



# *The Pathfinder*

*Branch Number 59*

Twenty-Eighth Year

November 2003

Bulletin No. 10

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

***Please Call before Monday November 17th***

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Manuel Silva - 793-2705  
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## **NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - November 20, 2003**

### **Words to Live By** Big Sir Don Henry

History of Branch 59 continued from last month...

In 1987 there were 183 active and 19 inactive members. Due to lack of interest the Reno trip, Bahama cruise, tour of Disney World, Space Center and a Canada tour were all cancelled. Golf and bowling tournaments were held in Fremont. Trips were made to the Ames Laboratory and to the Flying Lady restaurant and picnic at Ardenwood Park. The Newark Pavilion is raising the rent again, considering changing location - again.



In 1988 there were 185 active and 18 inactive members. Two successful trips were made: 44 went to Reno and 40 to Yosemite for 3 days. Golf at Sunol and Bowling at Mowry were member activities. Christmas/Installation party was held at Mission Garden restaurant. Newark Pavilion raised rate to \$100 per month. Special committee found Elks Lodge. Sit-down instead of buffet, nicer decor and atmosphere, cheaper bar and rent. The move was approved.

In 1989 and 1990 there were 198 active and 12 inactive members. Successful trip to Ft. Bragg; dropped Alaska trip. Rejected request to tape speakers for those not attending. No smoking policy re-established. Pavilion wanted us to come back at the old rate. Secret ballot of membership was unanimous for the Elks.

Today our limit is 299 members and as of last month we had 281 active members. I think last year we had about 40 new members but only increased membership by 4 due to turnover.

Nowhere did I see mention of Honorary Life Members so I guess they are more recent. That Honor is granted for outstanding contributions to Branch 59. We qualify for five HLM's and they are currently David Marymee, Lyle Kingery,

### **Our Speaker**

*Little Sir Tom Sherba*

Our speaker this month may be Little Sir Tom Sherba. He has collected numerous jokes and will hold us spellbound with his presentation. If we are lucky, he will have a mystery speaker available to limit the number of jokes we have to listen to. If we are unlucky we may have to have joke tellers from the audience help him.



#### **Notice**

Our Big Sir and the Treasurer would appreciate your having the correct change (\$11) when purchasing luncheon tickets. It will make the line go faster.

### **November Menu**

Bratwurst and Swiss Macaroni  
Apple Sauce  
Salad  
Bread and Butter  
Coffee and Dessert

#### **Words to Live By continued**

George Hubach, and and Nat Lord. (Stu Lane just moved to Elk Grove) These gentlemen truly deserve our highest honor.

I hope you enjoyed the "History in a Nutshell" as much as I enjoyed bringing it to you. As this is my last article let me tell you I really enjoyed being Big Sir this year. I am so proud of our group and I would recommend this job to any of you. Remember, the only ability necessary is "avail - ability."

I want to thank all of our wonderful chairmen who carry the load and make SIR the great organization that it is.

*Don*

**Get your SIR Badges & Emblems - baseball caps with SIR logos are available for \$8.50-\$12.50**

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### Big Sir

Don Henry  
(510) 656-5659

### Little Sir

Tom Sherba  
(510) 793-3217

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Al Wydler  
(510) 278-4380

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Drag Dutina  
(510) 657-1037

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Louis Bufkin  
(510) 651-8664

### Asst. Treasurer

Fred Stabell  
(510) 657-7392

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Herb Epstein  
George Hubach  
Bill Leake  
Chris Lemler  
Frank Thomas

## Branch 59

Meets at Swiss Park  
5911 Mowry Avenue  
Newark  
on the 3rd Thursday of  
each month  
10AM Executive Board  
Meeting  
11AM Social Hour  
12 Noon Lunch

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## Edited Excerpts from the Minutes of Sir Al Wydler

Because of some difficulty with the sound system, the meeting was called to order at 10:24am.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call showed five Officers and three Directors present. There were no corrections to the September Minutes. Big Sir Don Henry, reminded the new officers for 2004 of the Training Session to be held this coming Monday at the San Ramon Country Club.

Attendance Chairman Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 220 members for the meeting today. The Cybergeezers will meet, as usual, Monday at the Fremont Library.

