



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year

February 2007

Bulletin No. 2

**NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, February 15, 2007**

## Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler

### OFF TO A GOOD START!



Our January meeting shows that SIR Pathfinder Branch 59 is off to a good start for 2007!

Our attendance on January 18 was 222 - the highest in a year. There are 4 new members and 5 guests - a good sign for our future growth.

Our members are favorably impressed with the Newark Pavilion: the spacious parking,

the excellent lighting and sound system, and the large meeting room. They enjoy their enhanced ability to talk and socialize at the round tables. We had set up 250 seats in January and will continue to do so; nobody should have a problem finding a good place to sit.

P.J. Mack's food service and meals were excellent. There is a choice of 2 entrees, and there are 3 serving lines, making service much quicker and easier.

Because of additional costs, it will be necessary to increase the price of regular luncheon tickets to \$13, starting in February.

I am happy to report that our new Social Committee, consisting of Chairman Doug Eads, Gene Anderson, Gordon MacLeod, and Allen Sprague, is well on its way in planning a great Sweetheart Luncheon in May.

Dick Holley, our Little Sir, presented an excellent speaker in attorney Wendy Wayne, who provided much useful information on estate planning.

On February 15 we will present Senior Certificates to the 10 members of our branch who have reached the age of 90. Our Regional Director, Glen Schimelpfenig, will be on hand to make the presentations.

So look forward to an enjoyable February 15 luncheon.

*Ted*

## Our Speaker – Randall Hunter by Little Sir Richard Holley

Our speaker for February is Emergency Medical Technician Randall Hunter, EMT-1A. He likes to be addressed as Hunter. He is a qualified DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team) CA-6 Menlo Park team member. He was one of the first called to New Orleans during and after Katrina. He was a medic in the Army 4 years and the Navy 3 years. He is a disaster Response and Mitigation Specialist. American Heart Association Certified Instructor. Medic First Aid Certified Instructor - CPR/AED First Aid Basic and Advanced MERT (Medical Emergency Response Team). This goes on for awhile suffice it to say this man know his business and is here to help.

In the time it takes you to read this newsletter, sudden cardiac arrest will have claimed another

victim. Statistics show that more than 200,000 Americans die of sudden cardiac arrest every year. Up to 50,000 of these deaths could have been prevented if someone had initiated the Cardiac Chain of Survival, and an **automated external defibrillator (AED)** had been available for immediate use at the time of the emergency. Our speaker will provide an overview of this subject.



## January MENU Roast Pork or Fish

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



## Branch 59

### Officers

#### Big Sir

Ted Bresler  
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Robert Ingebretson  
Tom Sullivan

## Branch 59

Meets at Newark Pavilion  
6430 Thornton Avenue  
Newark  
on the 3rd Thursday of  
each month  
10:00 AM  
Executive Board Meeting  
11AM Social Hour  
12 Noon Lunch

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## Edited Excerpts of January 18th Minutes of Allen Sprague

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

Roll Call by Secretary: All officers present: Big Sir Ted Bresler; Little Sir Dick Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague, Asst. Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Louis Bufkin; Asst. Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. All directors present: Les Addison, Bob Benya, Lloyd Anderson, Don Gillis, Robert Ingebretson, and Tom Sullivan. Absent: None.

The Minutes for the November 16th meeting of ExCom, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of November 30, 2006, the ending cash balance was \$7,992.23. Membership was 272 active and 26 inactive members. At the November 16th meeting there were 205 members (75% of total), and 4 guests present (209 total). A report on the December 21st Christmas Party reported \$3,442.00 income, and \$2953.52 expenses, for a net balance of \$488.46. As of January 5, 2007, the ending balance was \$6095.14. Membership was 272 active and 25 inactive. At the December 21st Christmas Party there were 95 members, and 85 guests for a total of 180. (Full details are in the Form 28 reports on file.) The reports were accepted.

Little Sir Dick Holley stated that today's program speaker, Wendy Wayne, is his personal attorney, who will speak on trust and estate law.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that four new members are proposed: Lloyd Keplinger, Walter Deans, Jack Roach and Skip Mugford. MSP (moved, seconded and passed) to approve these four new members. Sir Ron also noted the new process for membership, including a Welcome Packet explaining SIR.

Attendance: Sir Alan Douglas reported that for today's meeting 235 persons are expected.

Bowling: The new chair of the bowling committee, Frank Cordova, reported that two tournaments are coming up. (See details in Pathfinder.)

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we are celebrating both December and January birthdays, the eldest at 92 and youngest at 60 (full listing in Pathfinder).

