



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fourth Year

April 2009

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, April 16, 2009

Things to Consider by Big Sir Don Gillis



A Branch Self-Assessment Report was made for our Branch and here are some of the results:

The average age of our organization is 77. (That seems young to me.) There are 87 members over the age of 80, and there are 46 who are 69 or younger. Last year, 31 members resigned or moved away and

we inducted 28 new members. Attendance in 2008 averaged 191.

We have a very healthy branch but we must not be complacent. We must continue to bring in new members. We specially need men who are newly retired.

Some SIR Branches are in real trouble. Membership is falling and they are having difficulty finding men to take officer and director roles, and fill committee chairmanships. They have failed to recruit new members.

Please continue to bring in new members every month. We are off to a pretty good start this year.

Thanks to Ed Guthrie for playing and singing last month. Very impressive! We hope those of you with musical experience with join Ed and form a SIR musical ensemble.

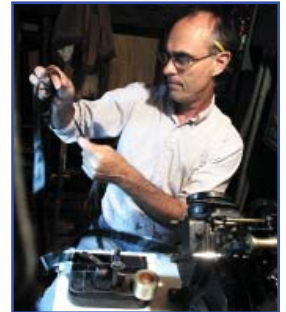
Don Henry is interested in "Writing Your Life Stories." We have some help, available from Branch 8, to get this activity started. One member said that there were some aspects of his life that he did not want to revisit. There is no need to make it a "warts and all" narrative. Write only what you are comfortable in sharing. (Embellishments of accomplishments are expected.) Please contact Don Henry if interested.

Please let us know if there are any other activities you would like to see started.

Don

Our Speaker David Kiehn by Little Sir Frank R. Thomas

David Kiehn is a founding member, historian and film programmer for the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, a non-profit organization founded in 2001 in Fremont. He is also the author of *Broncho Billy and the Essanay Film Company*, the definitive history of that pioneering film company, published in 2003 after seven years of intensive research. Before his work on the book, he was a motion picture camera technician for twenty years at several rental houses supplying movie equipment for production companies and independent filmmakers in the San Francisco Bay Area.



The Essanay Film Company studios located in Niles produced almost 1000 films during its short life from 1912 to 1916. The Niles Museum came into being in 2001 after several of the founding members had produced the annual Broncho Billy Silent Film Festival beginning in 1998 under Niles Main Street Association sponsorship. The museum found a home in 2004 when the Edison Theater became available to lease after being a photography studio for 15 years. In January 2005 the museum started its Saturday Night at the Movies series, silent films every Saturday night with live musical accompaniment. In the four years it has now been in operation over 800 silent films were shown, and audiences continue to come and enjoy this unique form of entertainment in an authentic nickelodeon theater setting.

MENU

Honey Baked Ham or Baked Fish

Au Gratin Potatoes - Rice - Vegetable



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
public benefit
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retired men



Sir Jim Ferez March Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Don Gillis called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers Present: Big Sir Don Gillis, Little Sir Frank R. Thomas, Secretary Sir James Ferez, Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officers absent: Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides. Directors present: Sir Bill Dark, Sir Richard Holley, and Sir Jerry Sabo. Directors absent: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Robert Ingebretson and Sir Roger Wallin.

The minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reported accounts balanced and under control.

Program: Little Sir Frank R. Thomas reported that the program for this meeting will be the Principal of Fremont Adult School who will talk about available programs for Senior Adults.

Committee Reports:

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we will be celebrating 21 Birthdays in the month of March. The ages of the celebrants run from 88 to 67.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that four new members are being submitted to the BEC for approval. They are: Sir Clyde Brewton sponsored by Sir Dick Chatham, Sir Evan Strong sponsored by Sir Bob Benya, Sir Bernard Teague sponsored by Sir Don Ehlers and Sir Warren Wilson sponsored by Sir Drag Dutina. A motion was made and seconded to accept the new members.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that 192 members and guests were expected for today's meeting.

Cybergeezers meet on March 25 at 2 PM.

Bowling status was reported by Sir Frank Cordova.

Bridge: Sir Arnold George reported current status of Bridge.

Golf: Sir Fred Ilg reported on the Golf status.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported on sports.

Social: Sir Bob Benya reminds us that the Sweetheart Luncheon will be an outstanding event with music, songs, dance, and good fellowship. The Luncheon will be on May 21, 2009.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on the welfare of our membership. It was reported Sir Arthur Lampert passed away. Sir members are invited to attend a memorial for Sir Arthur in the Conference Room at Washington West on April 4, 2009.

