



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Third Year

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 17, 2008

Big Sir Monthly Musings

by Big Sir Richard Holley



This is my first column of my Big Sir year. I would like to take this time to thank Ted Bresler for his terrific leadership over the past year. Ted made my entry into the office of Little Sir very easy and uneventful. Ted's leadership has helped me

begin the office with all the confidence I could need.

The most important function the Little Sir performs is finding interesting speakers for each of our monthly meetings. I wanted to make sure each speaker brought some knowledge to each and everyone of us. I also worried about boring the audience so I was very careful in my selections. If we were not entertained or informed we just might not attend further meetings. I am very aware that our group contains a few teachers and I always want that good grade on my performance.

So as I start this New Year with you gentlemen, I give you my word that I will work hard to make the organization just a little shinier than when I took office. It is indeed an honor to serve each and every one of you.

Merry Christmas and let us all have a wonderful New Year together.

Richard

Our Speaker - Jess Strange

by Little Sir Don Gillis



Our speaker for January is Jess Strange. The title of her presentation is "Knowledge is Key: Know Your Medicare Rights."

Jess Strange is a community education advocate for legal assistance for seniors and the Health Insurance

Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP). This presentation explains consumer protections for Medicare beneficiaries by reviewing appeal rights under traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. The presentation will also provide important contact information on advocacy organizations, agencies and web sites.

In her advocacy role, Jess Strange visits senior centers, senior residences and other community centers throughout Alameda County to give presentations about Medicare, Advance Health Care Directives, Scams & Frauds and other issues which affect seniors. She received a B.A. in Spanish and a B.A. in International studies from Miami University in Ohio in 2005.

MENU

**Beef Stroganoff and Noodles
and/or
Baked Fish and Rice
Assorted Vegetables**



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



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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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corporation for
retired men



Sir Allen Sprague November Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Ted Bresler called the meeting to order at 10:15am 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, and Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officers absent: None. Directors present: Bob Benya, and Robert Ingebretson. Directors absent: Les Addison, Lloyd Anderson, Don Gillis, and Tom Sullivan.

The Minutes for the November 15th meeting of Executive Committee were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of November 1, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$5,959.29, and membership was 270 active members and 19 inactive members. At the October 18th luncheon there were 197 members (73% of total membership), 6 guests and 1 visitor for a total attendance of 204. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file).

Program: Little Sir Richard Holley confirmed that today's speaker is Julius Murphy. Captain Murphy is an ordained officer in the Salvation Army, and will be discussing the programs and ministries of the Salvation Army in Fremont, Newark, and Union City.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the expected attendance for today's luncheon is 203.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan placed Jess J. Jacinto and Neil (Tony) Russell up for membership. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve Jess J. Jacinto and Neil (Tony) Russell as new members. Sir Ron also submitted the names of two members to be dropped for lack of attendance contra Rule 100: Robert Wanser (#61), and Wilson Williams (#132). It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the recommended deletion from membership, provided these members fail to attend today's meeting.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 11 members with November birthdays are expected today. The most senior celebrant is Sir William Delucchi at 84 and the youngest is Sir Bill Leake at 62.

Bowling: Sir Frank Cordova reported on an upcoming tournament in early December (details are in the Pathfinder).

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that about 15 members need to pay dues or be dropped. Branch 59 at Poppy Hills,

November 5th and 6th (two members qualified for the next stage). Branch 59 also plays golf Mondays and Thursdays. A tournament is coming up in Mexico.

Social Committee: Sir Doug Eads reported that the Social Committee has determined that the round tables will seat 8 persons (rather than 10 which some persons wanted), for the Winter Gala scheduled for December 20th. Sir Doug will announce to the members that tickets are still available, and that there is a need for prizes to be awarded.

Bridge: Sir Drag Dutina reported that Branch 59 is looking for couples.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that two members have died: Rollin Cunningham (who had bowled a couple of days prior), and Edward Frasier (from double pneumonia). Alvin Dockter has a new heart pacemaker. Generally, Branch 59 members are in good health. The health status of several other members will be reported in the next Pathfinder.

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

Caps & Emblems: Sir Arnold George reported on a flyer for possible caps to be made available to Branch 59.

Big Sir Ted Bresler announced that 2008 Big Sir Richard Holley would be installed today. Also, that he is sending a letter to extend our contract with our existing caterer, P.J. Mack.

Big Sir Ted Bresler adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

Submitted by
Sir Allen Sprague, Secretary

Sir Drag Dutina The Bridge Chairman Says

Branch 146 runs a daytime 2 to 4 table duplicate bridge session monthly. If you have an interest in setting up a similar activity in Branch 59 either give me a call at 510-657-1037 or meet with me after the next SIR luncheon.

