



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Twenty-Eighth Year

September 2003

Bulletin No. 8

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

Please Call before Monday September 15th

Fred Gotthardt - 797-4592

Manuel Silva - 793-2705

Arnold Mozzetti - 797-2127



NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - September 18, 2003

Words to Live By by Big Sir Don Henry

More Branch 59 History – continued from last month...

December 1976 the first Branch 59 installation and Christmas party was held at Union Station. Apparently Hesperian Branch 26 loaned us \$100.00 to get started because in June 1977 the final payment of \$50.00 was made to close out the loan. August 1977 Branch 26 invited Branch 59 to their annual picnic at Marina Park in San Leandro. Membership for the Branch was reported at 133 at the 1977 Christmas/Installation party held at 711 Old Canyon Rd., Fremont.

January 1978 the first membership rosters were printed and available at the luncheon. Due to expanding membership the luncheon meeting was moved to Pasquinelli's Farm House in Newark. (Must not have had speakers considering the layout of the Farm House.) Sweetheart luncheon was at 711 Old Canyon Road clubhouse. In October 1978 the luncheon meeting moved to the Newark Pavilion for a buffet at \$4.00 per person.

To be continued—

I've been giving you brief notes on the history of Branch 59 for the last few months. This month we become a part of that history. We came to the Elks Lodge in 1988 because Newark Pavilion had increased rent. Now, in 2003, the Elks Lodge was quadrupling our rent to \$300 for 3½ hours, with promise of another raise shortly. So – back to Newark we go! To Swiss Park this time. Older (1935) and friendlier facilities with prices to our liking. I think you will like this historic change. A Big Big thank you to the committee that did the search: Rollin Cunningham, Art Shiffrar, and Vince Fernelius.

Don



See you at Swiss Park

This month we are changing our meeting location. The reasons are discussed in the Big Sir Don Henry's column on this page and in the Secretary Sir Al Wydler's meeting minutes on page 5.

Swiss park is located at 5911 Mowry Avenue in Newark (across from the Newpark Mall). Instructions on how to get there and information on new check-in procedures are shown on page 2.

The Newark Swiss Park has been in existence since the early 1930's. Manager Walter Ulrich has been very helpful in accomodating Branch 59. Carol Snyder, a Fremont native, is looking forward to serving the SIR group at the Swiss Park bar. Chef Doug Jalkson will be preparing our food. Some of us who have eaten there are looking forward to good meals at reasonable prices.

Sir Lou Bufkin and Sir Fred Stabell will be collecting \$11 for your lunch.

September Menu

BBQ Chicken

Rigatoni

Salad

Garlic Bread

Coffee and 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.

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

Branch 59 Officers

Big Sir

Don Henry
(510) 656-5659

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(510) 793-3217

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(510) 278-4380

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(510) 657-1037

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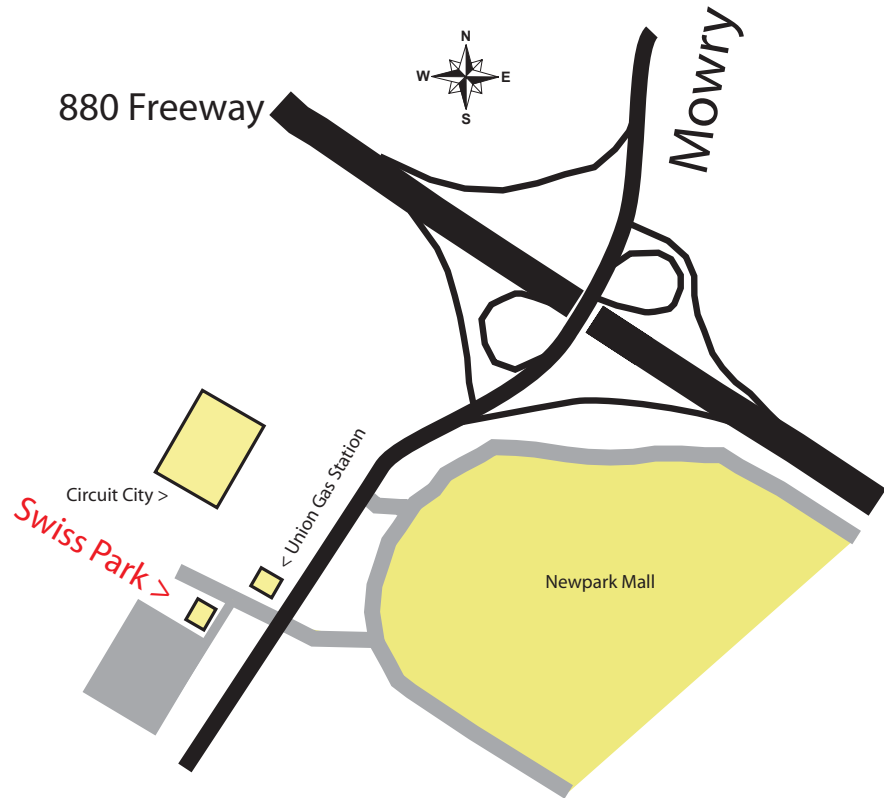
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Swiss Horns