Pathfinder: Editor Sir John Skarpelos announced that the deadline is next Friday, January 26th, and that new rosters for 2007 have been made.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the next meeting is the coming Tuesday, January 23rd at 2-4 pm. in the Fukaya A Room.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that we begin the year with 63 members of SIR Branch 59 golf. Our first tournament will be in March – in Las Vegas. We will have a couple of tournaments in Silverado (Napa) in February and April.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on Bob Beam's recovery and Herb Epstein's open-heart surgery.

Social: New chair Doug Eads reported that he would be meeting the following week with committee members to plan the Sweetheart event in May.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported that the SIR Day for the Golden State Warriors would be on April 15th and for the S.F. Giants on August 9th.

Big Sir Ted Bresler reported on three items of business: 1) State SIR certificates for members 90 years and older have been prepared (copies in Secretary's files). 2) The price for lunch is now \$12, but we have additional costs, and need to raise the cost of meals to \$13 to just break even; MSP to increase cost of meal to \$13, beginning in February. 3) Tom Sherba, our Area 8 Governor, wishes Branch 59 a Happy New Year, and that he is happy to continue receiving used Rx bottles (also mentioned were delinquent reports).

Submitted by Allen Sprague,

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



## February Birthdays

Clyde Voorhees	02/15/1916	91
Forest Lusher	02/13/1917	90
Thomas Ahern	02/16/1920	87
Allen Havemeier	02/10/1921	86
Richard Vollbrecht	02/19/1921	86
Robert McCall	02/25/1922	85
Harlan Werner	02/28/1922	85
Frank Borghi	02/22/1924	83
Frank Campos	02/15/1925	82
Francis Rose	02/28/1925	82
James Dunsford	02/12/1926	81
Charles Duncan	02/03/1928	79
Donald Thatcher	02/04/1929	78
Charles Linzey	02/24/1929	78
Noboru Ono	02/05/1930	77
Donald Gillis	02/06/1930	77
Bernard Thien	02/03/1931	76
David Colby	02/12/1931	76
Walt Caeton	02/24/1932	75
Les Prestwood	02/17/1933	74
James Bove	02/05/1934	73
James Ferenz	02/24/1934	73
Sal Lamagna	02/10/1935	72
Robert Edwards	02/19/1935	72
Wayne Lindquist	02/25/1936	71
Daniel Bega	02/14/1938	69
Dennis Bowman	02/28/1938	69
Gary Callahan	02/09/1941	66
Robert Wanser	02/25/1943	64



**Douglas Eads** a November new member. The photographer didn't get his picture until January.

## Membership Report

<u>Guests:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
<b>Jack Gaunt</b>	Tony Zeuli
<b>Thomas Loretan</b>	Tom Ahern
<b>Clark Redeker</b>	Nat Lord
<b>Dan Silva</b>	John Skarpelos
<b>Frank R. Thomas</b>	Fred Gotthardt

<u>Visitors:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
<b>Henry Hutchins</b>	Sam Mitchell

### Membership Total

(as of January 18, 2007)

**276** — Active Members

**245** — Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

**Louis Mercurio** - Resigned, moving to Walnut Creek

**Bill Briscoe** - Email correction  
wdbriscoe@sbcglobal.net

**Paul H. B. Tong** - Email correction  
phbtong@sbcglobal.net

**Dominic Aiello** - Birthdate Correction  
January 5, 1942

## New Members

**Walter A. Deans**  
4686 Eggers Drive  
Fremont, CA 94536-6750  
510-790-9380  
Email: wallydeans@yahoo.com  
Birthday: 8/16/1943  
Spouse: Vivian  
Badge No. 148  
Sponsor: C N Wilkins  
Call me: Wally

**Lloyd E. Keplinger**  
1921 Sherman Drive  
Union City, CA 94587-3245  
510-471-1238  
Email: lloyd.keplinger@juno.com  
Birthday: 10/6/1935  
Spouse: Adela  
Badge No. 105  
Sponsor: Tom Sherba  
Call me: Kep

**R. A. (Skip) Mugford**  
5175 Orkney Court  
Newark, CA 94560-2036  
510-794-1184  
Email: rmugford@comcast.net  
Birthday: 8/29/1939  
Spouse: Jean  
Badge No. 188  
Sponsor: Jack Lindley  
Call me: Skip

**Jack Roach**  
43185 Noria Road  
Fremont, CA 94539-5735  
510-656-5047  
Email: j-c.roach@comcast.net  
Birthday: 5/25/1944  
Spouse: Chris  
Badge No. 153  
Sponsor: Fred Ilg  
Call me: Jack

