



# The Pathfinder

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## NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - July 15, 2004

### Ramblings of Big Sir Tom Sherba

Sir Bob Lippincott, Area 8 Governor, is scheduled to make his second official visit to Branch 59 at our July meeting. He will be stressing the importance of new membership in all of the Branches in Area 8.

Thanks to Sir Lyle Kingery, Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Hubach and Sir Dave Marymee for their hard work in getting the paperwork done for our newest Honorary Life Member, Sir Fred A. Gotthardt. Our Branch now has a total of five (5) HLMS, and if we reach 300 members we will be entitled to six (6) HLMS. So if we get about 25 new members we will reach that goal.

The June Cybergazers meeting was surprised by a rare appearance of Big Sir Tom who had a special announcement that he received a brand new Dell Dimension 2400 Computer for Father's Day from his son and daughter. As soon as Sir Fred Gotthardt gets it up and running Big Sir will be "On Line" with all the Cybergazers and other Sirs.

Sir Guidelines do not allow or promote any Religious, Political or Self Interest groups to use SIR, Inc as an Endorsement. Our June speaker may have disturbed some of our members with his comments on our Founding Fathers, Christianity and Separation of Church and State. Most of the members at the luncheon were pleased with his presentation and feel that everyone is entitled to their First Amendment Rights.

*Tom*

### Our Speaker - Dr. Charlie Self by Little Sir Howard Thompson

Charlie will unveil the best and worst of our global family when it comes to competition. The Olympic games shows great feats of courage, excessive pride in nationalism, poignant moments of sacrifice, horrific tragedies, and heroic triumphs. All are legacies of these games.

Charlie was born in Framingham, Massachusetts in 1959. As he grew you could see that he was gifted with creativity, love of people, and desire to learn. He moved to California at the age of two and then at the age of 10 to San Jose. He was promoted from the first grade to the third and reading adult literature by the age of nine.

Charlie met his wife while on a tour in Europe and it was love at first sight. Both he and his wife have traveled the world teaching and speaking to groups. Dr. J. Robert Ashcroft, late father of our present U.S. Attorney General, opened the door for an assignment in Washington D.C. from 1987 to 1994.

Charlie's speaking and writing offers an unusual blend of depth and simplicity. We will hear his excitement to live while avoiding the traps of self-destruction and self-promotion.

Charlie is a coach, a communicator and a professor. He has over two decades of experience in business, education and service in Europe and the USA.

Charlie is a regular guest on the Brian Sussman show on KSFO 560 AM. He provides humor and insightful facts to guide the perplexed toward sanity. He is Dr. History!!

Charlie has a way of empowering individuals and encouraging them to follow their dreams. He exhibits a unique gift of clarity and challenges us to reach beyond the norm. He wants people to not just be good but GREAT.

Don't miss this one and invite a friend.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Over 90% of the Founding Fathers were of the Christian faith.

The new SIR-State Wide Newsletter, **SIR HAPPENINGS** can be viewed by downloading it from the SIR web site at

<http://sirinc.org/sirformspro/sirformspro.html>



### JULY MENU

**BBQ Tri-Tips & Chili Beans**

Green Salad & Garlic Bread

Dessert & Coffee

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**



## Branch 59

### Officers

#### Big Sir

Tom Sherba  
(510) 793-3217

#### Little Sir

Howard Thompson  
(510) 656-6132

#### Secretary

Al Wydler  
(510) 278-4380

#### Asst. Secretary

Drag Dutina  
(510) 657-1037

#### Treasurer

Louis Bufkin  
(510) 651-8664

#### Asst. Treasurer

Bobby Ben Snodgrass

#### Directors

Herb Epstein  
Don Gillis  
Don Henry  
Bill Leake  
Chris Lemler  
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

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## Edited Excerpts from the June 17th Minutes of Sir Al Wydler



The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed all Officers and five Directors to be present.

April minutes sent to all the board were approved.

Director Don Henry brought up an item to refund the cost of tickets to member who purchased two tickets to the Sweetheart luncheon but was unable to attend due to a death in the family. After considerable discussion on the matter, Big Sir Tom Sherba called for a vote. The motion was passed with six in favor and four against, with one abstaining.

Big Sir Tom Sherba gave his thanks to the Dinner committee and to Howie Thompson who has a Guest Speaker for today who has researched the U.S. Constitution as to what the Founders really meant when it was originally written.

Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 190 members to be in attendance today. The Cybergeezers meeting will be Monday June 21 at 2:00 pm at the Fremont Library.

Sir Ed Bingle reports we currently have 274 members. One has moved out of the area and four are inactive. He has sent notices to nine others, warning, that they are in danger of becoming inactive due to poor attendance. He expects four guests today.

Sir Nat Lord reports that he and Sir Art Winkley can provide transportation to San Francisco for the Giants game.

Sir Art Winkley has 23 members for May and 18 members for June celebrating birthdays, ranging from 65 to 90 years of age.

Sir John Skarpelos has a June 25 deadline for Pathfinder submittals.

Sir Frank Campos will sing the Anniversary Waltz to honor a fifty-year employee of Swiss Park who is celebrating 52 years of marriage this month.

Sir Dave Marymee reported that we have eight members seriously ill or in assisted living and it would be a nice gesture if we would call or visit them.

Our Area Governor Sir Bob Lippincott is hospitalized for artery problems.

Big Sir Tom Sherba advises, not to take liberties with the SIR emblem as it is copyrighted. This includes the color shades, also. We are still in possession of an Amplifier, Speakers and Microphone available for a fair price.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

## Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



The month of April saw a beginning balance of \$4361.30 and custodial funds of \$1903. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$259.46. General Fund disbursements of \$454.66 included printing, supplies and postage. The month ended with a balance of \$6327.20 including custodial funds of \$2161.

The month of May saw a beginning balance of \$4166.20 and custodial funds of \$2161. General Fund receipts of interest totaled \$.45. No General Fund disbursements were made. The month ended with a balance of \$4848.65 including custodial funds of \$682.

## Branch Officers and Directors Election at the August Luncheon meeting



### Officer Candidates Nominated for 2005

Big Sir – Howard Thompson  
Little Sir – Les Addison  
Secretary – Al Wydler  
Assistant Secretary – Drag Dutina  
Treasurer – Lou Bufkin  
Assistant Treasurer – Bobby Ben Snodgrass

### Nominated for Directors

Don Gillis  
Bill Leake  
Chris Lemler  
Bob Ralston  
Tom Sherba  
Art Winkley



You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.

Thanks are due to Nominating Committee Chairman Sir Rollin Cunningham and members Sir Drag Dutina and Sir Herb Epstein for their efforts in providing this slate of nominees.

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

## New Members

**Douglas K. Hogan**  
40208 Hacienda Court  
Fremont, CA 94539-3607  
510-651-2243  
Email:  
dougaskhogan@comcast.net  
Birthday: 2/24/1938  
Spouse: Tommie  
Badge No. 131  
Sponsor: Carlos Detevis  
Call me: Doug

## Marathon Runner

Pete Angelides, Branch 59 Historian, ran the 26.2-mile Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon, June 19, 2004 in Anchorage, Alaska. He was a member of the the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training. The program provides training to run or walk a whole or half marathon. Pete raised over \$5000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Of the 3703 runners who registered to compete in the 2004 Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon, 3330 made it to the finish line. Pete finished the event in 7 hours and 32 minutes. He placed 657th with the men running the race.



Pete Angelides wearing his Marathon Medal

## Membership Report

**Guests:**  
James Canard  
Edgar Guthrie  
John Trischetti  
John Vennemeyer

**Guest of:**  
Sam Mitchell  
Fred Gotthardt  
Tom Sherba  
Paul Tong

**Visitors:**  
None

**Membership Total**  
(as of 06/17/2004)

**270 - Active Members**  
23 - Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

Frank Bettencourt – Resigned  
Louis Buserwini – Resigned  
Keith Jackson – Resigned  
Floyd Miller – to Inactive  
George Vanrietta – to Inactive  
Manual Silva - Change of Address  
38956 Canyon Heights Drive  
Fremont, CA 94536-4443  
Lee Mineau – Change of Address  
644 Praderia Circle  
Fremont, CA 94539-6316

### Attendance Report

(For 06/17/2004)

