



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year

November 2007

Bulletin No.10

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

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



With my term of office soon coming to a close, I write my last Pathfinder column as your Big Sir.

The year 2007 has been a year of numerous changes and accomplishments for Pathfinder Sirs.

In January we started meeting in the Newark Pavilion. We have enjoyed the benefit of a roomy, well illuminated facility with an excellent sound system. Our new caterer, P.J. Mack, has provided delicious meals with greatly expedited service.

As a result, our average attendance at regular meetings for the January through October 2007 period has increased by 13 persons per meeting, or 7%, over the same period in 2006.

Our new Social Committee got off to a great start with our May Sweetheart Luncheon. The program for the Christmas luncheon in December is highlighted by a variety of entertainment events, including live orchestral and vocal music and tap dancing.

Our Little Sir, Dick Holley, has provided us with an excellent variety of luncheon speakers with highly informative and entertaining messages.

The attendance and membership committees operate in an outstanding, well coordinated and efficient manner.

Our Pathfinder editor prepares the most comprehensive and best laid out newsletter of all the SIR branch publications I receive.

Our sports, golf, bowling and other activity programs continue to provide us with a wonderful variety of recreational events.

I take great pride in having served you as Big Sir for 2007, and I especially enjoy the great comradeship and fellowship of our branch. May it long continue!

*Ted*

## Our Speaker - Julius Murphy by Little Sir Richard Holley

Captain Julius Murphy is a commissioned and ordained officer (minister) in The Salvation Army. He was born in the Bay Area but was raised in Stockton, California. In 2001 he entered The Salvation



Army Crestmont College to receive formal education in ministry, social work and business. He and wife, Captain Shannon Murphy, both received their degrees in ministry in June 2003. Both have led The Salvation Army's work in the Tri-Cities area for over 4 years.

Captain Julius is actively involved in the Fremont Rotary Club and Captain Shannon is an active member of the Optimist Club of Newark. Through their combined leadership thousands of people in the community are served on an annual basis. Captains Murphy enjoy spending time with their two children: Noah (3) and Jonathan (1).

At the November meeting Captain Murphy will be discussing the following about The Salvation Army: the programs and ministries of The Salvation Army in Newark, Fremont & Union City; the Annual Red Kettle Campaign; the Holiday Food & Toy Campaigns that assist many children, families and seniors with assistance at Christmas; and the various ways people may want to donate their time and service to The Salvation Army.

### MENU

**Sirloin Tips and Noodles  
and Chicken Paris**



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**  
Hugh Twomey 796-5559 or email [hught22@comcast.net](mailto:hught22@comcast.net)



## Branch 59

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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  
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retired men



## Sir Allen Sprague October Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Ted Bresler, Little Sir Richard Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague, Treasurer Louis Bufkin.

Officers absent: Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass.

Directors present: Lloyd Anderson, Robert Ingebretson, and Tom Sullivan. Directors absent: Les Addison, Bob Benya, and Don Gillis.

The Minutes for the September 20th meeting of the Branch Executive Committee were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of October 3, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$3,446.67, and membership was 269 active members and 19 inactive members. At the September 20th luncheon there were 197 members (73% of total membership), 2 guests and 2 visitors for a total attendance of 201. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file.

Program: Little Sir Richard Holley confirmed that today's speaker is Alan Frank, Curator and Museum Director of the Pacific Locomotive Association, who will inform us about the Niles Canyon Railway.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the expected attendance for today's luncheon is 194.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan placed Roberto C. Morales up for membership. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve Roberto C. Morales as a new member.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 24 members with October birthdays are expected today. The most senior celebrant is Sir Paul Lewis at 88 and the youngest, Sir Gary Leach, at 63.

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

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that Branch 59 would participate at Poppy Hills, November 5th and 6th. We also

play golf Mondays and Thursdays. Two tournaments coming up: Poppy Hills in November and Mexico two weeks later. Deadline for 2008 NCGA dues is early December.

Social Committee: Sir Doug Eads reported that the Social Committee has met to arrange for our holiday luncheon scheduled for December 20th. There will be a variety of entertainment: The Fremont Aires is a 7-person band; the Fremont Tappers, and the Singing Sirs. Tickets are \$19 and can be ordered by mail or purchased at the October or November meetings.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that Branch 59 is a pretty good bunch of healthy Sirs. The health status of several members will be reported in the November Pathfinder.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported the Cybergeezers would meet next Tuesday, the 23rd at 2pm, in the Fukaya Room A at the Fremont Main Library.

