



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Third Year

June 2008

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, June 19, 2008

Big Sir Monthly Musings

by Big Sir Richard Holley



Well, I hope everyone who attended the May Sweetheart Ball had a good time; I know I did and most importantly my wife did too. We all know that when our wives are happy life goes a lot easier for all. My bride is always kidding me that I run away and hide with you guys during our meetings just to get away from female influence. Well.

I say, "I scoff at your theory" we get together because of common interest and camaraderie. I like to golf and the people I choose to hang with are golfers also.

I also enjoy being around people with common interests and most of us worked all of our lives with other men. It is perfectly reasonable for us to trade ideas after we retire. I know my wife would not appreciate me hanging out with a bunch of lovely ladies once a month, even if we were talking about household repairs and such.

Speaking of our group and all our camaraderie I would like to ask your help. We have jobs that need to be done in order to put on our monthly meetings. I am asking for some of you gentlemen to step forward and help us fill some of these positions. Without volunteers we have no organization. When I was asked to volunteer I naturally wanted to stay on the sidelines. I am retired I said and I want to stay in the old Hammock for a while. Well, darn it "I said" get up and get going, your group needs you, so I raised my hand to help. I am asking you to raise your hand and help, we need you gentlemen.

Just let any of the fellows you see around helping know that you want to help. Don Gillis, the little Sir, will help you fit in. We are looking especially for someone to take the Little Sir job for next year. I know you will come through, thank you.

Richard

Our Speaker - Sr. Caritas Foster

by Little Sir Don Gillis

Sister Caritas Foster is a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family. She has worked with adults and children in various church settings as well as serving in a number of ministries within her religious community. Sister has served on the Board of Directors of St. Elizabeth's



Day Home in San Jose. Currently she belongs to a coalition of religious communities standing against human trafficking. Sister Caritas has facilitated an educational process for the Sisters of the Holy Family regarding human trafficking that has lead to their focus for raising awareness and seeking ways of supporting women, children and men victimized by human trafficking.

Human Trafficking, a modern-day form of slavery, is controlling a person through force, fraud or coercion to exploit the person for forced labor or sexual exploitation. Human Trafficking is a global issue and is the fastest growing criminal issue in the world. We will look at the many forms of Human Trafficking within our own country and around the globe.

MENU

Italian Sausage

and/or **Chicken Cacciatori**



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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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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Sir Allen Sprague April Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Richard Holley called the meeting to order at 10:20am 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, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officers absent: None. Directors present: Bill Anderson, Ted Bresler, Robert Ingebretson and Roger Wallin. Directors absent: Bob Benya and Bill Dark.

The Minutes for the March 20, 2008 meeting of the Ex. Com. were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of April 7, the ending cash balance was \$4,152.00, and membership was 266 active members and 22 inactive members. At the March 15th luncheon there were 205 members (77 % of total membership), 3 guests and 0 visitors present, for a total attendance of 208. Sir Louis directed attention to the Form 28 report, pointing out that Branch 59 is close to not breaking even between receipts and expenses for the monthly luncheons, and that the April 7 report shows that the positive balance for this month is dependent on golf fees, which cannot be relied on month to month. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file)

Program: Little Sir Don Gillis confirmed that today's speaker is Diane Hendricks, Executive Director of the Fremont Symphony, who will discuss the public concerts and children's concerts, and the efforts being taken to recover from a negative financial situation.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the expected attendance for today's luncheon is 192.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported two transfers: Sir Boyd L. McCaslin and Sir Philip Cox from Castro Valley Branch 72.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that only 16 April birthday celebrants are expected, with birth years from 1920 through 1942, ages 66-88. The most senior celebrant is Lee Mineau at 88 and the youngest Ted Bresler at 66.

Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reported we had 5 new members available for upcoming events in April and May, and other events that will be reported in the next Pathfinder.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake thanked Fred Ilg for filling in for him at the March Ex Com meeting, and reported that Branch 59 golfers have just finished the second stage of Silverado, with 29 golfers (and we had fun!). The next area 8 State pre-qualifier will be held April 23rd and the results will be in the next Pathfinder. We also have a team competition scheduled for July 9 at Sunol. Branch 59 golfers also play every Monday and Thursday at Sunol.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported on the SIR Day at the Sacramento Rivercats game in Sacramento on May 21st, and the SIR Day at the SF Giants v. Florida Marlins on August 21st. The A's will also have a SIR Day on August 14th. See Pathfinder for details.

