



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

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July 2005

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - July 21, 2005

The Big Sir Challenge Breaking News

By Howard Thompson

This month's meeting is "**Get Acquainted**," meaning that we would encourage you to meet someone you haven't met before. The Executive Board of the Branch has recommended no reserved seating for this month. **Please do not put name tags out to save seats.** Although, we have had few problems with seating in the past months, because of your cooperation, the Executive Board still would like to see you sit with someone you don't know and get acquainted.

With the summer months there is usually a decrease in attendance at the luncheon meetings because of vacationing and other special activities so we need to work a little harder to bring guests to the luncheon this month.

Our goal is 50 guests this year. With only one guest last month, we are still on target with 25 guests in five months. We need at least 5 this month.

News from the State: Our Branch is one of the strongest in the State. Membership continues to grow despite some moving, inactive status, and other reasons. We have 10 new members so far this year. Congratulations on a great job.

The Branch will be represented at the State level with both Bill Leake and Nat Lord taking leadership in golf and bowling, respectively.

Also, Tom Sherba is running for Area 8 Governor to replace Robert Lippincott.

Looking ahead, if there is an area of concern or suggestions to make the Branch better, feel free to contact me or attend one of the Executive Board meetings.

Finally, keep up the great work making our Branch one of the **Best** in the State.

Howie

Our Speaker – Don Dillon By Little Sir Les Addison

Our speaker for July is Don Dillon, Sr. He is a native of El Centro and came to Mission San Jose in 1954, two years before the City was incorporated. Don and his father had a small dwarf citrus tree business in Ventura that was threatened by urbanization and a tree disease so they moved to MSJ where they founded the Four Winds Growers Nursery on Palm Ave. and have been there ever since. His son and grandson are the active operators of their Fremont growing grounds and his daughter, son-in-law, and grandson are the active operators of their branch nursery in Winters, CA.

Don served in the Navy during WWII and then again in the Korean War where he served on a destroyer escort, reaching the rank of Commander.

In 1962 he was elected to the City Council in Fremont. He served as mayor for five of the sixteen years he was on the City Council. He was a driving force in establishing Lake Elizabeth Park. His work also included saving three historical homes and gardens in the area.

In 1981 Don was elected President of the International Plant Propagators Society and in 1987 was presented with the Pacific Coast Nurseryman Award. He served on the regional boards of the San Francisco Bay Area, was president of the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) and a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Today he lives in Carmel with his wife, Maryann.

Don will present a pictorial history of Fremont using photos from his private collection.

July MENU

Baked Ham with Pineapple

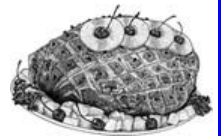
Scalloped Potatoes

Glazed Carrots

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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(510) 656-6132

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(510) 797-3570

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(510) 651-8664

Asst. Treasurer

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(510) 796-3543

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Don Gillis
Bill Leake
Robert Ralston
Tom Sherba
Arthur Winkley

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 June 16th Minutes of Al Wydler



The meeting was called to order at 10:17 am. Roll call following the Pledge of Allegiance showed 5 officers and 6 directors present.

The minutes of April were approved, there was no May meeting as Lady's Day took precedent

Correspondence received by the Big Sir from the Area Governor outlined our goal in obtaining new members and proposed that HLM members be tenured for life and not be counted amongst our present limit of 5. State President James Donovan thanked us for having him present the HLM to Lou Bufkin at the Sweetheart Luncheon. He also indicated that Golf and Amateur Radio as the most popular groups sponsored by SIR.

Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 190 to be present today. The Cybergazers will meet Tuesday at 2:00pm in the Fremont Library

Sir Ed Bingle reports 5 new members, 1 to inactive status and 3 terminated.

Sir Nat Lord reporting for Bowling, Six bowlers won cash prizes in May.

Sir Art Winkley has 23 birthday celebrations today from 65 to 91 years old. Our Membership Chair, Ed Bingle, is 89. Three other officials are included in the 23.

Sir Bill Leake reports Golf tournaments July 7 and 11, several of our members will participate July 11. There are also two Reno tournaments in June. He has openings for additional golfers.

Sir Tony Zeuli was warmly complimented for the outstanding Theme and Music at the May luncheon.

Sir Frank Campos will sing "Oh My Papa" in honor of Fathers Day.

Sir Nat Lord can still obtain Giant's tickets.

Sir Dave Marymee had an enjoyable vacation. He sadly reports the death of a member's spouse and that several members were scheduled for surgery. He reported on the number of get well and sympathy cards that were sent out during the last 12 months.

