



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

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## NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - October 21, 2004

### Ramblings

of Big Sir Tom Sherba

BRANSON, MO. "A September to Remember"... What a wunnerful, wunnerful experience. The 18 couples from Area 8 branches, 26, 59, and 72 had a very **GREAT** time and on top of that we all had **LOTS OF FUN!!** I highly recommend traveling with Branch 26 travel escort **Emile Lassalle** — Great Fun for all.

I wish to say a very big THANK YOU to Little Sir Howie Thompson for doing a fantastic job as acting Big Sir. I have recently met with Howie and we went over all the happenings of the September Lunch Meeting. I heard about the delicious BBQ chicken and all the great comments from the satisfied members. The speaker Pat Vitucci was very informative and well received. Thanks again, Howie, for a great job!!

A continuing problem of members who do not call in and do not show up is troublesome. This is a problem, which is discussed by the Attendance Chairman below. In the future we are considering publishing delinquent Sir's Badge Numbers in the **PATHFINDER**. Please **REMEMBER TO CANCEL** your standing lunch if you cannot be there.

Tom

### Our Speaker – Dr. John Dearborn

by Little Sir Howard Thompson

Dr. John T. Dearborn was born in Berkeley, California and graduated from Acalanes High School in Lafayette, CA. He attended Stanford University, and the University of California - School of Medicine.

He completed his training in General and Orthopedic surgery at University of California in San Francisco. Total knee replacement is by far the most effective method of treatment for severe arthritis of the knee in older adults. In fact, total knee replacement ranks among the top in efficiency in any major surgical procedures. But, who should have one?

Dr. Dearborn is the man that specializes in knee and hip joint replacements. Just ask, several SIR members, Bob Benya, Gordon MacLeod, and Lynn Purvis. They have had successful knee replacement surgery performed by Dr. Dearborn. This surgery produces excellent results and you're up and walking in a shorter period of time compared to the former types of procedures.

Dr. Dearborn is well respected by his fellow orthopedic surgeons throughout the world for his hip and knee replacement procedures.

This month Dr. Dearborn will describe for us the procedures that he uses in the operation. He has been a very successful specialist in the area of total knee replacement.

He is now affiliated with Washington Hospital and Stanford University Medical Center.

Did you know?

You should coordinate estate planning with your children and grandchildren.

Your annual tax-free gift to a single individual is limited to \$11,000 per year. Over the years you can eliminate a substantial amount of assets from your estate.

### Oktoberfest MENU

Knackwurst und Sauerkraut

German Potatoes

Green Salad - Bread & Butter

German Apple Cake

### The No-Show Risk

by Fred Gotthardt, Attendance Chairman

Already this year, in 8 meetings, we have had members that haven't called in a total of 316 times, placing the branch at a potential risk of owing \$2,844 for the meals for the missing attendees. We are very fortunate that (so far) Swiss Park is charging us for only the number of meals actually served, not the number of meals we call in.

If you are a member that doesn't call in, please change your habits. Swiss Park could change their policy and your no-call no-show habit would, in time, wipe us out financially. It's not that difficult, call Fred, Mal or Arnie no later than the Monday before the meeting. Leave your Name and Badge Number. Then you won't be one of "those no-shows."

Your cooperation would be sincerely appreciated.

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  
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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

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## Edited Excerpts from the September 16th Minutes of Sir Al Wydler



Little Sir Howard Thompson presided over the executive board meeting for Tom Sherba, who is on vacation.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Roll Call showed 5 Officers and all Directors to be present.

The Minutes of the August meeting were accepted.

Little Sir Howard Thompson announced that the birthday prize should be only \$9. Although discussed, no action was taken on a \$500 advance to cover Christmas Party expense.

Fred Gotthardt expects 185 members today and the Cybergeezers will meet Monday at 2:00 pm at the Fremont Library.

Sir Ed Bingle reports we have 2 new members and 4 visitors are expected today.

Sir Rollin Cunningham reports a Bowling tournament September 20 and 21 at Dublin.

Sir Art Winkley reports that we have 22 Birthdays this month, two Past Big Sirs and 3 committee Chairmen.

Sir John Skarpelos has a September 24 deadline for the Pathfinder.

Sir Bill Leake reported we had three members attend Pebble Beach on September 11 and 12.

Sir Frank Thomas requested two volunteers for Greeters.

Sir Dave Marymee reported two more members are in day care and that Ray Faria reported as deceased was in error, it should have been inactive member Joseph Faria.

Area Governor Bob Lippincott is hospitalized for an Arterial Stent implant.

Sir Bob Henry needs more members for his Lake Elizabeth walking group.

Adjourned 10:40 am Respectfully submitted.