Directions to Swiss Park



Driving south on the 880 freeway get off at the Mowry exit, turn right and continue in the right lane until the first signal where there is a Union 76 Gas Station. Turn right and then about 50 yards you will turn left into the Swiss Park entrance. Drive around in back where there is parking.

Driving north on the 880 freeway get off at the Mowry exit, turn left and continue until the second signal where there is a Union 76 Gas Station. Turn right and then about 50 yards you will turn left into the Swiss Park entrance. Drive around in back where there is parking.

Driving west on Mowry cross the freeway continue until the second signal where there is a Union 76 Gas Station. Turn right and then about after 50 yards, turn left into the Swiss Park entrance. Drive around back where there is parking.

Howdy! My Fellow Sirs

by Fred Gotthardt

Swiss Park is now our new meeting place. We have changed the way that we will hand out membership badges.

As you enter through the main entrance (shown in photo to the right) you will find the **Information Desk** located to your right. If you are having a "senior moment" and cannot remember your badge number, stop first at this desk to verify your number **before** getting into line to receive your badge. Also, at this desk, you can inform us if you are unable to make a future meeting, thereby requesting an excused absence. Other miscellaneous information will also be available.

Beyond the Information Desk you will see two more desks. If your badge number is from **1 thru 164**, go to the desk to your **right**. If your badge number is from **165 thru 299**, go to the desk to your **left**.

The Sirs handing out the badges **will not** have the ability to look up numbers and will refer you back to the Information Desk for verification.

It is my hope that the above system will allow you to receive your name badge in a timely fashion and with the least amount of confusion. Here's to enjoying the fellowship and libations that will be offered by SIR and Swiss Park.



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

New Members

James J. Fenlon
5008 Winsford Court
Newark, CA 94560-2029
510-794-5024
Email: fenlon@pacbell.net
Birthday: 7/15/1940
Badge No. 108
Sponsor: Robert Ralston
Call me: Jim

Robert J. McGrath
977 Northfield Drive
Hayward, CA 94544-6457
510-785-2783
Email:
krazziehorse@comcast.net
Birthday: 10/4/1929
Spouse: Jan
Badge No. 96
Sponsor: Guy Whitener
Call me: Bob

William B. Miles
5002 Mattos Court
Fremont, CA 94536-7170
510-713-8881
Birthday: 12/14/1927
Spouse: Bernice
Badge No. 103
Sponsor: Tom Sullivan
Call me: Bill

Allen S. Olsen
4515 Meyer Park Circle
Fremont, CA 94536-6749
510-794-4786
Email: alsamo@aol.com
Birthday: 5/17/1935
Spouse: Sally
Badge No. 126
Sponsor: Ken Reiley
Call me: Sam

Membership Report

Guests: Edwin Porreca
Kevin Rozzano
Jim Stoffel
Mile Whitefield

Guest of: Charles Wilkens
Lloyd Cowan
Robert Compton
Tony Bruno

Visitors: None

Guest of:

Membership Total

(as of 8/21/2003)

281 - Active Members
16 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Tony Alexander – Deceased 7/28/2003
Charles Pinto – Deceased 7/30/2003
Frank Smith – Transfer to Inactive
William Miller – Dropped for Cause
Joe Simonetti – Dropped for Cause

Attendance Report

(For 8/21/2003)

Members	198
Guests	4
Visitors	0
Speakers	2
Total =	204

57 excused 27 unexcused

September Birthdays

Joseph Faria	09/24/1913	90
Frank Hunkler	09/14/1914	89
Adrian Fuller	09/06/1916	87
Tom Dehart	09/23/1916	87
Gerald Desmond	09/18/1920	83
Lee Updegraff	09/21/1920	83
Harry Lewis	09/28/1920	83
Gregge Vernon	09/20/1922	81
Roy Johnson	09/04/1923	80
Joe Barrera	09/09/1924	79
Raymond Erickson	09/12/1925	78
Floyd Miller	09/15/1926	77
Raymond Baker	09/19/1926	77
Harry Gardiser	09/01/1927	76
Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	76
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	75
David Priego	09/12/1929	74
Armando Castiglioni	09/02/1930	73
Arthur Lampert	09/24/1930	73
Louis Buserwini	09/28/1930	73
Glenn Bachelder	09/20/1931	72
Donald Eliason	09/25/1932	71
Joseph Kish	09/08/1933	70
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	70
Vern Talley	09/24/1933	70
Arthur Slauer	09/02/1936	67
Arthur Kuhlmann	09/14/1936	67
Robert Matthies	09/15/1937	66
Keith Jackson	09/19/1950	53

Birthday

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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.

