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Branch Number 59

Thirty-Third Year

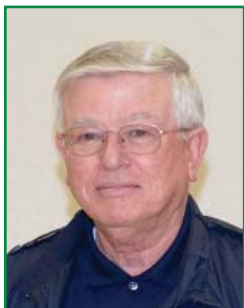
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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, April 17, 2008

Big Sir Monthly Musings

by Big Sir Richard Holley



It has come to my attention that one of our speakers may have used language a little too strong for some of our membership. Believe me when I tell you that this was never our intention and I and the Little Sir do screen

the potential speakers before we put them on our schedule. The speaker that used a strong metaphor had spoken to us before and there had been no problem with his choice of topic or speech. I want you to know that we will endeavor to screen closer and make sure that the potential speaker is apprised of our group's sensitivities. Please accept my personal apology if you found anything offensive to your personal beliefs.

I would like to remind our membership that we are always open to new members and that I hope you are all asking your friends and neighbors to come join us in wholesome fellowship and food. I strive to bring something new in knowledge to our group each month so if you have something you feel should be brought before the group, feel free to contact me.

Richard

Our Speaker - Dyane Hendricks

by Little Sir Don Gillis



Dyane Hendricks is Executive Director of the Fremont Symphony. In 2008 she administers the Children's Concerts.

She has extensive experience in nonprofit management, fundraising, public relations and special events management. Her most recent position was Manager of Fund Development/Marketing for the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center. Ms. Hendricks has managed trade associations, managed special events and been a free-lance writer.

At the beginning of her career, she was Executive Director of The Lawyer's Club of San Francisco for seven years. Ms. Hendricks earned a BA in Journalism from San Jose State University.

The Fremont Symphony went into debt during the 2006-07 season when it added shows, but didn't raise enough money to pay for them. Although many performances sell out Ohlone College's 405-seat Smith Center, the nonprofit symphony loses money at every show. She will discuss efforts being taken to recover from this negative financial situation.

MENU

Honey Baked Ham

and/or **Chicken**



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

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public benefit
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Sir Allen Sprague March Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Richard Holley called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Richard Holley Little Sir Don Gillis, Secretary Allen Sprague, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officers absent: Treasurer Louis Bufkin. Directors present: Bill Anderson, Ted Bresler, Bill Dark, and Roger Wallin. Directors absent: Bob Benya and. Robert Ingebretson.

The Minutes for the February 21, 2008 meeting of the Ex. Com. were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer reported that as of March 7, 2008 the ending cash balance was \$2,595.04, and membership was 264 active members and 21 inactive members. At the February 21st luncheon there were 216 members (82% of total membership), 2 guests and 1 visitor present for a total attendance of 219 (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file.)

Program: Little Sir Don Gillis confirmed that today's speaker is Alan W. Weiner, an engineer, scientist, and hypnotherapist, who will talk about his book "Just Before the Giggle, A Journey from Suffering to Freedom."

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the expected attendance for today's luncheon is 197.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan placed James W. Ploor (sponsored by Richard Holley), and John M Pesek III (sponsored by Jerry Sabo) up for membership. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve James W. Ploor and John M Pesek III as new members. Sir Ron also reported on the change of status: One member, Robert J McGrath, who was inactive, has become active. Big Sir Richard said we love and need new members (we have 266 of the 325 authorized).

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 21 March natiivities are expected, with birth years from 1921 through 1940, ages 68-87. The most senior celebrant is Bruno Orsetti at 87, closely followed by 86ers Paul Lanferman and John Austin, and the youngest David Tanner at 68.

Bowling: Sir Frank Cordova reported on upcoming events that will be noticed in the next Pathfinder.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported on upcoming events, including Las Vegas March 31st to April 4th. Branch 59 golfers also play every Monday and Thursday at Sunol. See full details in the Pathfinder.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord passed around a 1913 baseball trading card, which evoked a lot of interest. He also reported that tickets are available for the Rivercats vs. A's game in Sacramento on May 21st. Other events will be reported in the Pathfinder.