Sir Bob Ralston reporting for Membership chairman Sir Ed Bingle said that there were two new members and four guests for today.

Sir Nat Lord is now the "Sports" Chairman due to the expanded interest in events such as Football and Basketball. He has discounted tickets for coming events.

Sir Dave Dunlap reported our Branch members won five Bowling Prizes last month. Directors or Committeemen won four.

Sir Bill Briscoe has problems including other Travel Flyers with our Pathfinder and requested just placing them on a designated table for those that are interested. The board approved the suggestion.

Sir John Skarpelos announced October 24 as the deadline for material for the November Pathfinder. He is preparing to produce a 2004 Roster. He should be notified if there are any changes that need to be made.

Sir Bill Leake reminds us that the Entrance Fee for this month's Golf Tournament is due now.

The Library Committee has Sir Wayne Adams as a new assistant.

Sir Bob Edwards reporting on the Holiday Party December 18, that he needs help on Centerpieces and Prizes and those requesting tickets by mail to provide a stamped self-addressed envelope. Entertainment cost in the amount of \$420 was approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03am. Respectfully Submitted, Alfred Wydler, Secretary.

## Financial Report by Fred Stabell for Lou Bufkin



The month of September started with a checkbook balance of \$3675.05. General fund receipts totaled \$410.28. General fund disbursements totaled \$321.13 they included printing, postage, rent and payment for San Ramon training session. Ending checkbook balance was \$3764.20.



## Children's Logic

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

## Roster

As usual, we will be publishing a Roster late this year that will be distributed at the January 2004 luncheon. We have been trying to maintain the database as members provide us with changes or corrections.

But if you have a new wife or girl friend and want to get her name in the roster let, the Roster Chairman know. If you have a new address, phone number, or email address, inform the Roster Chairman, John Skarpelos. Please send information by email to <[john@mediaart.com](mailto:john@mediaart.com)> or phone him at **656-6587**.

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

## New Members

### Kenneth D. Grimes

7433 Shady Hollow Drive  
Newark, CA 94560-1031

510-793-4421

Birthday: 8/29/1923

Spouse: Vera

Badge No. 117

Sponsor: Niels Nelson

Call me: Ken

### Kevin Rozzano

42809 Saratoga Park Street  
Fremont, CA 94538-3985

510-490-7539

Email: krozzano@hotmail.com

Birthday: 7/27/1939

Spouse: Sara

Badge No. 153

Sponsor: Lloyd Cowan

Call me: Kevin

## Membership Report

### Guests:

Darrell Rucker

### Guest of:

Don Tinsley

### Visitors:

Ed McDaniel

### Guest of:

Art McGrath

### Membership Total

(as of 10/16/2003)

**281 - Active Members**

16 - Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

George Urquhart – Died 10/4/2003

Dave Zeigler – Resigned membership

Dennis Rudy – Change of Address

PO Box 1720

Oakdale, CA 95361-1720

Phone: 510-219-5696

### Attendance Report

(For 10/16/2003)

Members	214
Guests	1
Visitors	1
Speakers	2
<b>Total =</b>	<b>218</b>

39 excused 29 unexcused

## November Birthdays

Dan Archer	11/08/1918	85
Ray Johns	11/03/1923	80
William Delucchi	11/05/1923	80
Robert Browne	11/10/1923	80
Willard Irwin	11/25/1923	80
James Blood	11/14/1924	79
Ralph Sarmento	11/25/1924	79
James Thurgate	11/03/1926	77
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	77
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	76
Elwyn Hansen	11/26/1927	76
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	73
James Siciliano	11/08/1930	73
William Dark	11/07/1934	69
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	69
Wesley Schilling	11/23/1934	69
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	65
Bill Leake	11/11/1945	58
Bill Fu	11/25/1946	57



## Wishing

A couple came upon a wishing well. The wife leaned over, made a wish and threw in a penny. The husband decided to make a wish, too. But he leaned over too much, fell into the well, and drowned. The wife was stunned for a while but then smiled "It really does work!"



### Holiday Luncheon Menu

For those members who need to know what is on the Holiday menu we have provided a rough translation of what Geschnetzeltes is along with the other items on the menu.

