



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirtieth Year

November 2005

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - November 17, 2005

The Final Big Sir Challenge S for Success by Howard Thompson

Success is measured in different ways. Some measure by production, sales, and profit. Others rank by number of people involved and their accomplishments. While these benchmarks of success might be true I think it goes deeper when evaluating the success of Pathfinder Branch 59.

Involvement has been the key to our success this year. Men are attending luncheons with excellent speakers, thanks to our Little Sir, Les Addison. Many men are joining small groups led by competent men of Branch 59. The fellowship and care for others is a true sign of success.

Recruiting and influence on men from the Tri City community was another success. You have taken the opportunity to invite 39 guests and 30 of those have become members so far this year. Pathfinder Branch 59 ranks 7th in the State for membership.

Sincerely, as my tenure as Big Sir comes to a conclusion, I would like to thank all those that made my term most enjoyable and fun. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Thank you.
Howie

SPECIAL MEETING FOR ALL BRANCH MEMBERS

The State Board of SIR requests input and ideas from our Branch on solutions to several items. The State Board has requested that we will have a special meeting to discuss the following items:

1. How to reduce costs at the State level for insurance and travel.
2. How to increase membership by adding new branches.
3. Retention of members at the local level.

The meeting will be held before the luncheon at Swiss Park on November 17th from 10 to 11am. Please bring your ideas so we may have a productive discussion and help solve these problems.

Our Speaker - Nancy Farber by Little Sir Les Addison

Our speaker for November is Nancy Farber, Chief Executive Officer of the Washington Township Health Care District, Fremont. She has been at Washington Hospital for twenty years in leadership roles. She was named the CEO in 1994.



Ms Farber received her Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors from Stanford University and received a Masters in Public Health from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health. Before coming to Washington Hospital, Ms Farber was the Assistant Administrator for four years at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, and previous to this position, she was the Assistant Administrator for Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles.

Ms Farber has held numerous appointments and currently serves on the American Hospital Association Region 9 Board, as well as the AHA Task Force on Health Care Fragmentation. She was the "Woman of the Year on Health Care in 1999." In 2003, Ms Farber was named, "Woman of Distinction in Health Care and Wellness" by the East Bay Business Times. She was named "Citizen of the Year for 2003" by the Ohlone College Foundation. Her most recent honor was "2005 Good Scout Award" presented by the Mission Peak District, Boy Scouts of America.

Ms Farber and her husband, Peter Szekrenyi, have five children and reside in Sunol. She will speak on Washington Hospital's past, present, and future role in Fremont.

November MENU

Swiss Steak

Mashed Potatoes

Old Fashioned Green Beans

Green Salad with Swiss Dressing

Rolls & Butter

Coffee & Dessert

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 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
9:30 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

**A Nonprofit
public benefit
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retired men**



Edited Excerpts of October 20th Minutes of Al Wydler



The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am. Roll Call following the Pledge of Allegiance showed 6 officers and 3 directors to be present.

Little Sir Les Addison motioned to accept the September minutes. Motion Passed.

He also reported that the new officer training session would be at the San Ramon Country Club in November.

Treasurer Lou Bufkin was absent. Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Snodgrass submitted a written report showing our balance to be \$2554.53. All expenses and receipts were accounted for. Report was accepted.

Big Sir Howie Thompson reiterated the San Ramon Training Session and announced that Branch 59 will pay for the lunch for the attending new officers. Retiring Area 8 Governor, Sir Bob Lippincott, is not well and was praised for his many years of service.

SIR OF THE MONTH Fred Gotthardt

Fred's brother-in-law invited him to a SIR luncheon and he became a member in August of 1995. The following year he joined the Attendance Committee and has served as chairman for the last 7 years. He has served as chairman of the Cybergazer Computer Group since 1998.

He assists the Social Committee by printing the tickets and programs for the annual socials in May and December. He also assists the editor of the Pathfinder and the Roster Chairman. His talented wife supplies the Sunshine Chairman with specially designed SIR get well cards.

