



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Twenty-Eighth Year

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

Please Call before Monday July 14th

Fred Gotthardt - 797-4592

Manuel Silva - 793-2705

Arnold Mozzetti - 797-2127



NEXT MEETING - JULY 17, 2003

Words to Live By by Big Sir Don Henry

Did you know??? That Branch #59 is a spin-off from Branch #26 which used to be in San Leandro? There were three meetings in March 1976 in which Area 8 Governor and Hesperian Branch 26 Big Sir explained the steps to becoming a Branch. Twenty (20), 27, and 31 men attended these meetings. The first officers were announced - Big Sir Peter Clark, Little Sir Karl Heine, Secretary Guido Milano, Treasurer Harry (Pat) O'Brien, two directors Gordon Cotton, Ramon Partier and two chairmen (Attendance and Greeter). As of last March we were 27 years old.



Our Historian, Drag Dutina, writes up a brief history of each year, which he archives along with minutes and newsletters. A few years ago, when I was secretary, I borrowed those files and summarized what I thought pertinent. I would like to share some of it with you over the next few issues.

We haven't always met at the Elks Lodge. In future issues I'll list some of the addresses to see if you can identify them.

Don

Menu - July BBQ
St. Louis Ribs & Smoked Chicken
Homemade Potato Salad
Fresh Veggie mix - Chefs choice
Ranch Beans
Corn Bread w/ Butter & Honey
Strawberry Short Cake



OUR SPEAKER

By Little Sir Tom Sherba

Part of the specialization of specific units to combat crime in Fremont includes the development of a **Crime Scene Investigations (CSI) Unit**. The CSI unit is responsible for documenting, collecting and processing evidence at all serious crime scenes.

Officer Gary Cooper is a member of the CSI team and has been with the police department for 23 years. Gary grew up in Fremont and graduated from Mission San Jose High School in 1977. He joined the Fremont Police Explorer Post while in High School and quickly decided a career in Law Enforcement was for him. He served in the US Army Military Police Corps for three years and was stationed in Vicenza Italy. Gary was hired by the Fremont Police Department in 1981 and attended the Oakland Police Academy, graduating as class Valedictorian. He was assigned the Patrol Division working the midnight shift for the next 9 years. Gary also worked on a Drunk Driving Enforcement Team in the mid 80's. He tested for a Detective position and was assigned to the Investigations Unit in 1989 as a Financial Crimes Investigator. In 1995 he received the Financial Crimes Investigator of the Year award for solving a 1.6 million dollar credit card fraud ring. Gary returned to the Patrol Division in 1995 and became a crime scene investigator in 2000. As a member of the CSI, Gary has attended numerous schools to learn some of the science and methodology of crime scene investigations. Some of the schools include death investigations, photography, blood spatter analysis, print processing, trace evidence, anthropology and DNA collection. In his off duty time, Gary enjoys fly-fishing, boating and bowling and recently took a bronze medal in bowling at the 2003 Police Olympics.

Gary will be giving an overview of the Police Department's CSI unit and some of the capabilities the police department has to investigate crime scenes.

Get your SIR Badges & Emblems - baseball caps with SIR logos are available for \$8.50-\$11.50

Br 59 Officers

Big Sir

Don Henry
(510) 656-5659

Little Sir

Tom Sherba
(510) 793-3217

Secretary

Al Wydler
(510) 278-4380

Asst. Secretary

Drag Dutina
(510) 657-1037

Treasurer

Louis Bufkin
(510) 651-8664

Asst. Treasurer

Fred Stabell
(510) 657-7392

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

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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.

Edited Excerpts from the Minutes of Sir Al Wydler

Sir Nat Lord called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM substituting for Big Sir Don Henry who was in the hospital for an angiogram. Sir Nat was requested to do so by Little Sir Tom Sherba. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call indicated the absence of Big Sir Don Henry and Sir Rollin Cunningham who was at a State Golf Tournament.

Correspondence from State president Jim Faverman announced that a new Branch No.13 was created in Lincoln, CA just north of Roseville. The new Big Sir Bob Crum is former past Big Sir (PBS) of Branch 7 and Sir Ed Hendryk (PBS Branch 105) is the new Little Sir. Also, because of the large size of Region 4, it was decided to divide Region 4 and create Region 10. Region 4 now includes Areas 17, 18, and 32. Region 10 includes Areas 6, 13, and 25. The new Region 10 Director is former Governor Arthur Pufford.

