



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Twenty-Ninth Year

September 2004

Bulletin No. 8

NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - September 16, 2004

Ramblings of Big Sir Tom Sherba

Congratulations and thank you to all the Officers-elect and Directors-elect for 2005. I am sure that with the help of all our wonderful Committee Chairmen and their assistants that Branch 59 will have a very successful year. Our Branch has the best Executive Committee and Board in Area 8, in my humble opinion. Lets keep up the good work in the future.

The Argus Article last month had 15 responses; three were from political people wanting to speak on the November elections, and three from ladies who wanted to know if there is a similar organization for women. The article was to inform area people of the local Branch of SIR Inc. and our activities. We did receive nine (9) positive calls from prospective members. This is GREAT as we should all welcome more members and share our comradeship with them. Remember our State Motto "Lets have fun and bring in one in 2004" and welcome the new members.

I will not be able to be at the Luncheon as Lillian and I are joining the travel Branch 26 and others on the BRANSON, MO trip, a September to Remember. I will be remembering you all and know that Little Sir Howie will do a fantastic job as my replacement.

Tom

September MENU

Chicken BBQ

Parsleyed New Potatoes & Old Fashioned String Beans
Salad
Bread & Butter
Dessert & Coffee

Our Speaker - Mr. Pat Vitucci

by Little Sir Howard Thompson

Abraham Lincoln stated, "the best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time." But wouldn't it be nice to have the resources you need for the rest of life? And wouldn't it be nice to leave some of our resources to those that may survive us. Also, do we have the confidence and assurance we will have enough to cover any emergencies that might occur? Well, Mr. Vitucci will share with us some of the answers to these unknown factors in our lives.

Mr. Pat Vitucci is a financial advisor and presents timely advice weekly on radio and television. He has a one-hour show, Your Financial Life, broadcasted weekly on Sunday morning from 10-11 am for KABL. You can also see him daily on Channel 2 Noon News. Pat has various locations serving the Greater Bay Area. He specializes in retirement planning and investments that will utilize an active asset allocation in a changing market.

He was educated at Monmouth University with a degree in science of economics. He brings 30 years of experience to the financial service industry. He has served in various capacities in his corporate life as President of Broker Relations and President of a one-hundred-million-dollar subsidiary of a major financial institution. He specializes in individual portfolio management with emphasis on retirement.

Pat has been married for 29 years to his wife, Elaine. He has a son, Jason, who is following in his father's footsteps. Jason works at the same firm in Client Relations.

Pat has been involved with various volunteer organizations, being a scoutmaster and helping young men with community service efforts.

DO YOU KNOW?

When AARP asked their members this question, "As time passes do you look forward to moving out of your home and into a care facility"? 83% said, NO!!!

Have you changed your address since the last election? If so you need to re-register. The last day to register to VOTE in the November election is October 7th.

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

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Tom Sherba
(510) 793-3217

Little Sir

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(510) 656-6132

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Asst. Secretary

Drag Dutina
(510) 657-1037

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Louis Bufkin
(510) 651-8664

Asst. Treasurer

Bobby Ben Snodgrass
(510) 796-3543

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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

A Nonprofit
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corporation for
retired men



Edited Excerpts from the August 19th Minutes of Sir Al Wydler



The meeting was called to order at 10:25 am. Following the Pledge to Allegiance, roll call showed all Officers and Directors to be present. The minutes of July were approved.

Correspondence from the State indicated our insurance would remain the same as before. Blanket coverage will be organization supplied and we will be assessed to cover the premium. There have been only two claims in the past ten years. Each branch will now receive "Only" one copy of the SIR manual.

Big Sir Tom Sherba announced a change in the Lunch Service. Due to a large amount of left over dessert, coupons will be provided for those desiring desert to inform the servers of their desire. In addition, coffee will only be available on a self-service basis to those capable of getting their own.

Attendance Chair Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 195 members for lunch today. The Cybergeezers will meet as usual next Monday.

Little Sir Howie Thompson reports that the Area Governor is satisfied with our Branch and pleased that we have "Greeters" at the door to welcome arriving members.

There will be no Membership report today because Ed Bingle is ill.

Sir Nat Lord reports that those attending both the Giants and A's games were satisfied. The Giants displayed a Banner welcoming us. He would like to see a greater number of our branch attending these games.