Fred served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. He married his childhood sweetheart, Ardith, 56 years ago. He worked as a Clinical Laboratory Technologist for several laboratories and was the Chief Technologist of the Washington Hospital Laboratory from November 1958, when the hospital opened, until 1967. He continued working in the field for nearly 47 years, retiring in 1994.

Fred is an Honorary Life Member of Branch 59. We honor Fred this month for his special talents and dedication to Pathfinder Branch 59.



Little Sir Les Addison announced that today's speaker would be Shawon Dunston. Shawon was a major league Shortstop for 20 years and is now retired and living in Fremont.

Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 215 to attend today's luncheon including 7 guests. Cybergazers will meet Tuesday, the 25th, at 2:00 pm at the Fremont Main Library.

Sir Nat Lord has the Bowling Schedule for 2006 and announced three tournament players winning \$96.

Sir Art Winkley has 19 birthday celebrations today.

Sir Drag Dutina, will be named Sir of the Month.

Editor Sir John Skarpelos announced that Friday, the 28th, is the Pathfinder deadline.

Sir Bill Leake announced the 2006 Golf schedule is the same as this year. Dues are now payable. Regarding golf -- We play regularly every Monday and Thursday at Sunol. Call Bill at 793-6561 if you want to play or have more info. All Are Welcome.

Sir Bruno Orsetti is ill and greeters are needed for today.

Our Librarian, Sir Wayne Adams, needs an assistant.

Sir Don Henry requested prizes for the Holliday Luncheon and has a "Letter of Appreciation" for any local merchant willing to donate.

Sir Dave Marymee is in receipt of new sympathy cards designed by Ardith Gotthardt. He announced that we have 8 members ill and one death this month.

Big Sir Howie announced that our branch ranks seventh in the state. He has received a letter from the State Vice President, requesting feedback on "How to cut expenses and increase membership". The November Executive meeting will start at 9:30 am. The special meeting to discuss the above request will start at 10:00 am. The October 2005 issue of "SIR Happenings" is now available on the SIR webpage. Today a singing group, composed of Branch 59 members, will entertain us. Adjourned 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted
Alfred Wydler, Secretary

September 2005 Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



A general cash balance of \$2090.76 and a custodial cash balance of (\$5.87) was on hand at the beginning of the month.

Ending cash balance for the month of was \$2554.53.

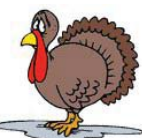
MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



November Birthdays

Dan Archer	11/08/1918	87
William Delucchi	11/05/1923	82
Robert Browne	11/10/1923	82
Willard Irwin	11/25/1923	82
James Blood	11/14/1924	81
Edgar Self	11/30/1924	81
James Thurgate	11/03/1926	79
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	79
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	78
Nelson Morris	11/04/1929	76
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	75
James Conard	11/02/1932	73
William Dark	11/07/1934	71
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	71
Wesley Schilling	11/23/1934	71
Robert Stefani	11/02/1938	67
Carey Williams	11/22/1938	67
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	67
Douglas Burgess	11/15/1942	63
Bill Leake	11/11/1945	60



Membership Report

Guests:
 Sal Lamagna
 Charles F. Marshall
 Terrence McInnes
 Frank J. Reis
 Robert F. Wanser

Guest of:
 Bill Leake
 Sam Mitchell
 Alan Sprague
 Ken Grimes
 Bob Ingebretson

Visitors: None
Visiting from:

Membership Total

(as of October 20, 2005)

262 — Active Members

27 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Lloyd Cowan to Inactive Status
 Louie Benites to Inactive Status
 John Sommer Change of Address:
 620 Sand Hill Road Apt 309E
 Palo alto, CA 94304-2610
 phone 650-324-1517

Attendance Report

(For October 20, 2005)

Members	196
Guests	4
Visitors	0
Speakers	1
Total =	201

38 excused 30 unexcused

New Members

Wayne Lindquist
 35910 Blair Place
 Fremont, CA 94536-3408
 510-792-4160
 Email: isaway@peoplepc.com
 Birthday: 2/25/1936
 Spouse: Isable
 Badge No. 38
 Sponsor: James Sissle
 Call me: Wayne

Aaron P. Wong
 38698 Chrisholm Place
 Fremont, CA 94536-1802
 510-791-1400
 Email: aaronpwong@exite.com
 Birthday: 8/15/1947
 Badge No. 203
 Sponsor: Lee Mineau
 Call me: Aaron



In the photo below Big Sir
Howie Thompson introduces
 new members Sir **Wayne**
Lindquist and Sir **Aaron**
Wong



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.