Big Sir Ted Bresler announced that he was starring in a slapstick production at Ohlone College, November 8-17th. Sirs are invited to attend to jeer or clap.

Area Governor Sir Tom Sherba reported that a 50th Anniversary cruise to Hawaii in April has only 326 couples so far. Sir Tom also reported that we need 60-70 more signups for the Area Training Conference on November 28th.

Big Sir Ted Bresler adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.

Submitted by,  
Sir Allen Sprague  
Secretary

## Sir Drag Dutina The Bridge Chairman Says

One of the evening groups has lost 2 couples and is trying to reconstitute as an afternoon monthly session. They are seeking 2 couples, either a pair of guys or a guy and a gal to get back in action. If interested please call Sir **Bob Beam** at 510-795-1826.

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Hugh Twomey, and Sir Art Winkley



## November Birthdays

William Delucchi	11/05/1923	84
James Blood	11/14/1924	83
James Thurgate	11/03/1926	81
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	81
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	80
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	77
James Conard	11/02/1932	75
William Dark	11/07/1934	73
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	73
Wesley Schilling	11/23/1934	73
Loren Gross	11/08/1938	69
Carey Williams	11/22/1938	69
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	69
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	62



## New Member

**Roberto C. Morales**  
 37676 Starflower Street  
 Newark, CA 94560-4428  
 5107926888  
 Email: pascuale14@yahoo.com  
 Birthday: 5/13/1940  
 Spouse: Isabel  
 Badge No. 3  
 Sponsor: Bill Leake  
 Call me: Bob



Welcome  
 Roberto Morales

## Membership Report

**Guests:**  
**Mark Mattingly**  
**Stan Peters**  
**Jess Jacinto**  
**Russell Niel**  
**Tom Federico**

**Guest of:**  
 Robert Ingebretson  
 Richard Lightholder  
 Mel Nunes  
 Robert Boike  
 Herb Epstein

**Visitors:**  
**Robert Anolin**

**Guest of:**  
 Inactive Member

**Membership Total**  
 (as of October 18, 2007)

**270** — Active Members  
**19** — Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

**Ed Bingle** - New Address  
 3800 Walnut Ave - Apt 306  
 Fremont, CA 94538-2272  
 His old phone will be connected shortly.

## Attendance Report

(For October 18, 2007)

Members 197  
 Guests 5  
 Visitors 1  
 Speakers 1  
**Total = 204**

54 excused 18 unexcused

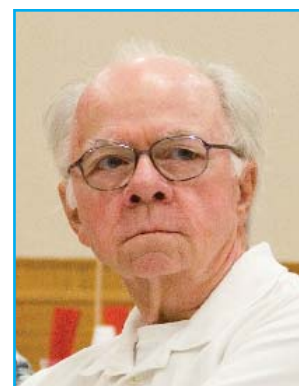
**Sir Art Winkley**  
 Birthday Chairman



**Sir Ron Brutvan**  
 Membership Chairman



**Sir Hugh Twomey**  
 Attendance Chairman





# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Gary Bennett	172	485
Frank Cordova	235	606
Al Costa	147	373
Rollin Cunningham	155	443
Bob Edwards	120	269
Lew Heffron	169	497
Don Henry	222	540
Nat Lord	170	483
James Lawrence	140	381
Jerry Sabo	191	535
Frank Thomas	163	462
Roger Wallin	189	499
Art Winkley	103	293

### Last two Tournaments for 2007

Nov 13, 15 (Tue, Thu) – Clayton Bowl Concord  
Dec 4, 6 (Tue, Thu) – Country Club Lane San Rafael



### 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.



### ATTENTION SIR SPORTS FANS

*The Season is over - see you next year.*

Call Nat Lord at 510-797-1704

## Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. This is the last newsletter for 2007 – It has been fun being your golf director and I am looking forward to 2008.

The State Golf website  
= [WWW.SIRSTATEGOLF.COM](http://WWW.SIRSTATEGOLF.COM)

Everything you want to know about SIR state golf is there. Download forms, get state results, etc.

Welcome **Tom Breen** and **Robert Morales** who both joined SIR and SIR golf.

**2008 Dues for NCGA** – We continue to collect NCGA dues for 2008. The price for existing NCGA SIR members will be \$31.00. Please make the checks out to SIR Branch 59. Please mail the checks to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537. There are a WHOLE lot of you golfers who have not paid for your 2008 dues – FYI.

