



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Twenty-Eighth Year

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Bulletin No. 5

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

Please Call before Monday June 16th

Manuel Silva 793-2705

Arnold Mozzetti 797-2127

Fred Gotthardt is on vacation



NEXT MEETING - JUNE 19, 2003

WORDS TO LIVE BY by Big Sir Don Henry

As I read of all the state, county, and city cuts and shortages, salary and job cuts, etc., I'm so pleased that SIR is beholden to no government. None of our salaries are in jeopardy. In fact, I'm thinking about asking our board of directors to triple our salaries this year! Our programs are all intact, our speakers keep getting better and better. Thanks to Little Sir Tom Sherba for all his efforts. And thanks for all the recommendations from you members.



We are a pretty unique outfit who provide for our own recreation, entertainment, education, and friendships without asking any assistance from government. I am grateful to the Elks for allowing us to rent space for 3-½ hours a month. I wish more of you would take advantage of SIR activities. I really enjoy our bowling, looking forward to SIR baseball games, and hope to get back to walking soon. Also, some of our trips look pretty interesting. I am really proud of SIR Branch 59 and really pleased to be your Big Sir for 2003.

Don

Menu

Salisbury Steak
Mixed Vegetables
Mashed Potatoes
Green Salad
Rolls and Butter
Cake for Dessert



OUR SPEAKER by Little Sir Tom Sherba

Burl Toler, a distinguished NFL Official of twenty-five years, will give an overview of the transition of the NFL from when he officiated to the present day. Burl will also describe some of his personal experiences with the players and coaches in the league.

He came to California from his home in Tennessee and attended City College of San Francisco. After completing the 1949 season, he was selected as a Junior College All-American.

University of San Francisco (USF) offered Burl a full athletic scholarship where he would play linebacker and center for the Dons. During his two years at USF Burl did a phenomenal job and was drafted after his junior year by the Cleveland Browns of the NFL. In 1951, which was Burl's senior year, the University of San Francisco Dons went undefeated and untied, received national recognition and would send nine players to the NFL the following season. The best player on the team, by consensus of his teammates, was Burl Toler. Among the many accolades Burl received was being selected to play for the College All-Stars against the NFL pros the following summer at Soldier Field in Chicago. A knee injury in this game dashed his chances at a professional football career.

Upon returning to USF in 1963, Burl received his teaching credential, and in 1966 received his Masters Degree. He pursued his career in education as a teacher, principal and eventually a superintendent.

In 1965 Burl Toler became the first African American official in the National Football League and would hold this position for the next twenty-five years. During his career in the NFL Burl worked over 500 games, which included Division Playoffs, Championships and three Super Bowls including Super Bowl I. Since 1991 Burl has served as an evaluator and recruiter of referees for the NFL in the western region of the United States.

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

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(510) 657-1037

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(510) 657-7392

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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 five Directors to be present. Minutes of March 2003 were approved with corrections.

New Form 56 (Big Sir monthly membership report to Area Governor) and other updated Forms were received from the Assistant Supply Manager, Sir Courtney Borrecco. Sir Fred Gotthardt, Attendance Chairman has prepared the membership form for the Big Sir's use.

Sir Les Addison reported that he had contacted 22 of the twenty-three members who were not excused from the previous luncheon. Thirteen promised to attend today, four will not be able to make it, one member resigned, 3 members went inactive, one is having a knee operation, and he couldn't get through to one. Big Sir Don Henry complimented Les Addison for his efforts.

Attendance Committee Chairman Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that 215 are expected to attend today including guests and speaker. Fifty-nine called in to be excused, the largest number in the last two years. There will be a Cybergazers meeting next Monday.

Membership Chairman Sir Ed Bingle reports that we have 8 new members including two returning from inactive status and one transferring from Branch 26. Two members resigned. Three members transferred to inactive status.

Assistant Birthday Chairman Sir Roger Aubin reports there are 19 members celebrating birthdays today. Fifteen including two board members and one committee chairman will be present.

Baseball Chairman Nat Lord reported that he has sixteen Giant tickets on hand. Nine are signed up for the Oakland-Braves game.

Sir Bob Benya reported that 100 tickets of the 240 planned for the Sweethearts Italian Lunch have been sold. Tickets will be on sale during the meeting, and promises that there will be plenty of food and entertainment.

Area Governor Bob Beam congratulated Branch 59 on the proper use of Form 56, indicating that most other branches are having trouble. Compliments to Fred Gotthardt and John Skarpelos for work they have done on this.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am. Respectfully Submitted Alfred Wydler, Secretary.



Financial Report by Lou Bufkin

The month of March started with a checkbook balance of \$3116.89. General fund receipts totaled \$413.68. General fund disbursements totaled \$241.77 they included printing, postage, and rent. This results in an increase of \$171.91 from the end of February 2003. Ending checkbook balance was \$3469.80.

