



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Twenty-Ninth Year

November 2004

Bulletin No. 10

## NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - November 18, 2004

### Ramblings of Big Sir Tom Sherba

Thank you, Little Sir Howie Thompson for having Dr. John Dearborn as our October Speaker. His talk and slide presentation on minimal invasive surgery for knee and hip replacement was very captivating for all SIR Members in attendance.

November is the month where tickets for our Christmas Luncheon with our Lovely Ladies will again be on sale at \$16.00 each. Please get your reservations and checks into Sir Dave Tanner or Sir Nat Lord ASAP. This will be a party that I'm sure you all will not want to miss.

Thanks to all Branch 59 Officers and Directors for their continuing fine efforts in doing all the jobs necessary to keep the Branch running smoothly. Thanks especially for the fine work of all our Committeemen and their Assistants during the last ten months of my term as Big Sir of Branch 59. As my tenure in office winds down for the year it is with great pleasure that I had so much wonderful cooperation and help from all Sir members involved. This has made my term of office really pass by so very quickly. Thanks to everyone.

*Tom*

### Our Speaker – Mr. Louis Chicoine by Little Sir Howard Thompson

Mr. Chicoine is the Executive Director of Tri-City Homeless Coalition. Their mission is to return homeless people to stable housing while taking action to improve life skills, self-reliance, and stability. They also take action to eliminate the homeless in Southern Alameda County.

He was born and raised in Newark. His parents still reside in Newark. He attended elementary school in Newark and Moreau High School in Hayward. He then went on to graduate from Holy Names College in Oakland with a degree in Philosophy. He received Master degrees from both Seattle University and Sacramento State.

Living in Niles with his wife and two children he spent six years on the staff of Corpus Christi Catholic Church working with youth and adults. He has been with Tri-City Homeless Coalition for 11 years, most of the time as Executive Director.

This month he will share information regarding the facilities and programs they operate and future vision for the Tri-City homeless Coalition.

### November Menu

#### Roast Pork

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Mixed Vegetables - Salad

Dessert & Coffee

## An Excerpt from the SIR Manual

### Article 8 - Required Attendance

RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

- Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.
- Did not attend a minimum of six (6) regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period.  
**NOTE: Excused meetings may not be included to achieve the six (6) luncheon meeting minimum.**  
(Revised 9/28/99)
- Attendance at Ladies Day functions may be excluded at the discretion of the Branch Executive Committee.

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  
(510) 796-3543

#### 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

**A Nonprofit  
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corporation for  
retired men**



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



The Meeting was called to order at 10:20 am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed all Officers and five Directors to be present.

The minutes of the September meeting were corrected by indicating that the Golf report was not made by Bill Leake and was so approved.

Correspondence from the Area Governor indicates there will be a training session for all new Officers and the Secretary to be held at the San Ramon Golf Club November 30, 2004.

Big Sir Tom Sherba spoke highly of the SIR arranged trip to Branson, MO. He enjoyed the vacation it provided. He commented that the unexcused absences from our monthly lunch is increasing, it is expected to be 46 this month. This represents wasted food and difficult planning for Swiss Park. After a range of discussion a decision was reached to telephone the habitual delinquents and remind them of Rule 100.

Sir Fred Gotthardt reports that 195 are expected to attend today. The Cybergeezers will meet at the regular time next Monday, but will need a meeting place next January, as the Fremont Library will be closed for room renovation.

Sir Ed Bingle reports we have 7 new members, including 2 that have been re-activated. Five members have transferred to inactive status. Ten have been dropped for cause and 2 have resigned from active membership and 3 have resigned from inactive membership.

Sir Art Winkley has 22 celebrating Birthdays today, ranging from 85 to 62 years. We have Tom Sherba and two committee Chairmen included.

Sir Bill Briscoe announced that the "Pathfinder" is now sent by E-mail the first week of the following month. He could use help in the collation and

preparation of the mailed copies.