Social Committee: Sir Allen Sprague reported that that the Social Committee will be selling tickets for the May sweetheart event before and after today's luncheon.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that he had removed his facial hair so we could call him Al Scarface Capone. Most of the Branch 59 members are healthy but some are not so healthy. Sir Dave also presented reports on the status of illnesses and recovery of several Branch 59 members, including Fred Anderson who uses a wheelchair and wants to become an active member again. A more up-to-date report will be reported in the next Pathfinder.

Cybergazers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported the Cybergazers will meet next Monday March 25th at 2pm, in the Fukaya Room B at the Fremont Main Library.

Walking Group: Sir Don Henry reported that we have one new walker for the regular Wednesday morning stroll.

Caps & Emblems: Sir Arnold George reported the committee had sold 40 of the available 144 new caps at the bargain rate of \$4.00 each.

Bridge: Little Sir Don Gillis reported that only 2 members were interested in participating in the duplicate bridge team.

New Business: Little Sir Don reported that the caterer has given us two months notice of an increase in the cost of lunch, he suggested that we increase the charge for luncheon tickets from \$13.00 to \$14.00. Little Sir Don said he would support such an increase since many groups being catered for lunch are paying \$18-19.

Big Sir Richard adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by
Sir Allen Sprague, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

April Birthdays

Lee Mineau	04/09/1920	88
Herbert Epstein	04/12/1922	86
Edward Kurtz	04/24/1926	82
Earl Evans	04/03/1928	80
Thomas Tinker	04/13/1929	79
Dareld Youngker	04/27/1929	79
Tom Pratt	04/24/1930	78
John Barr	04/22/1931	77
Ricardo Arenas	04/03/1932	76
Jack Gaunt	04/06/1932	76
Jack Lindley	04/09/1932	76
Robert Lee	04/25/1932	76
Kenneth Peterson	04/02/1934	74
Tom Federico	04/09/1934	74
Ralph Smith	04/17/1934	74
James Hanesworth	04/30/1935	73
Miguel Ferras	04/08/1937	71
Les Gora	04/05/1940	68
William Anderson	04/08/1940	68
Theodore Bresler	04/30/1942	66

New Members

Robert J. McGrath
977 Northfield Drive
Hayward, CA 94544-6457
510-785-2783
Email: krayziehorse@comcast.net
Birthday: 10/4/1929
Spouse: Jan
Badge No. 8
Call me: Bob

John M. Pesek III
4631 Mayfield Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-6729
510-793-5089
Email: jmpesek@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 10/19/1940
Spouse: Barbara
Badge No. 35
Sponsor: Jerry Sabo
Call me: John

James W. Floor
40339 Blanchard Street
Fremont, CA 94538-2807
510-656-9537
Birthday: 11/7/1935
Spouse: Catherine
Badge No. 50
Sponsor: Richard Holley
Call me: Jim

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: **Guest of:**
Robert Wanser Returning member
Richard McBreen John Gecox

Visitors:
None

Membership Total
(as of March 20, 2007)

266 — Active Members
22 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

James Sissle - to inactive



Welcome New Members

Bob McGrath, John Pesek and Jim Floor



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For March 20, 2007)

Members	205
Guests	2
Visitors	0
Speakers	1
Total =	208
40 excused	22 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



Gary Bennett returned from the disability list and in March he rolled a nice 594 series with a high game of 229 – welcome back Gary. Not to be outdone, Sir **Don Henry** rolled a meager 648 with high game of 255 (a Branch 59 high for the season so far) **Lew Heffron** (branch 6)

rolled a 262 three weeks ago. Very soon we expect five of our newest bowlers to join the tournament competition. **Howard Elz**

and **David Nazar** have rolled their required 21 games for tournament averages to be established



and soon newly

installed Sir **John Pesek**, **Ken Windholz** and **George Howe** will

be eligible for tournament play. Ken's average has jumped 11 pins in the past month: George has increased by 24 while the rest of us remain virtually the same.

