

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 15, 2009

Things to Consider by Big Sir Don Gillis



We owe our thanks to Richard Holley for his service to our organization. He is always upbeat and fun to be around. We have almost all new officers this year and we are dedicated to giving our best to SIR. We hope to add some activities that will get more members involved. You will be hearing more about this next

month.

An old problem has reared its ugly head. We have an increasingly more serious problem with seats being reserved for Sirs who do not attend. The most recent incident was at the November meeting. A Sir, who joined in 2008, told me that he had spent the entire "social" time trying to find a seat. All were reserved. I made a PA announcement for all to be seated, and raise hands if seats were available. No one responded. I found an empty seat at a table in front for him. He said that he was about to ask for a refund and leave. I observed that there were a number of unoccupied seats when the lunch began. Last summer, many seats were reserved for Sirs who were out of town for a golf tournament, and there were many members searching for a place to sit.

The solution to the problem is very simple. DO NOT RESERVE A SEAT UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE SIR WILL BE AT THE LUNCHEON. Do not assume that they will be there. You must have either received an e-mail or a telephone call before reserving a place. If this is followed, we will not have a problem.

It is an honor to serve as Big Sir, and I am looking forward to the coming year.

Don

MENU

Sirloin Tip & Fish

Our Speaker Susi Cherry by Little Sir Frank R. Thomas

Susi Cherry, a native Californian, retired interior designer, has volunteered for Guide Dogs for the Blind for over 20 years. Having raised five puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind, currently Susi is a Breeder Custodian for two Labrador Retrievers, Westie and Globie (see photo).

She volunteers as a docent, giving tours on the San Rafael campus, chairs the Procurement



Committee for Guide Dogs for the Blind's largest fundraiser, Napa Valley Gala and participates on the Speakers Bureau of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Blindness affects 3.3 million Americans, according to the National Eye Institute; the National Federation of the Blind estimates an additional 50,000 people will become blind each year. Since 1942, the San Rafael organization has matched more than 11,000 guide dogs in the United States and Canada. It also pays all student expenses as well as round-trip travel to its California and Oregon campuses.

Guide Dogs for the Blind is a national nonprofit organization based in San Rafael, Calif. Its services are provided free-of-charge to those it serves, and relies solely on private donations (GDB receives no government funding). For more information on GDB and how its power of partnering is improving quality of life, please visit <u>www.guidedogs.com</u>, or call (800) 295-4050.



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 Hugh Twomey 796-5559 or email hught22@comcast.net



Sir Allen Sprague November Meeting Minutes

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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





Big Sir Richard Holley called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Big Sir Richard reported that Sir Bob Benya will lead the opening song for today's meeting (in place of Sir Frank Campos, who is ill).

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Richard Holley, Little Sir Don Gillis, Secretary Sir Allen Sprague, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Louis Bufkin, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Directors present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bob Benya, Sir Ted Bresler, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Robert Ingebretson, and Sir Roger Wallin. The Secretary announced that 100% of the board members were present.

The Minutes for the October 16, 2008 meeting of the BEC were approved. Big Sir Richard and Secretary Sir Allen thanked Sir Jim Ferenz, Secretary Elect, for doing the minutes, in the absence of Secretary Sir Allen.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of November 5, 2008, the beginning cash balance was \$3,029.87, and the ending balance was \$4,847.73. There were 258 active and 27 inactive members. Luncheon attendance was 194 members (75%), 1 visitor and 8 guests for a total of 203. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file.)

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the expected attendance for today's luncheon is 211.

Program: Little Sir Don Gillis confirmed that today's speaker is F.B.I. Special Agent Michael Gimbel who will present "The FBI and Counterterrorism."

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 14 November birthday celebrants are expected today.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan recommended and BEC moved, seconded, and passed a motion to approve three new members: Edward "Ed" Blank, Placido E. Hernandez, and Dale V. Murray; and membership for two returning former members Sir Leo J. Hinkel, and Sir William J. Wilson. Sir Ron also reported the resignation of Sir Art Lampert.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the next session will be next Tuesday November 25th at 2pm, in the Fukaya Room A at the Fremont Main Library. Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reported that the final tournament of the year will be on December 2nd in San Rafael.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported the cruise to the Mexico Rivera is underway; there are three stops for golfers; results will be reported in the golf column in the Pathfinder. Dues are due by December 31st; 12-14 member golfers remain unpaid.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported that there were no requests for Raiders tickets, and asked if anyone is interested in the Warriors. No replies.

