

The Path finder Branch Number 59

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - August 18, 2005

The Big Sir Challenge S for STRENGTH By Howard Thompson

John F. Kennedy stated, "If we are strong, our character will speak for itself." No doubt we have a bunch of characters in Branch 59. But that is not what Kennedy meant with his statement. The strength of this Branch belongs to each of us.

We have many qualities: great fellowship, good food, awesome speakers, and a competent team of leaders that are working together to show our character. Also, we have many small groups for you to be involved and great socials for the ladies each year.

One of our goals this year is to invite 50 guests to our meetings. Some of you have done a great job of inviting your friends to join us. We know that about 2/3 of those that visit will become members of the Branch.

But there is problem! Only a few of you are taking advantage of inviting men to the luncheons. Think about it! If only 20% of the membership invited 1 person that would be about 50 guests this year. Will you be the one that invites one of your friends to the final four meeting of the year to reach the Branch's goal of 50 guests in 2005?

Get Acquainted Month was a huge success. Thank you for your cooperation and we hope you met a new fellow Sir. This month you can go back to saving a seat for a friend, if you desire.

DID YOU KNOW!

Tom Sherba will be the new 2006 Governor of Area 8. **Bill Leake** continues to be SIR Area 8 Golf Chairman. **Nat Lord** has been nominated for the SIR State Bowling Chairman.

Our Speakers Chuck Guaraglia and Gary Owens By Little Sir Les Addison

In August we will have our speakers talk about the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This program teaches people what to do in case there is an emergency. They will inform us what the cities of Fremont and Newark CERT teams are doing to get the community prepared for an emergency and how the two cities present the training.

The speakers are **Chuck Guaraglia** from Fremont and **Gary Owens** from Newark. Chuck graduated from Fremont CERT training in 1996, joined Fremont Fire Department as a volunteer in late 1996, and started helping to instruct CERT in 1997. Gary is a firefighter with the city of Newark and is in charge of the CERT Program in Newark.

August MENU Spaghetti

Tossed Green Salad with Swiss Dressing Garlic Bread Coffee & Dessert

Wanted

Did you know that we need several men to pick up Sirs for each luncheon? Also, greeters are needed to welcome members, guests and visitors as they arrive for the luncheon. Can you help? Please contact me if you are available.

Howie

If you are <u>not</u> coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor <u>Don't forget to Call</u> on the Monday before the Meeting - or earlier

Fred Gotthardt - 797-4592 or Manuel 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 July 21st Minutes of Al Wydler



The Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am. Roll Call, following the Pledge of Allegiance, showed 5 officers and 5 directors were approved.

Big Sir Howard Thompson introduced Ted Bresler our

candidate for 2006 Little Sir. He also expressed gratitude for the excellent Pathfinder work of John Skarpelos. Our Little Sir Les Addison had a pacemaker installed July 19 but is still present here today. He also announced that Nat Lord is a candidate for State Bowling Chairman and Tom Sherba is unopposed for Area Governor. He is pleased to say that our nine new members is exceeding State expectations but encourages all of us to bring guests. He will also appreciate Sir of the Month recommendations. Rollin and Elaine Cunningham have been married 60 years this month.

Sir Manuel Silva reported that the attendance committee expects 200 members and 5 guests to be present today. Cybergeezers will meet Monday.

SIR OF THE MONTH **Jack Lindley**

We are honoring Sir Jack Lindley this month because he has sponsored five new members

in the last two years. We appreciate his desire to share and invite men to Branch 59 meetings.

Jack has been a faithful member of Branch 59 for eight years

He graduated in 1953 from the California Maritime

Academy in Vallejo, then served in the in the Navy 3 1/2 years during the Korean conflict

He graduated from the University of Engineering degree and went to work for the Alameda County Flood Control District, retiring in 1994.

Jack and his wife Kathy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2003. They have two children; daughter, Christine Eubanks living in Wichita, Kansas and Bob Lindley living in Pleasanton. They have 6 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

He attends Menlo Park Presbyterian Church and volunteered for Meals on Wheels after hearing a speaker at SIR.

His hobbies are: Ship Modeling, Golf. Bridge, Traveling and Reading.