Alfred Wydler, Secretary

## Remember to Vote

# Election Day

Tuesday,  
November 2, 2004

Registered voters may apply for an absentee ballot, by mail, for the November 2, 2004, Election between October 4, 2004, and October 26, 2004.



## Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



The month of August saw a beginning General Fund balance of \$4113.69 and Custodial Fund balance of \$553. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$252.38. General Fund disbursements of \$178.01 included printing, supplies and postage. The month ended with a balance of \$4716.06 including custodial funds of \$528.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY - INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

*"DREAMIN' of a WHITE CHRISTMAS"*

**TICKETS \$16.00 each**

**Thursday - December 16, 2004**

**Swiss Park - Newark, CA**

**Social Hour (no host) - 11:00 am**

**Lunch served - 12:00 noon**

**Installation of 2005 Officers**

**HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT**

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



## October Birthdays

Manuel Braga	10/29/1919	85
Louie Benites	10/12/1920	84
Paul Lewis	10/13/1921	83
Rollin Cunningham	10/22/1921	83
Robert Heiney	10/18/1922	82
Calvin Oliveira	10/29/1922	82
Howard Beyers	10/29/1922	82
Calvin Lynch	10/13/1923	81
Ray Faria Jr.	10/23/1923	81
Arthur Shiffrar	10/07/1926	78
John Ockes	10/05/1927	77
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	77
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	77
Jack Abraham	10/21/1928	76
Robert McGrath	10/04/1929	75
Gene Anderson	10/10/1929	75
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	75
Henry Scherer, Jr.	10/10/1931	73
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	72
Alan Douglass	10/23/1932	72
Lynn Purvis	10/29/1932	72
Don Schreiber	10/30/1932	72
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	71
Jerry Springer	10/19/1933	71
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	69
Edward Cook	10/07/1938	66
Daniel Lydon	10/30/1941	63
Robert Teglia	10/10/1942	62



## Membership Report

### Guests:

Fred Alfred  
Richard Ball  
John Courtney  
Robert Fisher  
Lewis Greene  
Darrell Jeewell

### Guest of:

Nat Lord  
Howie Thompson  
Harlan Werner  
Nat Lord  
Richard Ahern  
Mac Currie

### Visitors:

None

### Guest of

## Membership Total

(as of September 16, 2004)

**272** - Active Members

**24** - Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

Mal Silva change of email address  
malsilva@comcast.net

## Attendance Report

(For September 16, 2004)

Members	163
Guests	6
Visitors	0
Speaker	1
<b>Total =</b>	<b>170</b>

63 excused 41 unexcused



## New Members

### Richard G. Ahern

36620 Reynolds Drive  
Fremont, CA 94536-2507  
5107917964  
Email: rgahern@aol.com  
Birthday: 5/26/1926  
Spouse: Peggy  
Badge No. 197  
Sponsor: Howie Thompson  
Call me: Richard

### Jerry L. Sabo

36647 Montecito Drive  
Fremont, CA 94536-2615  
5107903135  
Email: jlsabo@sbcglobal.net  
Birthday: 6/2/1942  
Spouse: Kathy  
Badge No. 110  
Sponsor: Charles Wilkins  
Call me: Jerry



## 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.

### 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.

### JANUARY 19TH 2005 RIVERROCK CASINO

Cost \$22.00  
Flyers will be available at the October meeting.

Watch the **PATHFINDER** for 2005 Tours, sign up early, day trips will fill up fast.



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares By Dave Dunlap

## Golf Notes By Bill Leake

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	141	375
Gary Bennett	217	485
Frank Cordova	232	587
Al Costa	162	454
Rollin Cunningham	170	414
Dave Dunlap	107	287
Ray Erickson	211	588
Don Henry	220	591
Roy Johnson	167	407
Nat Lord	195	519
Bob Snodgrass	125	344
Frank Thomas	173	463
Carl Tolle	171	472
Art Winkley	147	390

There are two Tournaments scheduled for the month of October. The first one is being hosted by Branch 59 at Mowry Lanes here in Fremont on October 3-4.

The next one will be at Harvest Park in Brentwood, October 19 and 21.

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, October 25, 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.

**Summer is gone** – thank you **Bill Dark** for calling in for September, and **Bill Pereira** who will call in for October. We need volunteers for calling in — 793-6561

**State Golf Tournament** – Oct 18. Site = Coyote Creek (San Jose). 1 course only. 8:30 shotgun start. \$70 and

applications are on the SIR web site (sirinc.org/what do we do/golf/forms). No computer? Make check payable to SIR State Golf, and mail to Bill Ikerd, 11457 Clayton Road, San Jose, CA 95027. Include your branch and NCGA number.