At the SIR Livermore tournament, ten of our bowlers attended and seven took home prizes. Of the 10 prize winning categories we took 4 first places, 4 second places, and 1 third–Winning 12 of the 50 prize categories for a total of \$530. Top bowlers were **Don Henry** in Division A and **Bob Edwards** in Division B. Other big winners were **James Lawrence**, **Lew Heffron**, **Art Winkley**, **Jerry Sabo** and **Frank Cordova**.

Prize winners from the Petaluma Tournament are not in yet, but the doubles team of **Roger Wallin** and **Lew Heffron**, rolled two big series–Lew had a 549 scratch and Roger a 620. With handicap they combined for a 1433. That series was higher than the winning 1427 series rolled by Art and Bob at Livermore.

Upcoming tournaments include the Vallejo Tourney on April 15, Carson City April 20 and Pollack Pines May 6th.



Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. If you are a member of SIR and like to play golf and are not a member of NCGA golf then let me know.

Thank you **Fred Ilg** for filling in for me at the last meeting. Fred handed out fliers of our 2 area 8 golf tournaments coming up. The first one is April 23 and will be the individual qualifier. **This will be held at Alameda**. The winners go to Boundary Oaks August 27 and the two top finishers at Boundary will qualify for the state individual final tournament at **Poppy Hills** November 3 with open play also on November 3 and the next day – November 4. Last year we had two qualifiers from 59 – **Greg Johnston** and **Skip Mugford**. Our second tournament of the year will be a team scramble event and this will be held July 9 at Sunol Palm course. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday June 11 and you need to sign up as a team. A team consists of 4 golfers – an A, a B, a C and a D. Fliers have been sent out and Fred also distributed them at the meeting. If you have a questions call me please at 793-6561. As you read this column we also completed our second outing at Silverado as well as the first and only session at Las Vegas which was held March 31 through April 4. We will have results in the next column. Reno is also coming up and it is full – the dates for Reno are the first 3 weeks in June. You can call and get on a waiting list as there will be cancellations.

As we get down to the end of the year we will have a trip to Mexico-- Cabo San Lucas October 18 through 25, and a cruise – Mexico golf/cruise November 10 through 20. Please visit www.sirstategolf.com for more details.

Take a Bow –Do you have a reason to take a bow – long drive, hole in one, eagle, other -- let me know.

Post post post – don't forget to post your score.

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 **Miguel Ferras** who will be calling in for April and ½ of May and to **Jim Lawrence** for calling in ½ of May and all of June. 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.



SIR Travel Adventures for Area 8

Daryl Main

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.



MAY 29-30, 2008

SHASTA CASCADE WONDERLAND TOUR

Deluxe motor coach transportation, two nights at the Tree House Inn - Mount Shasta, stop at the Sundial bridge and lunch at the Lakeside Resort in Redding. Guided tour of the Lava Beds National Monument, dinner on the Shasta Train and a guided tour of the Mt. Shasta area. Cost \$598 PPDO and \$154 for single supplement. Escorted by Daryl Main (510) 352-2210

**For more information Call your
Travel Chairman, Daryl Main
510-352-2210 for details.
To download a brochure go to
www.branch26.com/Travel.html**

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 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



JULY 27-31, 2008

TREASURES of the SOUTH COAST

Deluxe motor coach, a matinee performance of Ragtime, one night at the Historic Santa Maria Inn, includes a Prime rib dinner that night. First stop on the second day will be at the Huntington Library and Gardens, then to Studio City to stay at the Sportsman's Lodge for three nights. From



here we will go to Beverly Hills, to tour the homes of stars and attend the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach, next day the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit. Ride a Venetian Gondola, William S. Hart Ranch, head home.

Cost \$1185 PPDO, \$250 to secure reservation per person, and single supplement is \$250. Escort Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

SIR State Sports

Call **Nat Lord** at 510-797-1704

SIR Day at the **Sacramento River Cats** vs. the **Colorado Sky Sox**



May 21 (Wednesday) at 11:30am

for info call **Ken Edwards** (209) 223-9156



SIR Day at the **SF Giants** vs. the **Florida Marlins**

August 21 (Thursday) at 12:45pm

for info call **Chuck Roberts** (408) 243-6717

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday, April 22nd.

