



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year

January 2007

Bulletin No. 1

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 18, 2007

Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler

IT'S A NEW DAY!



The January luncheon meeting will mark a new day for Pathfinder Branch 59 Sirs.

We will be moving to a new home at the Newark Pavilion with a new caterer, McDonough's Catering. I've personally walked through the new facilities, and they are great. Our new caterer has served a number of other SIR

branches and should do a great job.

I will be Big Sir in January, and recently I have been busy with committee appointments. I am pleased to announce that our new Social Committee chairman will be Doug Eads. Other committee members will be Allen Sprague, Gene Anderson and Gordon McLeod. I have known three of these gentlemen for over 30 years and have worked with Allen and Doug with the City of Fremont for 8 years. I am confident that they will do a bang-up job on our social events.

Also, Howard Thompson will become an assistant greeter, and Fred Gotthardt will be the assistant to the membership chairman, Ron Brutvan.

I'd like to thank each of you for your excellent assistance to me during my term as Little Sir. Several of our speakers were selected from referrals I received from members.

I look forward to your continued support during my upcoming term as Big Sir.

Ted

Our Speaker – Wendy Wayne by Little Sir Richard Holley

Wendy L. Wayne concentrates

her practice in trust and estate law. She is committed to assisting clients in effectively preserving both their assets and family relationships. This includes the preparation of trusts, wills, advanced medical directives, powers of attorney,

beneficiary designations and gift planning. She also represents clients in probate, conservatorship and trust administration matters. She counsels, advises, and assists individuals who are serving as trustees or court-appointed representatives as well as beneficiaries. She files and defends disputes brought before the courts for resolution. For each client, Ms. Wayne works to minimize tax and liability exposure and implement creative strategies to preserve and transfer the assets.

Ms. Wayne is a lifetime resident of the Bay Area. She attended University of San Francisco School of Law and graduated in the top of her class. While in law school, she worked for the General Counsel's office of the State Bar of California and interned with the San Mateo County Law and Motion Department. She joined Gonsalves & Kozachenko as an associate in 1996.

Ms. Wayne is a member of the Alameda County Bar Association, Southern Alameda County Estate Planning Attorneys, and is on the advisory Board of Directors for the Alameda County Library Foundation. She often volunteers her time to talk about estate planning for senior citizens, civic groups, brokers, accountants and businesses.



January MENU

Sirloin Tip or Chicken Teriyaki

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

Alan Douglass 573-0051



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Branch 59

Meets at Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Newark
on the 3rd Thursday of
each month
10:15 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

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Edited Excerpts of November 16th Minutes of Allen Sprague

Big Sir Les Addison called the meeting to order at 10:15, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Les Addison; Little Sir Ted Bresler, Secretary Allen Sprague, Asst. Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Louis Bufkin; Asst. Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Directors present: Don Gillis, Bill Leake, Howard Thompson, Bob Benya, and Art Winkley. Absent: Director Lloyd Anderson.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of October 31, 2006, the ending cash balance was \$5,271.62. Membership was 274 active and 24 inactive members. At the October meeting, there were 205 members (75% of total), 4 guests, and 1 visitor present, for a total of 210. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file.)

Little Sir Ted Bresler reported: (i) that, in addition to the \$9.79 per head for lunch, there will be an increase in costs incurred at the Newark Pavilion, including rental, which may necessitate an increase of \$1 or \$2 in the fee charged attendee; (ii) Committee members for 2007 are being recruited.

Attendance: Sir Alan Douglas reported that 209 members are expected today (64 excused), plus 5 new members being inducted, and 1 guest.

Social: Sir Tony Zeuli said that tickets for our December holiday party are selling briskly and will sell out quickly. (Big Sir Les led a big hand of applause for retiring chair Tony.)

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that there is one more event this year, a cruise to Mexico in December. The January Pathfinder will have complete results of recent tournaments, including Mexico. He reported that dues for 2007 will increase to \$31 (from \$26). (Full details will be in the next Pathfinder.)

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 17 of 19 November celebrants are expected today: the most senior is Dan Archer at 88 years, and the youngest is Bill Leake at 61.

Pathfinder: Editor Sir John Skarpelos announced that the next issue will be for January 2007 - deadline late December.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the next meeting is the coming Wednesday, November 22nd at 2-4 pm in the Fukaya A Room (and not on the usual Tuesday).

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on various members' illnesses and hospitalizations.