Social Committee: Sir Doug Eads reported that the entertainment is all set, including the Fremont Aires. Ticket sales will be both before and after today's meeting. More quality prize donations requested. Big Sir Richard thanked Sir Doug Eads for his job as chair of the Social Committee in 2007 and for the May Sweetheart Luncheon coming up. Sir Doug will step down as chair for the December social event (which he will miss), and committee member Sir Gordon MacLeod will chair the December Holiday Luncheon. (Clapping noted)

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that most of the Branch 59 members are healthy and provided reports on the status of illnesses and recovery of several Branch 59 members, including Fred Anderson who plans to attend today, mobilized by his wheel chair. A more up-to-date report will be reported in the next Pathfinder.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported the Cybergeezers will meet next Tuesday March 22nd at 2pm, in the Fukaya A Room at the Fremont Main Library.

Walking Group: Sir Don Henry reported there were 7 walkers on the trail yesterday.

Caps & Emblems: Sir Dino Mostardi reported the committee had sold out all 144 of the 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: Big Sir Richard reported that the caterer has given us notice of a \$1.00 plus tax increase in his cost effective September 1st. Big Sir stated that we need to increase the meal cost another \$2.00 to cover additional expenses (see Treasurer's report above, and last month's meeting minutes). A consensus decision by the Ex.Com. to approve raising the total meal cost charged to members from \$13.00 to \$15.00 was approved and to become effective September 1st, 2008

Big Sir Richard stated that we need more committee members to be available. He also expressed thanks for Sir Gordon MacLeod being a Torchbearer in accepting the chairmanship of the Social Committee for the December's Holiday Luncheon.

Big Sir Richard adjourned the meeting at 10:56am.

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

May Birthdays

David Marymee	05/18/1920	88
Richard Marriott	05/08/1923	85
Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	84
John Rice	05/10/1925	83
Robert Beam	05/15/1925	83
Dragomir Dutina	05/26/1925	83
Dan Silva	05/06/1926	82
Richard Ahern	05/26/1926	82
Fred Anderson	05/03/1927	81
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	79
William Wessells	05/22/1931	77
Frank Hermoso	05/05/1932	76
Willard Wyman	05/23/1933	75
Gene Page	05/06/1934	74
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	72
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	69
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	69
Roberto Morales	05/13/1940	68
Ron Brutvan	05/21/1941	67
Jack Roach	05/25/1944	64
Thomas Breen	05/24/1950	58

June Birthdays

Niels Nielsen	06/25/1914	94
Clark Redeker	06/20/1917	91
Bob Olsen	06/11/1924	84
Clark Dedrick	06/23/1924	84
Walter Fasolis	06/09/1925	83
David Minor	06/01/1927	81
Louis Bufkin	06/21/1927	81
Fred Alfred	06/12/1929	79
Phil Utic	06/24/1929	79
William Pereira	06/27/1931	77
Marty Enriquez	06/10/1932	76
George Vlastelica	06/28/1932	76
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	75
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	75
Clarence Chacon	06/15/1934	74
Darrell Jewell	06/19/1936	72
John Clark	06/10/1937	71
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	71
John Vennemeyer	06/19/1937	71
Frank Thomas	06/15/1940	68
Gary Otterson	06/19/1940	68
Jerry Sabo	06/02/1942	66
Kenneth Windholz	06/15/1947	61
James Doot Jr.	06/01/1954	54

New Members

Philip H. Cox
512 Lanai Circle
Union City, CA 94587-4113
510-471-7213
Birthday: 8/1/1924
Badge No. 136
Sponsor: Transfer from Br 72
Call me: Philip

Boyd L. McCaslin
5231 Eggers Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-7141
510-793-5636
Email: mccaslin5231@aol.com
Birthday: 7/24/1925
Spouse: Darlene
Badge No. 104
Sponsor: Transfer from Br 72
Call me: Boyd

