

The Path finder Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year April 2007 Bulletin No. 4

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, April 19, 2007

Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler



SIR Pathfinder Branch 59 is making excellent progress with membership.

We now have 283 active members - an increase of 11 since 2006.

However, we do have a couple of problems for which I need your help.

The last 3 months we have averaged 41 unexcused absences. This creates several problems. We cannot calculate with assurance how many meals the caterer must provide, or how many seats and tables Newark Pavilion must set up.

When you are not going to attend a regular luncheon meeting, please have the courtesy of phoning the attendance chairman and letting him know you will be absent. Please do this by the Monday preceeding the luncheon.

Our Little Sir, Dick Holley, has recruited excellent speakers the last 3 months. Their presentations have been interesting and informative. But they deserve the common courtesy of having the members stay and listen while they are speaking and answering questions.

It is rude and inconsiderate to walk out during these presentations. Our meetings are scheduled so they will be completed by 1:30 p.m. There should not be a need for anyone to leave sooner.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Ted

MENU

Beef Stroganoff and/or Barbecue Chicken

Our Speaker - Dr. Raymond Grimm by Little Sir Richard Holley

Raymond Grimm, Ph.D. is Coordinator of the Pathways to Positive Aging project, a joint partnership between City of Fremont's Human Services Department and the Tri-City Elder Coalition. Pathways to Positive Aging is a 5-year Tri-City area community strategic plan to improve the well-being of older



residents by partnering with community agencies, health services and individuals. Prior to this position, he was Coordinator of City of Fremont's Senior Peer Counseling Program, developed in 1991. The Senior Peer Counseling Program is a volunteer-based mental health program designed to provide support to older adults coping with life transitions. Under Dr. Grimm's direction, this program received two awards in 1995, the Alameda County Mental Health Achievement Award and the International City and County Managers Carolyn Keene Award.

Dr. Grimm is adjunct faculty at Chabot Community College in Hayward, where he has taught Psychology courses in the Department of Social Sciences since 1995. He is also adjunct faculty at John F. Kennedy University in Campbell, where he has taught upperdivision courses in Psychology since 1998. For the past 5 years he has taught Community Psychology in the BA in Psychology program.

Dr. Grimm received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1994 from the California Graduate School of Psychology.

His presentation will discuss what currently is being done in our community for its older residents, what the future holds for our community in relationship to senior services and how you might become involved in the project to improve the lives of our older residents and the community-at-large.

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 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
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

A Nonprofit public benefit corporation for retired men



Edited Excerpts of Previous Month's Minutes of Allen Sprague

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

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Ted Bresler, Little Sir Richard Holley,

Secretary Allen Sprague, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officers absent: None. Directors present: Les Addison, Lloyd Anderson, Don Gillis, Bob Benya and Tom Sullivan. Director absent: Robert Ingebretson.

The Minutes for the February 15th meeting of Ex Com were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of February 28, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$3327.33, and membership was 278 active members and 25 inactive members. At the February 15th luncheon there were 206 members (74% of total membership), 9 guests, and 2 visitors for a total attendance of 217. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file).

Program: Little Sir Richard Holley confirmed today's speaker Kory Swekla of Halcyon Investments, who will be joined in the presentation by Paul Schreiber of Charles Schwab.

Attendance: Sir Alan Douglass reported on the expectations for today's meeting: 30 excused and 30 unexcused absences, 7 guests, and 2 visitors, for a total 245 expected attendances.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that as of February 15th there were 278 active members, and 25 inactive members. Motion: Moved, seconded, and passed (MSP) to approve induction of 7 new members: Glen Coon #159 (sponsored by Les Addison), George Hay #274 (sponsored by Ken Reiley), Gary Leach #277 (sponsored by Robert Ingebretson), Bob Olsen #258 (transfer from Branch 35), Gary Otterson #266 (sponsored by Robert Ingebretson), Ralph Smith #269 (sponsored by Lloyd Kiplinger), and William Watts #272 (sponsored by Drag Dutina)...

Sir Brutvan also reported that 24 letters were sent to inactive members, asking their intention for continued membership. Four members resigned from inactive status, 1 inactive member died and 11 stated their desire to remain inactive, paying \$10 a month to offset the cost of receiving the Pathfinder Newsletter. Another attempt to contact the remaining eight inactive members will be made before removing them from inactive status.

