



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Twenty-Ninth Year

April 2004

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - April 15, 2004

Ramblings of Big Sir Tom Sherba

A great big thank you to Sir Peter G. Angelides for accepting the position of our Branch Historian. This will relieve Sir Drag Dutina of some of his duties for which we owe Sir Drag Dutina a very big Thank you for having been our Historian for the past several years. Thanks for a good job well done, Drag!

Our annual Spring Ladies Luncheon will be a wonderful festive "Hawaiian Happening" on Thursday May 20th with social hour beginning at 11AM and lunch being served at 12 Noon. I really encourage all Sirs to get their tickets at the April Luncheon meeting if you have not already done so. I have recently been informed they are going fast and they have only a few left. So come and enjoy a time of great fun with your Lovely Ladies!

Area #8 Governor, Sir Bob Lippincott, made one of his three Official Visits to our Branch last month. Thanks Sir Bob for your comments on membership and the state of SIR, Inc. in Northern California and our own area. Remember the State Motto to "Let's have fun and bring in One in 2004."

Tom

Our Speaker - Fred Weibel by Little Sir Howard Thompson

Fred is the president of Weibel Vineyards and a resident of Fremont for over fifty years. He was born in Oakland and his family moved to Mission San Jose area when he was 6 months old.

His grandfather had been in the wine making business in Switzerland before coming to the United States after the repealing of Prohibition. After the family lived in Vancouver, Washington, they moved to the Bay Area. The first Weibel champagne was produced in the basement of the William Tell Hotel in San Francisco.

In 1945, the family bought the Leland Stanford Winery in Mission San Jose and re-equipped the place and planted grapes. The Weibel vineyard and Winery were there until 1996 when the housing boom in Fremont pushed them out. They are now located in Lodi. They produce and bottle the champagne in the Lodi-Woodbridge area. Fred entered the family business after he graduated from the School of Business at Menlo College. He and his cousin own the business at the present time.

In 1972 Fred became interested in flying and seven years ago while attending an aviation convention he was introduced to Angel Flight. Angel Flight caught his interest and he signed up for more information regarding the group and its mission. Angel Flight provides non-emergency transportation to and from medical treatments. There are other flights for individuals that are care givers and transplant patients. The group provides comfort and care for people who could use a helping wing.

Fred flew 50 missions last year and will share some of his experiences with us. He is involved in Fremont Sunrise Rotary Club and other organizations in Fremont.

DO YOU KNOW

What is the first thing you should do when you think you're having a stroke?

What are the two types of strokes?

APRIL MENU

Baked Ham with Pineapple
Scalloped Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Salad
Rolls & Butter
Coffee & 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



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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

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Edited Excerpts from the Minutes of Sir Al Wydler



The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call showed that all Directors and five Officers to be present.

Corrections to the Minutes of February were made. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Big Sir Tom Sherba announced that Nat Lord is celebrating a Birthday this month and that Sir Peter Angelides has accepted the appointment as Historian. He introduced Bob Lippincott as Area Governor, replacing Sir Bob Beam.

Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 210 members and 2 guests to be present today. The Cybergeezers meeting this Monday, March 22 is cancelled.

Sir Ed Bingle reports we have five new members and that letters of notice were sent to four inactive members advising them of a possible termination.

Sir Nat Lord advises us that he is accepting sign up's for the A's vs. Mariners game July 28.

Sir Dave Dunlap announced a Bowling Tournament at Concord April 13 thru 15.

Sir Art Winkley has 21 Birthdays this month ranging from 67 to 83.

Sir John Skarpelos has a March 26 deadline for the Pathfinder.

Sir Bill Leake announced the SIR Pre-qual Golf Championship will be April 13. The next tournament will be in Reno. Three new members joined the group.

Sir Dave Tanner has sold 16 tickets for the Hawaiian Theme Lady's Day and has a limit of 208.

Sir Don Henry Requests assistance today collecting Badges and Lunch tickets.

Area Governor Bob Lippincott reports that the SIR organization has declined about 5,000 members and asks that we be aggressive in soliciting replacements. That perhaps we could

provide new members with a list of our Life Members as an inducement and that he has a SIR Century award for those over 95 years He requested and was provided with the address of our previous Editor, Stuart Lane.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alfred Wydler, Secretary.

Travel Tidbits for Area 8 Emile Lassalle

Golden Gate Tours is going to have a free special presentation on the Branson trip on Friday, April 30th at 2:30 pm at Carrows restaurant in Castro Valley. Be sure to call escort Emile Lassalle at (510) 538-7463 if you wish to attend the presentation.

May 20: The Magnificent Mystery Day Trip

Price for this trip is only \$63, and Escort Frank Raab tells me the bus is filling up; send your Reservation Coupon to Frank if you want to go. This is a first-time visit to this location and I know you will have an exciting day. Call Frank at (510) 278-5777

June 6: Day Trip "ANNIE" at the Saratoga Light Theater

We leave Southland at 10:00 AM sharp and go to Saratoga to the Florentine Restaurant for lunch. Then we go to the Saratoga Light Theater for the stage production of "ANNIE". Return to Southland by 6:00 pm. Cost \$77 per person; call Escort Emile Lassalle, at (510) 538-7463.