Welcome New Members

Philip Cox



Boyd McCaslin



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:
Richard Marlais
William Bell

Guest of:
Don Allen
Sal Lamagna

Visitors:
None

Membership Total

(as of April 17, 2008)

267 — Active Members
21 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Harry Meyers - to inactive
Oliver Knick - Died 4/4/1008



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For April 17, 2008)

Members	183
Guests	2
Visitors	0
Speakers	1
Total =	186
55 excused	30 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



The SIR bowling league is like no other league! We do not compete as teams while at our Mowry Lanes base, but rather we bowl to develop an average that can be used at tournaments throughout Northern California. For that reason, any member of SIR can join our league at any time during the year. So if

you have been thinking about joining us, just drop by at Mowry Lanes, located at 585 Mowry Ave (behind Comcast) any Monday and be ready to bowl at 1 P.M. The cost is only \$5.00 for three lines of bowling and the only other commitment is that when you join you are, or become a sanctioned bowler (cost \$18/year). Once you have a book average, or set your average with 21 games or more then you can join us in tournament play.

Tournament play has been tough since our Livermore sweep back in February. Sirs **Don Henry** and **Lew Heffron** were in the money at Concord and **Gary Bennett** was our lone winner at Vallejo.

In late April, Sirs **Jerry Sabo**, **Gary Bennett** and **Nat Lord** ventured to the Carson City tournament. We had lots of fun and some of us still had our shirts on when we left in spite of our struggle with the bowling.

(Nat and Gary are shown in the photo at Gold Dust West Bowl in Carson City)

While the Carson City bowlers were gone, it appears that SIR **Don Henry** rolled a nice 225, 231, and 211 for a 667 scratch series. Sirs **Nat Lord** and **Darrell Jewell** went to the Pollack Pines Tournament on May 6-8, and ten of us went to the State Tournament on May 21st. On May

12th, **Chuck Pereira** rolled a nice 195, 245, and 192 for a 632 series and on May 19th **Gary Bennett** rolled a very nice 629 with games of 191, 213 and 225.

No tournament recent results are available.

Upcoming tournament play will be: Tall Pines, Paradise June 17-19, Homestead Lanes in San Jose on July 1, Yuba City, July 14-15, and Napa Bowl July 28-29.



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 not a member of NCGA golf then let me know. We can sign you up for an NCGA card. We completed our individual qualifier event in April and the next event will be the state qualifier to be held at Boundary

Oaks on August 27 – it will be a shotgun start. So far, those from Branch 59 who qualified are as follows: Flight 1, **Skip Mugford**, Flight 3, **Bill Leake**, **Terry Dalziel** & **Fred Ilg**, Flight 5 **Wil Wyman** & **Greg Johnston**, Flight 6 **Bill Briscoe**, and Flight 7 **Richard Holley**. Good luck to those who will be moving on to Boundary Oaks. The two top finishers at Boundary will qualify for the state tournament at **Poppy Hills** November 3. There will also be open play on that day as well as the Nov 4.

We have more results – **Terry Dalziel** was the lone golfer representing Branch 59 at Las Vegas this year – Terry finished 1st place on day 2 (\$75) and 6th place overall (\$70) for a total of \$145. Congratulations Terry. The next SIR tournament for Sirs is Reno – this is being held (was held) June 2-6; June 9-13 and June 16-20. We hope to have results next month.

Team Tournament – the deadline is approaching for our Area 8 team scramble tournament on July 9 at Sunol Palm Course. A team consists of 4 golfers – an A, B, C and D. If you have a questions call me please at 793-6561. We have at this writing about 5 teams competing and we would like to have more. 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 **Bill Watts** ½ of May and all of June and to **Lloyd Keplinger** who will call in tee times for all of July and half of August. We have openings for the balance of 2008 – We need your help. And thank you **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE NEED YOUR HELP to call in tee times.** Call **Bill at 793-6561**. Thank you for reading this article.

SIR Travel Adventures for Area 8

Daryl Main

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.