Social: Sir Gordon MacLeod reported that according to Sir Ed Kurtz 100 or so tickets had been sold so far - we aim for 200+. Sir Ed and Sir Allen will be selling tickets before and following today's meeting. The committee will meet on December 10th. and cover any last minute details needing attention. The Fremont Aires will again provide musical background and dancing music and Sir Bob and Sir Gordon will present a vocal concert with the Branch 59 Singers. The Fremont Tappers will again be the star attraction for our entertainment. Sir Gordon emphasized the need for more quality donations for the drawing, such as restaurant passes. Big Sir Richard stated he would today urge the members to make gift donations.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on the health status of several Sirs and their spouses, including Sir Frank D. Thomas' wife Virginia who is ill; Sir Frank Campos, now using a walker, who hopes he and wife Betty will come to the Xmas Party.

Bridge: Sir Drag Dutina reported that bridge is becoming popular again.

Walking: Sir Don Henry reported that in addition to the group of 10 to 12 walkers at 8 am on Wednesday mornings at Isherwood we now have a new group under the guidance of Sir Vince Fernelius which has staked out their launching pad at 8:30 am on Monday at the boat ramp in Central Park.

Caps & Emblems: Sir Arnold George announced that there were still 30 SIR caps available for purchase.

Big Sir Richard adjourned the meeting at 10:55 AM.

Submitted by Secretary Sir Allen Sprague

MEMBERSHIP. ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Hugh Twomey, and Sir Art Winkley



Sir Art Winkley **Birthday Chairman**

12/20/1914

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December Birthdays

Raymond Andrade Ed Myslewski Gordon Thatcher **Robert Walter** Edison Schrader William Watts Frank Birge Les Addison Tom Sullivan Milton Rose **Reed Frederiksen** Wayne Adams Edgar Guthrie **Jim Bridges** Glenn Coon, Jr Melvin Reilev Carl Nordling James Lawrence Edward Thomas Frank Cordova William Williams George Perry **David Shideler**

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January Birthdays

Raymond Carlson Melvin Nunes Ernest Burkholder Walt Oden John Kennedy **Richard Holmes** John Cordeniz David Schmidt Albert Costa Martin Spellman **Tony Martinez** Richard Chatham Grea Johnston Franklin Kinney Dominic Aiello Thomas Loretan **Douglas Eads** Paul Ruberto

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New Members

Edward Blank 520 Sarah Place Hayward, CA 94544-7750 510-489-2029 Email: edwblank@sbcglobal.net Birthday: 9/21/1943 Spouse: Pam Badge No. 117 Sponsor: Stan Peters Call me: Ed

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78 35881 Dering Place 78 Fremont, CA 94536-3414 510-792-3491 Email: lucyplacido@aol.com 76 Birthday: 10/13/1942 75 Spouse: Lucy Badge No. 160 Sponsor: Rowland McNeil Call me: Ed

Leo J. Hinkel 4216 Mattos Drive Fremont, CA 94536-5011 510-792-4927 Email: slhinkel@sbcglobal.net Birthday: 5/14/1929 Spouse: Sara Badge No. 176 Call me: Leo

Dale V. Murray

38105 Woodruff Drive Newark, CA 94560-4518 510-793-8262 Birthday: 9/9/1921 Spouse: Charm Badge No. 183 Sponsor: Harry Edwards Call me: Dale

William J. Wilson

43521 Ocaso Corte Fremont, CA 94539-5633 73 510-657-6669 71 Email: j-b3@juno.com 71 Birthday: 8/13/1919 Spouse: Jackie Badge No. 181 Sponsor: James Putler Call me: Bill

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan Membership Chairman

Guests:

Skip Cain Gil Mesa Wayne Lindqist Dave Marymee From Branch 72 Inactive - Guest

Guest of:

Change of Status:

Art Lampert Howard Beyers Died 11/14/2008 Jess Jacinto John O'Connor Died 12/25/2008

Resigned Died 12/3/2008

Membership Total (as of November 20, 2008)

262 — Active Members 25 — Inactive Members



Sir Hugh Twomey Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For November 20, 2008)

Members	210
Guests	3
Visitors	0
Speakers	1
Total =	214
29 excused	18 unexcused

Blank

Hernandez



Hinkel







Wilson



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



Our tournament season ended up at Concord and San Rafael respectively. At the Concord tournament, **Don Henry** placed 11th in singles, and Don along with **David Nazar** placed 8th in doubles. **Chuck Pereira** (Branch 6) took 15th in singles. Finally, at the San Rafael

tournament we fared a bit better. **Nat Lord** placed 8th in Singles A, Chuck Pereira placed 6th in All Events A, David Nazar placed 4th in All Events B, and the team of Don Henry and David Nazar placed 1st in Doubles B. Prize winnings from the San Rafael tournament totaled \$175.50. All in all it was a very good year for Branch 59 (and Branch 6) bowlers.