Walking/Hiking: Sir Don Henry reported on hiking.

Emblems: Sir Arnold George reported that we have 20 hats available for purchase.

Unfinished Business: Big Sir Don Gillis spoke about the Leadership Action Plan and the fact that the membership average age is 77 and we need to stress getting younger members.

New Business: Sir Dave Marymee has been elevated to a Senior Honorary Life Member.

Big Sir Don Gillis adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Submitted by
Secretary Sir James Ferez



Sir Ed Guthrie entertaining Branch 59 during the March Luncheon meeting. He hopes that other musically talented members of the Pathfinder Branch will join him in a group that would perform periodically at the Luncheons and at Ladies Day events.

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	89
Herbert Epstein	04/12/1922	87
Edward Kurtz	04/24/1926	83
Earl Evans	04/03/1928	81
Warren Wilson	04/15/1928	81
Thomas Tinker	04/13/1929	80
Dareld Youngker	04/27/1929	80
John Barr	04/22/1931	78
Ricardo Arenas	04/03/1932	77
Jack Gaunt	04/06/1932	77
Jack Lindley	04/09/1932	77
Stanley Saylor	04/12/1932	77
Robert Lee	04/25/1932	77
Kenneth Peterson	04/02/1934	75
Tom Federico	04/09/1934	75
James Hanesworth	04/30/1935	74
Les Gora	04/05/1940	69
William Anderson	04/08/1940	69
Theodore Bresler	04/30/1942	67



Welcome New Members

New Members

Clyde E. Brewton Jr.
639 Marigold Court
Fremont, CA 94539-4714
510-651-6936
Email: brewton903@comcast.net

Birthday: 10/22/1932
Spouse: Judi
Badge No. 27
Sponsor: Richard Chatham
Call me: Clyde

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39590 Benavente Place
Fremont, CA 94539-3006
510-656-8778
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Spouse: Marianne
Badge No. 37
Sponsor: Bob Benya
Call me: Evan

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4681 Bianca Drive
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510-797-3007
Email: teague-b@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 7/14/1930
Spouse: Muriel
Badge No. 52
Sponsor: Don Ehlers
Call me: Bernie

Warren C. Wilson
P. O. Box 3113
Fremont, CA 94539-0311
510-656-2046
Birthday: 4/15/1928
Spouse: Penny
Badge No. 58
Sponsor: Drag Dutina
Call me: Warren

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Jack Abraham from Inactive
Dave Colby Returning Ex Member
Albert Groat Tom Ahern
James Stanhope Don Gillis
Douglas Trussell Lee Mineau

Visitors: none

Guest of:

Change of Status:

Art Lampert Died 3/7/2009
Robert McGrath Died 3/8/2009
Bob Beam Resigned Inactive
Kenneth Grimes Resigned Inactive
Kenneth Windholz Resigned-moved

Membership Total

(as of March 19, 2008)

263 — Active Members
23 — Inactive Members



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For March 19, 2008)

Members	183
Guests	8
Visitors	0
Total =	191
55 excused	25 unexcused

Clyde Brewton



Evan Strong



Bernie Teague



Warren Wilson



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



Sir **Art Winkley** reminded me that he didn't get a re-issued check from the Modesto tournament, but I guess the check is still forthcoming.

At the Petaluma Tournament in early March Sirs **Don Henry**, **David Nazar** and **Roger Wallin** all did well in the singles event. They rolled handicap series scores of 721, 772

and 746 respectively. Don rolled a 235 and Roger a 222 while David's higher series was due to very consistent bowling. **Chuck Pereira** (Branch 6) rolled a 235. Unfortunately, the doubles scores were not quite as good – there should still be some cash prizes there.

The week following Petaluma at Concord we did a bit better! In singles, **Lew Heffron** (Branch 6) rolled a 212, 212 and 180; **Frank Cordova** rolled a 201 and **John Pesek** had a 226. In doubles, Lew came back with a 190, 191, and a 218. Don Henry rolled a 201, but once again David Nazar rolled a fantastic **812** handicap series including a 220 to cap off the branch 59 efforts. March was a busy month but we are awaiting the return of stalwart **Nat Lord** to the lineup. Rumor has it that Nat is even considering the purchase of a PC to keep his mind active. He is still recovering from surgery, but we expect him to be bowling at the next tournament. We are also looking forward to the return of **Ray Ericson** from the surgery recovery list.

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 PM. 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/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.