### Swiss (German)

Geschnetzeltes (Huhn) = Chicken Stroganoff  
Rot Kohl = Red Cabbage  
Rübe und Erbsen = Carrots and Peas  
Strudel = Strudel

### English



**Save the date December 18**

# Holiday in Switzerland



*Social Hour 11:00 A.M.*

*Luncheon at noon*

### Menu

**Geschnetzeltes (Huhn)**

**Rot Kohl**

**Rübe und Erbsen**

**Strudel**

**The meal will be served**

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

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

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 November lunch.

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



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares

by Dave Dunlap



NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	138	361
Gary Bennett	181	521
Frank Cordova	214	565
Al Costa	168	429
Rollin Cunningham	166	481
Dave Dunlap	176	499
Ray Erickson	200	510
Ray Faria	139	382
Don Henry	169	478
Roy Johnson	179	500
Nat Lord	219	595
Carl Tolle	188	557
Art Winkley	158	435

Nat Lord and Carl Tolle took first place in the Doubles category, and received \$45 apiece and Carl finished in fourth place in the All Events category for an additional \$45.

Ray Erickson received \$55, for his first place finish in the Singles and \$20 finishing ninth in the All Events category.

Rollin Cunningham placed third in the Singles for \$35 and received an additional \$25 for bowling a 271 in the High Game category.

Gary Bennett placed eighth in the Singles for \$10.50 and Ray Faria received \$25 for his eighth place in the All Events.

As you can see the **Dublin Tournament** was beneficial for a lot of our group.

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

## 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.



## Sports by Nat Lord

The 79th East West Shrine Game will be played on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at Pacific Bell Park. The price for each ticket is \$20 for sideline seats and \$12 for seats in the corner and end zone.



Golden State Warriors play the Dallas Mavericks Sunday, April 11, 2004 at the Arena in Oakland. The price for each ticket is \$20 lower or \$22 upper.

Golden State Warriors play the Sacramento Kings Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at the Arena in Oakland. The price for each ticket is \$34 lower or \$22 upper.



Deadline for all events is December 1, 2003.

See **Nat Lord** at the November luncheon meeting or call him at **(510) 797-1704**.

## Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

**Dues** – The deadline for NCGA dues is the end of November. Please make the checks out to **Sons In Retirement Branch 59** and note in the bottom left hand corner that the check is for **2004 NCGA** dues. The \$10 charge for active transfers is waived this one time. If you miss the deadline you will be dropped from **NCGA**. You can mail them to me or give your check to Gerry Desmond at the November meeting.



**Most Improved** - Periodically we recognize those golfers who have done well so far in 2003. We have 21 golfers who have improved in 2003. The top three are:

Dennis Rudy - has gone from 25.2 to 19.8

Tony Zeuli - has gone from 25.5 to 20.8

Richard Holmes - has gone from 32.7 to 27.4

The last week in October we had many players going to **Poppy Hills** for the final tournament of the year. Tom Sherba and Dave Tanner qualified for the championship round. Sir Dave received \$35 for winning 1st place and Sir Tom received \$25 for taking 2nd place.

Les Prestwood sets up the "golf" table at the luncheon and puts nametags on the table. If you cannot make it to the luncheon let Les know. If you are a golfer and would like to join us, contact Les. It is space available so if there is room we hopefully will fit you.

Thanks to Ken Windholtz for calling in tee times for September, Chuck Linzey for October and Bill Pereira for November. Thanks to Gerry Desmond who calls in every Monday.

**Want to help - call Bill Leake at 793-6561.**

## THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Monday, November 24th, at 2PM 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



## 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



# SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN SIR DAVE MARYMEE REPORTS

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

**RAYMOND ANDRADE** had double-bypass heart surgery in mid September at Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco. He returned home a week later. Ray is doing well, walking indoor and outdoor with the aid of a therapist. Glad for a remarkably good recovery Ray.

**BOB DEBELAK** says he has obtained relief from pain in an ailing hip through chiropractic therapy. Bob is on dialysis three times weekly.

**JOSEPH FARIA** fell out of bed at night, hitting his head on the edge of a dresser. His wife Clara says that he was taken to Washington Hospital Emergency and 20 stitches were required to close the scalp wound. Joseph is required to stay inside and not expose his head to the sunlight. Joseph is also recovering from a broken leg from a pedestrian/auto accident. We hope you recover fully from both accidents and have no more accidents Joseph.