We currently have an active roster of 24 bowlers (including 4 from Branch 6). Our 2009 Tournament schedule starts up again near the end of January. During the 2008 season we had bowlers at every one of the 22 tournaments that were scheduled. Tournaments for 2009 once again will include: Sutter Creek, Napa, Livermore, Petaluma, Concord, Vallejo, Carson City, Pollock Pines, Pinole, Paradise, San Jose, Yuba City, Napa, Reno, Stockton, Dublin, Fremont, Citrus Heights, Brentwood, Modesto, Concord, and San Rafael. I suspect that the team of Nat Lord and **Darrell Jewell** attended every tournament—some of the bowlers chose not to compete, but it has been a great year.

Once again, all SIR members are welcomed to join us most any Monday at Mowry Lanes, located at 585 Mowry Ave (behind Comcast) and be ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 P.M. The cost is only \$5.00 for three lines of bowling and the only other commitment is that when you join you either already are, or will become a sanctioned bowler (cost \$20 per year). Once you have a book average, or set your average with 21 games or more then you can join us in tournament play. Unlike other leagues, we bowl year round. I think we might not bowl on Christmas Day because the alleys are closed, but we will be bowling on the Monday after Christmas. Neither holidays nor rain nor shine keeps us away from our bowling.

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Please welcome **Ed Tavares** who transferred to Branch 59 from Branch 72 and also joined our golf group.

Take a bow – Congratulations to **Lloyd Keplinger** who carded a holein-one at Dublin Ranch. It was on hole # 7, 132 yards and believe it or not

- he was in a tournament that the hole was the "closest to the pin" hole. Again, congratulations Lloyd. Help us out please – Do you know of anyone else out there who deserves to take a bow – Let me know.

At this writing we do not have the schedule for 2009, but it will be published in March or April after our area 8 meetings.

We have some winners to highlight. Cabo – Congratulations to **Forrest Lusher** who placed 3rd in closest to pin \$20 and 5th place in sweeps (\$40). Still on Cabo – congratulations to **Les Prestwood** who collected \$50 for 1st place in closest to the pin. On to the cruise – congratulations to **Forrest** again, as he won \$30 for 3rd place, day 2, and \$50 for placing 4th overall for a total of \$80. We had two participants in the state championship last November. Unfortunately, **Gary Bennett and Bill Leake did finish but not in the money.**

Post post post – <u>don't forget to post your score.</u> **Regular play for SIR Branch 59** – We play every Monday and Thursday at Sunol. Join us – to find out the tee time, please <u>call Sunol at 925-862-0414</u>. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Slow play – we have heard a few comments about slow play. Please keep up with your group – don't lag behind. One suggestion – if you are +3 over par in strokes for the hole you are playing and are not on the green yet, pick your ball up and go to the next hole. That will speed things up. Comments please!

Thank you **Wayne Meyer** for calling in for ½ of November and all of December and **John Trischetti** calling in for January and ½ of February. We have **Fred IIg** who will call in for ½ of Feb and all of March. That leaves the rest of the year – April through December – and YOU! **What months will you sign up for to call in tee times? Call me at 793-6561 and volunteer.**

Speaking of tee times – thank you thank you and again thank you to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

Jerry Sabo

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Daryl Main

APRIL 26, 2009 TOMMY TUNE SHOW IN MARIN, CA

Tommy is putting on his 50th anniversary performance at the Marin Auditorium in San Rafael. Cost: is \$159, including lunch at Chalet Basque, deluxe motor coach to San Rafael and back to Hayward.

Escorted by Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

AUGUST 22 - SEPTEMBER 1. 2009 **ALASKA CRUISE**

Ten night round trip cruise from San Francisco aboard the SEA PRINCESS, ports of call are Ketchikan, Juneau, Icy Strait Point, Victoria, BC and cruise the Tracy Arm Fjord and the Sawyer Glacier. Cost ranges from \$1820 for inside cabin to\$2925 balcony cabins PPDO.

Escort Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

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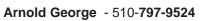
Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend. Also at 8:30 AM on Monday at the boat ramp in Central Park.