CYBERGEEZER NOVEMBER MEETING



When -
 Tuesday, November 22nd.
 2:00pm to 4:00pm
 Where -
 Fremont Main Library, Fremont
 Fukaya A room.

Cheers
Fred

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 BROWERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.

Wayne Adams 797-7611



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Rollin Cunningham

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

October Scores

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	200	487
Ralph Bain	198	518
Gary Bennett	168	447
Frank Cordova	255	591
Al Costa	220	523
Rollin Cunningham	180	493
Ray Erickson	199	535
Ray Faria	202	543
Don Henry	266	646
Darrell Jewell	94	246
Roy Johnson	203	523
Jim Lawrence	167	413
Nat Lord	202	551
Bob Snodgrass	200	498
Frank Thomas	160	446
Art Winkley	188	495
Roger Wallin	170	404

Results of Reno August Tournament

Gary Bennett, Singles 8th, Doubles 4th, Team 2nd, All Events 3rd — \$155.20

Ray Erickson, Doubles 4th, Team 2nd — \$43.50

Nat Lord, Doubles 3rd, Team 2nd — \$79.00

Guest **Helen Iwasa**, Singles 3rd, Doubles 3rd, Team 2nd, All events 3rd — \$273.40

Notice to Branch 59 Members

We are approaching the end of the year 2005 and in December your Roster Committee will be preparing the 2006 Roster. We have attempted to keep accurate information in the data base as members provide us with changes and corrections.

If you have recently changed your address, phone number, email address or wife please let us know. Email John Skarpelos at

< john@mediaart.com >

or phone 510-656-6587.

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column...Last column of the year. **About next year** – what changes do you want to see with the golf group & column? 2005 has been a lot of fun. We will have fun again next year. I encourage you to join in the state and local activities & come out and play

...**Dues** NCGA dues for next year will remain at \$26 and due now. Deadline is November 30, 2005 (most of you have already paid). Give or send checks (payable to SIR Branch 59) to Bill Leake at PO Box 434, Fremont, CA 94537. No cash please. **Post – Don't forget** to post after you play each round. Either on the machine or via internet is OK. Problems -- call me at 793-6561. I can help.

Those on computer – are you receiving your monthly index update from GHIN? If not--- let me know... Thank you **Les Prestwood** for calling in for October, and thanks to **James Lawrence** for calling in for November....**We have** a tentative SIR state golf schedule for 2006. The schedule is: March 27-31 – Las Vegas. April 3-7 – Las Vegas. June 12-16 – Reno and June 19-23, Reno. The state also plans Solvang for either September 10-14 or September 17-21. Mexico is also planned but has not been decided at this writing...**Ever watch** Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup? Want to participate in a format similar to this? We are considering something like this once a month. It could be a lot of fun. We could do 2-man best ball, individual team competition, etc. The beauty of this is that handicaps will be a vital part of the scoring. Interested? See **Darryl Moore** or me for more info

Since this column is being written the last week in October, we do not have results of either the **November 1st State Championship** – our own **Armando Castiglioni** competed in it, nor do we have any results of the **two Mexico tournaments** – wait until next year...We, the members of Branch 59, play at Sunol and would love to have you join us. To get the tee time, please call Sunol at 888-848-8693. When a person answers, ask him/her for the Monday or Thursday morning tee time for Leake, usually on Cypress. 4 times for Mondays and 2 for Thursdays. Come join us and if not a member, speak to me about NCGA membership—or call me at 793-6561.