Sir Tom Sherba is officially a candidate for Area Governor. He has our endorsement.

Big Sir Howie Thompson reminded us of the no reservation rule after 11:45, there being an exception for those working up to noon such as Greeters and Ticket Sales. Any nominations for office must be made by August. He will present Dave Marymee with the "Sir of the Month Award."

Sir Don Henry has a \$3.00 hand calculator that can be ordered.

Adjourned at 11:03 am
Respectfully Submitted,
Alfred Wydler, Secretary.

SIR OF THE MONTH Ed Bingle

Ed Bingle just celebrated his 89th birthday in May and is still going strong as our Membership Chairman. He has been in that position for two years.

He joined SIR as a member of the Sunnyvale Branch in 1984.

He held several positions while in that branch. It was our good fortune to have Ed transfer to Branch 59 in 1998 when he moved to Fremont.

He decided to relax for a while. However, when Fred Gotthardt asked for volunteers for the job of membership chairman (he couldn't resist) and has been in that job ever since.

Ed is a very interesting man, he loves golf, bowling, and fishing. He also plays the piano and accordion and when he was 17 he had a 7 piece band.

Before retiring he served in the Air Force and then went to work for United Airlines.

Congratulations on being Sir of the Month! You are very deserving.



May 2005 Financial Report by Lou Bufkin

A general cash balance of \$2901.61 and a custodial cash balance of \$2365.59 was on hand at the end of April.

Ending cash balance for the month of May was \$3231.90.
The Sweetheart Luncheon in May had ticket sales of \$2632.00 and expenses of \$2691.43.



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



Membership Report

Guests: Gene Lim
Guest of: Gordon MacLeod
Visitors: None
Visiting from:

July Birthdays

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|----|
| Gordon Thym | 07/01/1923 | 82 |
| Nicola Ackel | 07/26/1924 | 81 |
| Valentino Pianetta | 07/14/1925 | 80 |
| Frank Thomas | 07/21/1925 | 80 |
| Lloyd Cowan | 07/16/1927 | 78 |
| Jack Webb | 07/19/1927 | 78 |
| Fred Cutter | 07/09/1929 | 76 |
| Mathew Perakis | 07/05/1930 | 75 |
| Wayne Halbert | 07/10/1930 | 75 |
| Gordon MacLeod | 07/12/1930 | 75 |
| Luciano Nausin | 07/26/1930 | 75 |
| Dino Mostardi | 07/27/1930 | 75 |
| Paul Bleignier | 07/07/1932 | 73 |
| Ronald Wiley | 07/01/1933 | 72 |
| Gilbert Vegas | 07/14/1933 | 72 |
| Ben Fernandez | 07/02/1934 | 71 |
| Bobby Snodgrass | 07/11/1938 | 67 |
| John Meyer | 07/22/1942 | 63 |

Membership Total

(as of May 16, 2005)

271 — Active Members
22 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Robert Boucher — To Inactive Status
 Richard Ball — Resigned
 Richard Maddux — Resigned
 Jerry Sabo — Resigned
 Gladyn Putt — Correct Email address:
 <ghwp2@sbcglobal.net>

Attendance Report

(For June 16, 2005)

| | |
|----------------|------------|
| Members | 174 |
| Guests | 1 |
| Visitors | 0 |
| Speaker | 3 |
| Total = | 178 |

68 excused 33 unexcused



New Members

Ralph V. Bain
 39908 San Simeon Court
 Fremont, CA 94539-3619
 510-657-6384
 Email: bainrm@aol.com
 Birthday: 1/30/1932
 Spouse: Margaret
 Badge No. 221
 Sponsor: Arthur Winkley
 Call me: Ralph

Terry M. Dalziel
 40738 Wolcott Drive
 Fremont, CA 94538-3560
 510-657-7736
 Email: socfool@aol.com
 Birthday: 10/25/1942
 Badge No. 217
 Sponsor: Dave Tanner
 Call me: Terry

Edgar L. Self
 4508 Theresa Drive
 Fremont, CA 94538-3312
 510-656-8618
 Birthday: 11/30/1924
 Spouse: Betty
 Badge No. 64
 Sponsor: Bill Briscoe
 Call me: Ed

David P. Shideler
 4619 Jean Court
 Union City, CA 94587-5012
 510-489-7444
 Email: dpspanky@aol.com
 Birthday: 12/16/1946
 Spouse: Mary
 Badge No. 103
 Sponsor: Gerald Rodrigues
 Call me: Dave

