



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirtieth Year

February 2005

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - February 17, 2005

The Big Sir Challenge

Good to Great

by Howard Thompson

What a good start for 2005 with new guests and members joining us for the January meeting. Remember one of our challenges this year is to have 50 new guests. Last month's meeting we had a good start with 5 guests. I want to challenge each member to invite a guest sometime this year.

In the book *Good to Great*, Jim Collins shares how good organizations become great organizations. He also states, "...good is the enemy of great." That means we settle for good when we can accomplish much more. Pathfinder Branch 59 of SIR has good leadership. There are still things we can do to make us great.

First, we need to get the right people in leadership. There are many members that attend our SIR's luncheon meetings that have the leadership qualities to make Pathfinder Branch 59 an influence in our communities. If you see something you would like to begin, something that might be of interest to others, please contact us.

Second, I was very pleased last meeting by the men not getting up and leaving in the middle of the speaker's presentation and waiting till the meeting is over. This takes discipline from all of us. Thank you.

Finally, great leaders are not just great players, but great team players. We have men that put others before themselves and are trying to help our Branch become great. Kudos!

We have a window of opportunity to continue to grow our Branch by continuing to share with others the advantages of SIR and invite them to the meetings.

It is my desire to meet the needs of all of our members throughout this coming year.

Howie Thompson

Our Speaker – Mel Odemar

by Little Sir Les Addison

Mel Odemar graduated from Humboldt University in 1961 with a BS in fisheries science. He worked with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) from 1962 to 1997. He started work as an observer on oil exploration boats working off California and then monitored research projects including shrimp, Dungeness crab, sport fishing assessment, and inshore marine environmental studies.

From 1968 to 1969 he was in charge of sea otter investigations regarding conflicts between sea otters and the abalone fishery.

From 1969 to 1970 he worked for The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nation on fisheries assessment and development in Argentina.

He returned to DFG and was in charge of diving based investigations of near shore fisheries and marine pollution in Southern California. From 1974 to 1992 he worked on multi-state marine fisheries management and then became Environmental Program Manager for the Office of Oil Prevention and Response until his retirement in 1997. He had primary responsibility for establishing an Oiled Wildlife Research and Rescue Center in Santa Cruz.

Mel lives in Fair Oaks with his wife, JoAnn and has a married daughter. His hobby is bird watching, which has taken him to many places including Africa and Antarctica.

He will speak to us about his experiences during his lengthy career.

February Menu

Baked Pork Chop & Risotto

Vegetable

Salad

Rolls & 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

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Edited Excerpts from the January 20th Minutes of Drag Dutina



The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am on 1/20/2005. Following the pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call showed that 5 Officers and 4 Directors were present. Our Secretary Al Wydler was absent due to illness that caused him to be hospitalized.

Big Sir Thompson noted that there have been recent signals from State and Area level officials that the Branch should reduce its funding surplus. This direction probably stems from concern about our status as a non-profit organization and potential tax consequences if our funding looks too healthy. There does not appear to be any specific guidelines in the by-laws on this subject (Sir Skarpelos). Nevertheless, the Executive Committee decided to decrease the luncheon cost by \$1 to erode the surplus

Sir Thompson discussed criteria for selecting "Sir of the Month." The first honorees will be announced at today's luncheon. He also sought suggestions about replacing or repairing the Branch banner that is showing considerable wear. Sir Howard announced that the Branch's goal for the year is 50 guests. He reported that the training session, held in San Ramon was run efficiently.

An audit of the Branch treasury and check books was conducted by **Sirs Fernandez and Fernelius** and found to be in excellent order for which Sir Lou is again to be complimented. The auditors suggested that form 28 mandated by the state is archaic and should be revised. Some changes in the tracking of certain expenses and the use of cash receipts were also suggested.

Little Sir Addison announced that the speaker for the Luncheon would be Philip Acra who will describe the history and activities of the St. Vincent de Paul organization.

Sir Gotthardt that attendance for today's luncheon is estimated to be 210. He also announced that the next Cybergeezzer meeting

would be held on Tuesday 1/25 at the Newark library at @ 2 pm.