**RAY JARVIS** continues residing at Fremont Health Care Center on Country Drive and is mostly bedfast. Drop in and see him, bring a book. Ray likes to read.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON** is recovering nicely from a stroke according to his wife Ollie. William is able to work maintaining his yard. He continues taking medication. Glad you made a good recovery, William.

**SAL MARKS** says he can't walk. He is recovering at the Fremont Health Care Center. Stop in and see him. Sal has sold his home and plans to move into an assisted care facility.

**GEORGE PAGAN** was hospitalized in October as a result of a reaction to his chemotherapy treatment. He was treated in ICU and returned home three days later. George says he is doing all right. Glad that to hear that you are recovering, George.

**ED PICKL** says, after a number of tests at Kaiser, it was determined he suffered from dehydration. Ed says he is now drinking plenty of liquids and doing ok.

**BEN SMITH** says he is doing ok and plans to make Sir luncheons. See you there. Ben.

**FRANK SMITH** is being treated for stomach cancer with antibiotics. He will go in for an outpatient biopsy in early October. Frank was informed he is to continue antibiotic treatment with the prospect of chemotherapy treatment to follow. Hope everything is OK Frank.

**CON WALLA** underwent treatment for hairy white cell leukemia. So far, the treatment seems to be successful. We hope the best for you Con.

**JACK WEBB** says he is doing OK and has arranged for a van pickup for him and his wheel chair scooter. Looking forward to seeing you at the luncheons, Jack.

### Travel for Area 8

by Emile Lassalle

I'm happy to say that the trips for 2004 are filling fast. The response to the Indian Casino was so great that we had to



arrange for a second bus. We are now taking standbys for that trip. Sign up early since most trips will be limited to 46 passengers. When sending your application form, you must enclose a stamped self-address envelope so the escort can send you your receipt.

**January:** Day trip, turn around Indian Casino - Jackson

- Jan 13, 2004 • Cost: \$16.50 per person.

**February:** Day trip Mystery bus trip with lunch

- February 18, 2004 • Cost: \$70 per person.

**March:** Hawaii Cruise – San Francisco, Hilo, Maui, Kauai, Honolulu, Ensenada, Mexico, Los Angeles - SF

- March 6-19, 2004 • Cost: \$1920-\$2890 per person

**March:** Debbie Reynolds show-Reno Hilton Casino

- March 29-30, 2004 • Cost: \$102 includes show package.

**April:** The RAMONA PAGEANT

- April 20-25, 2004 • Cost: \$895 per person D.O.

**May:** THE MAGNIFICENT MYSTERY DAY TRIP

- May 20, 2004 • Cost: \$63 per person.

**June:** Day Trip Saratoga Light Theater ("Annie")

- June 6, 2004 • Cost: \$77 per person.

Any questions call me at (510) 538-7463 or email me at [sirs26@aol.com](mailto:sirs26@aol.com) — Emile.



### IN MEMORIAM

#### GEORGE R. URQUHART

George Urquhart died on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at the age of 71. He was a member of Sons in Retirement (SIR) since January 2000.

Born June 19, 1932 in Manzanar, CA, he was a Fremont resident since 1965. He served in the U.S. Navy with 3 years in the submarine service and had a career in banking, retiring from Sanwa Bank in June 1992. He continued his financial career at Arow Components and Fasteners where he retired in 1997.

He was known as the husband, father, friend and neighbor who could fix just about anything, the jack-of-all-trades and master of most. He also enjoyed model railroading, collecting stamps and golfing. In fact in retirement he played golf whenever possible along with traveling and spending time with family. George was a member of Niles Rotary, SIR, Washington Township Men's Club and Frank's Wednesday Golf Group.

He was married to Linda Urquhart of Fremont. He was also survived by his daughters Karen May of Vacaville, Bonnie Donegan of Chula Vista, and sons Bradley Urquhart of San Jose and Brent Urquhart of Fremont.

## PATHFINDER BRANCH NO. 59

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The next issue of the  
*Pathfinder* will be in  
January and the copy  
deadline will be Friday,  
December 26, 2003.

### PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark\*  
1977 Karl Heine\*  
1978 Harry Cooper  
1979 Kanneth Foster\*  
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