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



December Birthdays

Raymond Andrade	12/20/1914	93
Glenn Hursey	12/08/1917	90
Ed Myslewski	12/24/1917	90
Glenn Jacob	12/06/1919	88
Robert Ralston	12/10/1922	85
Gordon Thatcher	12/18/1924	83
Harry Meyer	12/21/1927	80
Robert Walter	12/31/1929	78
Edison Schrader	12/01/1930	77
William Watts	12/14/1930	77
Richard Paynter	12/03/1931	76
Frank Birge	12/11/1931	76
Les Addison	12/17/1931	76
Tom Sullivan	12/16/1932	75
Milton Rose	12/03/1933	74
Wayne Adams	12/21/1933	74
Edgar Guthrie	12/03/1935	72
Jim Bridges	12/09/1936	71
Glenn Coon, Jr	12/28/1937	70
Melvin Reiley	12/10/1938	69
Carl Nordling	12/07/1939	68
James Lawrence	12/02/1940	67
Edward Thomas	12/12/1940	67
Frank Cordova	12/18/1940	67
William Williams	12/13/1941	66
George Perry	12/20/1944	63
David Shideler	12/16/1946	61

January Birthdays

Stanley James	01/13/1922	86
Raymond Carlson	01/19/1922	86
Melvin Nunes	01/13/1925	83
Ernest Burkholder	01/27/1926	82
Walt Oden	01/13/1927	81
John Kennedy	01/18/1927	81
Richard Holmes	01/22/1929	79
John Cordeniz	01/26/1930	78
Albert Costa	01/13/1933	75
Martin Spellman	01/17/1933	75
Tony Martinez	01/26/1935	73
Richard Chatham	01/12/1936	72
James Rodamer	01/25/1936	72
Greg Johnston	01/04/1938	70
Franklin Kinney	01/27/1938	70
Dominic Aiello	01/05/1942	66
Thomas Loretan	01/07/1942	66
Douglas Eads	01/01/1944	64
Paul Ruberto	01/30/1944	64

New Members

Jess J. Jacinto
38179 Alta Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-7128
510-797-2488
Email: jjpeanut8@aol.com
Birthday: 8/8/1926
Spouse: Billie
Badge No. 93
Sponsor: Mel Nunes
Call me: Jess

Russell A. Niel
5076 Northampton Court
Newark, CA 94560-2011
510-793-7019
Email: moaimaniac@aol.com
Birthday: 9/27/1941
Spouse: Karen
Badge No. 27
Sponsor: Bob Boike
Call me: Tony

Welcome
Jess Jacinto



Welcome
Tony Niel



Membership Report

Guests: **Guest of:**
Tony Doot Fred Ilg
Reed Frederiksen Tom Russo
Stan Peters Richard Lightholder

Visitors: **Guest of:**
None

Membership Total

(as of November 15, 2007)

265 — Active Members
22 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Ed Bingle - to inactive
Leo Hinkel - to inactive
Allen Havemeier - to inactive
Rollin Cunningham - died 10/31/2007
Edward Frasier - died 11/10/2007
Robert Wanser - dropped-rule 100
William Wilson - dropped-rule 100



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

Attendance Report

(For November 15, 2007)

Members	189
Guests	3
Visitors	0
Speakers	1

Total = 193
50 excused 33 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

Bowlers can now go to the SIR website
<http://sirinc.org/protected/bowling/sirbowling.htm>
and download the 2008 schedule, the SIR Bowling



Manual, and the SIR Tournament Guidelines.

Tournament results are being posted as they are received by the state Bowling Committee.

First 3 Tournaments for 2008

Jan 24-25 (Thu, Fri) Gold Country Sutter Creek

Feb 4, 6 (Mon, Wed) Napa Bowl Napa

Feb 19-20 (Tue, Wed) Granada Bowl Livermore

Editor's Note: Latest scores were not available at press time.



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

Game information will be in the next issue.

Call Nat Lord at 510-797-1704

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. Happy New Year – Can you believe that it is 2008?

Congratulations to **Greg Johnston** and **Robert Mugford**. Each qualified to play at Poppy Hills last November for the state championship and they each finished second place in their flight. Also, congratulations to our new SIR golf members – please welcome **Rob Ingebretson** and **Howard Elz**. Howard is new to both SIR and SIR golf. In addition to Poppy Hills, SIR also had their last tournament of the year – at Ixtapa. **Gary Callahan** represented SIR Branch 59 in the November tournament, and **Wayne Meyer** and **Forrest Lusher** represented Branch 59 in the December tournament. Unfortunately, no one placed in the money, although Gary did have a long layover. Forrest's granddaughter did do well in the tightrope at the pool. Ask him about the results.

State website = WWW.SIRSTATEGOLF.COM.

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

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 –Do you have a reason to take a bow – long drive, hole in one, eagle, other -- 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 **Wayne Meyer** for calling in tee times for ½ of November and all of December. Thanks in advance to **Fred Ilg** who will call in the times for January and ½ of February, and **Bill Dark**, who will be calling for ½ of February and all of March. And thank you **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



SIR Travel Adventures for Area 8

Daryl Main

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

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.



