



The Pathfinder

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June 2004

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - June 17, 2004

Ramblings of Big Sir Tom Sherba

Aloha! Branch 59 was indeed honored to have SIR State President Jim Musci at our May "Hawaiian Happening" to present a certificate to our latest Honorary Life Member, Sir Fred Gotthardt.

Sir Fred was almost speechless as his wife Ardith pinned on his Honorary Life Member pin. President Jim had to coax him into saying a few words. It was a well-kept secret that his application went through the routine for qualifying for HLM in record time. Sir Fred is most deserving of this honor and Pathfinder Branch 59 is very lucky to have such a hardworking and dedicated member. Congratulations Sir Fred on becoming our latest HLM! You most certainly deserve the honor.

Our May Sweetheart Luncheon was indeed a terrific success, thanks to all the hard work put out by Sir David Tanner and his Social Committee members. A great big thank you to everyone for a job well done. The ladies enjoyed dancing to the music of the six piece band playing "Tiny bubbles in the wine" and other Hawaiian songs.

July is the lunch meeting where members from the floor can nominate their choices of officers for the leadership roles of Branch 59 for 2005. The committee-proposed slate of officers will be published in the July bulletin.

Tom

JUNE MENU

Spaghetti

Tossed Green Salad with Swiss Dressing

Garlic Bread

Coffee & Dessert



Our Speaker – Jim Hollabaugh by Little Sir Howard Thompson

Our speaker this month is Mr. Jim Hollabaugh. He has lived in Fremont since 1977 and is married with four children and 3 grandchildren. He has practiced law for 29 years. Before that, Jim was an Air Force Intelligence Officer during the Viet Nam conflict.

Jim is also an amateur historian with particular interests in the Revolutionary and Civil War periods and the history of intelligence. He is a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is an applicant to the Sons of the American Revolution.

He is also a Regent of Trinity International University located in Southern California and founding board member of Focus on the Family's California Family Council. He is very interested in Social Concerns and served as an Elder at Evangelical Free Church in Fremont.

Jim has an active speaking schedule for various historical organizations. He recently spoke to the Sons of Union Veterans and the Stanislaus County Civil War Association. In September, he will deliver the keynote address on the Constitution to the Daughters of the American Revolution California Convention.

This month Jim will discuss the Faith of our Founders and their religious beliefs and why it matters.

DO YOU KNOW?

Who was that short gentleman, dressed in white slacks, silver and shell necklace, and shirt direct from Hawaii and dancing with all the women at the May function?

How many Angel Flights did our April speaker, Fred Weibel, make last year?

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 - 792-5484 or Arnold Mozzetti - 797-2127



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Branch 59

Meets at Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Avenue
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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 April 15th taken by Sir Howard Thompson for Sir Al Wydler



The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Tom Sherba at 10:30am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call was called:

Present: Tom Sherba, Howard Thompson, Fred Stabell, and Directors Herb Epstein, Don Gillis, Chris Lemler, Bill Leake, and Frank Thomas. Absent: Al Wydler, Drag Dutina, Lou Bufkin, and Director Don Henry.

Minutes of March 18, 2004, were approved.

Big Sir Tom Sherba announced there will be a meeting of the Area Director in Castro Valley on Friday, April 16 at 9:30am at Bob Lippincotts home.

Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 200 members to be present today. The Cybergeezers will be on Monday, April 26 at 2 PM in Fremont library.

Sir Fred Gotthardt presented with Honorary Life Membership

At the May Sweetheart Luncheon SIR President Jim Musci presented Sir Fred Gotthardt with an Honorary Life Membership.

Fred worked as a Medical Technologist for 46 years, retiring from SmithKline-Beechem Laboratories in 1994. He joined Branch 59 in August of 1995. He served as assistant Attendance Chairman in 1996 and 1997. He became Chairman in 1998 and holds that position now. In 2000 he became assistant chairman of Cybergeezers, the Branch computer group. In 2001 he became chairman of the group and continues to serve in that role to this date.

In 2003 he took on the job of assistant editor of the Pathfinder and assistant chairman of the Roster committee.

For the past eight years he has designed and prepared well wishing cards and sympathy cards for the Sunshine Committee. He has prepared program/menu's for the Ladies day social functions held



Sir Ed Bingle reports we have 3 new members. There were 4 members that changed status.

Sir Nat Lord will send in money for the A's game on Monday. He also reported a baseball game in Sacramento with the A's triple A team on Tuesday, June 29. Those interested need to contact Nat for more information.