Carson Valley Tour

July 22-23, 2003

Includes Deluxe Motor coach, Luggage Handling, One Night Accommodations at the Carson Valley Inn in Nevada and stops at three Area Casinos. Casino bonus is over \$25 value (\$12 Cash, \$10 Script and \$5 food credit). Charge is \$79 per person, double occupancy - \$28 single supplement.

Tour begins and ends in Hayward. Contact Phillip Castillo, SIR Branch 26 at (510) 887-3144 before the June 30th deadline.

Slate of candidates 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
Guy Whitener

As the crowded elevator descended, Mrs. Sherba became increasingly furious with her husband, who was delighted to be pressed against a gorgeous blonde.

As the elevator stopped at the main floor, the blonde suddenly whirled, slapped Mr. Sherba, and said, "That will teach you to pinch!"

*Bewildered, Mr. Sherba was halfway to the parking lot with his wife when he choked, "I... I... didn't pinch that girl."
"Of course you didn't," said his wife, consolingly. "I did."*

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

New Members

Robert A. Armstrong

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Fremont, CA 94536-4034
510-791-1633
Email: rarmst8370@attbi.com
Birthday: 8/9/1942
Spouse: Joyce
Badge No. 217
Sponsor: Robert Edwards
Call me: Bob

Louis J. Buserwini

2492 Lakeview Drive
San Leandro, CA 94577-6311
510-357-9863
Birthday: 9/28/1930
Badge No. 272
Sponsor: Transfer from Br 26
Call me: Buzzy

Ernie L. Korte

5624 Impatiens Common
Fremont, CA 94538-5227
510-657-9302
Birthday: 4/17/1925
Badge No. 210

Sponsor: Frank Birge

Call me: Ernie

Edward G. Pierick

40560 La Purissima Way
Fremont, CA 94539-3639
510-657-2202

Email: egpierick@aol.com

Birthday: 1/19/1922

Spouse: Mary Ann

Badge No. 287

Sponsor: Fred Gotthardt

Call me: Ed

James Siciliano

1513 Valdez Way
Fremont, CA 94539-3694
510-656-7981

Email: jimutz@progidy.net

Birthday: 11/8/1930

Spouse: Ann

Badge No. 288

Sponsor: Robert Anolin

Call me: Jim

Peter Sodini

38139 Blacow Road
Fremont, CA 94536-7111
510-797-9550

Birthday: 3/6/1927

Spouse: Tosca

Badge No. 290

Sponsor: Tino Piannette

Call me: Peter

Membership Report

Guests:

Arthur Slauer
Jesse Ray
Noboru Ono

Guest of:

Tom Sherba
Les Addison
Les Addison

Visitors:

None

Visiting From:

Membership Total

(as of 04/17/2003)

284 - Active Members

17 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Edward Baldini – To Active Status
Nathan Di Franco – Resigned
Joseph Faria – To Inactive Status
William Johnson – To Inactive Status
Celestine Marks – To Inactive Status
Warren Rogers – Resigned (Moved)
Gregge Vernon – To Active Status

Attendance Report

(For 4/17/2003)

Members	206
Guests	3
Visitors	0
Speaker + Asst	2
Total =	211

58 excused 17 unexcused

SIR 45th Anniversary Alaska Cruise

September 17 - 29, 2003

Cabins are still available for the 13-day cruise to Alaska. There is no airport hassle. Board the luxury cruise and return to San Francisco 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 \$5495 per person. Call Golden Gate Tours, **1-800-874-4345**, for more details.

May Birthdays

Edmund Bingle	May 15, 1916	87
Carmen Vendetti	May 2, 1918	85
John Roberts	May 29, 1918	85
David Marymee	May 18, 1920	83
Richard Marriott	May 8, 1923	80
Charles Wilkins	May 8, 1924	79
Edward Frasier	May 8, 1924	79
Roy Duarte	May 29, 1924	79
John Rice	May 10, 1925	78
Robert Beam	May 15, 1925	78
Dragomir Dutina	May 26, 1925	78
Alfred Wydler	May 30, 1925	78
Fred Anderson	May 3, 1927	76
Stanley Paris	May 26, 1927	76
Leo Hinkel	May 14, 1929	74
Donald Henry	May 29, 1929	74
Joseph Videtich	May 14, 1930	73
William Wessells	May 22, 1931	72
George Pagan	May 5, 1932	71
Duane Moran	May 19, 1932	71
Donald Barstow	May 6, 1938	65
Gerald Rodrigues	May 7, 1939	64
Richard Holley	May 25, 1939	64