Members	163
Guests	4
Visitors	0
Speaker	1
<b>Total =</b>	<b>168</b>

62 excused 46 unexcused



## July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	07/01/1923	81
Nicola Ackel	07/26/1924	80
Valentino Pianetta	07/14/1925	79
Frank Thomas	07/21/1925	79
Lloyd Cowan	07/16/1927	77
Jack Webb	07/19/1927	77
Fred Cutter	07/09/1929	75
Wayne Halbert	07/10/1930	74
Gordon MacLeod	07/12/1930	74
Roger Aubin	07/25/1930	74
Luciano Nausin	07/26/1930	74
Dino Mostardi	07/27/1930	74
Paul Bleignier	07/07/1932	72
Ronald Wiley	07/01/1933	71
Gilbert Vegas	07/14/1933	71
Ben Fernandez	07/02/1934	70
Bobby Snodgrass	07/11/1938	66
Kevin Rozzano	07/27/1939	65
Rene Friedeberg	07/09/1940	64
James Fenlon	07/15/1940	64



## Snodgrass takes over from Stabell



Our Assistant Treasurer, Sir Fred Stabell, recently resigned for personal reasons. He has served well in that position for the past three and a half years. Big Sir Tom Sherba, in his letter accepting the resignation, stated "...you have been a very capable, diligent assistant to Sir Lou Bufkin and Branch 59 for which all the Officers and Members thank you."

At the last board meeting in June, Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass was elected unanimously to fill out the term of office for the rest of the year.





# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares

Rollin Cunningham for Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	165	402
Gary Bennett	175	461
Frank Cordova	243	651
Al Costa	204	525
Rollin Cunningham	200	495
Dave Dunlap	125	365
Ray Erickson	203	532
Ray Faria	203	466
Don Henry	205	600
Roy Johnson	183	471
Nat Lord	188	509
Bob Snodgrass	165	394
Frank Thomas	153	438
Carl Tolle	213	554
Art Winkley	182	488



### Winners

#### Homestead Lanes in Cupertino May 18th

Frank Cordova	13th in singles
Gary Bennett	9th in singles and 11th in all events
Carl Tolle	10th in singles and 6th in all events

#### Pacific Bowl in Stockton June 3rd

Nat Lord and Carl Tolle	2nd in doubles
Al Costa	11th in all events



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

### THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet on Monday, July 26, at 2PM at Fremont Main Library. One week later than usual

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**.

## Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

**Summer is here!** 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 July it will be Tom Sullivan. For June it was Chris Lemler. Thank you Chris and Tom. And thank you to Jerry (who calls in Mondays. Currently, we schedule 4 times for Monday and 3 times for Thursdays (and 3rd Wednesday of the month). Are you a regular and never called in for tee times. Be a volunteer – call me at **793-6561**

**State Qualifier Team Championship** was held on June 3 in Alameda. Branch 59 had several teams entered, but no winners. The team of Jack Knoth, Tony Zeuli and Bob Teglia came in third, along with Brian Peck from Branch 72. Gary Callahan, Darryl Moore, Les Prestwood and Chuck Linzey finished fourth. Dominic Aiello, Tom Sherba, Forrest Lusher and Marty Enriquez finished fifth. Walt Oden, Bill Leake, Dave Priego and Richard Holley finished sixth. Finally, Tony Martinez, Jerry Desmond, Bob Ralston and Hank Scherer finished 9th. The only money winner was Chuck who won \$66 for 3rd place in closest to pin.



**Reno results – Week 1** – We have results of week 1 in Reno (June 7-11) — We have 4 winners — Forrest Lusher won \$330 (day 2, 1st place, day 3, 1st place, overall C 3rd place), Bill Briscoe won \$285 (day 1, 3rd place; day 2, 1st place, overall D player 3rd place; John Austin won \$184 (day 2, 6th place, 7th place overall, D player); and Tom Sherba \$169 (Day 2, 2nd place, overall B 8th place). Congratulations!

Due to time constraints for this article, week 3 Reno results will not be available at this writing but in the August Pathfinder.

**SIR Division 4 Open Golf Tournament** – at the Reserve in Stockton. The tournament will be held October 6, 2004, 7:30 am shotgun start, and the \$40 entry fee includes green fee, ½ cart and prize fund. We are a part of Division 4 – call me if you want to play and I will set up a group. Better yet, set up your own group. Forms on the web or I have them.

**Golf in Wine country** – Division 1, August 10, 2004. Call me or Wayne Thush **(707-217-8344)**. Price = \$39 (includes cart, green fee and closest to hole. Tilden Park August 2 (sponsored by Lloyd Keplinger and Branch 72). \$45, 9:00 am starting time. Call me at **793-6561**, or Lloyd at **510-471-1238**.