New Business—Delinquent Members: Big Sir Les Addison led discussion of the issue

of delinquent members. At present there are 35 members who are not attending meetings in accord with Branch Bylaws which require 5 out of 10 regular meetings being attended. Calls to these members indicated that 2 of these members want to be in the inactive category, 1 is transferring to Palo Alto, and 31 want to continue as members without meeting the attendance requirement (they enjoy the Pathfinder). It was pointed out that each enrolled member (active or inactive) costs the Branch \$4.50 in annual dues. Concern was expressed for bowlers and golf members who might not meet the attendance requirement. Suggestion made to charge noncompliant members \$10 a month for the Pathfinder.

MOTION MSP: Keep the 35 delinquent members for the present but review the matter quarterly, and if any member remains delinquent then eliminate from membership.

New Members: Sir Bill Leake distributed an information sheet to be given to prospective members, explaining the procedure for application, assignment of membership number, and induction.

Submitted by Allen Sprague, Secretary

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR

Post Luncheon Bridge Players by Drag Dutina

Permission has been obtained for Sirs to play bridge at the Newark Pavilion in 2007. The exact location has yet to be determined. Arnold George and Drag Dutina will have cards and tables available. At the January meeting check with one of them for the exact venue.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Alan Douglass, and Sir Art Winkley



December Birthdays

Raymond Andrade	12/20/1914	92
Glenn Hursey	12/08/1917	89
Ed Myslewski	12/24/1917	89
Glenn Jacob	12/06/1919	87
Robert Ralston	12/10/1922	84
Gordon Thatcher	12/18/1924	82
Harry Meyer	12/21/1927	79
Robert Walter	12/31/1929	77
Edison Schrader	12/01/1930	76
Richard Paynter	12/03/1931	75
Frank Birge	12/11/1931	75
Les Addison	12/17/1931	75
Tom Sullivan	12/16/1932	74
Milton Rose	12/03/1933	73
Wayne Adams	12/21/1933	73
John Shaffer	12/21/1934	72
Edgar Guthrie	12/03/1935	71
Jim Bridges	12/09/1936	70
Melvin Reiley	12/10/1938	68
Darryl Moore	12/31/1938	68
Carl Nordling	12/07/1939	67
James Lawrence	12/02/1940	66
Frank Cordova	12/18/1940	66
William Williams	12/13/1941	65
George Perry	12/20/1944	62
David Shideler	12/16/1946	60

January Birthdays

Stanley James	01/13/1922	85
Edward Pierick	01/19/1922	85
Raymond Carlson	01/19/1922	85
Melvin Nunes	01/13/1925	82
Ernest Burkholder	01/27/1926	81
Walt Oden	01/13/1927	80
John Kennedy	01/18/1927	80
Richard Holmes	01/22/1929	78
John Cordeniz	01/26/1930	77
Ralph Bain	01/30/1932	75
Albert Costa	01/13/1933	74
Martin Spellman	01/17/1933	74
Tony Martinez	01/26/1935	72
Richard Chatham	01/12/1936	71
Greg Johnston	01/04/1938	69
Franklin Kinney	01/27/1938	69
Dominic Aiello	01/15/1942	65
Douglas Eads	01/01/1944	63
Ed Kneler	01/06/1944	63



Frank Campos leads
Branch 59 members in
singing
God Bless America
at the November
Meeting.

Membership Report

<u>Guests:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
Reg Burkholder	Ben Fernandez
Rudy Hasa	Bob Springer
Vince Tripi	Dave Marymee

Visitors: None

Membership Total

(as of November 16, 2006)

272 — Active Members

25 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

John Sommer - Resigned, moving to Palo Alto

Dan Archer - To Inactive Status

Gladyn Putt - To Inactive Status

Robert Matthies - Deceased
November 2006

New Members

Douglas Eads

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Fremont, CA 94536-7139
510-792-0826
Email: deads1@comcast.net
Birthday: 1/1/1944
Spouse: Paula
Badge No. 255
Sponsor: Art Lampert
Call me: Doug

Edward G. Pierick

40560 La Purissima Way
Fremont, CA 94539-3639
510-657-2202
Email: egpierick@aol.com
Birthday: 1/19/1922
Spouse: Mary Ann
Badge No. 219
Sponsor: Fred Gotthardt/Ed Kurtz
Call me: Ed



Edward Pierick returns to active status. We failed to get a picture of **Douglas Eads**. Look for his picture in next months issue.