June Birthdays

Niels Nielsen	June 25, 1914	89
Mac Currie	June 15, 1916	87
Oliver Knick	June 19, 1916	87
Celestine Marks	June 10, 1918	85
Robert Klindt	June 11, 1921	82
Donald Schipper	June 15, 1922	81
Richard Maddux	June 1, 1924	79
Alan Woodhill	June 16, 1924	79
Robert Boucher	June 22, 1924	79
Walter Fasolis	June 9, 1925	78
David Minor	June 1, 1927	76
Louis Bufkin	June 21, 1927	76
Stuart Lane	June 24, 1927	76
Gail Shipp	June 11, 1929	74
Darrell Lafond	June 11, 1929	74
Phil Utic	June 24, 1929	74
Carl Swanson	June 13, 1930	73
William Pereira	June 27, 1931	72
Marty Enriquez	June 10, 1932	71
George Urquhart	June 19, 1932	71
Earl Lenahan	June 5, 1933	70
Tony Zeuli	June 11, 1933	70
William Briscoe	June 15, 1933	70
John Clark	June 10, 1937	66
Alan Kenney	June 11, 1937	66
Kenneth Windholz	June 15, 1947	56

Happy Birthday

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Dave Dunlap

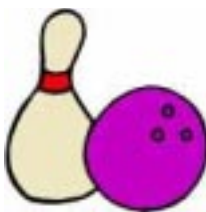
NAME	Scores for May	
	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Gary Bennett	188	479
Frank Cordova	246	669
Al Costello	161	459
Rollin Cunningham	172	483
Dave Dunlap	173	467
Ray Erickson	200	508
Ray Faria	176	447
Don Henry	221	572
Roy Johnson	168	480
Nat Lord	178	538
Bob Snodgrass	181	497
Frank Thomas	146	410
Carl Tolle	206	499
Art Winkley	199	482

We meet on Mondays at Mowry Lanes at 1:00 P.M. and bowl three games. On out of town tournament days we meet for Breakfast. We then can car pool to the tournament.

There are three tournaments scheduled for June at Stockton, Paradise, and Pinole.

We would like for you to join our group and get in on the fun.

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



THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Monday, June 23rd at 2 PM. at Fremont Main Library.

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

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



BRIDGE GROUPS

We have four bridge groups: Three of them are evening two table groups and each meets monthly. The fourth 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 797-5638



If at first you don't succeed, redefine success
Stu Lane

GOLF NOTES

by Guy Whitener

WINNER

At the Las Vegas Scramble in April, Bill Leake won \$120.00 as the lone representative from Branch 59.

STATE QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

This was played at Alameda in May. I have not been notified how many golfers from Area 8 will advance to Micke Grove on August 27th.

AREA SCRAMBLE

Area 8 will have a tournament early in July to determine the team to advance to the State finals on August 20th at Spanos Park in Stockton.

Put your teams together and advise me at the June meeting the A, B, C, and D players. If only 4 or 5 teams participate I will make reservations at Sunol rather than having to pay for a tournament. June indexes will be used for the July tournament.

Any questions call **Guy Whitener** 793-5468



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.

Nat Lord 797-1704

In Memoriam

Raymond C. Crosby

Ray Crosby died on Friday May 2, 2003 at the age of 89. Ray joined Branch 59 many years ago and was Big Sir in 1985. He resigned in 1997 when he moved to Clayton.

He was born December 10, 1913 in Missouri and was raised in Yuba City. While serving with the Army during World War II he met his wife-to-be Tullia, in Naples.

In addition to his wife, Tullia, to whom he was married 58 years, daughter Kim Grant of Concord, son Doyle Crosby of Marin, sister Doris of Los Angeles and four grandchildren survive Mr. Crosby.

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN SIR DAVE MARYMEE REPORTS

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

TONY ALEXANDER'S wife, Emily, reports Tony is recovering from triple-bypass surgery at Washington Hospital. He had the surgery March 19 and spent over a month and a half in the Cardiac Care Unit at the hospital. He is presently in regular care in the hospital, but has had to contend with being fed through a tube passing down his throat. The tube has been removed so he is more comfortable. Tony has had a long siege in recovering from the heart surgery. We wish Tony the best and hope for a full recovery the for 90-year-old.

ED CAMPBELL'S son, Robert reports Ed is still in Sacramento recovering from a stroke, temporarily residing with his son Mike. Robert says Ed's condition has improved so as to enable him to converse on the telephone. Hope to see Ed able to return to his home in Fremont soon.

FRED CUTTER is recovering from colon surgery. He is undergoing a lengthy period of chemotherapy. We are pulling for your Fred, good luck.

BOB DEBALEK says he takes one day at a time. Bob has dialysis three times weekly. He misses his friend Ed Campbell.