Sir Dave Dunlap announced they participated in a SIR Bowling Tournament April 19-20 in Reno.

Frank Cordova won \$22 in Petaluma finishing 11th place all events. Al Costa won \$12 finishing 12th place B. Singles May 4 SIR Bowling tournament in Pollock Pines.

Sir Art Winkley reported 18 birthdays this month ranging from 90 to 62. Congratulations to Wiliam Robinson 90 years young.

Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



The month of March saw a beginning balance of \$4978.29 including custodial funds of \$753.00. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$275.42. General Fund disbursements of \$139.41 included printing, supplies and postage. The month ended with a balance of \$6264.30 including custodial funds of \$1903.00.

twice a year. He has also served as the E-mail contact for the Branch, supporting officers with minimum computer skills. He often prepares needed badges, signs, and tickets for the Branch.

Fred was born and raised in San Francisco graduating from Washington High School in 1945. For a short while he attended San Francisco City College. He then enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard, where he was trained as a clinical Laboratory Technologist, serving as a Medic. After his discharge he continued his training and became a licensed Technologist.

While growing up in San Francisco he studied dance, where he met his wife Ardith, whom he married in 1949. As a youth he worked in radio. You might have heard him as the voice of Little Beaver on the Red Rider Show. He also appeared on the Standard School Broadcast, One Man's Family and Stories that Live.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

New Members

Carlos A. Detevis
38560 Athy Street
Fremont, CA 94536-4001
510-797-9295
Birthday: 1/29/1926
Spouse: Pauline
Badge No. 219
Sponsor: Pete Flores
Call me: Carlos

Rene Friedeberg
42090 Via San Luis Rey
Fremont, CA 94539-4785
510-656-9032
Email: rfuf@aol.com
Birthday: 7/9/1940
Spouse: Ursula
Badge No. 155
Sponsor: Ted Bresler
Call me: Rene

John T. Randall
824 Vanda Way
Fremont, CA 94536-2668
510-794-1562
Email: johntsr@juno.com
Birthday: 8/7/1928
Badge No. 176
Sponsor: Charlie Wilkins
Call me: John

Membership Report

Guests:
G. Austin Smith
Jan Wells
Douglas Hogan

Guest of:
Gordon MacLeod
Sam Olsen
Carlos Detevis

Visitors:
None

Membership Total

(as of 04/15/2004)

274 - Active Members

22 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Manual Silva New Phone 510-792-5484
Bob Debelak Resigned –
Moved to Arizona
Sam Holloway moved to Inactive Status
Roy Duarte moved to Inactive Status
Louis Capito moved to Inactive Status

Attendance Report

(For 04/15/2004)

Members	175
Guests	3
Visitors	0
Speaker	1
Total =	179

52 excused 46 unexcused



May Birthdays

Edmund Bingle	05/15/1916	88
Carmen Vendetti	05/02/1918	86
John Roberts	05/29/1918	86
David Marymee	05/18/1920	84
Richard Marriott	05/08/1923	81
Edward Frasier	05/08/1924	80
Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	80
John Rice	05/10/1925	79
Robert Beam	05/15/1925	79
Dragomir Dutina	05/26/1925	79
Alfred Wydler	05/30/1925	79
Fred Anderson	05/03/1927	77
Stanley Paris	05/26/1927	77
Leo Hinkel	05/14/1929	75
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	75
William Wessells	05/22/1931	73
Duane Moran	05/19/1932	72
Paul Tong	05/10/1934	70
Allen Olsen	05/17/1935	69
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	68
Donald Barstow	05/06/1938	66
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	65
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	65

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

Be sure to pick up flyers at your SIR Luncheon or call Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463, for one to be mailed to you.

July 12: Thunder Valley Casino

Cost is \$22.00 per person. You will get a \$5.00 food credit. Max 48 passengers. Escort Frank Cerruti at (510) 568-8361. **(Full, but taking Stand-by's)**

August 18: Wine Tasting and Touring In CALISTOGA

Cost is \$66 per person; leave Southland at 8:00AM. Travel to St. Helena and 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 tasting in their garden park. We should return to Southland by 6:00PM. Escort Frank Raab, at (510) 276-5777.

September 15-21: "A September To Remember In BRANSON"

A 7 DAY TRIP TO THE SHOW CAPITOL OF AMERICA, COST \$1,499.00 PER PERSON (DbI-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. (Trip filling up, Call Escort Emile Lassalle at (510) 538-7463.