Happy Holidays everyone

Bill Leake



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter

LLOYD COWAN'S wife, Billie, postponed her anticipated operation in October due to high blood pressure. Lloyd is a resident at Fremont Retirement Villa at 41040 Lincoln Street. Lloyd suffers from Parkinson's syndrome. Call him or stop in and see him.

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

ROY DUARTE says he is doing okay. Roy is on nightly dialysis. This frees him for daytime activities.

DAVE DUNLAP says he is doing okay. He is dependent on a walker to get around. He drives to the luncheons.

RAY JARVIS' wife, Betty, afflicted with Alzheimer's syndrome, never recovered from a recent stroke. She died in early October. We offer our sympathy to Ray and his family. Ray is bedfast at Country Drive Center. Stop in and see Ray. He likes visitors.

PAUL LEWIS missed the October birthday luncheon because of his wife Judy's illness.

RICHARD MARRIOTT says he is waiting for cataract surgery for his left eye. He has had cataract surgery on his right eye. Surgery was postponed because of high blood pressure.

ROBERT McGRATH missed the October birthday luncheon because of defibrillator implant. Hope all is well for you Robert.

MARTY SPELLMAN is off crutches but wears a cast on his left ankle due to Achilles tendon repair. Marty drives and comes to SIR luncheons. Glad to see you Marty.

CHARLIE SWANSON is still home and wheelchair bound due to partial amputation of toes on his right foot due to his diabetic problem. Charlie is fitted with a vacuum pump which is to aid the healing of his right foot, but he finds he has to limit the use of the pump. Charlie says his foot is slowly healing.

HOWIE THOMPSON, Big Sir, spent time in the emergency room in the hospital because of medication he was taking stopped his urine flow. We are happy to report that Howie has recovered and presided at the October meeting and the luncheon.

JACK WEBB made it to the October luncheon. Jack is wheelchair bound and has to reserve special van service for transportation. Glad you made it to the luncheon, Jack.



Save the date - Thursday December 15, 2005

"Holiday Sweetheart Luncheon"

Menu
Baked Ham
with all the trimmings

Music by
The Canyon Band

Social Hour 11:00 AM
Luncheon at noon

Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases



Your Name _____ Sweetheart's Name _____
Number in Party _____ x \$18 per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch #59** and mail to:
Sir Don Henry, 4645 Ridpath St. Fremont, CA 94538 Tickets will be sold at October and November Lunch
Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

December 7, 2005:

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.



January 18, 2006: MYSTERY BUS TRIP

This is one Mystery Trip I can tell you of one stop we will make. We will go to the Culinary Academy of Treasure Island for a Three-Course Gourmet Meal prepared and served by the advanced trainees. The rest of the trip will be a secret, but I know you will enjoy where we go.

Cost: \$63 per person, Escort Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463

March: Spring Training in Arizona

March 13-18, 2006

(Dates subject to change when the schedule is finalized)

We are off to Bakersfield for a one night stay at the Shelton Four Points, then off to the Buck Owens Crystal Palace for BBQ food and entertainment. We travel to Tempe AZ for a 3 night stay at the Best Western Hotel. You will go to 2 ball games, the horse races and a dinner show. Day 5 will take us to Laughlin, NV for a day of gaming. The next day we will be on our way home.

COST: \$943 per person, double occupancy,

ESCORT: Daryl Main, 510-352-2210

Help us Plan for 2006

If you are interested in being an Escort please call me.