Attendance Report

(For November 16, 2006)

Members	205
Guests	3
Visitors	0
Speakers	1
Total =	209
33 excused 35 unexcused	

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova



Meet at Mowry Lanes, Regular Branch 59 SIR Bowling on Monday at 1:00 PM, \$4.75 per game.



New Meeting Place Newark Pavilion

This month we will be meeting at the Newark Pavilion which is located on the corner of Cherry Street and Thornton Avenue. See the map below.



SPORTS BY NAT LORD

Questions or Suggestions? Call Nat Lord (510) 797-1704.

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column and welcome to the year 2007. We begin 2007 with two new members and one transfer. Please welcome **John Roach** and **Thomas Russo** to SIRS golf, and also welcome **Lloyd Keplinger** from Branch 72 (former golf chairman) to branch 59.

We have some results. On October 31 we had the *state championship at*

Poppy Hills. **Bill Leake** (\$30) placed 2nd in his flight. **John Trischetti** and **Hank Scherer** also qualified to play, and they finished in the middle of the pack for their flights. *We have results of Mexico -- Puerto Vallarta El Tigre*. Congratulations to **Bob Lee** (brand new to SIR branch 59) who was 2nd in day 2 and 5th overall (\$200). **Forrest Lusher** was the closest to the pin for the non-money winners with 5th place in day 2 (they paid 4 places). As for **Gary Callahan** and **Les Prestwood**, they participated but just missed the cut for the money.

SIR Mexican cruise – we completed the cruise and we had 7 branch 59 golfers who attended. They were **Jim Lawrence, Bill Leake, Gary Callahan, Forrest Lusher, Walt Oden, Dave Tanner** and **Les Prestwood**. We also had winners – **Gary** won \$145 -- \$70 (2nd place, day 1) and \$75 (6th place, overall); **Les** won \$70 (2nd place, day 3) and **Bill** won \$60 (5th place, day 3). Congratulations to all the winners and also the participants from branch 59. We all had a great time. Come join us next year.

Las Vegas – the dates have been announced for SIR Las Vegas and they are March 19-23 '07 and March 25-30 '07. Applications should be mailed to each SIR member very soon.

Reno – the dates have been announced for Reno as well – they are June 11-15 and June 18-24. Look for further information later.

As always, go to www.sirinc.org/activities/golf for the most up-to-date information and entry forms... If you do participate in a SIR event, please take note -- If a SIR golf event occurs on a SIR meeting day, call in and tell the attendance person that you are attending a SIR golfing event and you will not be charged for an absence at all... Interested in playing golf -- We play every Monday and Thursday (except SIR meeting weeks -- we play Wednesday). Come and join us. To find out the tee time, please call **Sunol** at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE... Post post post -- don't forget to post your score.

Thank you **Dave Tanner** for calling in tee times for part of December and **Fred Ilg** who called in times for the balance of December and January. And as always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? Currently we have openings beginning in April. Call **Bill** at 793-6561... Indexes – do you have an e-mail address and are you receiving your monthly index from GHIN? If not, let me know... Comments? I encourage your comments and also suggestions on other topics for this column. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

March 21, 2007 – MYSTERY BUS TRIP

We board the bus in Hayward for our trip to who knows where? These trips are always loads of fun since you try to figure where we're going. They also fill up very fast.

Cost: \$66 per person.

Escort: Frank Cerruti 510-568-8361

APRIL 12-23 2007 – THE MEXICAN RIVIERA

on the **DAWN PRINCESS**



This will be next to the last Princess Cruise to Mexico from San Francisco. We were able to reserve for 40

passengers. You will be picked up and taken to the ship and at the end of the cruise returned to your pick up point. Ports you will visit are Mazatlan, Acapulco, Ixtapa, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. We will have a cocktail party aboard ship. Tour prices: Range from \$1229 to \$1690 PPDO. Escorts: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463 and Daryl Main 510-352-2210.

MAY 7, 2007 CACHE CREEK CASINO

We were finally able to secure a date with this Casino. They allow only a very few outside buses to participate in their program.

Cost: \$30 per person

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

50TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE TO

HAWAII

September 24 - October 10, 2008

Cancelled

We are sorry to report that the 50th Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii has been cancelled. Alternative trips are being considered. Call your Travel Chairman, Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463 for details.

