



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirtieth Year

January 2005

Bulletin No. 1

NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - January 20, 2005

The Big Sir Challenge

By Howard Thompson

After a fabulous Christmas party orchestrated by Dave Tanner and his committee at the end of 2004, we start a new year with some challenges for the Pathfinder Branch 59 of Sons in Retirement.

Bringing the gentlemen together once a month is just a beginning. There are many opportunities to meet with other Sirs for activities. Although, if there is some activity you are interested in starting, please make it known and if it meets the standards of SIR we will try to start it.

Now that we embark on a New Year, there are some things that we need to consider: First, to grow the branch as we encourage others to join us. Therefore, the goal this year is to bring in 50 new Guests in 2005. Once they see what is happening in the Branch, they will want to join us.

Second, to have meetings that inspire everyone to attend when possible.

Third, to be courteous by listening instead of talking to others while the meeting is in progress. Also, please consider waiting to leave only after the speaker concludes and the meeting is adjourned.

Finally, to encourage men to get involved with Pathfinder Branch 59. The committees always need assistance and if you are interested in getting involved contact the committee chairman or any member of the Executive Committee of the Branch.

As we listen to our men, change will make us a better Branch. Although change can be difficult we can team together and accomplish these changes.

Thank you to Tom Sherba for his outstanding leadership and for mentoring me as I take over as your Big Sir. Thanks to those who have continued in leadership and new members who have volunteered for different committees.

We look forward to an outstanding year with speakers, socials, and interesting meetings. We need your help taking responsibility for calling the attendance committee if you are unable to attend a monthly meeting.

Howie

Our Speaker - Philip Arca

by Little Sir Les Addison

Philip Arca is currently the Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Alameda County and remains involved with the East Bay Resource Center for Nonprofit Support.

He has taught classes at Cal State Hayward Nonprofit Management Extension Program and in the Graduate Museum Studies Program at JFK University. He has published articles in Advancing Philanthropy and The Nonprofit Times. Previously he was Assistant Director of the Oakland Zoo. Just before he moved to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul he was Executive Director of Action Alliance for Children, another Oakland-based nonprofit.

Mr. Arca was born in Oakland and attended Bishop O'Dowd High School. He graduated from Santa Clara University and then got his masters at the University of Southern California.

He lives in San Leandro with his wife Sherry and two daughters. One daughter is a sophomore and one is in the eighth grade. They both play basketball and soccer.

He will speak to us about the history, the current services, and the future of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



January Menu

Meat Loaf and Mashed Potatoes

Vegetables

Salad

Bread and Butter

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

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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
public benefit
corporation for
retired men



Edited Excerpts from the November 18th Minutes of Sir Al Wydler



The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call showed six Officers and three Directors to be present.

The Minutes of October meeting were accepted.

Big Sir Tom Sherba expressed gratitude and thanked the previous Committees for their work.

Little Sir Howie Thompson submitted a list of incoming Committee members, he wants to expand the Welcoming Committee as Bruno Orsetti is experiencing poor health. He believes we will enjoy today's Speaker.

Attendance Chairman Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 195 members to be present today. As of Monday 28 have been excused. The computer group will have a meeting Monday at the Fremont Library.

Membership Chairman Sir Ed Bingle has four new members, three have died or are inactive and six terminated.

Sports Chairman Sir Nat Lord announced he has received a Giants

Logo Duffel Bag as a gift and the August 2005 A's and Angels game will recognize the SIR organization.

Bowling Chairman Sir Dave Dunlap is recovering and reports Rollin Cunningham and Nat Lord placed well in the recent tournament. Howie Thompson has Golf caps available.

Birthdays Chairman Sir Art Winkley has ages 59 to 86 today including a committee person.

Bridge Chairman Sir Drag Dutina has trouble finding Handicapped Parking for a Club member.

Circulation Chairman Sir Bill Briscoe announced there will be no Pathfinder for December. Has sufficient help.

Sir Frank Thomas needs more help collecting Badges and Lunch tickets.

Sir Dave Tanner has sold 104 Christmas Party Tickets.

