



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

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## NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - March 18, 2004

### Ramblings of Big Sir Tom Sherba

I wish to thank Past Big Sir Don Henry and all of his Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen and their Assistants for making the year 2003 one of the best ever for Branch 59. Most of the Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen & Assistants have willingly offered to continue their services again in 2004 for which I am very grateful. Thanks to all for having joined me in this year's endeavors.

We are fortunate to have Sir Rollin Cunningham serve as Chairman of our 2005 Nominating Committee. With his committee of Sir Drag Dutina and Sir Herb Epstein they have recommended a slate of officers and directors and directors for 2005. Opportunities for Nominations from the floor will be given at the June and July Luncheon meetings. The elections will take place at the August meeting.

The Branch had five (5) new members join us at the February luncheon. Keep up the good work and continue to bring in your retired male friends and co-workers. Active Membership in our Branch as of February was 269.

Finally be sure to make plans to share in our May sweetheart lunch party, "Hawaiian Happenings", with your favorite sweetheart. Tickets will be going fast so get yours early at the March or April Luncheon Meetings.

*Tom*

### Our Speaker - Bob Parsons by Little Sir Howard Thompson

Three years ago our speaker, Bob Parsons, 55, awoke from a brief nap on a plane trip to Taiwan in a blur. He stared blankly at unfamiliar faces in front of him, only aware of voices. Awake, but confused, he descended the plane's steps, carried his luggage through customs, and checked into his hotel. When he settled into his room he put on his reading glasses, but could not see.

He assumed he had the eye disease, conjunctivitis, but doctors at Stanford Hospital later told him he had suffered a stroke, caused by an aneurysm in his heart. In January of 2001, after undergoing surgery to fix his enlarged aorta, Parsons was not interested in going back to work as a businessman. He learned the meaning of being disabled and recovering and then needing other people to help him. He could not lift a dinner plate with two hands and had to take baby steps until he could walk again.

Parsons decided to educate people about the warning signs of stroke and spread the word that medical treatments do exist. Parsons earned his engineering degree and master's in business administration from Stanford University. What had been a challenge before was now just painful. He was forgetting things, and second-guessing himself. And what he wanted to do was see if he could have fun doing what he had always done, which was interact with people, give presentations, and help people. So, Parsons stopped working and began volunteering for the Peninsula Stroke Association in Palo Alto and the Stanford Stroke Center. Stroke advocacy became his full-time passion.

While most people can rattle off the symptoms of a heart attack and know how to respond, few people know how to interpret the often confusing and subtle signs of stroke. In this talk, given by a stroke survivor and developed in conjunction with the Stanford Stroke Center, you will hear firsthand what it feels like to have a stroke, how to recognize the symptoms in yourself and others, and how to respond to this life-threatening event.

#### DO YOU KNOW:

On the first Wright Brother's flight:  
What was the distance it traveled?  
How long did it stay in the air?

### MARCH MENU Corned Beef and Cabbage

Potatoes and Carrots  
Bread and Butter  
Coffee and Dessert



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

**Don't forget to Call on the Monday before the Meeting - or earlier**

**Fred Gotthardt - 797-4592 or Manual Silva - 793-2705 or Arnold Mozzetti - 797-2127**



## Branch 59

### Officers

#### Big Sir

Tom Sherba  
(510) 793-3217

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(510) 657-7392

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Bill Leake  
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Frank Thomas

## Branch 59

Meets at Swiss Park  
5911 Mowry Avenue  
Newark  
on the 3rd Thursday of  
each month  
10:15AM  
Executive Board Meeting  
11AM Social Hour  
12 Noon Lunch

**A Nonprofit  
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retired men**



## Edited Excerpts from the Minutes of Sir Al Wydler



The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call showed all Officers and Four Directors to be present.

The minutes of January 15 were previously mailed so their reading was waived. Corrections were in spelling and the mention of "Prizes" in lieu of the acceptable word "Donations." They were approved as corrected.