Sir Brutvan informed the board that he had many old records of Branch 59. Consensus: Turn over these old records to the Historian (Peter Angelides).

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 21 caterer ha members with March birthdays are expected today, including former Big Sirs Les Addison, Nat Lord, and Director Bob Benya. The most senior celebrant is Bruno Orsetti at 86 and the youngest 10:43 am.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that at

least 90% of Branch 59 Sirs are healthy! The Ex Com members expressed great satisfaction from this good news! Sir Dave reported on several members' surgeries and illnesses, full details in the Pathfinder He also admonished all Sirs to talk to their doctors and if ok to get going walking and hiking.

Pathfinder Editor: Sir John Skarpelos requested all reports for the next Pathfinder to be submitted by next week.

Bowling: Sir Frank Cordova reported on upcoming tournaments (full details in the Pathfinder).

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported on upcoming tournaments; in particular, at Silverado on April 2nd — please let Sir Bill know if you are interested (full details in the February and March issues of the Pathfinder).

Social: Sir Doug Eads reported that the committee met on March 6th to continue planning the "Celebrating Spring" luncheon on May 17th. Each table will be set for 8, with plates and silverware and cloth table linen. The meal will cost \$18 per person; tickets are now available. Dinner salad served family style with china plates on the table. Entrée Chicken Florentine with rice and Italian beans with mushrooms. Dessert will be strawberry shortcake after the dinner plates are cleared. Coffee will be on the tables. Table decorations are being decided. Next meeting will be on March 29th.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord referred to the upcoming SIR Day sporting events, as reported in the Pathfinder, including the Golden State Warriors, Oakland A's, SF Giants, San Jose Giants, and admonished members to sign up before all the tickets are sold out.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Don Henry, assisted by Rob Ingebretson and Tom Sullivan submitted the nominations for the 2008 Ex Com. Dick Holley, Big Sir; Don Gillis, Little Sir; Allen Sprague, Secretary; Peter Angelides, Asst. Secretary; Louis Bufkin, Treasurer; Bobby Ben Snodgrass, Assistant Treasurer. Directors: Ted Bresler, Bob Benya, Robert Ingebretson, Bill Dark, Ralph Bain, and Bill Anderson.

Big Sir Ted Bresler reported that Tom Sherba, our Area Governor, was visiting senior centers for prospective new members. Tickets for the May 17th "Celebrating Spring" luncheon are on-sale near the entrance, and will be again available at the April 19th meeting. The Singing Sirs will be the principal entertainment. Big Sir Ted also said that it has been noted that tables have been variably set for 7, 8, and 9, and that he has spoken to Newark Pavilion to set for a uniform 8. The caterer has not yet been adversely affected by unexcused absences, in planning meal preparation

Big Sir Ted Bresler adjourned the meeting at 10:43 am

Submitted by Secretary, Allen Sprague

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

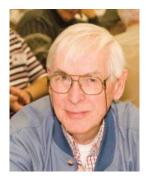
by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Alan Douglass, and Sir Art Winkley



April Birthdays

Lewis Greene	04/11/1915	92
Lee Mineau	04/09/1920	87
Herbert Epstein	04/12/1922	85
Ernie Korte	04/17/1925	82
Edward Kurtz	04/24/1926	81
Charles Capella	04/15/1927	80
Earl Evans	04/03/1928	79
Thomas Tinker	04/13/1929	78
Dareld Youngker	04/27/1929	78
Tom Pratt	04/24/1930	77
Ricardo Arenas	04/03/1932	75
Jack Lindley	04/09/1932	75
Robert Lee	04/25/1932	75
Kenneth Peterson	04/02/1934	73
Ralph Smith	04/17/1934	73
James Hanesworth	04/30/1935	72
Miguel Ferras	04/08/1937	70
Les Gora	04/05/1940	67
William Anderson	04/08/1940	67
Theodore Bresler	04/30/1942	65





Visitor **Charles Cummings** of Valley Springs, CA was a guest of Sir **Ed Barnes**.