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

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



MARCH 20, 2008 MOVING MOVIE TOUR

A Comprehensive driving tour of movies made in and about San Francisco. Not only movies but the history and neighborhoods of this great city as well; including Pacific Heights and Golden Gate Park. We will Have lunch at the FOG HARBOR Restaurant and Hosted Dessert at MEL'S Drive in.

Cost \$97 per person.

Escort Daryl Main (510) 352-2210

APRIL 16, 2008 FLEET OF HEROS

Private narrated cruise aboard the 50 foot DELPHINUS of the MOTHBALL FLEET. This trip will be limited to 30 people so sign fast. Hosted luncheon at the Union Hotel, in Benicia, free time to browse in Benicia.

Cost \$116 per person.

Escort Daryl Main 510-352-2210.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE IN

The Islands of HAWAII

April 3 - 12, 2008

***Call your Travel Chairman,
Daryl Main 510-352-2210
for details.***

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday, January 29th.

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, is recovering very well from a fall that injured his left arm and shoulder.

ED BINGLE says he is doing fine at Carlton Plaza in Fremont. Ed is encouraged as he will not need extra oxygen. We hope you have a good year.

ERNEST BURKHOLDER is recovering very well from a brain tumor operation. Ernest reports in early January to checkup on the effectiveness of blood thinner medication.

ALVIN DOCKTER had a two month checkup before Christmas because of a new wire implant for his heart pacemaker. He says he is doing ok and goes back for a check up in 6 months. Al and his wife Caryl entertained over 30 people at the same time during Christmas. Al missed the November luncheon because of a wire-pacemaker problem. He plans to attend the January luncheon.

JACK HAVEMEIER's wife, Virginia, reports that Jack is slow in recovering from an eye operation that slows and lessens the flow of tear drops from his eyes. Jack is reassured by his doctor that the problem will clear up in time.

GLENN HURSEY has been in and out of the hospital three times for back pain and a gall bladder operation. Glenn says he is feeling better for turning 90 years old this December 2007.

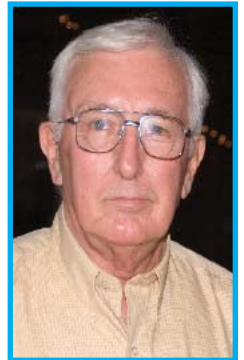
GLENN JACOB says he feels good. He has had ultra sound for his left leg which is subject to blood clots and prostate treatment. Glenn celebrated his 88th birthday December 2007.

OLIVER KNICK says he is doing ok for a 91 year old. He is on medication and concerned of possible falling. We wish you a good new year, Oliver.

RICHARD PAYNTER's wife, Mary Eileen, died from brain cancer. She was under hospice care in Brentwood. We wish to offer our sympathy to Richard and his family.

ROBERT RALSTON - We were unable to contact Robert.

WES SCHILLING had to cancel a trip to Hawaii with his wife Marilyn, because of Wes' illness. They planned to celebrate his 73rd birthday in November. Wes' mother, Katie Schilling, died in November at age 95 years. We wish to express our sympathy to Wes and his family.



Bob Walter

TOM SHERBA, Area Governor, came to SIR Holiday luncheon with his wife, Lillian. Lillian suffers from severe back and leg pain. Lillian left the hospital the day before the Holiday luncheon. Lillian's health problems probably originated when she was a hospital nurse and had to turn and lift hospital patients. We wish the Sherbas an improved and healthful new year.

JACK WEBB says he is doing ok. Jack and his wife, Lisa, entertained a houseful of company during Christmas. Jack hopes to come to the January luncheon.

DARELD YOUNGKER has had a couple of session in Kaiser Hospital due to bladder infection and possible blood clots. Dareld is on medication, including blood thinner and reports for checkups on the effectiveness of his medication and the condition of his blood. We hope Dareld resumes good health in this New Year.

In Memoriam
Edward Frasier



In the photo above, Area 8 Governor Tom Sherba installs 2008 officers and directors during the Holiday Luncheon. From left to right Sherba, Ted Bresler, Don Gillis, Rob Ingebretson, Bill Dark, Bob Benya, Peter Angelides, and Louis Bufkin.



Governor Tom Sherba on the left above is shown after he installed 2008 Big Sir, Richard Holley at the November Luncheon since he was on Holiday in Illinois during December.

Eight members of the Fremont Aires are shown below on the stage at the Newark Pavilion where they played live music for the enjoyment of the SIR members and guests. Some of the folks even got up and danced.



The **Fremont Tappers** are shown in the photo at left performing at the Holiday luncheon.

Shown in the photo on the right is Dorothy Benya, spouse of Director Bob Benya.

To her right is Marilyn Lawrence, spouse of member James Lawrence.

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