Correspondence consisted of fifty pages of updating to the SIR manual. They were distributed to the proper holders. Noteworthy was the elimination of Pages 18 and 19.

Big Sir Tom Sherba appointed Rollin Cunningham, Drag Dutina and Herb Epstein to the Nominating Committee. He also extended his appreciation and gratitude to the past Board, especially Don Henry and Committee Members for their work.

Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 210 in attendance today. The Cybergeezers will meet Feb. 23.

Sir Ed Bingle indicates we have five new members, two becoming inactive and reminds us that a cause must be stated in order to drop a member.

Sir Nat Lord reports that 13 will attend the Giants's versus Padres Game July 22 and signup is now available for the A's vs. Mariners game 28 July at the Coliseum.

Sir Dave Dunlap reports forthcoming Bowling tournaments at Petaluma March 8 and another March 22nd at Concord.

Sir Art Winkley has 23 Birthdays this month ranging from 89 to 63 years; this includes our Board member Don Gillis, Committee persons Frank Campos and Bob Edwards.

Sir Drag Dutina notes that it is difficult to play Bridge due to other activity in the area.

Sir John Skarpelos reminds us of a February 27 deadline for the PATHFINDER.

## Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



The month of January saw a beginning balance of \$4621.42. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$327.05. General Fund disbursements of \$808.58 included the State Board Assessment, printing, supplies and postage. January ended with a balance of \$4139.89.

Sir Bill Leake reports that Golf has two new members and our own Dave Tanner won the State Championship.

Sir Dave Tanner now announces that tickets are available at \$16.00 ea. for Lady's day lunch May 20. This will have a Hawaiian theme with Music. Hawaiian Chicken is the entrée. Attendance will be limited to 160 and Hawaiian attire is in order.

Sir Frank Campos will feature the song "The Gal who married Dear Old Dad".

Sir Dave Marymee announced that Bill Fereria will no longer be attending, Fred Smith and Frank Humphrey are inactive. Dan Archer has Pneumonia and Gary Bennett is scheduled for Gall Bladder surgery today.

Sir Don Henry still has in excess storage "Rooster statue" two Poloraid Cameras and an Amplifier with Microphone and two Speakers for disposal to a worthy cause.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alfred Wydler, Secretary

## Travel Tidbits for Area 8 Emile Lassalle

### MARCH 31-April 1, DEBBIE REYNOLDS SHOW-RENO HILTON CASINO

Cost \$102.00, includes show package.  
ESCORT: Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463. This is a great trip and is almost sold out with a few seats still available. Trip includes an overnight stay at the Hilton Hotel, The Debbie Reynolds Show, with front row seats in the 1700 seat Theater. The refunds from the various casinos are \$29.00. Driver tip is included in the price of the tour.

### APRIL 20-25, THE RAMONA PAGEANT

Cost: \$895.00 per person (Dbl-Occ). ESCORT: Robbie Robinson at 925/447-5653. If you haven't seen this performance, I hear you're missing out on a wonderful play put on each year by the local people of Hemet, Ca. This play has been put on every year since 1923 and I'm told it's an Indian love story and it is always sold out

### MAY 20, MYSTERY BUS TRIP LUNCH INCLUDED

Cost: \$63.00 per person, Escort Frank Raab at 510-278-5777. This is the second mystery bus trip for 2004 and always they fill up fast. I can tell you if you go on the February mystery trip, this trip will go the other direction. Frank will be waiting to hear from you with your application and money.