Upcoming tournament play in April includes: Kentwig Lanes in Vallejo on April 7, and possibly a few bowlers will venture to the Gold Dust West Tournament in Carson City on April 20-22. There is a conflict for the Carson City date because the team of **Gary Bennett**, Lew Heffron, Chuck Pereira, Jerry Sabo and Roger Wallin will be competing in Las Vegas at the National Tournament on that date.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Please remember **Bob McGrath**, one of our SIR members and also a golfer, who passed away March 8 of heart failure.

Are you a member of SIR? Like to play golf? Not playing with us? Let me know & I will get you involved.

Take a Bow – **Dominic Aiello** had quite a day on March 16. Playing with Chuck, all Dominic did was eagle #16 (3 wood & wedge), scored several birdies and finished with a 73. Yes -- he posted. Do you have a reason to take a bow – long drive, hole in one, eagle, other – 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. He also attended the division 4 meeting for us. Area 8's first tournament is May 7 – the individual qualifier. **This will be held at Alameda**. The winners go to Boundary Oaks August 12 and the two top finishers at BO will qualify for the state individual tournament at **Poppy Hills** in early November. The second tournament is **the team competition** to be held at Sunol on **FRIDAY** July 17. Each team consists of an A, B, C & D player. If you have questions call me 793-6561 for a flier or to answer questions. Las **Vegas** is complete -- the next SIR state tourney – Reno – June 1-5; 8-12 & 15-19, followed by the fall classic **South at Solvang** on Sep 13-16. There is a new event this year, **Fall Classic North** – Sep 30-Oct 4 to be held in Warm Springs Oregon (just a little north of Fremont's Warm Springs) See web site for more details. The state individual tournament will be at **Poppy Hills** Nov 3 (state finals and open play) followed by open play on Nov. 4. Finally -- we will have two trips to **Nueva Vallarto – Paradise Village**. The dates are: trip 1 Nov 10-17 & Nov 11-18. Trip 2 is Dec 1-8 and Dec 2-9. As always, please visit www.sirstategolf.com for more details.

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** who is calling in for April and ½ of May, and **Lloyd Keplinger** for calling in ½ of May and all of June. As always, thank you **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE NEED YOUR HELP** for the balance of this year's times. Call **Bill at 793-6561**. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Daryl Main

JUNE 18, 2009

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Depart Hayward, Southland Mall tour the Academy of Sciences with audio. Have a hosted lunch at Fog Harbor Restaurant located at Pier 39, after lunch we will have time to browse the Ferry Building which has the Farmer Market this time of the year. Cost is \$111 per person, which includes motorcoach, hosted lunch and driver gratuity. Escort Daryl Main 510-352-2210.

June 30, 2009

PATTI PAGE CONCERT at the GRAND SIERRA SHOWROOM

Leaving Southland Mall, with a stop at Silver Legacy Casino for 3 hours, then checking in at Grand Sierra Resort over night with a show with PATTI PAGE. On day two head for home with a stop at the Nugget Casino for 3 hours. Cost for this event is \$142 PPDO, \$25 single supplement. Escort Daryl Main (510) 352-2210.

JULY 22 – 24, 2009

HEART OF THE MOTHER LODGE

Departing Southland Mall- Hayward, travel to Sutter Creek for a hosted lunch at Caffe D'Oro, followed with a docent led tour of the historical town and residential area, followed by wine tasting at the Avio Winery. Staying at the Jackson Rancheria Resort and Casino. Day two will travel to the Lillie fields. Travel to the town of Murphy for a hosted lunch and tour and wine tasting at the Ironstone winery. Then travel to Columbia State Park to browse and have a hosted dinner and a evenings performance at the Fallon theatre of "Damn Yankees." Day three breakfast and check out of the resort. Enjoy a tour of the town of Jackson, with a stop in Lodi for a hosted lunch and beer tasting at the Lodi Brewery, then home. Cost for this trip is \$480 PPDO, single sup. is \$45. Escort Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

READERS AND BROWERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -
Wednesday, April 22nd.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -
Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

Cheers
Fred

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).

FEBRUARY 5 -20, 2010

15 DAY PANAMA CANAL CRUISE ON THE CORAL PRINCESS

Leave from the port of Los Angeles and sail the canal with many stops and depart from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for home. More info to come, start to save now.