Louis E. Smith
 42950 Palm Avenue
 Fremont, CA 94539-4931
 510-656-2196
 Birthday: 8/23/1931
 Spouse: Marie
 Badge No. 34
 Sponsor: Howie Thompson
 Call me: Lou

New Members introduced at the June Meeting

Louis Smith, Terry Dalziel, Ralph Bain, David Shideler, Edgar Self



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares Rollin Cunningham

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

| NAME | HIGH GAME | HIGH SERIES |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Wayne Adams | 151 | 421 |
| Ralph Bain | 207 | 551 |
| Gary Bennett | 168 | 430 |
| Frank Cordova | 245 | 650 |
| Al Costa | 192 | 550 |
| Rollin Cunningham | 188 | 525 |
| Ray Erickson | 204 | 553 |
| Ray Faria | 213 | 528 |
| Don Henry | 203 | 691 |
| Darrell Jewell | 152 | 443 |
| Roy Johnson | 189 | 472 |
| Nat Lord | 204 | 536 |
| Bob Snodgrass | 159 | 471 |
| Frank Thomas | 157 | 414 |
| Carl Tolle | 204 | 551 |
| Art Winkley | 202 | 469 |



SPORTS BY NAT LORD

Oakland A's playing the Anaheim Angels Thursday, August 11, 2005 12:35 pm.

San Francisco Giants playing the Atlanta Braves, July 20, 2005 12:35 pm.

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**

CYBERGEEZER JULY MEETING

When - Monday, July 25th.
2:00pm (1400) to 4:00pm (1600).

Where - Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.



Please Note : Due to conflicting schedule we have to move to Monday for the month of July.

Cheers
Fred

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. We will have results of the area 8 scramble tournament held on July 7 in the next writing of this message.

Thank you Tom Sullivan who called in tee times for June. Want to volunteer? **We need help!** 793-6561. we have openings for November and December of this year.



Branch 72 tournament – Several of our golfers participated in the recently completed tournament at Alameda. **Dominic Aiello** won his flight and was second place in closest to the pin. **Tom Sherba** won his flight and was closely followed by **Ben Fernandez**, who finished second in the same flight. The same for flight 3 – **Richard Holley** won his flight and was followed by **Gary Bennett** who finished second. Congratulations to all the golfers. There will be another tournament on **July 18** – **it will be held at Tilden**. For further information, please contact **Lloyd Keplinger at 471-1238**.

New Member – please welcome **Terry Dalziel** who is new to both SIR and SIR golf.

Last time for stick-ons. June was the last month that you will receive the stick on for your handicap indicator. Call me please (793-6561) if you have a problem trying to find out your index. **Don't Don't Don't throw away your plastic card thinking you will get a new one.** If you do and you want a new one, the charge is \$10 to replace it.

Speaking of golf, we golf on Mondays and Thursdays at Sunol. Everyone – come join us. Call Sunol for the time - 888-848-8693 – ask for Leake. New to our group -- call me at 793-6561. Want to volunteer??? Great! **We need your help!**

What is the website for SIR Golf? SIRINC.ORG. Go to Activities, and then golf.

Tournament reports – next month we will have tournament reports for the team competition (held July 7), the state qualifier tournament (held July 13), and two Reno tournaments, held the last couple of weeks in June.

Thank you for reading this. If you would like to see something in this column let me know. I won't know what you want until you tell me.

Thanks – Bill Leake

READERS AND BROWERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.

Bob Matthies 797-5638



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.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee, Bob Walter and Richard Ahern

DONALD BARSTOW'S wife, Eunice, died June 4, age 66. Don and Eunice were married for 47 years. We at SIR wish to express our sympathy to Don and his family for their loss.

ROBERT BOIKE says he is fully recovered from a staph infection. In fact he says he is feeling younger than ever.

ROBERT DESCH is a resident of Aegis Care Center of Fremont on Walnut. Robert suffers from Alzheimer's syndrome.

ROY DUARTE is on nightly kidney dialysis at home. He says he feels fine and attended the June luncheon. Roy's birthday is in May.

DAVE DUNLAP'S wife, Shirley, reports Dave is suffering from a cerebral condition that affects his speech and balance; especially when walking. His doctor says he can drive, but Dave is careful. Dave missed the June luncheon and reporting on the activities of the bowling group. We hope you fully recover soon, Dave.

RAY JARVIS is under full bed care at the Country Drive Care Center. Ray likes visitors. Bring a book as Ray likes to read.