Sir Winkley indicated that there were 24 member birthdays in December (ages ranging from 63 to 90) and 13 in January (ages ranging from 63 to 83). It was agreed that the winner of the Birthday table drawing would receive a bolo rather than a refund of his luncheon ticket, as was the previous case.

Sir Lord announced that tickets will be available for a Warrior /Supersonic game on 4/13, a Giant/ Brave game on 7/20 and an A's/ Angels game on 8/11.

Sir Skarpelos announced that the 2005 rosters have already been completed and will be distributed at the end of today's Luncheon. (Great going John!) He also noted that input for the Pathfinder is 1/28.

Sir Cunningham reports that the next bowling tournaments will be in Napa on 2/7 and Livermore on 2/15.

Sir Leake stated that that the golf group is down 8 members. The next 2 tournaments are in San Diego in April and in Las Vegas in May

Sir Bingle reported the addition of 4 new members and change of status of 4 members...

Sir Edwards asked whether he should order some golf type hats that he was out of and was instructed to do so.

Sir Marymee informed us on illnesses and deaths among members.

Sir Fernelius announced that the State semi-annual RV and Golf activity will take place at French Camp starting April 25th.

Sir Dutina thanked the Big Sir for arranging a convenient parking space for a handicapped bridge player.

Sir Henry has been authorized to purchase 300 pens at a cost of \$150. They will have a Sons in Retirement and Branch 59 inscription on them. They will be distributed to the membership for PR purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted, Sir Drag Dutina

SIR OF THE MONTH OLIVER KNICK

After retiring from the service and his job he was attending a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meeting in Niles and one of the men at the meeting asked him if he would like to be a guest at a SIR luncheon. He said sure. That was in January 1979.

Oliver has been a member in good standing for more than 26 years. Congratulations for being a faithful member of Pathfinder Branch 59 of SIR.

January 2005 Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



A general cash balance of \$4214.42 and a custodial cash balance of \$2128.25 was on hand at the end of December.

For the Holiday Luncheon 181 tickets were sold. The Holiday Luncheon was run at a loss of \$67.56.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



February Birthdays

Clyde Voorhees	89
Forest Lusher	88
Thomas Ahern	85
Allen Havemeier	84
Richard Vollbrecht	84
Robert McCall	83
Harlan Werner	83
Richard Ball	82
Frank Borghi	81
Frank Campos	80
Francis Rose	80
James Dunsford	79
Donald Thatcher	76
Charles Linzey	76
Noboru Ono	75
Donald Gillis	75
Bernard Thien	74
David Colby	74
Walt Caeton	73
James Daley	72
Les Prestwood	72
James Ferez	71
Robert Edwards	70
Gary Callahan	64



Membership Report

Guests:

Charles Duncan
Earl Evans
Greg Johnston
Ron Olephant
Louis Smith
Willard Wyman

Guest of:

John Skarpelos
Jack Lindley
Edward Bingle
Edward Kurtz
Howard Thompson
Gordon MacLeod

Visitors:

None

Membership Total

(as of January 20, 2005)

262 - Active Members
23 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

William Robinson - Deceased
Clarence LeCount - Deceased
Donald Tinsley - Resigned
Rene Friedebert - Resigned
Carlos Detevis - Resigned
John Vance - to Inactive Status

Attendance Report

(For January 20, 2005)

Members	193
Guests	6
Visitors	0
Speaker	1
Total =	200

42 excused 28 unexcused

New Members

Darrell L. Jewell

2860 Country Drive Apt 211
Fremont, CA 94536-5373
510-818-1002
Birthday: 6/19/1936
Spouse: Sue
Badge No. 123
Sponsor: Mac Currie
Call me: Darrell

Fred Kemper

932 San Martin Place
Fremont, CA 94539-4781
510-490-3950
Email: f.kemper@comcast.net
Birthday: 8/3/1936
Spouse: Sibby
Badge No. 131
Sponsor: Howard Thompson
Call me: Fred