Sir Jim also announced that there would be a new Baseball SIR day in Sacramento. The game is on August 5, 2003 and starts at 7:05 PM when the Sacramento River Cats play the Tacoma Rainiers at Raley Field.

Attendance Chairman Sir Fred Gotthardt projected that there would be 196 attending today's meeting. He also thanked Mal Silva for performing the job of Attendance Chairman during his vacation absence. He also announced that there would be a Cybergeez meeting next Monday as usual where we will introduce a new LCD pro-

jector at the meeting.

Membership Chairman Sir Ed Bingle reports that he is expecting three new members at today's meeting. He reported that one member is transferring to Branch 138.

Sir Nat Lord, Baseball Chairman reported that even though the A's lost to Atlanta, it was an enjoyable game. He is requesting those attending the San Francisco Giants versus Arizona game to meet at the BART station in Fremont to go as a group.

Bowling Chairman Sir Dave Dunlap reported that there were four prizewinners at the State tournament in Modesto. Future tournaments are scheduled at Sunol and Sacramento.

Birthday Chairman Sir Art Winkley informed us that the oldest May/June celebrant is 87. Five members of the board are also celebrating birthdays today.

Caps and Emblems Chairman Sir Bob Edwards is requesting information on any additional SIR related items we would be interested in him stocking.

Golf Chairman, Guy Whitener, reported a future tournament to be held at Monterey.

Sunshine Chairman Sir Dave Marymee sadly reported two deaths and several hospitalizations.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 AM. Respectfully Submitted, Alfred Wydler, Secretary.

Financial Report by Lou Bufkin

The month of April started with a checkbook balance of \$3469.80. General fund receipts totaled \$283.29. General fund disbursements totaled \$524.90 they included printing, postage, rent and State Board assessment of \$316.25 for the second quarter. Ending checkbook balance was \$3922.19. Major activity in May was the Sweetheart Luncheon. Expenses were \$2682.55 and income was \$3287.00 resulting in a net of \$604.45 for the general fund. Our ending May checkbook balance was \$3651.95.

Branch officers and Directors

Election at the July Luncheon meeting

Officer 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

You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.

Thanks are due to Nominating Committee Chairman Sir Art Lampert and members Sir Fred Gotthardt and Sir Les Addison for their efforts in providing this slate of nominees.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

New Members

Bob Delp

4399 Burke Way
Fremont, CA 94536-7310
510-797-9935
Email: bdelp@earthlink.net
Birthday: 12/7/40
Spouse: Jeanne
Badge No. 116
Sponsor: Bill Briscoe
Call me: Bob

Noboru Ono

2001 Waycross Road
Fremont, CA 94539-4667
510-656-6467
Birthday: 2/5/30
Spouse: Frances
Badge No. 292
Sponsor: Les Addison
Call me: Noboru

Arthur W. Slauer

2474 Ascot Way
Union City, CA 94587-1867
510-487-5506
Email: artslauer@aol.com
Birthday: 9/2/36
Spouse: Joyce
Badge No. 293
Sponsor: Tom Sherba
Call me: Art

Jerry L. Springer

219 D Street
Union City, CA 94587-2428
510-471-5731
Email: boyzing@yahoo.com
Birthday: 10/19/33
Spouse: Jo
Badge No. 289
Sponsor: Nat Lord
Call me: Jerry

Caps & Emblems Price List

Br 59 Cloth Caps	\$11.50
Mesh Caps	\$8.50
Cloth Caps	\$9.50
Bolo Ties	\$3.00
Rooster Pins	\$2.00
Small Pins	\$1.50
Patches	\$1.25
Decals	\$0.75

Membership Report

Guests:

Bon X. Dawson
Sam Mitchell

Guest of:

Jim Thurgate
John Clark

Visitors:

None

Visiting From:

Membership Total

(as of 06/19/2003)

282 - Active Members

17 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Stuart Lane – Resigned
Earl Lenahan - Resigned
James Peters – Transfer to Br 138
Paul Croft - Deceased
William Shuey - Deceased
Alan Woodhill - Deceased
Mac Currie - Address Change
2860 Country Drive Apt 303
Fremont, CA 94536-5383
510-713-8370
Dave Minor – Address Change
38686 Drexel Court
Fremont, CA 94536-6811
510-793-1994

Attendance Report

(For 4/17/2003)