**Travel Tidbits Continued on Page 3**

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

## New Members

**Dominic A. Aiello**  
4879 Windermere Drive  
Newark, CA 94560-1462  
510-793-0329  
Email: dalmai@earthlink.net  
Birthday: 1/15/42  
Spouse: Louana  
Badge No. 150  
Sponsor: Robert Teglin  
Call me: Dom

**Peter C. Flores**  
4260 Fairwood Street  
Fremont, CA 94538-5910  
510-656-5262  
Birthday: 1/27/37  
Spouse: Viola  
Badge No. 44  
Sponsor: Marty Enriquez  
Call me: Pete

**Duane A. Moran**  
43215 Luzon Drive  
Fremont, CA 94539-5731  
510-636-9183  
Email: dnjmoran@aol.com  
Birthday: 5/19/32  
Spouse: Judy  
Badge No. 101  
Sponsor: James Ferenz  
Call me: Duane

**Roger P. Ripp**  
32328 Derby Street  
Union City, CA 94587-1948  
510-471-7452  
Birthday: 3/8/33  
Spouse: Ilene  
Badge No. 98  
Sponsor: Les Addison  
Call me: Roger

**Frank R. Thomas**  
446 Maar Avenue  
Fremont, CA 94536-4471  
510-797-5038  
Email: fr.thomas@comcast.net  
Birthday: 6/15/40  
Spouse: Connie  
Badge No. 204  
Sponsor: Frank D. Thomas  
Call me: Frank

## Membership Report

**Guests:**  
Carlos Detevis  
Robert Ingebertson  
Darrell Jewell  
Carey Williams

**Guest of:**  
Pete Flores  
Jack Lindley  
Mac Currie  
Ken Peterson

**Visitors:**  
None

**Guest of:**

## Membership Total

(as of 02/19/2004)

**272 - Active Members**  
20 - Inactive Members

## Change of Status:

Ray Johns Transfer to Inactive  
Ben Smith Transfer to Inactive

## Attendance Report

(For 02/19/2004)

Members	199
Guests	4
Visitors	0
Speaker	1
<b>Total =</b>	<b>204</b>

39 excused 32 unexcused

## Travel Tidbits Continued from Page 2

### JUNE: DAY TRIP ("ANNIE") SARATOGA LIGHT THEATER

Sunday, June 6, 2004 Cost: \$77.00 per person. Escort, Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463. We will leave southland at 10:00am and will go directly to Saratoga. Upon arriving we will go to the Florentine Restaurant for lunch (You must mark your selection for food on the application form) for a very fine meal. After lunch we head to the Saratoga Light Theater for the stage production "ANNIE". We should arrive back at Southland about 6:00pm.

### JULY: THUNDER VALLEY CASINO, SACRAMENTO AREA

July 12, 2004. Cost is \$22.00 per person / \$5.00 food credit, Max. 48 passengers. Escort, Frank Cerruti at 510-568-8361

### AUGUST: WINE TASTING & TOURING IN CALISTOGA

August 18th, Cost \$66.00. Depart from southland at 8:00am, travel to Helena and we will start at the Sutter Home Winery for

## March Birthdays

Clarence LeCount	03/24/1907	97
Warren Silva	03/04/1921	83
Bruno Orsetti	03/05/1921	83
Paul Lanferman	03/03/1922	82
John Austin	03/21/1922	82
Manuel Silva	03/16/1923	81
Norman Silveira	03/19/1923	81
Samuel Holloway	03/31/1924	80
Sylvan Farrell	03/07/1925	79
Alvin Dockter	03/17/1925	79
Lyle Kingery	03/17/1926	78
Herb Risser	03/06/1927	77
Peter Sodini	03/06/1927	77
Carl Tolle	03/29/1927	77
Robert Leinkram	03/04/1929	75
Arnold Mozzetti	03/25/1929	75
Donald Wright	03/18/1930	74
James Putler	03/28/1930	74
Robert Benya	03/19/1931	73
Sam Mitchell	03/04/1932	72
Rudy Girardelli	03/29/1932	72
Roger Ripp	03/08/1933	71
John Brogden	03/12/1933	71
Allen Sprague	03/13/1935	69
Al Serrano	03/18/1935	69
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	03/26/1935	69
Howard Thompson	03/22/1936	68
Edward Barnes	03/26/1936	68
Robert Anolin	03/13/1937	67
Chris Lemler	03/25/1938	66
Gary Bennett	03/21/1939	65
David Tanner	03/12/1940	64



tasting. From there we go to the Calistoga Inn Restaurant for a hosted Lunch, and after lunch to the Louis M. Martin Winery, tasting in their garden park. About 6:00pm we should return to Southland parking lot. Escort Frank Raab at 510-276-9376