**Post post post** – don't forget to post your score..  
**Slow Play – Please do your best to keep up the pace. Two minutes to look for lost balls. Line up your putt immediately after you get on the green.**  
**Please – after triple bogey pick up—i.e. on a par 3, 6 strokes, par 4, 7 strokes, and par 5, 8 strokes.**  
**This will speed the play up for everyone.**

**Take a Bow** – Fred Ilg got his first hole in 1 at hole #2 at Cypress. The driver did the trick and the only problem was finding the ball – he eventually found it (with the help of **Tom Sullivan**) IN THE HOLE!. Congratulations Fred. Do you have a reason to take a bow – let me know.

**Regular play for SIR Branch 59** -- We play every Monday and Thursday at Sunol. Join us -- to find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Thank you to **Tom Sullivan** who called in tee times for all of October and ½ of November and **Wayne Meyer** who will be calling in tee times for the rest of this year. Finally and as always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE NEED YOUR HELP for next year to call in tee times.** Call **Bill** at **793-6561**. Thank you for reading this article.

*Bill Leake*



## Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

### A message from Emile Lassalle

It has been a pleasure, with the help of the branch escorts, to arrange these trips and tours for you. We hope you have enjoyed them as much as we did as your escorts.

In 2008 you will have a new travel chairman (I will still be an escort) and I know he will work very hard to set up the best trips and tours for you. Now I ask all members from branches 26, 59, 60 and 72 to please support Daryl Main like you supported me. I hope to see you on one of the trips I escort in 2008.

### DECEMBER 5, 2007 THUNDER VALLEY CASINO

Get ready to win big money for your Christmas Season.

Cost: \$22.50 PP.

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210



### JANUARY 2008

Golden Gate Fields is planning a second "Salute to SIR" day at the races scheduled for Friday January 25, 2008. They are offering a special discounted Turf Club group rate of \$23 pp for SIR groups of 10 or more.

The Turf Club package includes: Valet parking or parking for a bus, admission, reserved seating, daily racing program, prime rib buffet and tax/tip for food servers.

Branches interested in attending the event should contact: Michael Roberts, Group Manager Golden Gate fields. Phone: (510) 559-7380.



### READERS AND BROWERS

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

Wayne Adams 797-7611



### 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



### JANUARY 23, 2008 OZARK JUBILEE

Direct from Branson featuring Branson's funniest Comedian & World Class Fiddler. Hosted lunch at Tazzina Bistro. Show is across the street at the Woodland Opera House. A one day excursion that includes a hosted lunch, matinee performance and motor couch transportation.

Cost: \$ 82 PP.

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

### FEBRUARY 21-22, 2008 RENO OVERNIGHTER

We will be staying at Harrah's overnight, cash back is \$8 and \$2 food. Harrah's is also giving a \$150 coupon book. This will be the first Reno trip in over 2 years, sign up early to save your seats.

Cost: \$ 84 PPDO. (\$21 single supplement

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE IN

## The Islands of HAWAII

*April 3 - 12, 2008*

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

### CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

**Wednesday, November 21st.**

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, Reported he is recovering satisfactorily from his broken left arm, broken at the left shoulder. He says he can now raise the arm level with his shoulder. Good news, as soon as he can raise his left pitching arm above his shoulder he can get ready to train for joining the A's bullpen next season.

**ED BINGLE** has completed therapy at the Fremont Health Care Center and now resides at the Carlton Plaza in Fremont. Ed is in room 306 with a temporary telephone number of 510-494-8198. Stop in and see Ed.

**ROBERT (WALLY) BROWNE**, as reported by his daughter Terry, is residing at a Board and Care facility. The address is 32262 Crest Lane, Union City CA 94587, telephone number 510-489-8082. Wally has had a heart pacemaker implanted recently and is doing well. We hope some Union City Sir will offer Wally a ride to SIR luncheons.

**ERNEST BURKHOLDER's** wife, Teddy, said Ernest missed the October luncheon due to a doctor's appointment. Ernest is recovering very well from a brain tumor operation.

**ALLAN DOUGLASS** was reported by his daughter, Rita Harrington, as having sold his house and moved to a care center in Sparks Nevada. Further information may be obtained from Rita at telephone number 775-287-5583. We wish Alan well in his new location.

**DOUGLASS EADS**, Sir Social Chairman, attended the October Board meeting and luncheon. Doug reported on the plans for the December Holiday Luncheon. He had a growth removed from the right side of his face and nose and was wearing a bandage covering the area. We hope there is no scarring so that Doug can answer the call for making movies.