Members	173
Guests	2
Visitors	0
Speaker + Asst	1
Total =	176

79 excused 28 unexcused



**Super Sir Art Winkley
is coming**

July Birthdays

Tony Alexander	July 29, 1912	91
Gordon Thym	July 1, 1923	80
William Miller	July 13, 1924	79
Nicola Ackel	July 26, 1924	79
Valentino Pianetta	July 14, 1925	78
Frank Thomas	July 21, 1925	78
Ben Smith	July 6, 1926	77
Lloyd Cowan	July 16, 1927	76
Jack Webb	July 19, 1927	76
Stanley Comstock	July 30, 1927	76
Fred Cutter	July 9, 1929	74
Wayne Halbert	July 10, 1930	73
Gordon MacLeod	July 12, 1930	73
Roger Aubin	July 25, 1930	73
Luciano Nausin	July 26, 1930	73
Dino Mostardi	July 27, 1930	73
Ronald Wiley	July 1, 1933	70
Gilbert Vegas	July 14, 1933	70
Ben Fernandez	July 2, 1934	69
Bobby Ben Snodgrass	July 11, 1938	65



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Do telemarketers making calls at dinnertime annoy you? You can register for the free government service intended to block most telemarketing calls. If you have access to the Internet you can do it by going to the following website: **www.donotcall.gov**. If you don't have access to the Internet you can register by calling the toll-free number **(888) 382-1222**.

DID YOU KNOW?

BFI, Fremont's garbage collecting company, offers reduced rates – half price to residents over 70 and free service to residents over eighty. To qualify for the rates, customers must provide proof of age, receive single-family residential service, be the head of a household, and have an account in their name. Residents living in apartments do not qualify for special rates. Any Questions? Call BFI at **(510) 657-3500**.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Gary Bennett,	185	533
Frank Cordova	243	657
Al Costa	190	496
Rollin Cunningham	178	465
Dave Dunlap	175	469
Ray Erickson	241	564
Ray Faria	194	514
Don Henry	222	614
Roy Johnson	161	442
Nat Lord	203	551
Bob Snodgrass	134	358
Frank Thomas	161	463
Carl Tolle	186	496
Art Winkley	175	451

The SIR State Bowling Tournament was held in Modesto at the Mc Henry bowl.

The team consisted of Sir Nat Lord, Sir Carl Tolle. Sir Frank Cordova and Big Sir Don Henry. They finished in first place. That's the way to go fellow bowlers.

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

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



GOLF NOTES

by Guy Whitener

WINNERS

The following golfers won money at the Reno Scramble in the first week of play: Ken Windholz, \$200; Bill Briscoe, \$110; Les Prestwood, \$85; Bob Ralston, \$65; Darryl Moore, \$45. I do not yet have the results for the second week.

QUALIFIERS

Area 8 has qualified 16 golfers to advance to Micke Grove on August 27th for the Division 4 Championship. The two winners in each of 7 flights will advance to the State Championship at Poppy Hills in October.



THANKS

A special thanks to the following golfers who call in tee times:

Jerry Desmond who is and has been our Monday caller for years.

Darryl Moore who has called in on Thursdays for the past few years and has now passed the torch to Tom Sherba (March), Dave Priego (April), Tom Sullivan (May), Jack Knoth (June), Bob Ralston (July), Les Prestwood (August), Ken Windholz (September).

Questions? – Want to volunteer? – Call **Bill Leake**, coordinator for scheduling tee timers 793-6561.

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

Blond Bowlers

Two bowling teams, one of all Blondes and one of all Brunettes, charter a double-decker bus for a weekend bowling tournament in Atlantic City.

The Brunette team rides in the bottom of the bus. The Blonde team rides on the top level.

The Brunette team down below is whooping it up having a great time, when one of them realizes she

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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



THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Monday, July 21st 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



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

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.

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.



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN SIR DAVE MARYMEE REPORTS

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

TONY ALEXANDER's wife, Emily, reports that he remains in Washington Hospital under cardiac care. Tony, a ninety-year old, had triple bypass heart surgery on March 19 and has been hospitalized since. He got some relief when the feeding tube was removed from his throat in early June. He sat up on the edge of his bed for the first time the next day. Tony is anxious to go home to watch his tomatoes grow. We hope you are homebound soon, Tony.