Membership Rosters

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SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

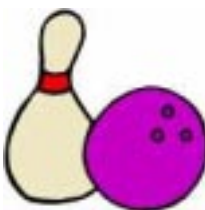
Strikes and Spares

by Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	125	365
Gary Bennett	172	463
Frank Cordova	191	507
Al Costa	132	375
Rollin Cunningham	177	492
Dave Dunlap	148	406
Ray Erickson	243	568
Ray Faria	156	426
Don Henry	170	426
Roy Johnson	168	481
Nat Lord	191	504
Frank Thomas	138	343
Carl Tolle	147	438
Art Winkley	181	492

Sir Nat Lord and Sir Carl Tolle took first place in the doubles event and received \$60 each. Sir Carl received an additional \$42 for scoring in the singles and all events categories. Sir Frank Cordova received \$15 for the all events total.

You too can get in on the fun, if you come to Mowry Lanes on Mondays at 1:00 PM. Questions? Call **Dave Dunlap 510-657-2603**.



Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

Welcome. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Bill Leake and I am the new chairman of the golf group. I would like to first of all say thank you for selecting me to be the chairman. This month the newsletter will be brief.

We just completed the state qualifying play at Micke Grove in Lodi. This month we have Tilden and Solvang – hope to have some results and comments next month.

Thanks to Les Prestwood, Bob Ralston and Jack Knoth who called in tee times for August, July and June respectively. Ken Windholtz is doing it for September and Chuck Linzey will do it in October. As always, thanks a bunch to Gerry Desmond who continues to call in every Monday. If you want to help – **call me at 793-6561**.

Give me your ideas and suggestions on how to make this newsletter column something that you want. You can reach me several ways:

e-mail: **wml50@comcast.net**

Phone: **(510) 793-6561**

Address: **PO Box 434 Fremont, CA 94537-0434**

We still have a group that goes out once a month to various courses that are the walking type. If you are interested call me. Next month I hope to have some results published in the bulletin.

Thank you again for the opportunity of being your chairman. **Bill Leake**



Apple Hill One-Day Tour

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

Depart from Hayward's Southland Mall parking lot for the drive to Placerville at 8:30am.

You are greeted with a morning snack of apple fritters and a beverage at High Hill Ranch (Apple Hill). Depart on your apple loop tour with running commentary of its history and development.

Enjoy a wonderful barbeque lunch with all the trimmings and a large slice of apple pie. Ummm good!! Approximate arrival home 4:30pm.

Tour Price \$58.00 per person.

For Further information call

Philip Castillo 510-887-3144.



BRIDGE GROUPS

We have four bridge groups: Three of them are evening two table groups and each meets monthly. The 4th bridge group welcomes all members and meets after the monthly meeting.

Drag Dutina - 657-1037.



Baseball

There are no SIR sponsored Games scheduled for the rest of the year. If you have any great suggestions call.

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.

THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Monday, September 22nd 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



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



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN SIR DAVE MARYMEE REPORTS

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

ED CAMPBELL's son Mike and daughter-in-law Rose write that Ed is anxious to hear from his friends. Ed is in assisted care recovering from a stroke. Ed's address is:

Ed Campbell c/o
Fountainwood Residential Care
8773 Oak Avenue
Orangevale, CA 95662

The front desk telephone is (916) 988 2200. The stroke affected his vision (can't decipher words) but he walks, talks and hears fine. (The nurses think he is handsome.) Drop Ed a line, we are sure he will appreciate hearing from you.

BOB DEBALEK in July had a plastic blood vessel implanted between his waist to below his right knee to improve circulation in his right leg. Bob also contends with dialysis three times weekly.

JOSEPH FARIA's wife, Clara, reports Joseph continues to improve in his recovery from damage to his right leg caused by a pedestrian/auto accident. Clara says Joseph misses attending SIR luncheons and hopes to return soon.

RAY JARVIS continues residence at Fremont Care Center (formerly Sunbridge) on Country Drive. He is mostly bed fast and continues treatment for arthritis and fungus on the soles of his feet. Ray continues in good spirits and welcomes visitors. Bring a book – Ray likes to read.