Thanks to Pat (Lyle) Kingery who was his SIR sponsor in 1997.

Sir Ed Bingle reports that 2 new Members are expected, 1 went inactive and 4 were terminated.

Sir Nat Lord suggests those attending the present. The minutes of June 16 forthcoming A's Game meet him in Fremont to ride together thereby avoiding the parking cost.

Sir Rollin Cunningham reporting for Bowling, they have 18 active members and 2 occasional. There will be a tournament in Napa followed by one at Reno for those interested.

Sir Art Winkley is expecting to recognize 18 birthdays from ages 82 to 63 including Bob Snodgrass, assistant treasurer.

Little Sir Les Addison announced that our guest speaker is an early Mayor of Fremont, Don Dillon.

Sir John Skarpelos has a Friday July 29 deadline for the Pathfinder.

Sir Tony Zeuli reported much progress on the Christmas Party without further comment.

Sir Frank Campos will sing "God Bless America" today.

Sunshine Chairman Dave Marymee displayed the new sympathy cards he has that were designed by Ardith Gotthardt. He sadly announced 3 deaths and 3 hospitalized.

Sir Bill Leake reported Hank Scherer made it to the State Finals and Armando Castigloini came in second and will go to Poppy Hill. At Tilden Bill Briscoe and Bill Leake placed 1st and 2nd respectively. There are still openings at Poppy Hill, Mexico and Solvang.

Area Governor Bob Lippincott needs people on the Insurance Committee and requests only those with financial background apply. There is an indication that the per person rate will be reduced to \$1.25 next year. He is pleased with Branch 59 membership and announced the cost of pins is increasing, the lapel pin will remain at \$1.00, and a Rooster decal will soon be available.

Sir Don Henry requested \$150 to purchase personal calculators for sale to our members. A motion to approve was made by Tom Sherba, seconded by Art Winkley. Motion passed.

Sir Bill Leake suggested that a \$1 fee be California at Berkeley in 1960 with a Civil charged all members to cover anticipated expenses. Big Sir Howie believes that passing the hat will generate sufficient funds. No action taken.

> Meeting Adjourned 11:05 am. Respectfully submitted Alfred Wydler, secretary

June 2005 Financial Report by Lou Bufkin

A general cash balance of \$2902.08 and a custodial cash balance of \$329.82 was on hand at the beginning of June.

Ending cash balance for the month of June was \$3526.93.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



August Birthdays

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08/31/1912	93
08/08/1916	89
08/13/1919	86
08/29/1923	82
08/18/1926	79
08/09/1927	78
08/25/1927	78
08/07/1928	77
08/08/1928	77
08/06/1929	76
08/02/1930	75
08/23/1931	74
08/04/1932	73
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08/15/1932	73
08/17/1932	73
08/30/1932	73
08/03/1936	69
08/20/1939	66
08/30/1940	65
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Membership Report

Guests: Guest of: Victor Lara Ted Bresler **Douglass Burgess** Jack Lindley

Visitors: **Visiting from: Bob Lippincott** Area 8 Governor Leo Pigott Chaplin,

Castro Valley Br 72

Dennis Addison Son of Little Sir

Fremont Chuck Cummings Spring Valley

Tom Ahern New York

Membership Total

(as of July 21, 2005)

267 — Active Members 22 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Don Schreiber Dropped (Rule 100) Dropped (Rule 100) James Daley John Courtney Resigned

Moved to Tracy

Resigned Al Mason, Jr.

Attendance Report

(For July 21, 2005)

192 Members Guests 2 **Visitors** Speaker Total = 200

44 excused 30 unexcused

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.

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



READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.

Bob Matthies 797-5638



No **New Members** in July



Next Month Bring In Some Guests



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Rollin Cunningham

NAME HIGH GAME **SERIES** Wayne Adams 170 425 Ralph Bain 188 516 Gary Bennett 168 430 Frank Cordova 214 606 Al Costa 473 174 Ray Erickson 193 539 476 Ray Faria 169 Don Henry 245 592 Darrell Jewell 132 327 Roy Johnson 187 503 James Lawrence 137 389 Nat Lord 193 505 472 Bob Snodgrass 180 Frank Thomas 401 145 Art Winkley 180 508

There are sixteen active bowlers. They bowl every Monday at 1:00 PM at Mowry Lanes with about 13 Sirs in attendance. Attendance is optional and everybody is welcome. Handicap bowling is \$4.50. There is about two monthly out of town optional SIR bowling tournaments. Singles, Doubles, and all events cost about \$31. Driving is shared and riders contribute \$5.00 each to the driver to offset gasoline cost. Generally four or more Sirs attend. Several times a year there is team bowling.