Gene S. Page

5187 Troy Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536-7230
510-792-3847
Birthday: 5/6/1934
Spouse: Marian
Badge No. 111
Sponsor: Robert Fischer
Call me: Gene

Mathew Perakis

4843 Serra Avenue
Fremont, CA 94538-1136
510-790-2994
Email: mathewheilig@aol.com
Birthday: 7/5/1930
Spouse: Edith
Badge No. 63
Sponsor: Thomas Sherba
Call me: Mat

Jerry L. Springer

2573 Early Rivers Court
Union City, CA 94587-4916
510-471-5731
Email: boyzing9@yahoo.com
Birthday: 10/19/1933
Spouse: Jo
Badge No. 104
Sponsor: Nat Lord
Call me: Jerry



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

January Strikes and Spares Rollin Cunningham for Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	134	392
Gary Bennett	189	533
Al Costa	180	481
Frank Cordova	211	535
Rollin Cunningham	179	478
Dave Dunlap (1 game)	62	62
Ray Erickson	193	519
Ray Faria	172	471
Don Henry	191	462
Darrell Jewel	122	333
Nat Lord	208	575
Bob Snodgrass	179	479
Frank Thomas	169	459
Carl Tolle	191	536
Art Winkley	170	475

You are welcome to join in SIR OPEN HANDICAP BOWLING at Mowry Lanes at 1:00 PM on Mondays. Cost \$4.50.

Optional out of town tournaments bimonthly bowling available.

Tournament winners: Sir Art Winkley singles and all events \$40, Carl Tolle 3rd Singles \$10.

For more information on bowling activities call **Rollin Cunningham** at 510-791-8156.



THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Tuesday, February 22nd at 2pm at the Newark Library located at 6300 Civic Terrace Avenue in Newark.

More information and directions is available from:

Fred Gotthardt at 797-4592
fredg27@comcast.net



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

We are encouraging new membership into SIR NCGA golf membership. Effective January 1 the membership dues are \$36.00. Make checks payable to SIR Branch 59 and mail the check to: **Bill Leake PO Box 434 Fremont CA 94537**



We have new members. Please welcome **Jack Lindley** Thank you **Chuck Linzey** who called in Tee times for January and **Bob Teglia** who will be calling in tee times for February. **We really need volunteers.** If you play golf regularly **and are reliable** please volunteer to call in Tee times. Ask Chuck or Bob — it is easy.

Las Vegas and Reno == Did you receive flier for Las Vegas (March 7-11 and March 14-18) and San Diego (April 23-29). If you have a computer the forms are on the web:

<http://sirinc.org/sirformspro/activities/golftourforms.htm>

Need a form — call me at 793-6561.

The remainder of the year is full of tournaments, which includes Reno June 13-17 and June 20-24; Division tournaments (we will have one); area team championship; Solvang Sep 11-15, State individual tournament the first week in November, and 2 one week trips to Mexico, Nov 6-13 and Nov 13-20. Do you like to travel and play golf? Well, you are in right group!

Reminder — We play golf as a group Mondays and Thursdays at Sunol. You are welcome to join us. We play before 9:00 a.m. To know the exact time, please call Sunol at 888-848-8693 to find the time. It is listed under the name Leake. If you are new to our group please call me at 793-6561 and I will try and introduce you to the golfers who are there. That is the way I joined. Want to volunteer — Great! **I need your help!**

There will be a 2005 division 4 kickoff meeting mid-February. (Our genealogy is SIR state golf/division 4/area 8/branch 59) What do you want to see more of in 2005? What did you like about 2004? What did you not like about 2004? Do you care? We have tournaments year round. What do you want to see different in 2005? Let me know. My phone # is 510-793-6561.

Non-SIR Senior Tournaments — I have entry forms for several non-SIR NCGA tournaments to be held in either Livermore or Carmel (Poppy Hills/Spyglass). They are team tournaments. If you are interested entry forms are due late spring or early summer.