More 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

Emile Lassalle

19574 Stanton Avenue

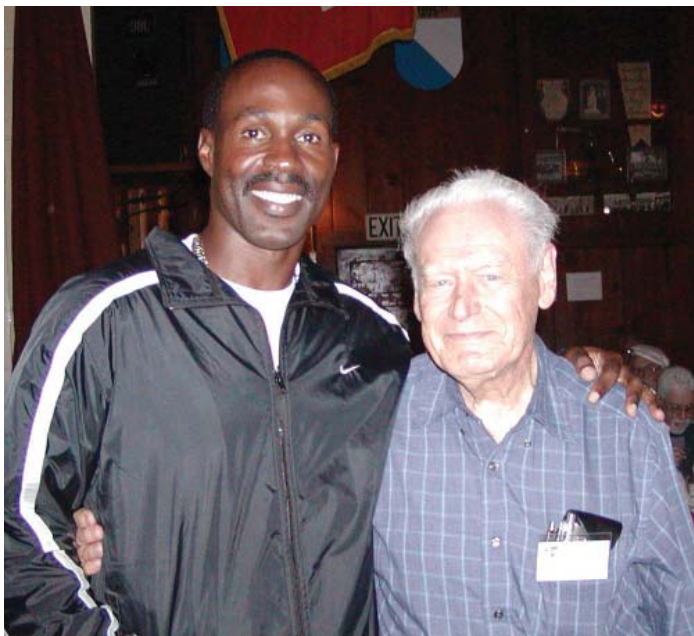
Castro Valley, CA 94546

Sir **Ralph Bain** discussing software at the October Cybergazers meeting at the Fremont Library.

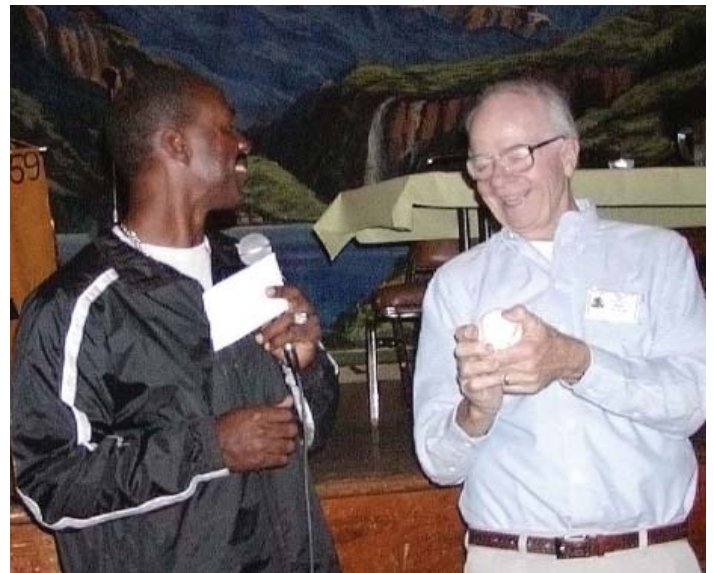




The Pathfinder Branch 59 Choir led by **Bob Benya** entertained the group during the October luncheon. Members of the choir are shown in the picture above (from left to right) **Arnold George, Dino Mostardi, John Randall, John Gecox, Dave Priego**, Director **Bob Benya**, **Bob Ingbreton** and **Jack Knoth**.



In the photo at left Sir **Ed Bingle**, a Chicago Cub fan since he was 11 years old in 1927, receives an autographed ball from Shawon Dunston at the October luncheon. Below Sir **Hugh Twomey** also received an autographed ball when his name was selected from the birthday group.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

As the year 2005 is coming to a close and November will be the last month that I will be serving as the Attendance Committee Chairman, I wish to extend a great big "*Thanks*" to my very able and dedicated assistants.

Sir **Manual Silva**, assisting since 1998.

Sir **Arnold Mozzetti**, assisting since 1998.

Sir **Alan Douglass**, assisting since 2002.

Sir **Hugh Twomey**, assisting since 2002.

I am sure that the membership of Branch 59 will give the new Attendance Chairman, Sir Alan Douglass, the same cooperation and support that you have given to me over these many years.

It has been my pleasure to serve.

Cheers, Fred Gotthardt



Golf Chairman **Bill Leake** is discussing golf business with new member Sir **Wayne Lindquist**.

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PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the
Pathfinder will be in **January**
and the copy deadline will be
Friday, **December 23, 2005.**

PAST BIG SIRS

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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*
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