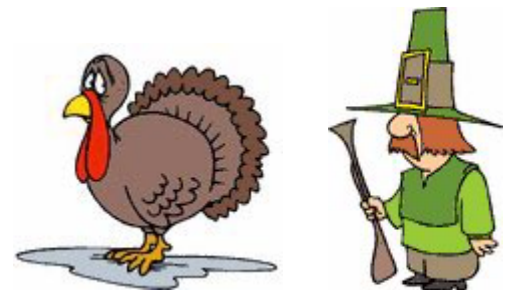
Sir Bill Leake announced that Area 8 is sponsoring a Golf Tournament at Carson City, July 11 and 12, 2005 and Wives are welcome to join in play and vacation, Our yearly dues of \$26 are now due.

Sir Dave Tanner announced that the Christmas Party is limited to 200 and this year's theme is "Dreamin of a White Christmas". White attire is in order and it will be a sing-along featuring keyboard artist Jack Gaunt. Don Henry is providing the table centerpieces.

Sir Dave Marymee reports we have 4 members in critical care but no deaths this month.

Area Governor Bob Lippincott had his heart surgery postponed. Bob will be our year 2005 Area Governor.

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



## Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



The month of September saw a beginning General Fund balance of \$4188.06 and Custodial Fund balance of \$528. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$233.36.

General Fund disbursements of \$185.43 included printing, supplies and postage. The month ended with a balance of \$4731.99 including custodial funds of \$496.

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



## November Birthdays

Dan Archer	11/1918	86
William Delucchi	11/1923	81
Robert Browne	11/1923	81
Willard Irwin	11/1923	81
James Blood	11/1924	80
Ralph Sarmiento	11/1924	80
James Thurgate	11/1926	78
Ralph Knight	11/1926	78
Fred Stabell	11/1927	77
Lloyd Anderson	11/1930	74
James Conard	11/1932	72
William Dark	11/1934	70
Robert Boike	11/1934	70
Wesley Schilling	11/1934	70
Carey Williams	11/1938	66
Donald Ehlers	11/1938	66
Bill Leake	11/1945	59
Bill Fu	11/1946	58



## 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

## Membership Report

### Guests:

Peter Aubry  
Gerald Abbott  
Richard Chatham  
Mathew Perakis  
Gary Vannucchi

### Guest of:

Herb Muellereile  
Gerald Rodrigues  
Paul Tong  
Tom Sherba  
Robert McCall

### Visitors:

None

### Guest of

## Membership Total

(as of October 21, 2004)

**263** - Active Members

**24** - Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

Robert Delp to Inactive  
Robert Desch to Inactive  
James Fenlon to Inactive  
Dan Lydon to Inactive  
Douglas Hogan Resigned  
Richard Hocking Resigned  
Harry Citron Resigned  
Frank Hunkler Resigned  
William Johnson Resigned  
Dennis Rudy Dropped - Rule 100  
John Ford Dropped - Rule 100  
Roger Ripp Dropped - Rule 100  
Louis Smith Dropped - Rule 100  
Kevin Rozzano Dropped - Rule 100  
Edward Cook Dropped - Rule 100  
Robert Armstrong Dropped - Rule 100  
James Siciliano Dropped - Rule 100  
Joe Markovich Change of Address:  
711 Old Canyon Rd #33  
Fremont, CA 94536-1763

## New Members

### Fred T. Alfred

Badge No. 189  
Sponsor: Nat Lord  
Call me: Fred

### Ron W. Brutvan

Badge No. 53  
Sponsor: Jim Fenton  
Call me: Ron

### John J. Courtney

Badge No. 234  
Sponsor: Harlan Werner  
Call me: John

### James J. Daley

Badge No. 3  
Sponsor: Hugh Twomey  
Call me: Jim

### Robert L. Fischer

Badge No. 206  
Sponsor: Nat Lord  
Call me: Robert

### William John Williams

Badge No. 191  
Sponsor: Don Eliason  
Call me: John

**Roy Duarte** - Reactivated

**Fred Stabell** - Reactivated

## Attendance Report

(For October 21, 2004)

Members	180
Guests	5
Visitors	0
Speaker	1
<b>Total =</b>	<b>186</b>

55 excused 40 unexcused

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 19, 2005 RIVER ROCK CASINO

The Bay Area's newest Las Vegas-style casino, located in Geyserville in the beautiful Alexander Valley in the heart of the Wine Country – A one stop 5-hour turnaround close to home. Designed for fun. Cost is \$22 per person. Call Escort Lyle Kreger (510) 278-9167 for reservations.