**The area 4 tournament scheduled for October 6 was cancelled.**

**Thank you** Thank you very much for posting after your round of golf.

**Proposed Schedule for 2005:** Las Vegas – March 7-11 and 14-18... San Diego – April 24-29... Reno – June 13-17 and June 20-24... Solvang – September 11-15... Poppy Hills – State Championship – mid-late October... Mexico – 3 separate 1-week trips to Mexico — Oct 30-Nov 6; Nov 6-Nov 13; Nov 13-Nov 20. These trips are open to all current SIR members with a SIR NCGA card. Questions — call Bill Leake at 793-6561.

**Northbay SIR Golf Tourney** – Rohnert Park Aug 10 – **Les Prestwood** came in 2nd in his flight (\$15).

**State Qualifier Results** – We have a winner! Jack Knoth placed second in his flight, won \$30 and will represent branch 59 in the state tournament in October. **Dave Priego** placed 4th and took home \$10. **Bill Leake** collected \$40 for closest to the pin, hole # 2. The rest of us just had a good time. Congrats everyone for at least qualifying.

**Sunol Tee Times** – There is a problem and we have a solution. Sunol is complaining that we are not filling the tee times we schedule with players. They are correct. Example – 4 tee times (16 golfers) and only two players total show up. That has happened several times. We will resolve it. **Andy Andersen, Bill Dark, Richard Holley, Darryl Moore, Les Prestwood and John Trischetti** have been appointed team managers. Their responsibility will be to call you twice a week you are to tell them if you plan to play the next Monday and/or Thursday. Based upon the total responses, we will call Sunol and adjust the times accordingly. This will work – we need your cooperation. Thank you in advance.



### 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 needs rides from friends to luncheons. See you there, Dan.

**BOB BOUCHER** says he is getting around OK using a walker and at times using a cane. Bob is more comfortable using oxygen. Hope things go well for you, Bob.

**RAY DUARTE** says he is free to do more as he is now on a cyclor kidney dialysis apparatus that works at night while he sleeps. Ray used to undergo dialysis four times daily. Ray also feels he can now be more active and attend SIR luncheons. Glad you have found a better solution to your health problems, Ray.

**RAY ERICKSON** underwent angioplasty with the addition of two stents to clear cardiac blockage at Kaiser in San Jose. Ray says he is doing well as he attended the September SIR luncheon.

**GEORGE HUBACH**, former Big Sir, is consulting physicians because of emphysema and heart problems. George is using oxygen to help his breathing. Hope you can get the care needed to aid your health problems, George.

**FRANK HUNKLER** says he is feeling good. He is recovering from a broken hip. Frank celebrated his 90th birthday in September. We wish you a Happy Birthday and many more, Frank.

**GLENN HURSEY** says he has good and bad days suffering from pain in his left hip to his knee. Glenn is waiting for results from an MRI in early October. A date with a surgeon may follow. Glenn is presently recovering from an operation on his spine. Hope the painful area can be alleviated, 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**, our Branch's oldest member in age, 97 years, is at Country Drive Care Center recovering from a fall causing a fractured pelvis. Stop in and see Clarence.

**BOB LIPPINCOTT**, Area Governor, is due to have angioplasty and stents placement to alleviate a cardiac circulatory condition. We wish Bob a quick recovery and return to good health.

**RICHARD MADDUX** says he is doing well recovering from radiation treatment for a malignancy of the lung. We hope everything continues to improve for you, Richard.

**ED PICKL** is at Country Drive Care Center slowly recovering from a stroke. Stop in and see Ed.

**GEORGE RODRIGUES** is at the Country Drive Care Center recovering from a stroke. George is 91 years old and with therapy is doing well. Stop in and see him, he will be glad to see you.

**FRED STABELL**, former Assistant Treasurer, is doing well following a recent operation removing a cancerous kidney. Fred says the prognosis is very positive, as there seems to be no spread of the malignancy. We are happy to hear of the good news, Fred.

**CHARLIE SWANSON**, former Sunshine Committee member, had a recent angioplasty with a stent added beyond an in-place stent at Kaiser in San Jose. Hope this leaves you free from chest pains, Charlie.

**JACK WEBB** made it to the September luncheon. Jack, wheel chair bound, must depend on hired van service for transportation. To perk himself up, Jack has a Virgin Mary drink, which he enjoys before lunch. We are always glad to see you, Jack.

### Big Sir Tom with Lillian in Branson, MO on the river during the day



### Big Sir Tom at night when Lillian is looking the other way Tom offers his lap to Lady Di Scherling



## PATHFINDER BRANCH NO. 59

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#### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the *Pathfinder*  
will be in **November** and the  
copy deadline will be  
Friday, **October 29, 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)