ED CAMPBELL's son, Billy, reports Ed continues recovery from a stroke in Sacramento. Ed is receiving care in an assisted care facility. We hope Ed will be able to return to his home in Fremont soon.

FRED CUTTER's wife, Nancy reports that Fred finished successful radiation treatment for colon cancer in June. Fred and his family will celebrate with a trip to Lake Tahoe. We are happy for you and your family, Fred.

BOB DEBALEK continues dialysis three times weekly; otherwise he feels he is doing OK.

JOSEPH FARIA's wife, Clara, reports Joseph visited the doctor in mid June and finds he is recuperating OK from auto/pedestrian accident, which damaged his right leg. Joe is expected to take it easy for a while.

RAY FARIA's son, Patrick, aged 40, died on June 9th from cancer. We at SIR extend our sympathy to Ray and his family.

RAY JARVIS has transferred to Sunbridge because of fluid buildup in his lungs and legs. Visit Ray at Sunbridge, he will be glad to see you.

DON HENRY, Big Sir, missed presiding at the June luncheon because he had a medical appointment at Kaiser for an angiogram. They placed two stents in one of his arteries and he was home the next day. His wife is making him take it easy for a week or so.

WILLIAM JOHNSON's family caregiver reports that he is doing well and hopes to return home in the by July. He is recovering from a stroke. We wish you the best, William

STUART LANE, former editor of the Pathfinder, and his wife Pat left Fremont June 13, moving to their new home in Elk Grove. We at SIR will miss Stu and Pat and wish them the best living in their new home.

CHARLES PINTO's wife, Margaret, reports that he is suffering from bone cancer and is at home under hospice care. Margaret is doing her best to encourage Charles during this trying time. We wish the best for them.

GEORGE RODRIGUES' wife, Florence, reports that George entered Kaiser emergency in Wednesday, June 11 with a diagnosis of Peumonia in his left lung. After treatment he returned home three days later to convalesce. George is one of our oldest members (90 years old). We hope he recovers fully.

WES SCHILLING and his wife, Marilyn, find their mothers are regaining strength recovering from recent operations. They are receiving extra attention and care at Fremont Health Care. We wish both ladies the best and hope their health continues to improve.

BEN SMITH is making progress with his prosthesis for his amputated right leg. Ben attended the June meeting, glad to see you there, Ben.

GEORGE URQUHART's wife, Linda, reports that he was in and out of Kaiser Hospital being treated with medication for heart problems. He is undergoing physical therapy and convalescent care at Fremont Health Care Center. We hope George's health improves soon so he can return home.

In Memoriam

Guy Alan Woodhill

Guy Alan Woodhill died Saturday, May 24, 2003 at the age of 78. He was a member of SIR Pathfinder Branch 59 since April of 1998.

Born June 1924 in San Francisco. He lived in Fremont for the last 37 years.

Alan was an executive for Cargill Salt for 40 years before his retirement. He was a founding member of the Newark Rotary Club, on the board for Ohlone College Foundation Group. Alan was an active member of Fremont Congregational Church and also spent many hours working with the Fremont YMCA. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, playing tennis and taking walks with his dog, Austin.

He was married to his wife Kathryn for 55 years. In addition to his wife he leaves behind three children, Anne Louis of San Ramon, Peggy Keck of San Diego and Lawrence Woodhill of Fremont. He had seven grandchildren and Great grandfather to four. His sister, Elise Smith and brother, Ron Woodhill both of San Diego, also survive him. Also survived by nieces and nephews.

Hogwild

Hogwild Custom Catering is the new caterer selected by the Elks Lodge. The folks running this enterprise are Phil Woodman, April Bibbins, Greg Fernandez and James Morgan. They also have a restaurant in Niles called the Plan B Grill & Ale House. You will taste their first meal for SIR at the July meeting.

Blond Bowlers Continued from page 4

doesn't hear anything from the Blondes upstairs. She decides to go up and investigate.

When the Brunette reaches the top, she finds all the Blondes frozen in fear, staring straight-ahead at the road, and clutching the seats in front of them with white knuckles.

She says, "What the heck's goin' on up here? We're havin' a grand time downstairs!" One of the Blondes from the second team looks up and says, "Yeah, but you've got a driver!"

PATHFINDER BRANCH NO. 59

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PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the
Pathfinder will be in
August and the copy
deadline will be Friday,
August 1, 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*
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2001 Bob Beam
2002 Rollin Cunningham

*(deceased)