AUGUST 14-17, 2007 – THE SKUNK TRAIN

We will be heading to Fort Bragg for this 3 day tour. You will take a round trip on the Skunk Train with a BBQ Dinner and Entertainment, go to the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Tour Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit. You will be staying at the Tradewinds Lodge in Fort Bragg. You will have 3 hosted lunches and 2 hosted dinners
Cost: \$498 PPDO.

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

2007 Rosters

New 2007 Roster Booklets will be available after the January Luncheon Meeting. Through a printer mishap the covers are blue as they were in 2006. Be sure to throw out the old 2006 Roster so you won't get confused.

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.



READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share

Wayne Adams 797-7611



CYBERGEEZER January MEETING



When -

Tuesday, January 23rd.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

Cheers
Fred

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter



Dave Marymee

BOB BEAM, former Big Sir, has recovered from a series of strokes caused by clots formed in the carotid arteries. His operation of the right carotid artery in his neck in November was successful. Bob is scheduled to see Kaiser Physicians December 28 to possibly have an operation on the left carotid artery. On December 15 Bob enjoyed a BART trip to

Livermore to see a friend, we wish Bob a healthy New Year.

LLOYD COWAN's wife, Billie, reports Lloyd enjoyed a Christmas party, December 15, at 38880 Florence Way in Fremont senior care center. Lloyd suffers from Parkinsonism. Billie is suffering from a pre-Christmas illness. We wish the Cowans improved health for next year.

ROY DUARTE reports that he had two recent operations in Kaiser Hospital. One operation was for a blood clot in his right leg and an operation to repair an aneurysm in the aorta, which was discovered while he was in the hospital. Roy undergoes nightly dialysis and says he feels better day by day.

OLIVER KNICK, 90 YEAR OLD SIR, says he feels "not so hot". He has severe pain in his right eye and cheek area caused by a fall. Oliver is troubled because the pain has not subsided and says he will have to bear with it. Oliver hopes he is able and can attend the SIR January 18 luncheon at Newark

Pavilion. Hope to see you there, Oliver.

TOM SHERBA, Area Governor, finds his left thumb 95% healed. He broke his thumb in a fall. Tom is more concerned about his wife, Lillian, who is being treated for macular degeneration in both eyes. Cold laser treatment seems to be helpful. If Lillian's treatment of her eyes is successful, she will not need as many continued treatments. We wish continued improvement for both.

JACK WEBB says he will miss the Holiday Luncheon but hopes to secure transportation to the Newark Pavilion for the January luncheon. Jack is wheel chair bound and depends on special van transportation. We hope to see you at the January luncheon, Jack.

DARELD YOUNGKER missed the November luncheon due to a fall that battered his nose and eyebrow area (didn't break his glasses). Dareld says he is doing okay now.



Bob Walter

In Memoriam Robert Matthies

At the Holiday Party Carol served Branch 59 members while one of the members entertained in his Elf costume. Carol is one of the people we will miss when we move from Swiss Park to the Newark Pavilion. Can you guess who the Elf is?



Cybergeezer Awards

Fred Gotthardt is chairman of the Branch 59 Computer group which meets once a month at the Fremont Library. Using a laptop and projector Fred discusses issues related to Email, Web surfing, Windows XP and other issues brought up by members of the group.

At the last meeting of the year five Sirs had perfect attendance in 2006. In the upper photo receiving their perfect attendance awards from left to right are **Bob McCall, Arnold Mozzetti, Ed Guthrie, Carl Nordling** and **Charles Wilkins**. Chairman of the Cybergeezers **Fred Gotthardt** is on the right handing out the awards.

In the lower photo more of the group is seen in attendance.



Big Sir **Les Addison** on the right introduces the new Branch 59 leaders for 2007. Left to right Annemarie and Little Sir **Dick Holley**, Big Sir **Ted Bresler** and wife Karen.



Walt and Norma Oden in the upper picture, **Mel Silva and Barbara Kinney** in the center photo, and **Arnold and Kathy Mozzetti** in the photo at right had a good time at the luncheon.



At left Region 6 Director **Glen Schimelpfenig** speaks to members at the Holiday luncheon. In the lower picture he inducts 2007 executive board members. Left to right Schimelpfenig, **Alan Sprague, Lou Bufkin, Dick Holley, Ted Bresler, Les Addison, Don Gillis, Bob Benya** and **Bob Ingebreton**.



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PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the
Pathfinder will be in **February**
the copy deadline will be Friday
January 26, 2007.

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1976 Peter Clark*
1977 Karl Heine*
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1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
1984 George Herman*
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