WILLIAM JOHNSON is at home recovering from a stroke. Using several medications, he feels he is regaining strength, but is not well enough to attend regularly at SIR luncheons.

BEN SMITH says he enjoyed celebrating his birthday at the July SIR luncheon. Ben continues making progress with the prosthesis for his amputated right leg.

FRANK SMITH missed celebrating his birthday at the SIR luncheon in August. Frank's wife, Joyce, is in intensive care at Kaiser Hospital for cancer treatment. We at SIR extend our concern and sympathy for Frank and Joyce.

GEORGE URQUART (unable to contact George)

JACK WEBB is evidently not celebrating birthdays. Jack says he forgot to come to the July SIR luncheon, missing celebrating his birthday with SIR. Sorry you missed, Jack. We did miss you, maybe next year.

Edited Excerpts from the Minutes of Sir Al Wydler

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am. Roll Call following the Pledge of Allegiance indicated all Officers and Five Directors to be present. This constituted a quorum.

The Minutes of July were corrected to show that the Honorary Life Member Committee was reactivated. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Correspondence from Sir Dwight Sale, State training director, brought to our attention that a planning meeting would be held October 21 at the San Ramon Golf Club for all incoming Officers. We are also reminded that All SIR rosters are for internal use only.

Attendance as reported by Sir Fred Gotthardt is expected to be 200 today. The Cybergeezers will meet next Monday at the Library. Sir Ed Bingle reports we have four new members. Sir Nat Lord states that those attending both the A's and GIANTS games had a good time. Sir Art Winkley indicates there will be 19 celebrating birthdays today, ages ranging from 61 to 91. This includes three Committee members.

Big Sir Don Henry reported that our ongoing negotiations with the Elks indicated that they planned to increase our rental fee 400% and as the caterer is their responsibility, his charge would increase 18%. Learning of this, he appointed Sir Rollin Cunningham along with Sir Art Shiffar and Sir Vince Fernelius to investigate other locations to hold our monthly meetings and luncheon, as the Elks were unreasonable in their proposed fee. They investigated five lo-

cations and recommend Swiss Park, at 5911 Mowry Avenue to be the most suitable at a price comparable to what we are now paying

Following a lengthy discussion a vote was called for moved and seconded to relocate immediately to Swiss Park. This motion passed unanimously. The Big Sir will submit, today, the required thirty day notice to the Elks Exalted Ruler, House Committee Chairman and Caterer, of our planned move.

Area Governor Sir Robert Beam confirmed the SIR requirement for donations to meet routine expenses.

Adjourned 11:07am.

Respectfully Submitted, Alfred Wydler Secretary.

CHRISTMAS IN SEDONA

Christmas Lights and Luminarias

November 30 - December 7, 2003

8 Days / 7 Nights

\$731 Per Person, Double Occupancy

\$375 Single Supplement

For Further Information, Contact

FRANK CERRUTI

510-568-8361

Stop in Reno at the Eldorado Casino

1 Night Carson Valley Inn in Minden

1 Night Longstreet Inn in Amargosa/Dinner & Breakfast

3 Nights Cottonwood Best Western Inn

Dinner at Murphy's Grill - Blazin' M Show and Dinner

Guided Tour Ft. Verde and Tuzigoot NMP

First Class on the Vista Verde Railroad including a

Hosted Hors d'oeuvre Buffet- Afternoon in Sedona

Special Holiday Dinner in the Resort Area of Tlaquepaque

Red Rock Light Fantasy in Sedona

Jerome, Mining Museum & the English Kitchen Hosted Lunch

1 Night Ramada Express Casino in Laughlin/Breakfast Buffet

Pahrump Vineyards & Lunch

1 Night Bakersfield at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel

with a Reception and Breakfast

Hosted Basque Dinner

Financial Report by Sir Lou Bufkin

The month of July started with a checkbook balance of \$3614.11. General fund receipts totaled \$471.78, including a rebate from the Caterer of \$161.50 for running out of food. General fund disbursements totaled \$551.18 they included printing, postage, rent and State Board assessment of \$320.85 for the third quarter. Ending checkbook balance was \$3534.71.

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PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the
Pathfinder will be in
October and the copy
deadline will be Friday,
September 26, 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*
1988 Robert Klindt
1989 Martin Annen*
1990 Lee Updegraff
1991 Fred W. Fretter*
1992 Lyle Kingery
1993 LeRoy J. King*
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1995 Clyde Killion*
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1998 John Buchanan*
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2001 Bob Beam
2002 Rollin Cunningham

*(deceased)