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

FRED ANDERSON is not able to come to SIR luncheons. Fred is wheelchair bound and has limited use of his arms and hands due to arthritis. Fred hopes his health improves so that he can attend the luncheons.

BOB BENYA, SIR Director, says he is recovering nicely from a left shoulder

replacement. Bob is undergoing therapy for the shoulder. He should be ready to join the "A's" left handed pitching staff next year.

LOUIS BUFKIN, SIR treasurer, missed the SIR Board meeting and the luncheon as he is recovering from an operation in February, to correct the detached retina in his left eye. Lou says the eye problem affected his balance. We hope you make full recovery, Lou.

BILL BRISCOE's wife, Diana, has recovered from her operation. Bill attended the March luncheon.

RAY ERICKSON's wife, Dorothy, has had six weeks of radiation treatment following a cancer operation. She will need to take special medication for the next five years. We hope Dorothy is on the road to full recovery.

JAMES RODAMER's wife, Nancy, reports that James has not had treatment for asbestos affecting the lining of the lungs for March. James is to meet with the doctor the last of March. We hope that all goes well for James.

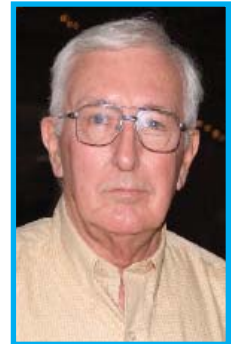
TOM SHERBA, Area Governor, reports that his wife, Lillian's, health is improving. She has somewhat less back and leg pain. Her macular degeneration in the right eye is much less than in the left eye. Tom says she could pass the driving test using her right eye vision. Tom keeps busy visiting area SIR groups. He feels Castro Valley SIR Branch 72 is on the upswing with officers willing to serve and take charge.

VERN TALLEY's wife, Willie, reported Vern's heart was operated in March at the Santa Clara Kaiser Hospital where they implanted a pig valve. Vern had to be given special medication to cause the blood to clot during the procedure. Vern chose a pig valve versus a mechanical valve because the pig valve requires less medication over a lifetime. We wish a speedy recovery for Vern.

GORDON THATCHER's wife, Pat, is recovering from two strokes. Gordon had to call 911 due to a recent episode with Pat. They found that Pat was dehydrated and with treatment her condition improved. Pat is continuing speech therapy.

JACK WEBB was able to arrange city transportation and was able to attend the March luncheon. Jack enjoyed the luncheon and a Virgin Mary cocktail.

WILLIAM WILSON's wife, Jackie, reports William had a defibrillator implant in early March and he is doing ok. William hopes his health improves with the implant as he wishes to become active in SIR.



Bob Walter

Caps For Sale

See Caps and Emblems
Chairman Arnold George to
pick up your new SIR cap for
the bargain price of \$4.

In Memoriam
Oliver Knick



The Branch 59 photographer finally caught up with Director **Bill Dark**, above, who up until now has avoided having his picture taken.



Past Big Sir **Lyle Kingery** above is discussing songs planned by the Branch Song Leader Sir **Frank Campos** for the luncheon

Save the Date - May 15th Sweetheart's Luncheon 'Swing into Spring'



Live Music by the Fremont Aires

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

Added attractions:
The SIR Singers
Surprise Musical Guest

Menu

Choice of Salmon, New York Strip, or Chicken Florentine
Vegetable and Dessert

Single Members Welcome

Your Name _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the April Luncheon

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.

New York Strip _____

Ticket orders must be received by May 11th.

Chicken Florentine _____

No refunds after May 11th
Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases

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1980 Larry Varblow*
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1983 Stephen Epler*
1984 George Herman*
1985 Ray Crosby*
1986 Loran Coburn*
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