Sir Ray Erickson and Sir Gary Bennett tied for 5th place at the Pinole Bowling Tournament each sharing half of the \$31 prize, Sir Gary also won \$31 for a fifth place finish in all events.

Many thanks are gratefully given to Sirs **Nat Lord**, **Art Winkley**, and **Bob Snodgrass** for doing the bowling paper work while both the Chairman and Assistant were/are ailing.

Next out of town bowling: Napa August 1 & 2, doubles and singles; Reno August 15, 16, and 17, singles, doubles, teams and all events.

CYBERGEEZER AUGUST MEETING

When - Tuesday, August 30th. 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 Tuesday a week later for the month of August.

Cheers Fred

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Welcome Gene Lim who joined both SIR and also SIR golf. Thanks Bob Teglia for calling in tee times for July. Also,

thank you **Bill Dark** who is calling in tee times for August. Want to volunteer? **We need help!** 793-6561. We have openings for November and December of this year. With the new membership program at Sunol, we can now call in 10

days in advance instead of 7. So. want

to volunteer??? Great! **We need your help!** Call Bill Leake at 793-6561.

We have results! For Reno, first week, we had 4 participants and 3 winners. Bill Briscoe won \$130 by coming in 4th one day and 8th overall. Forrest Lusher won \$100 – first place one day. Tom Sherba \$70 – 4th place one day. Week two – we had 3 representatives. Darryl Moore was the big and only winner – closest to pin, day 1, 6th place, day 2, 1st place, day 3, 3rd overall, for a total of \$305.00. As for Hank and Bill – Oh Boy! (or is it oh well!) Guy Whitener says hello.

More results – we just finished the area 8 team tournament. We had 8 teams playing. Hank Scherer teamed with 3 members from branch 6 and placed 2nd and will represent area 8 in Stockton this month. Congratulations Hank! The best team-finish branch 59 could do is 4th with the team of Tanner. Trischetti. Sherba and Desmond. Let's root on **Hank** as he goes for the state title. ... We had 10 representatives at the just completed division 4 state individual qualifier. Armando Castigloini placed second in his flight and will be representing branch 59 at Poppy Hills (Monterey) November 1. He also won \$30. Please cheer **Armando.** Other winners were **Les Prestwood** (third place and \$20) and Greg Johnston (also third place and \$20). Congratulations! Tilden Results – We had 2 winners at Tilden as well. Bill Briscoe won \$28 (1st place) and Bill Leake came in second place in his flight, winning \$21. Congratulations to all of our winners.

Upcoming events – Solvang (Sept. 11-15); Poppy Hills (Nov 1 & 2), & Mexico (Ixtapa) Nov. 2-9 and Nov.10-17. Check the web for forms or see me (all forms are available off the web except Mexico).

Website for SIR Golf? <u>SIRINC.ORG</u>. Go to Activities, and then golf.

I will be soliciting dues for 2006 soon. This is a pre-alert. This year = \$26.

Speaking of golf, we golf on Mondays and Thursdays at Sunol. Everyone posts after they play, don't they!!

Golfers and hackers -- come join us. Call Sunol for the time -- 888-848-8693 – ask for Leake. New to our group -- call me at 793-6561. Thank you - Bill Leake

SPORTS BY NAT LORD

See you next year at the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee, Bob Walter and Richard Ahern

LES ADDISON, Little Sir, was hospitalized at Kaiser Hospital for slow heart rate that led to a 10 to 12 second stoppage. On July 19 a heart pacemaker was put in place and Les had an overnight stay. Glad your heart problems were treated in time Les. We are counting on you to be Big Sir next year.