Sir Dave Marymee has "Get Well" cards, designed by Fred Gotthardt's wife, for distribution. Three ill members have died and another is hospitalized

Meeting adjourned at 11:00,
Respectfully Submitted Alfred Wydler,
Secretary

Sirs of the Month

Dan Archer

Dan was re-elected to the Ohlone College Board this past November. He has been involved with our branch for many years. Thank you, Dan, for making an impact in our community.

Paul Tong

Paul was appointed to the Newark City Council in December. Paul was the City Planner of Newark for over 30 years. He has been in SIR for only two years, but in that time he has brought 3 men to our luncheons. Thank you, Paul, for the impact you are making in Pathfinder Branch 59 and the Newark community.

November 2004 Financial Report by Lou Bufkin

The month of October saw a beginning General Fund balance of \$4235.99 and Custodial Fund balance of \$496. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$381.44. General Fund disbursements of \$491.70 included printing, supplies, postage and a State Board Assessment of \$304.75.

The month ended with a balance of \$4645.58 including custodial funds of \$519.85.



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



December Birthdays

Raymond Andrade	12/20/1914	90
Glenn Hursey	12/08/1917	87
Ed Myslewski	12/24/1917	87
Glenn Jacob	12/06/1919	85
Robert Ralston	12/10/1922	82
Gordon Thatcher	12/18/1924	80
William Miles	12/14/1927	77
Harry Meyer	12/21/1927	77
Robert Walter	12/31/1929	75
Edison Schrader	12/01/1930	74
Donald Tinsley	12/27/1930	74
Richard Paynter	12/03/1931	73
Frank Birge	12/11/1931	73
Les Addison	12/17/1931	73
Tom Sullivan	12/16/1932	72
Milton Rose	12/03/1933	71
Charles Swanson	12/21/1933	71
Wayne Adams	12/21/1933	71
Lee Hylton	12/25/1933	71
John Shaffer	12/21/1934	70
Edgar Guthrie	12/03/1935	69
Jim Bridges	12/09/1936	68
Melvin Reiley	12/10/1938	66
Darryl Moore	12/31/1938	66
Carl Nordling	12/07/1939	65
Frank Cordova	12/18/1940	64

January Birthdays

Stanley James	01/13/1922	83
Edward Pierick	01/19/1922	83
Raymond Carlson	01/19/1922	83
Melvin Nunes	01/13/1925	80
Ernest Burkholder	01/27/1926	79
Carlos Detevis	01/29/1926	79
Walt Oden	01/13/1927	78
John Kennedy	01/18/1927	78
John Sommer	01/23/1927	78
Richard Holmes	01/22/1929	76
John Cordeniz	01/26/1930	75
Albert Costa	01/13/1933	72
Martin Spellman	01/17/1933	72
Tony Martinez	01/26/1935	70
Richard Chatham	01/12/1936	69
Dominic Aiello	01/15/1942	63

Membership Report

Guests:
Gene Page
Jason Wu
Fred Kemper

Guest of:
Robert Fischer
Paul Tong
Howard Thompson

Visitors:
None

Membership Total
(as of November 18, 2004)

261 - Active Members
24 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Lee Mosley - Deceased
Ray Johns - Deceased
Roger Aubin - Resigned
George Rodrigues - to Inactive Status
Harry Cesari - Dropped Rule 100
Pete Flores - Dropped Rule 100
Don Schipper - Dropped Rule 100
Warren Silva - Dropped Rule 100
Dan Kimberly - Dropped Rule 100

Attendance Report

(For November 18, 2004)

Members	189
Guests	3
Visitors	0
Speaker	1
Total =	193

55 excused 23 unexcused

New Members

Gerald Blair Abbott
Badge No. 88
Sponsor: Gerald Rodrigues
Call me: Blair

Peter C. Aubry
Badge No. 70
Sponsor: Herb Muellereile
Call me: Pete

Richard L. Ball
Badge No. 172
Sponsor: Howard Thompson
Call me: Dick

Richard A. Chatham
Badge No. 99
Sponsor: Paul Tong
Call me: Dick

Lewis Greene
Badge No. 231
Sponsor: Richard Ahern
Call me: Lewis

Carl E. Nordling
Badge No. 108
Sponsor: Dave Dunlap
Call me: Carl



Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

FEBUARY 5th: Guide Dogs for the Blind

Cost: \$59.00 per person
You will have a hosted lunch at San Rafael Joe's Restaurant
ESCORT: Frank Cerruti, 510-568-8361