### FEBRUARY 5, 2005 GUIDE DOG GRADUATION

Preceded by a Hosted lunch at San Rafael Joe's Restaurant, we will visit the Guide Dog for the Blind School. We will attend the Graduation Ceremony and receive a guided tour of the Guide Dog facility. Tour price is \$59 per person. Call Escort Frank Cerruti at (510) 568-8361.



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares

By Dave Dunlap

Name	High Game	High Series
Wayne Adams	135	406
Gary Bennett	170	476
Al Costa	189	520
Rollin Cunningham	176	469
Dave Dunlap	140	333
Ray Erickson	171	473
Don Henry	243	623
Roy Johnson	165	439
Nat Lord	189	500
Bob Snodgrass	145	397
Frank Thomas	139	383
Carl Tolle	157	424
Art Winkley	53	456

Several Branch 59 Sirs scored in the Tournament at Dublin:

Carl Tolle finished first place in the "B" Singles category and Gary Bennett was fifth. Don Henry and Frank Cordova took 2nd place in the Doubles in Division "A". Gary Bennett finished 5th in the All Events category and Al Costa finished in 10th Place out of 14 playoff spots.

The next Tournament will be at the Country Club lane in San Rafael.

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, November 22, 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 Cybergeezers:

**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

**Dues for 2005 are now due.** We are currently collecting 2005 NCGA membership dues. Deadline is December 15, 2004. The SIR renewal price for NCGA membership for 2005 is \$26.00. Please make checks out to SIR Branch 59 & give them/mail them to:

Bill Leake PO Box 434 Fremont CA 94537

Please welcome **Austin Smith**, who is the newest member of SIR Branch 59 golf group.

Thank **you Bill Pereira** who called in tee times for Thursdays for the month of October, & **Ken Windholz** who will call in the times for November. We need volunteers.

**Tip of the Month** – This is a new feature and I encourage anyone to contribute your ideas to me. Tip this month – slow play - ready golf. The tip involves lining up a putt after everyone is on the green. Please get into the habit of everyone lining up their respective putts at the same time.

That does not mean that everyone putts at the same time. After player A putts, then player B will be ready to putt and will do so. Many times we line up the putt AFTER player A putts. I encourage tips – non-monetary – don't be shy.

**Branch 72 Alameda tournament** was held October 4.

**Darryl Moore** was the big winner (\$30, 1<sup>st</sup> place in flight + \$55, closest to pin); **Tom Sherba** and **Bill Leake** (both 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their flights, \$12 each), & **Tony Martinez**, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for closest to pin (\$30.00). Congratulations

**Carson City Golf** – We will have a new tournament! The dates are July 10, 11 and 12, 2005. Deadline is November 15. If you think you want to play, we need a check for \$25/person, \$50/couple, made out to SIR Branch 59 and send to the address listed above under dues. . Inaugural event and should be great! Questions—Bill Leake 793-6561

**Thank you to the team members** who call you each week for tee times. Please show up & check in 15 minutes **BEFORE** tee time.

**State Tournament at Coyote Creek** was held October 18.

**Jack Knoth** was the only qualifier from branch 59. He was joined by 9 other players who elected to pay the green fee.

**The results – Good news and bad news. The bad news** – no one from Branch 59 broke 100. Now the good news – we had 3 winners. **Tom Sullivan** won first place in his flight, narrowly beating out **Ben Fernandez**, who placed second. In a different flight, **Bill Leake** placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated.

**Did you know that** since you are a member of NCGA, you receive the *NCGA magazine* on a quarterly basis? And did you know that there is a page dedicated to SIR. The author is always **Nino Pompilio, our state chairman.** This month's edition (Volume 24, Number 4, 2004) page 60 has an interesting article on slow play.



### 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

**WAYNE ADAMS** came home from a recent trip and after carrying luggage he noticed chest pains. After seeing his primary physician he says he may have further tests and see a specialist. Hope all turns out well for you, Wayne.