Glenn W. Coon, Jr

1640 Parajo Court Fremont, CA 94539 510-656-0162

Email: gcoonjr@aol.com Birthday: 12/28/1937 Spouse: Kathy Badge No. 159 Sponsor: Les Addison Call me: Glenn

George Hay

41856 Covington Drive Fremont, CA 94539 510-657-7550 Birthday: 9/28/1933 Badge No. 274 Sponsor: Ken Reiley Call me: George

Gary W. Leach

P.O. Box 360835 Milpitas, CA 95036 408-935-8385

Email: garyleach@comcast.net

Birthday: 10/19/1944 Spouse: Patricia Badge No. 277

Sponsor: Rob Ingebretson

Call me: Gary

Bob Olsen

2860 Country Drive Fremont, CA 94536 510-795-7576 Birthday: 6/11/1924 Spouse: Dorothy Badge No. 258

Sponsor: Transfer from Br 35

Call me: Bob

Gary J. Otterson

1310 Saddlerack Street Apt 110 San Jose, CA 95126 408-292-3144 Email: gary149rfan@sbcglobal.net

Birthday: 6/19/1940

Badge No. 266

Sponsor: Rob Ingebretson

Call me: Gary

New Members

Ralph W. Smith

38172 Eggers Court Fremont, CA 94536 510-793-9427

Email: imarowddy2@yahoo.com

Birthday: 4/17/1934 Spouse: Janie Badge No. 269

Sponsor: Lloyd Kiplinger

Call me: Ted

William N. Watts

35554 Dee Place Fremont, CA 94536 510-793-7667 Birthday: 12/14/1930 Spouse: Barbara Badge No. 272 Sponsor: Drag Dutina

Call me: Bill

Membership Report

Guests: Guest of:
Loren Gross George Perry
James Rodamer David Shideler
Paul Ruberto Bob Lee
Ed Thomas Lee Mineau

Visitors: Guest of: Charles Cummings Ed Barnes

Membership Total

(as of March 15, 2007)

283 — Active Members20 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Douglas Taylor – Resigned **Thomas Russo** – to Inactive

Attendance Report

(For March 15, 2007)

Members213Guests4Visitors1Speakers2

Total = 220

34 excused 37 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	156	454
Frank Cordova	234	610
Al Costa	178	449
Rollin Cunningham	167	470
Ray Erickson	204	537
Don Henry	193	573
Jerry Sabo	215	558
Roger Wallin	166	440



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.

Tournaments in April

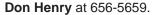
April 17-18 Tue-Wed Pacific Bowl in Stockton April 23,25 Mon-Wed Pinon Bowl in Carson City





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.





ATTENTION SIR SPORTS FANS

Annual SIR Day with the **Sacramento River Cats**Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 11:35am
Raley Field - Opponent: Salt Lake Bees

All SIR Day with the **Oakland A's**Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 12:35pm
McAfee Coliseum - Opponent: Cincinnati Reds

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 any of these games or for tickets, please contact Nat Lord at 510-797-1704

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. We have two new members to SIR golf – please welcome Bill Watts and Ted Smith (you know them as marshals at Sunol). Congratulations gentlemen. We do not have any results from Las Vegas as of this writing. We will give them to you once we receive



them. Look for the flier for our next tournament which will be **Reno** – June 11-14 and June 18-21. Let's have a good showing of Branch 59 golfers at one of these sessions. **Solvang** follows in September (the only nonscramble event) September 9-13. No cruise this year. Instead, we will go to **Ixtapa Mexico** November 9/10 through November 16/17 (first week) and November 30/Dec 1 through December 7/8 (second week). We will stay at Hotel Dorado (same hotel we stayed at two years ago).

For branch 59 and area 8 activities, we will have an area individual state pre-qualifier tournament which will be held April 25 at Alameda. The starting time will be 8:00 am and it will be a modified shotgun. The top 2 qualifiers go to Boundary Oaks for state qualifier to be held August 22. Top two from B.O. go to Poppy Hills November 5 and 6. Lastly, we will have a team state qualifier in June with the top team from our area going to the state tournament to be held at Poppy Ridge August 20. I have already sent out the notices for the April 25 tournament. The SIR State people will be sending out notices regarding the state tournaments (Reno, Solvang and Ixtapa). 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.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 -- We play every Monday and Thursday (except SIR meeting weeks--we play Wednesday) at Sunol. Come and join us. To find out the tee time, please <u>call Sunol at 925-862-0414</u>. The reservation is made under LEAKE... <u>Post post post – don't forget to post your score...</u>

Thank you to **Miguel Ferras** who will be calling in times for April and half of May, and **Jim Lawrence** for calling in half of May and all of June. . As always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Call **Bill at 793-6561.** Are you getting your monthly index from GHIN via e-mail? 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

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 See Canada for 8 days, 3 days by Rail. Visit Lake in their program.