December 7, 2008 Beach Blanket BABYLON

Travel to San Francisco by Motor Coach for the Holiday performance of Beach Blanket Babylon. Lunch will be served before the show at CAPP'S Restorante (choice menu). Lunch is at 11:30am. Curtain is at 2:00pm, should arrive home at around 6:30pm. Price for this trip is \$138 PP.

Escort 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

Presently there are two active night time groups meeting in homes and a third group that meets after the monthly luncheon meetin at the Pavilion.

An attempt to start a duplicate bridge activity is at a standstill due to meager response to an formational questionnaire. As a final attempt, those who want to participate are requested to meet with me after the June luncheon 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 Oakland A's
vs. the Tampa Bay Rays**

August 14 (Thursday) at 12:35 pm



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

August 21 (Thursday) at 12:45pm



CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Wednesday, June 25th.

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 was able to attend the April luncheon after missing several months due to illness requiring hospitalization. Fred hopes to attend the June luncheon as he celebrates his May birthday and he does depend upon a caretaker to drive him.

BOB BENYA says he is fully recovered from an operation for left shoulder replacement. Bob

says he no longer needs to wear a sling for his left arm and shoulder. We are glad for your full recovery, Bob.

LOUIS BUFKIN, Treasurer, was able to assume his duties at the April luncheon along with Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Louis has recovered from an operation that repaired a detached retina in his left eye. Louis is still bothered by excessive tearing from his eyes.

CHARLES DUNCAN is recovering from a bout with pneumonia' that required a week of hospitalization in late March. His doctor says Charles is on the road to full recovery.

ROWLAND McNEIL's wife, Signe Ann, reported that Rowland was hospitalized at Kaiser, in April in the I.C.U. with accelerated heart beat and pneumonia. Rowland was to return home in late April, We wish Rowland well.

HARRY MEYER asked to be placed on the inactive member list as he suffers from excessive hearing loss. We wish you well, Harry.

HARRY RODAMER says he has stopped chemotherapy treatment for asbestos infection of the lining of his lungs as the chemotherapy treatment is no longer effective. James plans to attend the June luncheon.

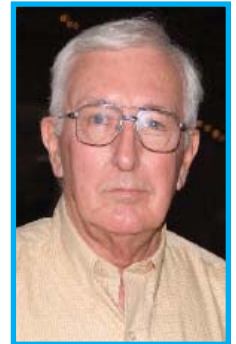
TOM SHERBA, Area governor, says his wife Lillian has less spinal pain but seems to suffer some memory loss. Lillian does not know if a defibrillator implant is a partial cause for memory loss. Tom and Lillian attended the Sweetheart Luncheon and seemed to enjoy the company. Tom says he feels he needs to give up the Area Governorship as he is needed at home. We appreciate all you have done for the SIR ORGANIZATION Tom, thanks.

VERN TALLEY says he is doing fine recovering from a heart valve replacement operation in March.

THOMAS TINKER says in March/April he had falls that broke ribs. After a bout at Veterans Hospital, he is careful which medication he takes. In early May, Thomas had eye cataract surgery. Thomas seems to be recovering ok.

JACK WEBB was unable to attend the April luncheon as his wife, Lisa, entered the hospital on April 17 for a heart stent implant. She came home soon after and is doing fine.

WILLIAM WILSON says he is regaining his strength after a defibrillator implant. William hopes to become active and attend the June luncheon.



Bob Walter

Governor Tom Sherba speaking at the Sweetheart Luncheon



Frank Campos singing at the Sweetheart Luncheon



Past Big Sir Les Addison picking up some door prize tickets from Gene Anderson and Nat Lord at the Sweetheart Luncheon



Party Time at the May Sweetheart Luncheon



Marianne and Wayne Adams



Cick Chatham and Delores Wright



Walt and Norma Oden speaking
to Margaret Kingery



Lyle Kingery, Ted and Karen Bresler



Gordon MacLeod chatting with
Frank and Betty Louise Campos



Jim and Catherine Ploor



Ben and Pat Fernandez



Bill and Pat Anderson



Paula Eads and Ann Macleod talking
to Doug Eads and Gordon MacLeod



Allen Sprague welcoming
Jack and Rosemary Gaunt



Sam and JoAnn Mitchell



Dancing Sweethearts

Fremont Aires



Hula



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