July 12: Thunder Valley Casino

Cost is \$22 per person. You will get a \$5 food credit. Max 48 passengers. Escort Frank Cerruti at (510) 568-8361.

August 18: Wine Tasting and Touring in CALISTOGA

Cost is \$66 per person; leave Southland at 8:00 am. Travel to St Helena and we will start tasting at Sutter Home Winery. Then we go to the Calistoga Inn Restaurant for a hosted lunch. After lunch we go to the Louis M. Martin Winery and tasting in their garden park. We should return to Southland by 6:00 pm. Escort Frank Raab, at (510) 276-5777.

"A SEPTEMBER TO REMEMBER IN BRANSON" A 7-DAY TRIP TO THE SHOW CAPITOL OF AMERICA SEPTEMBER 15-21, 2004, COST \$1,499 PER PERSON (Dbl-Occ). Fly from Oakland to Kansas City, for the start of our fun trip. You will see 10 shows, enjoy breakfast and dinner each day, and all admissions, tips and taxes are included.

OCTOBER 19 & 20, RENO CASINO BUS TRIP
Escort Robbie Robinson at (925) 447-5653

Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



The month of February saw a beginning balance of \$4139.89. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$325.40. General Fund disbursements of \$240.00 included printing, supplies and postage. The month ended with a balance of \$4978.29.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

New Members

Robert L. Ingebretson
48232 Cottonwood Street
Fremont, CA 94539-7606
510-657-7828
Email: robingy@aol.com
Birthday: 9/8/1940
Spouse: Gig
Badge No. 214
Sponsor: Jack Lindley
Call me: Rob

Joseph J. O'Connor
37832 Glenmoor Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-6601
510-793-1217
Birthday: 8/8/1916
Spouse: Elaine
Badge No. 87
Sponsor: Herb Epstein
Call me: Joe

Carey C. Williams
1933 Olive Avenue
Fremont, CA 94539-5133
510-656-7587
Email:
careyjulie@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 11/22/1938
Spouse: Julie
Badge No. 65
Sponsor: Ken Peterson
Call me: Carey

Membership Report

Guests:

None

Guest of:

Visitors:

Bob Lippincott

Governor, Area 8

Membership Total

(as of 03/18/2004)

275 - Active Members

20 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Address Change:

Dan Archer

2860 Country Drive Apt 273

Fremont, CA 94536-5381

Attendance Report

(For 03/18/2004)

Members	186
Guests	0
Visitors	1
Speaker	1
Total =	188

49 excused 35 unexcused



April Birthdays

William Robinson	Apr 21, 1914	90
Lee Mineau	Apr 09, 1920	84
Herbert Epstein	Apr 12, 1922	82
George Hubach	Apr 24, 1923	81
Ernie Korte	Apr 17, 1925	79
Edward Kurtz	Apr 24, 1926	78
Jack Knoth	Apr 07, 1927	77
Charles Capella	Apr 15, 1927	77
Thomas Tinker	Apr 13, 1929	75
Dareld Youngker	Apr 27, 1929	75
Ricardo Arenas	Apr 03, 1932	72
Jack Lindley	Apr 09, 1932	72
Richard Hocking	Apr 24, 1932	72
Kenneth Peterson	Apr 02, 1934	70
James Duffy	Apr 25, 1935	69
Robert Desch	Apr 20, 1937	67
Les Gora	Apr 05, 1940	64
Theodore Bresler	Apr 30, 1942	62



Union Negotiations

Negotiations between union members and their employer were at an impasse. The union denied that their workers were flagrantly abusing their contract's sick-leave provisions.

One morning at the bargaining table, the company's chief negotiator held aloft the morning edition of the newspaper, "This man, Tom Sherba" he announced, "called in sick yesterday!"

There on the sports page, was a photo of the supposedly ill employee, who had just won a local golf tournament with an excellent score.

A union negotiator broke the silence in the room. "Wow," he said. "Just think of what kind of score Tom could have had if he hadn't been sick!"

WANTED: New SIR Members

**LET'S HAVE FUN..
BRING IN ONE!**



"State President
Motto...."

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

STRIKES AND SPARES

by Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	160	431
Gary Bennett	151	431
Frank Cordova	582	207
Al Costa	174	466
Rollin Cunningham	200	473
Dave Dunlap	169	437
Ray Erickson	222	544
Ray Faria	172	506
Don Henry	194	556
Roy Johnson	167	446
Nat Lord	181	473
Bob Snodgrass	179	433
Carl Tolle	204	531
Art Winkley	452	161



At the tournament in Napa on February the 22nd, Ray Erickson placed 4th in the "B" Doubles and 6th in the all events categories for \$54. Dave Dunlap was Ray's partner and received \$24. Carl Tolle placed 3rd in the all events and received \$44.