Cost: \$30 per person

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

JUNE 11, 2007 CACHE CREEK CASINO

Because so many of you like to go to this Casino we were able to book it again, but with a different travel company.

Cost: \$30 per person

Escort: Philip Castillo 510-264-0655

JULY 17, 2007 THE DA VINCI EXPERIENCE

Leonardo da Vinci was an accomplished artist, designer, engineer, philosopher and scientist—in short, he was the very embodiment of what we now think of as a Renaissance Man. We will visit an exhibit of more than 60 full-sized and interactive machines designed by da Vinci, at the Aerospace Museum in Sacramento.

Cost: \$79 per person

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

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 Enterainment, 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

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 7, 2007 CANADA ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Louise, the Ice Fields, Athabasca Glacier and many more sites.

Cost: \$ 2475 PPDO

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

DECEMBER 29, 2007 – JANUARY 3, 2008 ROSES ON PARADE

Five nights at the Holiday Inn, Buena Park; Dinner and Shopping at Knott's Berry Farm; Glory of Christmas performance at the Crystal Cathedral; Rose Parade viewing with Grandstand Seating; Ronald Regan Presidential Library.

Cost: \$1000 PPDO.

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

5 OTH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE TO

The Islands of HAWAII

Apríl 3 - 15, 2008

Call your Travel Chairman, Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463 for details.

READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read.

Wayne Adams 797-7611



CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -Tuesday, April 24th.

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, came to the March luncheon. He faces surgery on his left carotid artery in April. Good luck, Bob.

LLOYD COWAN's wife, Billie said she was unable to visit Lloyd as she had a severe cold. Lloyd suffers from Parkinsonism and resides at an assisted care facility; at 38886 Florence Way in Fremont. We hope the

Cowan's health improves.

ROY DUARTE says he is not feeling up to par. He says he is taking more medication. Roy requires nightly dialysis. We hope your health improves, Roy.

WILLARD IRWIN's, wife, Betty was confined in Washington Hospital for several weeks with double viral pneumonia. She died on March 22nd at the age of 82. We at SIR offer our sympathy to Willard and his family.

OLIVER KNICK, a 90 year old Sir, missed the March luncheon due to a medical appointment. Hope you can make the next luncheon, Oliver.

RALPH KNIGHT missed the March luncheon. Ralph was at the hospital to care for his wife, Betty, who suffered a stroke. We hope Betty makes a full recovery.

CALVIN OLIVEIRA suffered a stroke and is in an assistant care facility. We wish him a successful recovery.

GEORGE PERRY says he is almost fully recovered from a staph infection in his right leg. He attended the March luncheon and to brought a quest.

HOWARD THOMPSON, former Big Sir, suffered chest pains while attending his wife Nancy, who



JACK WEBB was able to obtain special van transportation for himself and his wheel chair to come to the March luncheon. With a virgin Mary cocktail Jack enjoyed the luncheon. Glad to see you made it to the luncheon, Jack.

problem of chest pains clears and you feel well

DARELD YOUNGKER was able to attend the March luncheon after recovering from a second fall due to slipping on a muddy surface. We hope the third time is a "charm" with no fall to contend with. Good luck. Dareld.











again, Howard.



New Members

Glenn Coon **George Hay Gary Leach**

Gary Otterson Ted Smith William Watts



Area governer Tom Sherba presented Senior Certificates, signed by state President Tom Ross, to Forest Lesher and John O'Connor. In the picture from left to right, Big Sir **Ted Bresler**, Sir **Forest Lesher**, Sir **John O'Connor**, and Area Governor **Tom Sherba**.



Save the Date - May 17th Sweetheart Luncheon 'Celebrating Spring'



Music by DJ
Social Hour 11:00 AM

No refunds after May 14th

Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases

Menu Chicken Florentine

Rice and Italian Beans with Mushrooms
Strawberry Shortcake

Your Name	Sweetheart's Name		
Tickets will also be sold at the April Luncheon			
Number in Party _	x \$18 per person = \$	Make out check to SIR Branch 59	
and mail to: Sir Allen Sprague, 3264 Bruce Drive, Fremont, CA 94539-5013			
Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Ticket orders must be received by May 14th.			

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PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the **Pathfinder** will be Thursday a week after this months luncheon meeting.

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*

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2001 Bob Beam

2002 Rollin Cunningham

2003 Don Henry

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*(deceased)