## Attendance Report

(For January 18, 2007)

Members	215
Guests	5
Visitors	1
Speakers	1
<b>Total =</b>	<b>222</b>
21 excused 42 unexcused	



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Ralph Bain	169	400
Frank Cordova	221	616
Rollin Cunningham	162	452
Bob Edwards	95	236
Ray Erickson	170	466
Lew Heffron	201	501
Don Henry	166	481
Darrell Jewell	112	309
Nat Lord	211	600
Jerry Sabo	165	458
Roger Wallin	160	459
Art Winkley	161	416



Meet at Mowry Lanes Regular Branch 59 SIR Bowling every Monday at 12:30 PM. The cost to bowl is \$4.75 for league play.

We have a tournament February 12 & 14 Mon & Wed at the Napa Bowl in Napa and February 20 & 21, Tue & Wed at the Granada Bowl in Livermore.



### ATTENTION SIR SPORTS FANS

All SIR Day with the Golden State Warriors  
Sunday, June 15, 2007 at 1:00pm  
Oracle Arena in Oakland  
Opponent: Minnesota Timber Wolves

All SIR Day with the San Francisco Giants  
Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 12:35pm  
AT&T Park - Opponent: Washington Nationals

For any questions on either of these games, please contact Nat Lord at 510-797-1704

## Golf Notes by Bill Leake



**Welcome** to the Branch 59 golf column. We have one new member to both SIR and Branch 50 golf – please welcome **Bob Mugford**. Also, congratulations to **Richard Holley**, who is our Little SIR for this year.

We will try and outline the schedule for this year. During the month of February I will be meeting with the division area

8 (Branch 59 is a member of area 8 which is also a part of division 4 SIR statewide) to go over the state events for 2007. So far officially this year we have these events planned – **Las Vegas** (March 19–23 and March 25–30) staying at Palace Station. Note – for session 2 there will be 1 extra day for sightseeing. You should have received a brochure in the mail. **Reno** – June 11–15 and June 18–24, staying at Circus Circus. Brochures have not been mailed out yet, but should be mailed by mid-March. **Solvang** in September will most like happen and at least one trip to **Mexico** in late Fall... In addition, we will schedule one state individual pre-qualifier tournament for area 8, to be held in later in the year, with the state qualifier (top two individuals advance) to be held in September. We will have a team tournament that will be held sometime in June, with the winning team advancing to the state tournament to be held later this year. *For all these events, you need to have a current SIR NCGA index (you can have multiple memberships in NCGA clubs, but one of them must be SIR in order to participate).*

As always, go to [www.sirinc.org/activities/golf](http://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.** There will be a tournament to be held at Silverado on April 2. Please let me know if you are interested... **Regular play for SIR Branch 59** – 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 **Fred Ilg** who called in tee times for January and part of February. Thank you also to **Bill Dark** who will be calling in times for the balance of February and all of March. As always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE WELCOME YOUR HELP!** 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? We encourage your constructive comments. 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 14-16, 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



### 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, February 20th.**

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, was hospitalized for treatment of pneumonia. Bob is residing at Carlton Plaza in Fremont while he recovers from pneumonia. Bob still faces left carotid artery operation for prevention of further strokes. We wish you a full recovery, Bob.

**LLOYD COWAN** is recovering from a virus infection at assisted care center at 38880 Florence Way in Fremont. Lloyd suffers from Parkinsonism. We hope the best for you Lloyd.

**ROY DUARTE's** health has been improving, but he needs further testing. Roy undergoes further nightly dialysis. Roy is anticipating to be well enough to attend SIR luncheons. Hope to see you at the luncheons.

**HERBERT EPSTEIN** missed attending the January luncheon because he is recovering from open heart surgery, Herb had one of three valves replaced with a man-made mechanical valve which he says is good for 15 years. Glad you are recovering Herb. We wish you a full and speedy recovery.

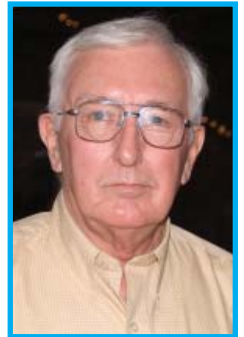
**RAY FARIA**, a SIR bowler, had a bout with pneumonia, for which he was hospitalized. Ray is recovering at an assisted care center across from Washington Hospital. We hope for a speedy recovery, Ray.

**OLIVER KNICK** (We were unable to make contact with Oliver)

**JAMES LAWRENCE** says he was hospitalized 5 days in January for a general infection. James is on medication and recovering at home. We wish you a speedy recovery, James.