Sir Art Winkley reported that two Committee members have Birthdays. There are 16 total from 65 to 92 years of age this month.

Editor Sir John Skarpelos announced that next Friday is the Pathfinder Deadline.

Reporting for Golf, Sir Bill Leake announced that State Qualifications will be held October 2 and the SIR open on October 17.

Sir Frank Campos plans to sing "My Country Tis of Thee" and the "Impossible Dream".

Sir Dave Marymee reports that he has spent, year to date, \$56.58 on sympathy cards and postage.

Sir Rollin Cunningham announces that now is the time to submit nominations for State Offices and that our Director, Chris Lemler, has resigned. He will be replaced by Lloyd Anderson. The remaining list of officers Published in the Pathfinder is unchanged.

Adjourned 11:10 am. Respectfully submitted. Alfred Wydler, Secretary

Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



The month of July saw a beginning General Fund balance of \$4279.71 and Custodial Fund balance of \$517. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$310.36. General Fund disbursements of \$476.38 included printing, supplies and postage and the State Assessment of \$310.50. The month ended with a balance of \$4666.69 including custodial funds of \$553.

Election Results

Branch Officers and Directors for 2005

Officers

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

Directors

Lloyd Anderson
Don Gillis
Bill Leake
Bob Ralston
Tom Sherba
Art Winkley

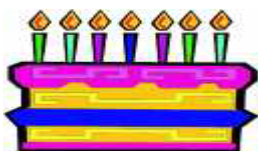
MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



September Birthdays

Adrian Fuller	09/06/1916	88
Tom Dehart	09/23/1916	88
Gerald Desmond	09/18/1920	84
Lee Updegraff	09/21/1920	84
Roy Johnson	09/04/1923	81
Mike Whitfield	09/08/1924	80
Joe Barrera	09/09/1924	80
Raymond Erickson	09/12/1925	79
Harry Gardiser	09/01/1927	77
Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	77
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	76
David Priego	09/12/1929	75
G. Austin Smith	09/19/1929	75
Armando Castiglioni	09/02/1930	74
Arthur Lampert	09/24/1930	74
Glenn Bachelder	09/20/1931	73
Donald Eliason	09/25/1932	72
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	71
Vern Talley	09/24/1933	71
Jan Wells	09/08/1935	69
Arthur Slauer	09/02/1936	68
Arthur Kuhlmann	09/14/1936	68
Robert Matthies	09/15/1937	67
John Trischetti	09/17/1938	66
Robert Ingebretson	09/08/1940	64



Membership Report

Guests:	Guest of:
Ron Brutean	Jim Fenlon
Jim Daley	Hugh Twomey
George Malone	Howie Thompson
Jerry Sabo	Charles Wilkins
Visitors:	Guest of
Tom Ahern	Tom Ahern, Sr.
Conrad Wall	Inactive Member

Membership Total

(as of August 19, 2004)

270 - Active Members
24 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Sam Holloway	Deceased 7/22/2004
Ben Smith	Deceased 7/25/2004
Felix Dandois	Deceased 7/28/2004
Joseph Kish	Deceased 8/05/2004
Louis Capito	Deceased 8/15/2004
Gene Ivaldi	Resigned
Elwod Weitmann	Resigned
Fred Stabell	Inactive
William Robinson	Inactive
Gregge Vernon	Inactive

Attendance Report

(For August 19, 2004)

Members	174
Guests	4
Visitors	2
Speaker	1
Total =	181

55 excused 41 unexcused

New Members

Ray G. Alvarez
20668 Forest Avenue Apt 7
Castro Valley, CA 94546-4541
510-537-0580
Email: rayspenc12@aol.com
Birthday: 3/1/1936
Badge No. 181
Sponsor: Art McGrath
Call me: Ray

William E. Anderson
410 McDuff Avenue
Fremont, CA 94539-7538
510-490-6461
Email: mrmrsbill@comcast.net
Birthday: 4/8/1940
Spouse: Pat
Badge No. 201
Sponsor: Rob Ingebretson
Call me: Bill

John P. Trischetti
4545 Pecos Court
Fremont, CA 94555-3233
510-791-2466
Email: jtrischetti@comcast.net
Birthday: 9/17/1938
Spouse: Junko
Badge No. 49
Sponsor: Tom Sherba
Call me: John

John A. Vennemeyer
5064 Cheleas Drive
Newark, CA 94560-2005
510-796-0672
Email: kvenn@aol.com
Birthday: 6/19/1937
Spouse: Kathy
Badge No. 13
Sponsor: Paul Tong
Call me: John

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.