**DAN ARCHER** said he was laid up in the hospital for a couple of days. Dan missed the Branch September luncheon because he could not obtain a ride. He hopes to attend future luncheons. We hope to see you there, Dan.

**BOB BOUCHER** says he has pain centered in his back and knees. He says he will try to attend future luncheons. We hope you are able to, Bob.

**ROY DUARTE** says he is doing OK using a kidney dialysis apparatus at night while he sleeps. This frees him for activities during the day. Glad things are going better for you, Ray.

**GEORGE HUBACH**, former Big Sir and Honorary Life Member, is feeling better. Because of emphysema, George suffers from shortness of breath, which is alleviated by using oxygen. George is making it to the Branch luncheons. See you there, George.

**FRANK HUNKLER's** wife, Peg, reports that since Frank has hearing loss and has to be in a wheelchair, he sent in his letter of resignation from Sir. We wish you good luck, Frank, and we will miss you.

**GLENN HURSEY** says he is still suffering pain in his spine and left knee. Glenn has had an operation on his spine. His next step is to meet with a specialist. We hope your pain will 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, age 97 years, is at the Country Drive Care Center recovering from a fall causing fractured pelvis. Clarence is alert and receives therapy. Stop in and see him.

**RICHARD MADDUX** is recovering from radiation treatment of a malignancy of the lung. He hopes to regularly attend Sir luncheons. See you there, Richard.

**ED PICKL** is at Country Drive Care Center receiving care and therapy for a stroke. Ed is wheel chair bound and has trouble speaking. Stop in and see Ed, this will give him encouragement.

**GEORGE RODRIGUES** is at Country Drive Care Center also receiving care and therapy for a stroke. For being 91 years of age, George is doing well, stop in and see George, he will be glad to see you.

**FRED STABELL**, former Branch Assistant Treasurer, says he is doing well recovering from surgery for removal of a malignant kidney. Fred is pleased that there is no evidence of a spread of the malignancy. Fred plans to attend the luncheons. We will be happy to see you, Fred.

**CHARLIE SWANSON**, former Branch Sunshine Committee member, has recovered from angioplasty with the addition of a stent in a cardiac blood vessel. Charlie missed the October Luncheon because of a bout with pneumonia. See you at the next luncheon, Charlie.



The Keyboard and Voice of Jack Gaunt  
Sing Carols with Jack



**Save the date December 16th**



## 'Dreamin' of a White Christmas

*Social Hour 11:00 A.M.  
Luncheon at noon*

### Menu

**Luncheon will be a  
Swiss Christmas Feast**

**The meal will be served**

Since it is the Holiday giving Season,  
please bring a gift for the door prize  
drawing!

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 also available at November lunch.

**Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.**

## PATHFINDER BRANCH NO. 59

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### Committee Chairmen and Assistants

#### ATTENDANCE

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Manuel Silva - Assistant  
Arnold Mozzetti - Assistant  
Alan Douglass - Assistant  
Hugh Twomey - Assistant

#### BIRTHDAYS

Art Winkley - **Chairman**  
Roger Aubin - Assistant

#### BOWLING

Dave Dunlap - **Chairman**  
Rollin Cunningham - Assistant

#### BRIDGE

Drag Dutina - **Chairman**  
Lee Hylton - Assistant

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Bob Edwards

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Art Shiffrar - Assistant

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Fred Gotthardt

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

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Darryl Moore - Assistant

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Paul Bleignier - Assistant

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Frank Thomas

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Lee Hylton - Assistant

Nat Lord - Assistant

Tony Martinez - Assistant

Tony Zeuli - Assistant

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Frank Campos

#### SPORTS

Nat Lord

#### SUNSHINE

Dave Marymee - **Chairman**

Bob Walter - Assistant

Dareld Younker - Assistant

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#### Governor, Area 8

Robert Lippincott

#### Br 59 Honorary Life Members

Fred Gotthardt

George Hubach

Lyle Kingery

Nat Lord

David Marymee

#### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the *Pathfinder*  
will be in **January 2005** and the  
copy deadline will be  
Friday, **December 24, 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)