### SEPTEMBER: BRANSON, MO. 7-DAY TRIP TO THE SHOW CAPITOL OF AMERICA

September 15-21, 2004. Cost: \$1499.00 (Dbl-Occ). We will fly from Oakland to Kansas City, Mo for the start of our 7-day fun trip. On day two, you will enjoy a hosted breakfast and then on to a tour of Kansas City before departing for our trip to Branson. Tonight you will enjoy a hosted dinner and a hilarious comedy show. Please refer to the flyer that came with your monthly bulletin for detailed information for each day. Escort, Emile Lassalle, at 510-538-7463



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by Dave Dunlap

Name	High Score	High Series
Wayne Adams	167	405
Gary Bennett	222	529
Frank Cordova	217	631
Al Costa	181	488
Rollin Cunningham	189	471
Dave Dunlap	152	423
Ray Erickson	210	560
Ray Faria	189	500
Don Henry	278	637
Roy Johnson	169	499
Nat Lord	211	530
Bob Snodgrass	157	346
Carl Tolle	213	527
Art Winkley	183	479

We are scheduled to attend a tournament in Petaluma on March the 8th, and at the Diablo Bowl in Concord on the 22nd of March.

Monday, the 16th of February was a red-letter day for Don Henry. He bowled a whopping high game of 278, which is just 22 points shy of perfect. Oh! and by the way, that is the highest game Don has ever bowled. Congratulations!

For more information call

**Dave Dunlap 657-2603.**



### THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Monday, March 22nd, at 2PM at Fremont Main Library.

Beginners and seasoned addicts are welcome to share Internet experiences, misinformation, frustrations, and gossip. Call Chief Cybergeezzer:

**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.**



### Sports by Nat Lord

The Oakland A's play the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday July 28th at 12:35 pm. For prices and other information call Nat Lord.

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



## Golf Notes by Bill Leake

**Please welcome** Jim Fenlon, Dominic Aiello and Carlos A de Tevis, who recently joined our golf club.

**Remember the pre-qual** for SIR state golf championship (Dave Tanner and Tom Sherba represented Branch 59 last year). It will be held April 13. Make checks payable to SIR Branch 59. Deadline: March 31, 2004. No exceptions. Mail check to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537-0434. Per SIR state golf committee – need to collect additional \$2.00—total price is \$41. ??? – call Bill at 793-6561. You can set up your own 4-somes or I can do it – just let me know.

**SIR Team Championship** – to be held in June. Each team consists of an A, B, C and D player, and will use the June index. Limits: A = 0-17.9; B = 18.0-21.9; C = 22.0 – 25.9; D = 26.0-36.4. 3 Drives per each man. Start formulating your teams now and beat the rush. Let us know if you don't have a team and I will help you. More next month.

**Talk to me and** I will tell you about the SIR state meeting. Hot topic – Posting of scores and sandbagging. Is this a surprise? Want the minutes e-mailed to you – give me your e-mail address. Want a copy – let me know.

**Thanks to Darryl Moore** for calling in tee times in February and **Dave Priego** for March. **Gerry Desmond**—thanks for calling Mondays.

**2004 NCGA card** – if you have not received your NCGA card for 2004, this means that NCGA does not have your correct address. Call me (793-6561) and we will get it fixed.