OCTOBER 19 & 20, RENO CASINO BUS TRIP

Price of \$70 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 BUS TRIP

This will be an exciting mystery bus trip, we will be going to places that we have not traveled too, or visited before for fun and adventure. The cost is \$58 per person and that includes all admissions, a Hosted Lunch, Driver Gratuity and your Motor coach. Call Escort Frank Cerruti at (510) 568-8361 or Emile Lassalle at (510) 538-7463 for reservations.



DECEMBER 11TH SINGING CHRISTMAS TREES

By popular demand, this very popular production in Sacramento is being offered to you again. The cost, per person is \$71 and that includes your Admission, a Hosted Lunch, Driver Gratuity and your Motor coach. Call Escort Frank Raab at (510) 278-5777 for reservations.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

By Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	148	424
Gary Bennett	175	503
Al Costa	180	504
Rollin Cunningham	162	443
Dave Dunlap	127	286
Ray Erickson	190	560
Ray Faria	176	429
Roy Johnson	161	442
Don Henry	182	513
Roy Johnson	161	442
Nat Lord	209	483
Bob Sndgrass	184	467
Frank Thomas	165	446
Carl Tolle	150	413
Art Winkley	193	497



Carl Tolle scored 4th place in the "B" singles and Ray Erickson scored 12th place in the "A" singles Division, at the Wine Country Classic Tournament in Napa.

The next Tournament will be at the Earl Anthony's Bowl in Dublin.

Come to Mowry Lanes, we bowl on Mondays at 1 P M. For more information on bowling call **Dave** at **510-657-2603**

THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet on Monday, September 20, at 2PM at Fremont Main Library in Fukaya Room A.

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 going going... thank you **Les Prestwood** for calling in for August and **Bill Dark** for calling in for September. Do you want to call in – we need volunteers. Try it and you will like it. It is with great sadness that I report that **Felix Dandois** passed away the end of July. Felix had been ill, was recovering and was at the July meeting, but complications occurred during a medical procedure. He will be greatly missed.



Golf at Tilden – Branch 72 had a tournament recently at Tilden. We had winners from branch 59. They included **Dave Priego** (first in flight, won \$30); **Dave Tanner** (won first in flight and \$30.00); **Darryl Moore** (first in flight, won \$30); **Bob Ralston** (second in flight, won \$16.00); **Hank Scherer** (third in flight, won \$12). **Ken Windholz** won 1 box of balls for closest to pin, and Sir **Tanner** won 3 sleeves of balls for second place. There will be **another tournament** in Alameda scheduled for October 4. See me for details for call **Lloyd Keplinger** at 471-1238.

State qualifier at Boundary Oaks – scheduled for September 1. We will have results in the next edition. Remember, Sir **Dave Tanner** qualified for the state and won his flight last year.

State Golf Tournament – The tournament will NOT be held at Poppy Hills but at Coyote Creek, once the site of one of the senior's events. The date is October 18 and it is an 8:30 shotgun start. The price is \$70 (includes pastry and coffee, cart, water, prize, fun) and the applications are on the SIR web site (sirinc.org/what do we do/golf/forms). If you have a foursome but cannot access the web, see me and I will tell you where to send the check, which is to be made out to SIR State Golf.

Thank you Thank you thank you. Thank you very much for posting after your round of golf. And the NCGA thanks you.

Division 4 Golf Tournament. We are part of Division 4 and Division 4 is having their annual golf tournament at the Reserve in Stockton. Price is \$40. Interested? Make check payable to SIR State Golf and send entry along with area, branch and NCGA number to **Dick Richmond 2608 Fox Circle Walnut Creek CA 94596**. Sign up individually or as a 4-some

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, no recent hospital care. Dan looks forward to attending SIR luncheons.

BOB BENYA says he is recovering satisfactorily from a left knee replacement. Glad to hear it, Bob.

BOB BOUCHER says he is more comfortable using oxygen and is getting around much better after buying and using a deluxe, 4-wheel walker. Bob says he does suffer from rheumatoid arthritis causing back and knee pain. Hope you continue to improve, Bob.