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June Birthdays

Niels Nielsen	06/25/1914	90
Mac Currie	06/15/1916	88
Oliver Knick	06/19/1916	88
Donald Schipper	06/15/1922	82
Richard Maddux	06/01/1924	80
Robert Boucher	06/22/1924	80
Walter Fasolis	06/09/1925	79
David Minor	06/01/1927	77
Louis Bufkin	06/21/1927	77
Phil Utic	06/24/1929	75
William Pereira	06/27/1931	73
Marty Enriquez	06/10/1932	72
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	71
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	71
John Clark	06/10/1937	67
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	67
Frank Thomas	06/15/1940	64
Kenneth Windholz	06/15/1947	57

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

Dave Dunlap

NAME	APRIL		MAY	
	High Game	High Series	High Game	High Series
Wayne Adams	147	371	164	446
Gary Bennett	197	537	199	511
Frank Cordova	221	611	234	654
Al Costa	191	493	203	534
Rollin Cunningham	173	450	180	490
Dave Dunlap	186	424	147	382
Ray Erickson	201	569	214	563
Ray Faria	160	384	190	468
Don Henry	239	628	218	604
Roy Johnson	178	486	183	463
Nat Lord	215	612	191	544
Bob Snodgrass	139	400	156	408
Carl Tolle	237	496	237	532
Art Winkley	184	501	180	490

Al Costa placed 5th in the "B" singles for \$36 and 4th place in the all events category for \$39 at the Diablo Lanes in Concord. That's the way to go Al.

There are three tournaments scheduled for the month of June, in Stockton, Paradise and Pinole.

Why not come to Mowry Lanes and join us for some of these excursions? We meet at the Lanes on Mondays at 1:00PM.

Questions? Call **Dave Dunlap** at 657-2603



Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

Summer is near! If you are a regular and plan to be away let someone know so we will not schedule you. For May it was Andy Andersen. For June it will be Chris Lemler. Thank you Andy and Chris. Also, thanks Jerry (Mondays) and Ken (April). Currently, we schedule 4 times for Monday and 3 times for Thursdays (and 3rd Wednesday of the month).



Welcome Doug Hogan who joined Branch 59 SIR and its golf group.

Pre-Qual Results—Way back in April. Winners of flights = Tony Martinez (flt 2), Bill Leake (flt 4), Richard Holley (flt 6) and Chris Lemler (flt 7). 2nd place = Walt Oden (flt 1); Jack Knoth (flt 3); Carlos De Tevis (flt 4); Tony Zeuli (flt 5); & Bob Teglia (flt 7). Closest to Pin = Richard Howe (1st, \$156.00); Tony Zeuli (2nd, \$97.5); & Dave Tanner (4th, \$39.00). The state qualifier will be September 1 in Walnut Creek.

State Qualifier Team Championship—Date is June 3 (Thursday) & place is Alameda. Price = \$42 each (\$164 per team). We will have results next time. The winning team goes to the state championship — August 18 in Stockton.

More Results – About 5 of us went to San Diego for SIR newest event site. It was a great tournament. It was even better for Forrest Lusher who was 4th overall and third for day 3. John Austin also won some money – coming in third place for day 1. Congrats gentlemen!

We are growing! Effective May 1, area 8 has grown. Area 8, Division 4 (which we are part of) now consists of 5 branches, 59, 72, 26, 6 (new) and 60 (new also). They will/did participate in the latest Team Championship June 3.

All I ever do is play with the same guys each week! Have you said that?? Want to change? Suggestion – let's bring your name on a piece of paper. When 16 or 18 people are huddled around #1 at Cypress talking about what they did or did not do over the weekend, put your name into a hat and let's draw 4 names. That will be the first foursome for that day. Then draw 4 more names. As the commercial says – try it, you'll like it!

Finally – we just finished the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness. Horse racing and golf are similar — in horse racing, the post is the starting point of the race. In golf, posting is the finishing part of the game. When you finish your round of golf, post your score. Don't saddle me with this problem and make me be a nag – post your score after you complete your round of golf! We still have some regulars who do not post after every round that they play.

Want to be a volunteer – call me at 793-6561.

THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet on Monday, June 21st, 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

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**

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

For Information see **Nat Lord** at the luncheon or call him at (510) 797-1704.

READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.
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 doing OK. Dan missed the April luncheon due to a sudden illness. Dan hopes to make the June luncheon. Hope to see you there, Dan.