**Want to play additional** courses – Chip and a putt club is open for new members. Call 793-6561 for details.

**Second Get-Together** – We are looking at May for the next Get-together. Look for details later.

**Need your ideas** – this is your club. Give me your ideas on how it can be better and we will publish it.

For more information about Branch 59 Golf call

**Bill Leake at 793-6561**



### 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**



### 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

**DAN ARCHER** has had another bout with pneumonia. Dan entered Kaiser Hospital, Fremont early in February. After Dan was released, he was transferred to Fremont Health Care Center for further rehabilitation. Dan is anxious to reach full recovery to resume his duties with Ohlone College Board of Trustees. Hope you reach full recovery soon, Dan.

**BOB DEBELAK** says he is having a problem walking so he is using a crutch to aid him. Bob seems to have pain due to his sciatic nerve, which affects his right leg. He undergoes dialysis 3 times per week. Also he mentioned that he and his family are planning to move to Phoenix in the near future.

**RAY FARIA** says he is doing OK but his bowling scores are up and down. Glad you are doing OK Ray.

**FRANK HUNKLER's** wife, Peg, reports Frank was able to return home in February, after therapy at Fremont Health Care Center for a broken left hip. Shortly after, Frank spent a night in the hospital for bladder surgery. Frank uses a walker and a wheel chair to get around. We hope you continue satisfactory recovery, Frank.

**RAY JARVIS** continues to reside at Fremont Care Center on Country Drive. Ray likes to read so bring him a book as he is bedfast.

**RICHARD MADDUX** says he has recovered from pneumonia but a biopsy has indicated a malignancy in his lung. Dick will go for a consultation for possible radiation treatment late in February. We hope the very best for you, Richard.

**VALENTINO PIANETTA** had gall bladder surgery at Washington Hospital in February. We wish him a good recovery.

**BEN SMITH's** wife, Norma, reports that Ben required hip surgery. Ben has been in Kaiser Acute Care Center in San Leandro. Ben has other problems, as he is a leg amputee. We hope for a speedy recovery Ben. Ben has asked to be placed as an inactive member in SIR.

**FRANK SMITH** says he is feeling pretty good but says the doctor is not satisfied with his progress and has doubled medication for treating his stomach cancer. Ben says his progress will be evaluated in March. Hope you get a good report, Frank.

**CHARLIE SWANSON** had angioplasty treatment for angina pain at Kaiser in San Francisco in February. Kaiser cleared a blockage of the left artery to the heart using a 200,000-rpm diamond tipped drill. I am sure Charlie got quite a buzz, although he came back to Fremont the next day, he was kept over night the next day at Fremont Kaiser for pain in his shoulder. Charlie was released February 8th and has no angina pain since. Glad your treatment was successful, Charlie.

**JACK WEBB** says he is OK and plans to attend the next SIR luncheon using the van conveyance, See you at the luncheon, Jack.



*Save the date - Thursday May 20, 2004*

## *"Hawaiian Happening"*



### *Menu*

Hawaiian Chicken  
with all the trimmings



Hawaiian attire recommended  
(we'll furnish the lei)



Social Hour 11:00 AM  
Luncheon at noon

Sounds of Hawaii provided by  
The Hawaiian Senior Jammers

Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sweetheart's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make out check to **SIR Branch #59** and mail to:

**Sir Dave Tanner, 36203 Indian Wells Drive, Newark, CA 94560.** Tickets will be sold at March and April Lunch

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

## PATHFINDER BRANCH NO. 59

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Manuel Silva - Assistant  
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Hugh Twomey - Assistant

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Rollin Cunningham - Assistant

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### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the  
*Pathfinder* will be in April  
and the copy  
deadline will be Friday,  
March 23, 2004.

### PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark\*  
1977 Karl Heine\*  
1978 Harry Cooper  
1979 Kenneth 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\*  
1994 George Hubach  
1995 Clyde Killion\*  
1996 Bill Schwan\*  
1997 Nat Lord  
1998 John Buchanan\*  
1999 Art Lampert  
2000 Harry Heyen\*  
2001 Bob Beam  
2002 Rollin Cunningham  
2003 Don Henry  
\*(deceased)