heart blood vessels. We wish Tony the best for a full and speedy recovery.

ED CAMPBELL is temporarily residing in Sacramento under the care of his son Mike. Ed is recovering from a stroke, which affected his speech. Hope you get well soon, Ed.

FRED CUTTER's wife, Elaine, says Fred is doing better recovering from colon surgery followed by extensive chemotherapy. He faces six more months of chemotherapy. Fred is taking medication to, overcome nausea due to the chemotherapy. Hope you get to feeling better, Fred.

BOB DEBELAK says he is doing OK. Bob undergoes dialysis three times weekly.

JOSEPH FARIA is recovering satisfactorily from a pedestrian auto accident in which he suffered a broken right leg. Joe regrets having to give up bowling. We do hope your health continues to improve, Joe.

RAY JARVIS says he is feel feeling stronger. He depends upon his electrical mechanized wheel chair and his oral/audio telephone. Glad to find you are doing OK at Fremont Retirement Inn, Ray.

WILLIAM JOHNSON has been reported to have suffered a stroke. Further information as to his present condition does not seem to be available.

STUART LANE continues to have use of only his left arm. His right arm is immobilized due to right shoulder surgery. Stuart has an appointment on March 25 to determine if the right shoulder is healed enough to allow the use of his right arm. Stuart did make use of his special van, riding to an eye appointment to secure a new lens for his glasses. Hope you are able to recover use of your right arm soon Stuart. The Giants need an improved pitching staff this year.

HENRY PRESTON, former Pathfinder Sir, died in Stockton, March 9. He was 86. We extend our sympathy to the Preston family.

BEN SMITH says he is getting along OK. He is looking forward to attending Sir luncheons. See you there, Ben.

CHARLIE SWANSON, Asst. Sunshine Chairman, was scheduled for angioplasty, March 13 at Kaiser in San Francisco. After arriving it was determined that Charlie had a blockage that could not be remedied with angioplasty. Kaiser sent Charlie home and plan to treat his anginal pain through medication. Hope medication solves your problem, Charlie.

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.

An old lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat on tight, so that it would not blow off in the wind.

A gentleman approached her and said: "Pardon me, madam. I do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"

"Yes, I know," said the lady, "I need both hands to hold onto this hat."

"But, madam, you must know that your privates are exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest. The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!"



Robert G. Willard

Bob Willard died on Saturday March 1, 2003 at the age of 78. He was a member of Sons in Retirement (SIR) since 1999.

He married his teenage sweetheart nearly sixty years ago. The Willard's moved to Fremont in 1950 from their hometown of Stockton, CA. He retired from Ford Motor Company 20 years ago.

Bob served as a U.S. Army engineer with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a co-founder of the Commercial Bank of Fremont (now U.S. Bank). He served as the Chairman of the Fremont Dance Club.

His wife Stell survives Mr. Willard. They were not blessed with children of their own, but had 14 Godchildren.

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The next issue of the
Pathfinder will be in
June and the copy
deadline will be Friday,
May 30, 2003.

PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark*
1977 Karl Heine*
1978 Harry Cooper
1979 Kanneth 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*
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*(deceased)