<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

Nat Lord Sports (510) 797-1704

SIR Day at the Sacramento River Cats

vs. the **Round Rock Express**

May 19 (Tuesday) at 11:35am

for info call **Neil Mayo (916) 965-8316**

SIR Day at the SF Giants

vs. the **Pittsburgh Pirates**

July 29 (Wednesday) at 12:45pm

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



Sir Richard Holley
and Sir Bill Leake
at the Warriors last
month.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner



Dave Marymee

FRANK CAMPOS came from Manteca to lead the SIR luncheon attendees in singing the song "America" and he said the traffic from Manteca to Newark was bumper to bumper. Frank sang a solo "Danny Boy" in honor of St Patrick's Day.

RAYMOND ERICKSON had a knee operation in early February. Ray says he will have a left knee replacement in April. We hope

all goes well for you Ray so that you can get back to bowling.

ARMANDO CASTIGLIONI had the left lobe of his lung removed in May 2008. Armando says he is doing OK. He attended the March luncheon.

JACK GAUNT had open heart surgery with three bypasses in February. Jack is anxious to heal so he can attend SIR luncheons and participate with the golf group.

HENRY LEWIS has had cornea transplants with stitches remaining in his eyes. His physician has found moisture in his left eye and is exploring possible laser treatment of the eye in San Francisco. Henry is blind and has to have help in getting around. We wish Henry well.

LES PRESTWOOD has recovered from open heart surgery and pneumonia. Les attended the March luncheon and hopes to return to golfing.

In Memoriam
Arthur Lampert
Robert McGrath

PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

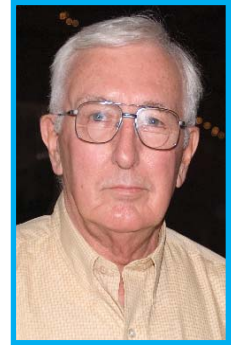
Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend. Also at 8:30 AM on Monday at the boat ramp in Central Park.

Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



THOMAS TINKER tripped and fell at the Oakland Airport and had to undergo therapy at the Windsor Center for his injury to his left hip and knee. Thomas came home from Windsor Center about the middle March. He says he limps because of his left knee and undergoes therapy twice each week. We hope you heal OK, Thomas.



Bob Walter

WILLIAM WILSON says he had an injection to treat anemia and he feels better. Bill undergoes pulmonary therapy for six weeks. He then graduates to treadmill therapy. We hope Bill gets to feeling stronger as he completes his therapy.

TONY ZEULI had a recent right knee replacement. He is presently undergoing therapy for the knee. Tony hopes to be able to attend the luncheons and re-join the golfing group.



Big Sir **Don Gillis** presented Sunshine Chairman **Dave Marymee** with a certificate proclaiming that he is now a Senior Honorary Life Member. Dave has been a member of Branch 59 since 1986 and Sunshine Chairman for over 15 years. Honorary Life Members are promoted to Senior status after 10 years.

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.

Arnold George - 510-797-9524



The Singing Sirs performed at the March Luncheon meeting singing several Irish songs. From left to right Sir **Bob Benya**, Sir **Bob Edwards**, Sir **John Pesek**, Sir **Evan Strong**, Sir **Arnold George**, Sir **Dino Mostardi**, Sir **Ron Oliphant**, Sir **Tony Zeuli**, Sir **Gordon MacLeod** and Sir **Phil Utic**.

Past Big Sir **Les Addison** wearing his Leprecaun outfit was seen at last months Luncheon before sitting down to a plate of Corned Beef and Cabbage.



Save the Date - May 21 Sweetheart Luncheon

Take your wife or a friend to lunch



Live Music

(Dancing is encouraged)
Social Hour starts at 11:00 AM
Added attractions:
The Singing Sirs — Door Prizes
and more...



Menu

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

Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the March and April Luncheons

Number in Party _____ x \$20 per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**

Indicate Meal Choice _____ and mail to: **Sir Ed Kurtz, 2688 Sunnycrest Court, Fremont, CA 94539**
& No: _____ Ticket orders must be received by May 14th

Salmon

New York Strip

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope

No refunds after May 17th

To reserve a table for 8 you must submit a list of SIR member names, their Partner names and menu selections on a **Table Request Form** accompanied by a check for full payment (\$160). Forms will be available at the March and April luncheons meetings and also via email from **Sir Ed Kurtz** (ed94539@comcast.net).

You can get the **Table Request Form** by going to the Branch Website:

<http://johnsplace.sirbranch.com/>

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Copy deadline for the next issue of the *Pathfinder* will be Thursday a week after the monthly luncheon meeting.

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1976 Peter Clark*
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1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
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