At Livermore Frank Cordova bowled a 240 game for the position of 2nd place in the class "A" High Handicap Game and received \$45. Gary Bennett placed 6th in the all events and received \$20.

On April 13th we are scheduled to go to Diablo Bowl in Concord for a Tournament.

On April the 19th we are scheduled to go to The Reno Hilton Hotel in Reno for a tournament.

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

THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet one week later than usual Monday, April 26th, at 2PM at Fremont Main Library.

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

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 April luncheon meeting or call him at (510) 797-1704.



Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

Please welcome **Carey Williams**, who just joined our club in March.

Tuesday, April 13 is the pre-qualification for the state championship, to be held in Alameda. If you are reading this and have not entered it is too late. Hope for a cancellation. Call me. No guarantees. There will be 7 flights. The top 2 from each flight go to state qualification, which will be held on September 1 in Walnut Creek, 9:00 shotgun. Price to the winner will be \$62.00. The state tournament will be held on October 18 at Coyote Creek Golf Course in San Jose. On that day we will also have open play as well. Please note – due to prior commitments, the state championship will **NOT** be played at Poppy Hills this year.



Thank you Dave Priego for calling in Tee times for March. Thank you in advance to Ken Windholz for agreeing to call in times for April. Jerry, as always, thanks for calling in on Mondays. Want to help? If you like to play, then be a caller. Call Bill at 793-6561 for more info.

Annual Golf SIR meeting – as mentioned earlier, if you would like to have a copy of the minutes of the SIR meeting held in February, let me know and I will tell you how you can get one.

Team Championship – Qualification. We will have a team championship in June, with the winning team(s) going to Stockton at the Reserve in Spanos Park on August 18. This will be an area championship so we can use the players from our area (Hayward, Castro Valley, Newark, Union City, San Leandro). See me for questions. The other chairmen have been notified. Basically, 3 drives per individual player, and using June indexes, the limits for choosing players are: A = 0-17.9; B = 18.0-21.9; C = 22.0-25.9; D = 26-36.4. Start forming your teams now and avoid the rush.

Reno – Did you get your Reno notice for the golf tournament? If not, SIR NCGA does not have your correct address. If so, and you want to go, hope you sent it in by the time you read this message — or else probably too late.

Comments – I encourage them. **Bill Leake 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 BROWERS

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 says he is still recovering from pneumonia even after a stay in the Fremont Health Care Center. Dan says he was able to attend the Ohlone College Board of Trustees meeting March 10. He said it was a long meeting and tiring for him. Hope you recover completely soon, Dan.

BOB DEBELAK says he received an injection in his back to relieve the pain caused by a slipped spinal disc. Bob continues dialysis three times weekly. Bob says he plans to move to Arizona in April. We wish you the best in Arizona, Bob. We will miss you.

BEN FERNANDEZ has had five operations on his right shoulder. The last operations were needed because of infection. He has been in Kaiser Hayward off and on since February. Ben hopes to return home this month. We hope the infection is clearing up, Ben.

GEORGE HUBACH's wife, Lydia, had a heart attack requiring 3 stents at Kaiser Hospital. Lydia has had to return to Kaiser Hospital. We wish Lydia well.

SAMUEL HOLLOWAY missed celebrating his SIR birthday luncheon for March. He was having a type of seizure. We hope you regain your health, Samuel

FRANK HUNKLER is recovering from a fall breaking his left hip. After a stay in Fremont Health Care Center, he has returned home and manages to get around using a walker and a wheel chair. We hope you continue to improve, Frank.

RAY JARVIS continues to reside at Fremont Care Center on Country Drive. Ray is bedfast and likes visitors. Bring a book, he likes to read.

JOSEPH KISH's wife, Joy, reports Joseph suffered a stroke February 29. Most of his faculties are unaffected, except the ability to swallow. Joseph is recovering in Kaiser assisted care in San Leandro. We hope and wish for full recovery, Joseph.

RICHARD MADDUX says a biopsy indicates he has a malignant growth in his lung. Richard plans to have radiation treatment soon. Good luck Richard, we will be thinking of you.

VALENTINO PIANETTA's wife, Gloria, reports Valentino had gall bladder and hernia repair surgery February. Tino expected an overnight stay but ended with about a week stay in the hospital. He is recovering at home. We are glad you are doing OK, Tino.

BEN SMITH is recovering from a broken hip which was repaired by using screws. Ben is home using a wheel chair. He does have a handicap from an amputated leg. Hope you are having a good recovery, Ben.

FRANK SMITH says he continues taking medication for stomach cancer. Frank sees the doctor late in March. Hope all is OK, Frank.

CHARLIE SWANSON is doing OK, recovering from a special angioplasty and stent insertion procedure at Kaiser in San Francisco. See you at the luncheon, Charlie.

JACK WEBB, although wheel chair bound, plans to come to SIR luncheons. Jack says he is OK. See you at the luncheons 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.

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The next issue of the *Pathfinder*
will be in **June** and the copy
deadline will be
Friday, **May 28, 2004.**

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1976 Peter Clark*
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1978 Harry Cooper
1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
1984 George Herman*
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