LLOYD ANDERSON had a heart attack on July 4. He was fortunate to receive immediate first aid from firemen participating in the race. On July 5 Lloyd had stents placed in heart blood vessels. Lloyd says he is doing fine.

ROBERT BENYA and Dorothy celebrated their golden wedding anniversary July 1-10 aboard ship on a western Caribbean cruise with their family. We wish the Benyas many happy years.

ROBERT DEBELAK Sr. former Branch 59 member and former Fremont resident died July in Phoenix after a brief illness. Bob required kidney dialysis. He was 69. We at SIR extend our sympathy to Bob's family.

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

ROY DUARTE is on nightly dialysis. This frees him for daytime activities.

DAVE DUNLAP is recovering from a cerebral condition that affects his speech and balance. Dave attended the July luncheon, riding with Carl Nordling and using a walker. We are glad you are recovering Dave.

Sherba elected Governor



Past Big Sir **Tom Sherba** has been unanimously elected Area 8 Governor to replace Sir **Bob Lippincott** in 2006.

FRED GOTTHARDT entered the hospital with pains around his chest. These were caused by a gall bladder attack. He spent the night in the hospital and returned home the next day feeling better

DON HENRY's son Dave's, wife Julia died suddenly in July. We at SIR wish to offer our sympathy to Don and his family for their loss.

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

OLIVER KNICK says his health condition is stable, including kidney function. He plans to attend SIR luncheons.

CHARLIE SWANSON is bedfast at home after partial amputation of gangrenous toes on his right foot. Charlie is doubly handicapped by being diabetic and having a serious heart condition which saps his strength. We are pulling for you Charlie.

JAMES THURGATE's wife, Joann, died July 10, age 74. We wish to extend the sympathy of SIR to James and his family.

JACK WEBB says he is doing okay. Jack requires special van transportation for his electric powered wheel chair. Jack celebrated his 78th birthday July 19. Happy Birthday, Jack!

Election

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

The nominees for Officers are:

Big Sir
Little Sir
Secretary
Asst. Secretary
Treasurer

Les Addison
Ted Bresler
Allen Sprague
Peter Angelides
Lou Bufkin

reasurer **Lou Burkin**

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

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 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

Only 42 tickets have been reserved for this performance. This will be the last travel activity for the Branches in 2005 and I hope you join us for an enjoyable time.

COST: \$147 per person, includes all taxes and tips. **ESCORT:** Lyle Kreger 510-278-9167 or Emile Lassalle for more detailed information at 510-538-7463.

Help us Plan for 2006

Day Trips and Travel Tours are now being arranged for 2006. If you have any ideas about trips you might want us to arrange, please let us know what your wishes are.

Email to Emile Lassalle at

sirs26@earthlink.net

or mail to

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Sir **Bob Ingebretson** chatting with our speaker, Mayor **Don Dillon**, prior to the July luncheon meeting. Bob had Don's son in one of his school classes.



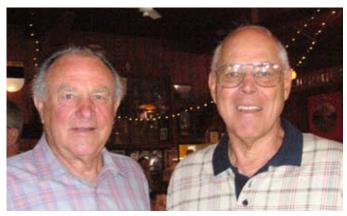
Little Sir Les Addison with his son Dennis Addison at the July meeting. Les received a pacemaker on Tuesday, was released from the hospital on Wednesday and came to the meeting on Thursday. Dennis helped us by projecting Don Dillon's photos during the meeting.



Area 8 Governor **Bob Lippincott** addressing the Executive board at the July meeting. Next to him was Sir **Leo Piggot**, a visitor from Branch 72 in Castro Valley.



Sir **Ted Bresler**, candidate for Little Sir for 2006, was introduced at the July Executive Board meeting. He is shown giving a little background information about himself.



The Circulation chairman Sir **Bill Briscoe** on the right with his assistant Sir **Art Shiffrar** on the left. These fellows are responsible for getting the Pathfinder into the mail with proper postage and mailing label.



Sir **Bob and Dorothy Benya** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary aboard ship on a western Caribbean cruise. Joining them on the cruise were 16 members of their family.

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The next issue of the **Pathfinder** will be in **September** and the copy deadline will be Friday, August 26, 2005.

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*

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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

2004 Tom Sherba

*(deceased)