OLIVER KNICK has a number of health problems. Oliver has an aneurysm of the aorta which may be the cause of his back pain. He had a CAT scan in June. He has need for kidney dialysis which requires a preliminary procedure called mapping of various bodily vessels. Oliver did not miss the June luncheon as he sat at the birthday table. Good luck Oliver.

CALVIN OLIVEIRA, on May 26 had a right hip replacement. Calvin says he is doing fine at home but missed the June luncheon.

CHARLIE SWANSON arranges to have his foot checked on a two week basis. Charlie is a diabetic and has a gangrenous toe. Charlie and his family were saddened by the death of his daughter's mother-in-law. We at SIR wish to express our sympathy to Charlie and his family.

CONRAD WALLA had cataract surgery on his left eye on June 8. Con is fortunate in that he doesn't anticipate a need for cataract surgery on his right eye.

JACK WEBB is wheel chair bound. He missed the June luncheon as he was unable to secure special van transportation. We missed you, Jack.

Sherba for Governor



Past Big Sir **Tom Sherba** has thrown his hat in the ring as a candidate for Area 8 Governor to replace Sir **Bob Lippincott**

Election

The election for 2005 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon meeting.

The nominees for Officers are:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Big Sir | Les Addison |
| Little Sir | Ted Bresler |
| Secretary | Allen Sprague |
| Asst. Secretary | Peter Angelides |
| Treasurer | Lou Bufkin |
| Asst. Treasurer | Bobby Ben Snodgrass |

The nominees for Director are:

Lloyd Anderson
Bill Leake
Don Gillis
Art Winkley
Bob Benya
Howard Thompson



You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

August 11th:

MAGNIFICENT MYSTERY DAY TRIP

As always, the mystery trips are full of fun, who knows where we are going. Only the driver knows. Lunch included.

COST: \$61 per person

ESCORT: Lyle Kreger 510-278-9167

September 7-8th: SIZZLING SUMMER SPECIAL TO SILVER LEGACY RENO

One night accommodations at the Silver Legacy Casino. We will visit the Nugget in Sparks, Silver Legacy, Reno Hilton and Boomtown. Be sure to bring your Casino Cards to rack up your points. Bonus package over \$25 in value.

COST: \$69 per person D.O. (\$23.00 Single Supplement). A few seats left.

ESCORT: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463



September 20th: APPLE HILL

This is a tour that always sells out fast. We go by Placerville in the Mother-Lode country. 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 5:

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. Still taking Reservation, inside rooms only.

ESCORT: Emile Lassalle: 510-538-746

October 7th: COLUSA INDIAN CASINO

This is a 4 hour turnaround. Bus is limited to 55 members and guests so when you receive the flyer send it to the Escort with your payment. This bus will fill up fast. Bonus package over \$18 in value.

COST: \$21.50 per person

ESCORT: Frank Cerruti 510-568-8361



December 7th:

IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

- 12:15 pm—leave Southland for the Golden Gate Theatre
- 2:00 pm, Wednesday Matinee at the Golden Gate Theatre—seating on the main floor, best seats in the house
- 5:30 pm—Hosted Italian Dinner at Caesar's Restaurant in North Beach
- 8:30 pm—approximate arrival home at Southland

COST: \$147 per person, includes all taxes and tips.

ESCORT: Lyle Kreger 510-278-9167



Irving Berlin's **WHITE CHRISTMAS**



Wednesday,

December 7, 2005

*A Holiday Performance
At The Orpheum Theatre*

Meet at the Southland Mall parking lot at 12:15 pm. Board an awaiting motorcoach and depart for San Francisco where you will enjoy a matinee performance of White Christmas (center orchestra seating) at the Orpheum Theatre. After your performance, a short drive takes you to Caesar's Restaurant for a hosted Italian dinner. After dinner, transfer back to Hayward and your original departure point.
Approximate arrival home is 8:15 pm



Tour Price: \$147.00 per person

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Directors Sir **Art Winkley**, Sir **Lloyd Anderson** and Sir **Bill Leake** pondering an issue during the recent Executive Board meeting in June



Cybergееzers Sir **Al Sprague**, Sir **Ed Pierick**, Sir **Charlie Wilkins**, Sir **Bill Briscoe**, and Sir **Alan Douglas** are intently listening to Chief Cybergееzer, Sir **Fred Gotthardt** during the last computer meeting.



Past Big Sir **Rollin** and **Elaine Cunningham** on their wedding day 60 years ago and below during their recent celebration on Maui.



Sir **Lou Bufkin** receiving his Honorary Life Membership pin from Big Sir **Howie Thompson**



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PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the
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and the copy deadline will be
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1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
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1985 Ray Crosby*
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