Don Henry at 510-656-5659. Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396

BRIDGE GROUPS

The Bridge activity includes 2 night time couple's groups and a daytime group following the monthly luncheons. The diners are encouraged to join the latter card sharks in order to overwhelm the noise of tables and chairs being moved by Pavilion's staff.





Branch 59 – 2009 officers attended the Region 6 training session for new officers. From left to right Little Sir Frank Thomas, Secretary Jim Ferenz, Big Sir Don Gillis and Treasurer Ben Fernandez are reviewing handout material before the meeting begins.





Jim Stedman, Region 6 Director for 2009, addresses Branch Leaders at their recent training session.

READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

When -Wednesday, January 21st. 2:00pm to 4:00pm Where -Fremont Main Library, Fremont Fukaya **B** room.

Cheers Fred

A view from the stage at our 2008 Holiday Luncheon



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner



FRANK CAMPOS and his wife, Louise, drove from Manteca, attending the SIR Holiday Luncheon. Frank, SIR Song leader, led attending Sir's and their ladies in the singing of songs. Frank is recovering from a complete left hip replacement. Glad to have you and Louise at the luncheon and you Frank, back to lead SIR singing at the Holiday Luncheon.

Dave Marymee

ARMANDO CASTIGLIONI says he is doing ok. Armando has been treated for lung cancer and one lobe of his lung has been removed. Armando says he has some trouble with his voice, due to trouble with his larynx.

JOHN CLARK is on renal dialysis three times weekly at Kaiser. John says he is doing ok and hopes to attend the next luncheon.

HANK LEWIS has had cornea transplants, but has to wait six months before further cornea treatment can be done. Hank is currently blind and depends on others for meals and for walking. We hope the best for you, Hank.

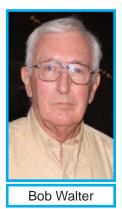
PAUL LEWIS has had cataract surgery in both eyes. His left eye operation was done recently and recovery of the left eye was like he had sand in his eye. With medication, the feeling of sand in the eye went away. Paul's present concern is to finish treatment of the left eye so that he can be fitted with glasses. Paul says he is unable to read.

ROBERT McGRATH has had heartbeat problems and improvement came with the recent implant of a more modern defibrillator. We hope for the best for Robert this year.

> In Memoríam Howard Beyers Jess Jacinto John O'Conner

NIELS NIELSEN, 94 years old, missed the November luncheon. His wife, Inga, says Niels should be able to come to the January luncheon.

HENRY SCHERER Jr. says his wife Joan is feeling better. Henry is not feeling well himself. Henry has had numerous tests and he plans to arrange an appointment with his doctor to plan further treatment.



DAVID TANNER had his right hip replaced on the day before the SIR November luncheon. David said he had his left hip replaced a year ago. Dave seems to be doing ok.

2008 Holiday Luncheon



La Vonne Addison talking with Glenn and Kathy Coon





Judy and Dave Tanner



Mal Silva and Barbara Kinney

Diane and Bill Briscoe with Past Big Sir Don Henry





Janice and Bernie Thien talking with Art Winkley

Ed and Deloris Kurtz





Installation of officers at the Holiday Luncheon meeting in December. Left to right Area Governor Tom Sherba, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Director Robert Ingebretson, Director Bill Anderson, Treasurer Ben Fernandez, Little Sir Frank R. Thomas, Secretary James Ferenz, Big Sir Don Gillis and Director Richard Holley.

2008 Holiday Luncheon



Song Leader Frank Campos



Social Chairman Gordon MacLeod



Singing Sirs from left to right Bob Benya, Tony Zeuli, James Lawrence, Ron Oliphant, Arnold George, Gordon MacLeod, Dave Priego, Jack Gaunt, Robert Ingebretson and Bob Edwards.



Governor Tom Sherba presenting outgoing Big Sir Richard Holley with an Appreciation Award.



Lee and Helen Mineau display the three door prizes they won.







Cathy Mozzetti (left) and Ardith Gotthardt chatting before the Holiday Luncheon began.



Bob Benya and his wife Dorothy are shown in the picture at left. Bob was chairman of the Singing Sirs shown above. Dorothy Benya danced with the Fremont Tappers along with Merilyn Lawrence, wife of James Lawrence. The Fremont Tappers are shown in the two photos below.







Sunshine Chairman Dave Marymee is checking on the health of Governor Tom Sherba, outgoing Big Sir Richard Holley and Lillian Sherba.



Incoming Big Sir Don Gillis with his wife Camille (left above) and La Vonne Addison (right).

Peter Angelides (left below) and his wife Genevieve wanted their picture taken with Editor and Photographer John Skarpelos (Center).



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