For more Golf information call **Bill Leake** at 510-793-6561

READERS AND BROWSERS

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



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee, Bob Walter and Richard Ahern

LES ADDISON, Little Sir, will have cataract surgery on his left eye Jan. 25. He plans to have the same procedure for his right eye later.

ROBERT BOIKE picked up a staph infection in his leg. He reinjured his leg at home and spent time in Washington Hospital. With infection in a hole in his leg, it is slow to heal. He requires a nurse to make home visits three times weekly to check his leg and change bandages. Hope you heal and recover soon Bob.

JOHN CLARK said he saw his cardiologist January 14th and says he is doing OK. Hope you recover soon John.

ROBERT DESCH is reported to be suffering from Alzheimer's syndrome. He is reported to be at the Aegis of Fremont on Walnut.

ROY DUARTE says he is doing OK. He undergoes nightly dialysis at home. Roy is sorry he missed the January luncheon due to a prior obligation. Roy expects to attend the February luncheon.

GEORGE HUBACH, former Big Sir and Honorary Life member, suffers from emphysema and uses oxygen. George has had cataract surgery and is doing OK. George does say he can't walk far without resting. Hope to see you at the luncheons, George.

GLENN HURSEY says he has more pep with the installation of a pacemaker. He celebrated his 87th birthday in December and is attended the January luncheon continuing to celebrate.

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

WALT ODEN is recovering from surgical repair of his right foot. He has discarded his crutches and wears an air cast when outdoors. Glad to hear of your progress in recovery, Walt.

GEORGE RODRIGUES celebrated his 92nd birthday January 7th at Country Drive Care Center. During the January meeting it was reported that George is hospitalized at Kaiser, Fremont, with pneumonia and congestive heart problems.

AL WYDLER, Branch 59 Secretary, entered an emergency hospital in mid January for rapid heart beat. He was transferred to a San Jose hospital and was expected to be released on January 22nd. Hope you fully recover.

In Memoriam

Edward Pickl, 87 and a member of Branch 59 since June 2002, died January 21, 2005.

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

March 16th: THUNDER VALLEY CASINO

(This trip replaces the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum Trip)

This is a one stop 4-hour Turnaround Close to Home

COST: \$21 per person

ESCORT: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

April 14th: A DAY AT THE RACES

Where: Bay Meadows Race Track - Hosted Luncheon at the Turf Club - Post time is 1:00 pm

This is always a sell out, hope to see you at the track.

COST: \$ 56 per person

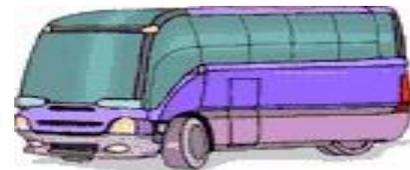
ESCORT: Frank Cerruti 510-568-8361

June 14th: MYSTERY PROGRESSIVE DINNER TOUR

This is a real fun trip; you will depart from Sears, Hayward and go to 4 different restaurants starting with Wine Tasting and Hors d'oeuvres. The rest I won't tell you about since this is a mystery tour.

COST: \$84 per person

ESCORT: Lyle Kreger 510-278-9167



September 20th: APPLE HILL

This is a tour that always sells out fast. We go by Placerville in the Mother-Lode country. You will have a guided tour of Apple Hill area, and the BBQ lunch including Apple Pie.

COST: \$46 per person

ESCORT: Frank Cerruti 510-568-8361

October 23-November 5th:

CRUISE CANADA & COLONIAL AMERICA

We fly to Montreal for a nights stay, next day on to Quebec, guided tours in both cities. At Quebec we transfer to the pier and board the Sea Princess. Our ports we will stop at are Sydney & Halifax, Nova Scotia, Bar Harbor, Boston, New Port, New York, Norfolk, Charleston and Ft. Lauderdale. From here we are transferred to the airport for our flight home.

COST: \$ 2653-\$3453 per person, double occupancy.

ESCORT: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

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will be in **March 2005** and the
copy deadline will be
Friday, February 25, 2005.

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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*
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