RAY DUARTE presently requires in-home dialysis four times daily. On August 26th he will start training for in home use of a dialysis machine requiring dialysis once each day. Ray is pleased, as he will be free for more daily activities.

DON HENRY and his wife, Clarice, celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary Sunday, August 15th at a reception in their home, sponsored by their six children. We at Branch 59 wish Don and Clarice the very best and many more anniversaries.

In Memoriam

Louis Capito

Louis Capito died August 15, 2004 at the age of 83. He was born December 17, 1921. His wife Mavis survives him. He retired from Kaiser Permanente. Louis was a member of SIR Pathfinder Branch 59 for five years, joining in August 1999.

Joseph Faria

Joseph Daniel Faria Jr. died at Washington Hospital on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004. He was 90. His bride of 64 years, Clara, survives him. Born on Sept. 24, 1913, in Plymouth, Mass.; Mr. Faria moved to Newark with his family when he was about 3. Mr. Faria worked as a machine operator for Leslie Salt Co. - now Cargill Salt - in Newark for 30 years before retiring in 1978. He enjoyed watching sports - the San Francisco Giants and 49ers were his favorite teams - painting, working in the yard and fixing up the house. Joseph joined Pathfinder Branch 59 in November 1984 and participated in the bowling activities.

Joseph Kish

Joseph Peter Kish, a 44-year Fremont resident, died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004. He was 70. Mr. Kish was born Sept. 8, 1933, in Milwaukee, WI. A resident of Fremont since 1960, he worked in the communications industry for 45 years, retiring from AT&T. He became a member of Pathfinder Branch 59 in September 2002.

He enjoyed woodworking, making furniture, dancing, listening to Cajun music, camping and taking cross-country trips with his wife, Joy Kish, who survives him. He also enjoyed traveling to Europe and loved making travel videos and videos of his family.

GEORGE HUBACH is reported to be on oxygen due to emphysema. He also suffers from a heart condition. George served as Big Sir in 1994. We wish George the best.

FRANK HUNKLER's wife, Peg, reports Frank is doing OK recovering from a broken left hip. Frank did have a setback. He had to report to the emergency treatment center for a severe cut on his hand while attempting yard work. Peg says she tries to limit Frank's yard work but he is anxious to destroy those weeds.

GLENN HURSEY is home from the health care center recovering from an operation on his spine. Glenn says recovery is slow with continuous back and leg pain. He plans to have a medical scan of the spinal area to determine whether he has a fine line crack in a bone in his spine. Hope the doctors can alleviate your pain, Glenn.

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

CLARENCE LECOUNT's wife, Alice, reports Clarence is at the Country Care Center for therapy for recovery from a fall causing a fractured pelvis. Clarence is Branch 59's oldest member in age. He is 97. Stop in and see him at the Care Center.

GORDON MACLEOD's wife, Ann, says Gordon is recovering satisfactorily from a right knee replacement. Glad to hear it, Gordon

RICHARD MADDUX's wife, Petra, says Richard is doing OK recovering from radiation treatment of a malignancy of the lung. Glad to hear of the good news, Richard.

NIELS NIELSEN says he is happy to have the cast removed from his broken ankle so he can drive. Neils says he is providing nursing care for his wife Inga, who has returned home from the hospital after an operation. Glad both of you are recovering, Niels.

CALVIN OLIVEIRA's wife, Bea, reports Calvin is recovering very well from recent gall bladder surgery. Glad for the good news, Calvin.

ED PICKL is recovering from a stroke at the Country Drive Care Center. Stop in and see him.

GEORGE RODRIGUES' wife, Florence, says George, who is 91 years old, is at the Country Drive Care Center making recovery from a recent stroke. Stop in and see George. He likes visitors.

FRED STABELL is contending with kidney cancer. Fred served as Assistant Treasurer for a number of years. We hope the best for Fred.

JACK WEBB said he missed the SIR July luncheon because he was unable to obtain transportation. We hope transportation to future luncheons works out for you, Jack. When you can't make it, we miss you, Jack.

ART WINKLEY, Birthday Chairman, reports his step-brother, Robert Little, died the latter part of May. Art flew to Massachusetts to attend the funeral. We at Branch 59 offer our sympathy to Art and his family.

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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 **October** and the copy
deadline will be
Friday, **September 24, 2004.**

PAST BIG SIRS

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*
1985 Ray Crosby*
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