### 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 as he resides at Country Inn. He says he spent an overnight in the hospital because of possible medication mix-up. Dan says the medication he takes does make him drowsy. Glad you seem to be handling it, Dan.

**BOB BEAM**, past Big Sir of Branch 59, as a 19-year-old soldier, survived the D-Day invasion into France. Bob was in the first wave ashore – Lucky Bob!

**BOB BOUCHER** spent 10 days in the hospital and is now on oxygen. Hope your health improves, Bob.

**LOUIS CAPITO** is recovering at home from stomach surgery. Louis says he is feeling better, but is unable to come to the luncheons. Glad you are feeling better, Louis.

**DAVE DUNLAP** had an operation on his thyroid gland. He is resting at home for weeks. We hope for a full recovery soon, Dave.

**ROY DUARTE** reports he is contending with kidney failure. Roy undergoes dialysis at home four times a day. We hope this procedure works well for you, Roy.

**BEN FERNANDEZ's** wife, Pat, says Ben is off antibiotics, but continues therapy for his right arm and shoulder. Ben even plays a little golf. Glad to hear the good news, Ben.

**SAM HOLLOWAY's** wife, Virginia, says Sam is recovering from prostate surgery. She says he is better, but is unable to drive. We hope your health improves, Sam.

**FRANK HUNKLER** is recovering from a broken left hip. He says he is not doing too badly. Frank is using a cane and walker to get around. Keep improving, Frank.

**GLENN HURSEY's** wife, Helen, reports Glenn had spinal surgery that fused 3 discs and stabilized other discs. Glenn then developed pneumonia and was transferred to a Kaiser care facility in Oakland. We wish Glenn a speedy recovery.

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

**JOSEPH KISH's** wife, Joy, reports that Joseph is improving on recovering from a stroke. He is now able to stand and is regaining his balance. He is learning to walk using a four-prong cane. Joseph is located at a Kaiser facility, 2563 Sleepy Hollow, Hayward. Joseph continues therapy and is looking forward to returning home for in-home therapy. We are happy for Joseph's improving health and hope he continues on the road to recovery.

**BOB LIPPINCOTT**, Area 8 Governor, has had minor heart surgery and is scheduled for major heart surgery. We wish Bob a full and speedy recovery.

**RICHARD MADDUX** reports he is finished with radiation treatment for a malignant growth in his lung. Richard says he has to wait for a month to be made aware of the final results. We hope you receive a good report, Richard.

**DAVE MARYMEE**, Sunshine Chairman's sister, Shirley Robinson passed away from a massive stroke in June. Funeral services were held in Yuba City.

**NIELS NIELSEN** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday month at the June Luncheon. Neils arrive using crutches and a cast on his right ankle because he broke a bone from a fall trying to lop a high branch in a high branch of a tree in his yard. Niels said he should have known better. Hope you recover fully soon, Niels.

**LYNN PURVIS** had an operation for a knee replacement. Lynn was up and walking the next day. Good going, Lynn.

**GEORGE RODRIGUES's** wife, Florence, reports that George is at the Country Drive Care Center recovering from a stroke. She says George is unable to walk. Stop by and see George. We hope for improvement soon, George.

**DWIGHT SALE**, past State President, was successfully operated on for a damaged rotator cuff. This was an outpatient procedure and he is home recovering from the surgery.

**WES SCHILLING** had arthroscopic surgery on his knee in early June. His knee pains Wes so much that he missed the June luncheon. Hope you can make the July luncheon, Wes.

**BEN SMITH** is at home recovering and receiving treatment for blood clots in his amputated left leg. Ben also has to take medication for his heart condition. We hope your health improves, Ben.

**VERN TALLEY** had a hernia repair operation in June. Hope everything went well, Vernon.

## 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.

#### **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 (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. (Trip filling up, Call Escort Emile Lassalle at (510) 538-7463.

#### **October 19 & 20: RENO Casino Bus Trip**

Price of \$70.00 per person (dbl-Occ).

**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.

#### **November 17th Mystery Trip and the December Trip**

These trips are now being arranged with the travel company. Mystery trips are always fun. The December trip will be geared to the Holiday Season.

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### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the *Pathfinder*  
will be in **August** and the copy  
deadline will be  
Friday, **July 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\*  
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1994 George Hubach  
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