**JACK HAVEMEIER** missed the October luncheon as he is bothered by his right eye continuously tearing. Jack is seeking an eye specialist appointment but has to clear with his cardiac specialist. Hope all goes well for you, Jack

**GLENN JACOB** had an angioplasty in his left leg due to blood clots. Glenn seems to have prostate problems which may involve a tumor and he is seeking a specialist. Glenn did enjoy the October luncheon.

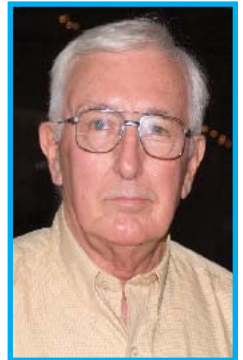
**OLIVER KNICK** – We were unable to contact Oliver.

**NEILS NIELSEN** said he missed the October luncheon because his wife, Inge, was ill.

**ROBERT RALSTON** says he moved home from a care center in October. Robert says he is doing OK.

**TOM SHERBA**, Sir Area Governor, says his wife Lillian, suffers from back pain that is so severe that the pain affects her leg. We hope Lillian's health improves.

**JACK WEBB** missed the October luncheon as he was entertaining guests from Copenhagen. We missed sipping your Virgin Mary cocktail, Jack.



Bob Walter

## *In Memoriam* Rollin Cunningham

### Sir Fred Gotthardt Celebrates 80th Birthday

Fred Gotthardt was surprised by 54 family members and friends at the Spin-A-Yarn restaurant in Warm Springs. He introduced each person there with anecdotes about how he met them. He also boasted about now having free garbage service.







## Roster to be Updated

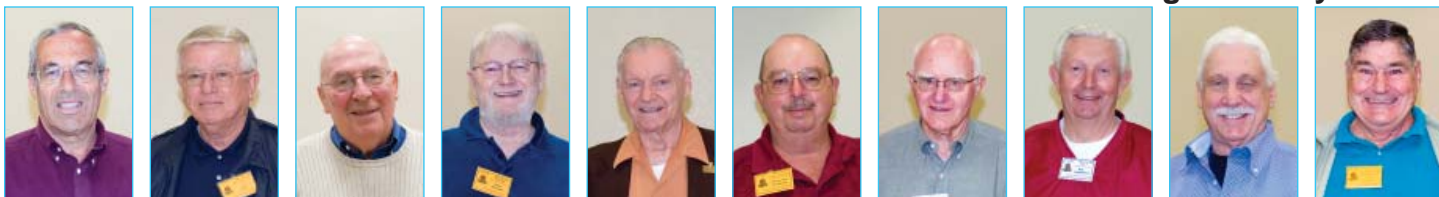
Your Roster Chairman, **John Skarpelos** shown in the photo at left, and his assistant, **Fred Gotthardt** shown in the photo at right are planning on updating the Roster to be published in January 2008. If you recently have acquired a new spouse, telephone number, or address please let Fred or John know about it. You can email changes that need to be made to Fred at:

[fredg27@comcast.net](mailto:fredg27@comcast.net) or to John at [john@mediaart.com](mailto:john@mediaart.com).

If you don't have a computer, mail it to the address shown on page 8.



**Officers and Directors who contribute to Pathfinder Branch 59 running smoothly.**



## Save the Date - December 20th Christmas Luncheon 'A Winter Holiday'



### Live Music by the Fremont Aires

(Dancing is encouraged)  
Social Hour starts at 11:00 AM

Added attractions:  
Tap Dancing by the Fremont Tappers  
The SIR Singers

### Menu

Choice of Salmon, New York  
Roast, or Stuffed Chicken  
Vegetable and Dessert

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Partners's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will also be sold at the October and November Luncheons

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$19 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**

Indicate Meal Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

and mail to: **Sir Allen Sprague, 3264 Bruce Drive, Fremont, CA 94539-5013**

Salmon

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Roast

Ticket orders must be received by December 15th.

Chicken

**No refunds after December 15th**  
**Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases**

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## Happy Thanksgiving



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Robert Boike - Assistant  
Ed Kurtz - Assistant  
Frank R. Thomas - Assistant

#### BIRTHDAYS

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

#### BOWLING

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Jerry Sabo - Assistant

#### BRIDGE

Drag Dutina - **Chairman**

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Fred Gotthardt

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Nat Lord

David Marymee

John Skarpelos

### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the *Pathfinder* will be Thursday a week after the Holiday 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\*  
1986 Loran Coburn\*  
1987 Robert Davis\*  
1988 Robert Klindt\*  
1989 Martin Annen\*  
1990 Lee Updegraff  
1991 Fred W. Fretter\*  
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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)