JOSEPH FARIA'S wife, Clara, reports Joseph is doing pretty good recovering from a broken right leg due to an accident. Exercising does tire him. Continue to improve, Joe, we are pulling for you.

RAY JARVIS says he is about the same. He has had a couple of stays in Washington Hospital due to fluid on his lungs. Stop in and see Ray at the Fremont Retirement Inn on Hastings, Ray will be glad to see you.

WILLIAM JOHNSON is in convalescent care recovering from a stroke. We do wish he continues to improve to make a full recovery.

STUART LANE is slowly regaining use of his right arm and shoulder, recovering from an operation to repair his right shoulder. Stuart rode his newly programmed wheel chair to the April luncheon. SIR board members and Committee chairmen were happy to see Stu as was indicated by a round of applause for his effort in making a lengthy recovery and in appreciation for his work as former editor of the Pathfinder. Glad you are recovering, Stuart, and we at SIR will miss you when you move to Elk Grove this summer. (Possibly in June)

FLOYD MILLERS'S wife Violet reports Floyd had surgery for left knee replacement in early April. After convalescing at Sunbridge, Floyd returned home on May 3 and will commence therapy May 11. We wish Floyd continued success and a full recovery.

WES SCHILLING and his wife, Marilyn, have had their hands full caring for their mothers. Both mothers required surgery, one a hip replacement due to a fall and the other mother had to have an operation on both feet. Both mothers required extensive hospitalization due to infections on recovery. Wes and Marilyn have had to close their mothers' apartments in preparation for their mothers entering assisted living care facilities. We hope both parents recover and enjoy their new living quarters.

BEN SMITH says he missed the April luncheon due to a buildup of his prosthesis and his amputated right leg. Hope you recover so as to get around as well as can be expected, Ben. See you at the luncheons.

CHARLIE SWANSON, SIR Assistant Sunshine Chairman is being treated for a heart condition. His beta-blocker medication has been increased to alleviate his anginal chest pain. Charlie still contends with a slow pulse and heartbeat. Hope your condition improves, Charlie.

HUGH TWOMEY'S mother, Julia, died April 17 at the age of 91 in San Mateo. We extend our sympathy to Hugh and his family.

In Memoriam

William "Bill" Shuey

Bill Shuey died on Wednesday May 7, 2003 at the age of 82. He was a member of Sons in Retirement (SIR) since January 2002.

Born in Sterling, CO on Christmas Day 1920. William joined the U.S. Navy in 1939. At the beginning of World War II, he was stationed on the battleship U.S.S. Idaho conducting Lend-Lease operations in the North Atlantic. In 1942 he married Kathleen Hicks in Oakland, CA. They remained married for 61 years until his death. From 1943 until 1945, he was stationed on the battleship U.S.S. Iowa, and was on board in Tokyo Bay during the formal surrender of Japan. Following the war, he returned to Iowa, living in Perry. In 1952 he moved his family to California where he continued his Naval service in the Naval Reserve. He retired from the Navy Reserve in 1966 at the rank of Chief Petty Officer. In 1955, he became an Alameda County Deputy Sheriff and in 1958 he joined the Fremont Police Department as one of the city's original 25 police officers. He worked 22 years for the Fremont Police Department and retired in 1980 at the rank of sergeant.

His wife Kay, son Craig and daughter-in-law Carol of Fremont, grandson Scott and his wife Kris of DeKalb, IL, granddaughter Kelly of Fremont, sister Joan Wolf of Fort Pierce, FL, and several nieces and a nephew survive him.

Paul A. Croft

Paul Croft, 44-year resident of Fremont, died at home on Friday, May 23, 2003 at the age of 76. He joined Sons in Retirement (SIR) in March of 1996.

Paul was born in South Dakota and grew up in Iowa. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and started his family shortly after in Los Angeles. Paul started working for Lockheed in Burbank on the Constellation Airplane Project and later transferred to the Lockheed Missile and Space Company to work on the Fleet Ballistic Missile Program. He contributed to the Polaris, Poseidon, Trident and the Black Hole Programs. After 31 years at Lockheed, Paul retired. During his retirement he loved to travel, care for and help his family.

His wife, Rita Croft of Fremont, survives Paul. He was a loving father and grandfather to Pamela and her husband, Michael Malak of Northridge, CA and their children, Kyle, Andrew and Eamon, daughter, Leslie and husband, Dan Mahoney of Palo Alto and their children, Sean and Brian, daughter, Michele and her husband, Jim Sullivan of Fremont and their children, Patrick, Craig and Monica. Son, Alan Kirk Croft, preceded him in death. Brothers, John Croft of Florida, Phillip Croft and David Croft of Iowa, also survive him.

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and the copy
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1976 Peter Clark*
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