MARCH 16th: Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum

Cost: \$75.00 Have a 1.5 hour tour of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum.
ESCORT: Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463

APRIL 14th: A DAY AT THE RACES

Where: Bay Meadows Race Track
COST: \$ 56.00 PER PERSON
ESCORT: Frank Cerruti, 510-568-8361

OCTOBER 23rd: Cruise Canada & Colonial America

COST: \$ 2653.00-\$3453.00 per person, double occupancy.
ESCORT: Emile Lassalle: 510-538-7463

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

December Strikes and Spares Rollin Cunningham for Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	169	460
Bob Beam	105	315
Gary Bennett	213	514
Frank Cordova	240	669
Al Costa	204	525
Rollin Cunningham	200	495
David Dunlap	147	382
Ray Erickson	214	588
Ray Faria	203	507
Don Henry	255	654
Roy Johnson	183	471
Nat Lord	223	593
Floyd Miller	158	474
Bob Snodgrass	194	467
Frank Thomas	174	467
Carl Tolle	222	572
Art Winkley	194	509

Open Bowling Monday at 1:00 PM,
Handicap, All Welcome. Come and toss
your balls around. No pain, no strain, just
good company and camaraderie.

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 Tuesday, January 25th at 1:30pm
at the Newark Library located at 6300 Civic
Terrace Avenue in Newark.

More information and directions will be
sent in a reminder email to 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 past due. We
just completed the dues cycle for 2005. If
you want to play but have not paid your
dues yet, or are a golfer but not a member
of SIR NCGA, the price effective January
2005 is \$36.00 per individual. If you are
interested please call Bill at 793-6561. You can also send a
check made out to SIR branch 59 and mail it to:

Bill Leake PO Box 434 Fremont CA 94537

We have new members. Please welcome **Jim Bridges**
Thank you Ken **Windholz** called in Tee Times for November
and **John Trischetti** who did so in December 2004. Thank
you Chuck Linzey who will be calling in tee times for
January. **We really need volunteers.** If you play golf
regularly **and are reliable** please volunteer to call in Tee
times. Ask Ken or John – it is easy.

We have golf results. SIR's first cruise (Nov 1-11)
Congratulations to **Chris Lemler**—his team placed second
on day 2 and he was fifth place in the sweeps, and Chris
came home with \$170). **Andy Andersen** won \$50 for fifth
place on day 2. I am sure these gentlemen declared their
winnings when they cleared customs.

More results – ILT Manzanillo Mexico – **Les Prestwood,**
Bill Briscoe, and Ben Fernandez (Patty as well) were
winners. Les won first place (\$65) for day one, Ben placed
second on day two and 5th overall (\$120). Bill was 4th place
day 1, 1st place day 2, 6th day 3 and first place in his flight for
sweeps (\$250). Congratulations.

Scheduled activities for 2005 – the events for 2005 are just
about finalized. They are: Las Vegas – March 7-11 and 14-
18. (All SIR golf members should have received a flier form
Palace Station. Did you?)San Diego – April 24-
29.....Reno – June 13-17 & June 20-24.....Solvang –
September 11-15.....Poppy Hills – State Championship –
mid-late October.....Mexico – 2 one-week trips to Mexico.
Approximate dates are November 6-13 and November 13-20.
Questions — call Bill Leake at 793-6561. In addition, there
will be individual state pre-qualifier, qualifier and team qualifier
tournaments this year.

Carson City Trip – this trip has been cancelled due to lack
of interest. Those who sent in money will be reimbursed.
Thank you every one of you who participated in calling
tee times, calling individual members for Monday golf, and
just helping us have fun in 2004. We plan to have just as
much fun in 2005 and welcome all interested golfers to join
our group.



READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.
Bob Matthies 797-5638



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter

WAYNE ADAMS, after a recent trip, had chest pains. After undergoing placement of 5 stents he is feeling much better.

DAN ARCHER seems to be doing OK. We wish to offer our congratulations for being re-elected to the Ohlone Board of Trustees. Dan is like the energizer bunny - he just keeps on going.

JAMES BLOOD, in November, had his previous left knee re-placement repaired by undergoing surgery and replacing the lower section below the knee. Glad you are doing OK James.

ROBERT BOIKE is reported as injuring his leg at the birthday table at the SIR luncheon. Infection developed requiring hospitalization. Hope you are fully recovered Bob.

JOHN CLARK has a chest full of stents. He previously had open-heart surgery for five stents. Recently he had a sixth added. John says he is doing okay.

FRANK CORDOVA has had hernia repair surgery and is treating a colon problem, otherwise he is doing OK.

ROY DUARTE says he is ready to engage in active membership in Sir Pathfinder activities. He has overcome kidney problems using at home nightly kidney dialysis. We are happy with Roy that he is free to engage in normal activities.

DAVE DUNLAP, on a fall trip to Texas, was hospitalized because of a blockage of the colon. Dave is on medication for the problem and is able to resume normal activities.

GEORGE HUBACH, former Big Sir and Honorary Life Member, is able to take part in most activities. George finds it easier if he uses oxygen because of emphysema. George will have cataract surgery Dec. 14 for the right eye and left eye surgery in Jan. George and Lydia had to miss the Christmas lunch because he was not feeling well. Hope all goes well for you George.

GLENN HURSEY has done a bit of celebrating recently. Glenn and his wife, Helen, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in October. Glenn celebrated his 87th birthday Dec. 8. Because of health problems; operation on his spine, pain in his left knee and an installation of a pacemaker, he may miss his Sir birthday luncheon in Jan. because of the pacemaker, Glenn does say he has more pep. He hopes to attend SIR luncheons soon.

RAY JARVIS continues to reside at Country Drive Care Center. Ray is bedfast and is not feeling well. He is suffering from a right ear ailment for which he is taking medication. Ray likes visitors. Bring a book as he likes to read.

RICHARD MADDUX has completed radiation treatment for a malignancy of the lung. He says he is doing OK.

ED PICKL is at Country Drive Care Center receiving care and therapy for a stroke. Ed is bed and wheel chair bound. Stop in and see him, he can use encouragement.

WALT ODEN reported he had surgical repair of his right foot on Dec.6. He hopes the doctor will determine he is ready for a walking cast. Walt says his right foot shoe size jumped from size 11 to size 13. Hope you full recovery, Walt.

GEORGE RODRIGUES is at Country Drive Care Center and is receiving care and therapy for a stroke. On Dec. 9 George was taken to the hospital for a blood transfusion. We hope George overcomes his health problems and wish him well.

JOHN ROTH, former Sir member, and Fremont resident for 50 years died Dec. 8, 2004. He was 87. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion and square dance club. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marie, and children, Kathleen and Alan. We at SIR extend our sympathy to Marie and family.

In Memoriam

Ray Johns, 81 and a member of Branch 59 since September 1999, died November 15, 2004.

Lee Mosley, 74 and a member of Branch 59 since September 1994 died November 10, 2004.

Clarence LeCount, 97 and a member of Branch 59 since February 1998, died December 26, 2004.

William Robinson, 90 and a member of Branch 59 since November 1981, died December 25, 2004.

Editors Note

In November of 2004 I lost my wife and partner of 45 years. She was always there to help me edit the Pathfinder. She was helpful in so many other ways. I want to thank the Sirs that attended her memorial service and funeral and those that sent cards and flowers. May her memory be eternal.

John Skarpelos, Pathfinder Editor

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The next issue of the *Pathfinder*
will be in **February 2005** and the
copy deadline will be
Friday, **January 28, 2005.**

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1976 Peter Clark*
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1978 Harry Cooper
1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
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