**HERBERT MUELLEREILE** came to the January luncheon while he is recovering from a left knee operation. Herbert is a snowbird, as he is planning a trip to San Felipe, Mexico to fish and do clam digging. Herb needs to fully recover as the Raiders may need him for a linebacker.

**ED MYSLEWSKI** 89 year old, had to call 911 on Monday January 15 because of bleeding from an ulcer in the colon. Ed was hospitalized overnight,, returning home the next day. Ed is on medication and recovering at home. We wish you a full recovery.



Bob Walter

**TOM SHERBA**, Area Governor, missed the Holiday Luncheon because of a sudden illness. Tom reports that he and his wife, Lillian, are pleased with the progress made with treatment of her molecular degenerative eyes condition. It seems a form of the chemical used for treatment of cancer has been found to be beneficial in the treatment of Lillian's eye condition. We hope Lillian's eye condition continues to improve.

**FRANK THOMAS**, Assistant Birthday Chairman, missed the January luncheon due to illness. Frank says he is doing ok.

**JACK Webb** was able to obtain special van transportation to Newark Pavilion so that he could attend the January luncheon. Jack enjoyed his usual virgin Mary cocktail Glad to see you, Jack.

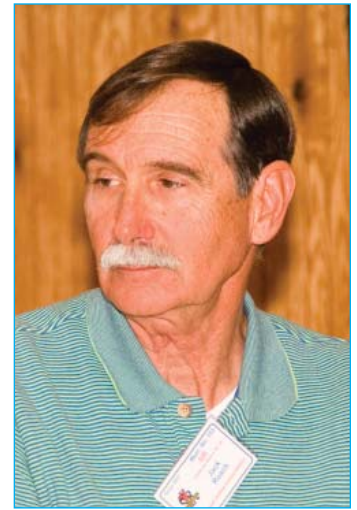
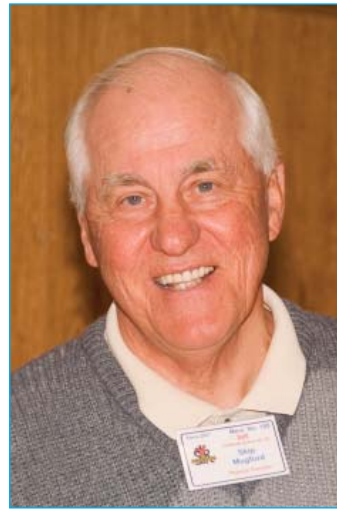
## A LIVING WILL

After listening to the January Speaker discuss trusts and wills, Little Sir Dick Holley went home and when he and his wife were sitting in the living room he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife, Annemarie, got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all of his beer.

## 2007 Rosters

New 2007 Roster Booklets will be available after the February 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.



January new members from left to right **Walter Deans, Lloyd Keplinger, Skip Mugford and Jack Roach**. Below they are seen with their sponsors **Jack Lindley, Charles Wilkins, Tom Sherba and Fred Ilg** just before Big Sir **Ted Bresler** asked the sponsors to present pins to the new members.



The first meeting of the Executive Board at the Newark Pavilion in January



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### Committee Chairmen and Assistants

#### ATTENDANCE

Alan Douglass - **Chairman**  
Hugh Twomey - Assistant  
Robert Boike - Assistant  
Ed Kurtz - Assistant

#### BIRTHDAYS

Art Winkley - **Chairman**  
Frank D. Thomas - Assistant

#### BOWLING

Frank Cordova - **Chairman**  
Jerry Sabo - Assistant

#### BRIDGE

Drag Dutina - **Chairman**

#### CAPS & EMBLEMS

Arnold George - **Chairman**  
Dino Mostardi - Assistant

#### CIRCULATION

Bill Briscoe - **Chairman**  
Art Shiffar - Assistant

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Fred Gotthardt

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

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Fred Ilg - Assistant

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Howard Thompson - Assistant

#### LIBRARIAN

Wayne Adams - **Chairman**  
John Gecox - Assistant

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Allen Sprague - Assistant

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#### SPORTS

Nat Lord

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#### Governor, Area 8

Tom Sherba

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Fred Gotthardt

Lyle Kingery

Nat Lord

David Marymee

### 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\*  
1988 Robert Klindt\*  
1989 Martin Annen\*  
1990 Lee Updegraff  
1991 Fred W. Fretter\*  
1992 Lyle Kingery  
1993 LeRoy J. King\*  
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  
2005 Howard Thompson  
2006 Les Addison

\*(deceased)

### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the  
*Pathfinder* will be in **March** the  
copy deadline will be Friday  
**February 23, 2007.**