LOUIS CAPITO's wife Mavis reports that Louis is recovering at home from stomach surgery performed earlier this year. She says that he has lost considerable weight. We hope that he makes a full recovery soon.

HARRY CESARI's wife, Helen, a 70 year Fremont Resident, died March 20, 2004 at home. She was 89. We at Branch 59 extend our sympathy to Sir Harry and his family.

BEN FERNANDEZ says he is being treated intravenously with antibiotics for infection of bones involving his right arm and shoulder. To the middle of May he had five weeks of treatment. After that Ben starts physical therapy for the right arm and shoulder. We hope the infection clears and your health improves, Ben.

SAM HOLLOWAY is recovering from prostate surgery. Sam says he has trouble controlling urine flow. He says this is very bothersome. Sam is also bothered with intermittent seizures. Sam says he misses being able to drive. We hope your health improves, Sam.

FRANK HUNKLER is recovering at home from a fall, breaking his left hip. He says he gets around using a wheel chair and a walker. Frank hopes to attend the June luncheon. Hope to see you there, Frank.

GLENN HURSEY is scheduled for spinal surgery this month, which may involve fusing five discs. We wish Glen the best for a speedy recovery.

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



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October 19 & 20: RENO Casino Bus Trip

*[First choice for this trip goes to all the persons that traveled to Sedona in November, 2003. Those folks should have received a letter from Frontier Tours with the special offer for this trip. They will be able to take this trip for half price (\$35.00 per person, Dbl-Occ). They have 30 days to accept this offer, after July 7th, these half price seats will be open to all members for the full Price of \$70.00 per person (dbl-Occ). All half-price seats must be used **only** by the people from the Sedona trip and can't be sold or given away.]*

Day One: You will stop in Sacramento for a no-host breakfast. At 12:00PM arrive at the Reno Hilton for a 3-hour stay and receive a \$7 slot credit. At 3:15pm you will check in to the Eldorado Hotel Casino for your One Night Accommodations, receive a Breakfast Buffet Coupon, the rest of the day is at your leisure. **Day Two:** Silver Club, \$7 cash, Boomtown Casino, \$5 cash and Buffet coupon Bonus package over \$40 in value. Call Escort Robbie Robinson at (925) 447-5653.

JOSEPH KISH's wife, Joy, As of May 13, reports Joe is back at Kaiser Hospital as they have trouble determining the proper medication for a stroke suffered February 29, which affected his left side. Joe is fortunate to be able to swallow his food but he is not able to use his left leg for walking even though he can move his leg. Joe also has trouble maintaining his balance. Joe is in Assisted Care at a home at 4647 Hansen right off of Blacow. Drop in and see him. We are hoping for the best, Joe.

RICHARD MADDUX is finishing radiation treatment in May for a malignancy in his right lung. We wish you good luck and hope the treatment clears up your problem, Richard.

VALENTINO PIANETTA says he is doing well. He has returned recently from a Mississippi boat trip to New Orleans. Glad you had a fun time, Tino.

GEORGE RODRIGUES' wife, Florence, says George has been in out of the hospital recovering from a stroke. George is in assisted care at Country Drive Care Center. Drop in and see George. We hope you make a full recovery, George.

BEN SMITH's wife, Norma, says Ben has been in and out of Kaiser Hospital with a blockage in his right leg. (His good leg. Ben had his left leg amputated.) Ben plans to return the later part of May for an operation to clear the blockage. We hope the best for you, Ben.

FRANK SMITH is on medication for treatment of stomach cancer. Frank says he will receive a checkup in June. Hope you receive a good report, Frank.

CHARLES WILKINS and his wife, Tice's daughter, Robin Lee Wilkins-Sikkel, a former Fremont resident and a graduate of Washington High School, died of cancer April fifteen, 2004 at her home in Vancouver, Washington. She was 46. We at SIR, extend our sympathy to Charles and Tice and to Robin Lee's family.

In Memoriam

Robert W. Klindt

Robert W. Klindt a resident of Fremont for 44 years died May 5, 2004 in Hayward. He would have been 83 this month. He joined Branch 59 in 1983 and was Big Sir in 1988.

He graduated from Oakland High School. A lifelong resident of the Bay Area, Robert was born in Oakland on June 11, 1921. He worked 40 years for the U.S. Government as a contract administrator to the aerospace industry. He also served in the United States Army during World War II attaining the rank of Master Sergeant.

His wife, Barbara B. Klindt in 1993, preceded him in death. He is survived by his daughters Carolynn and Julie and son Robert.

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