



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fourth Year

July 2009

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NEXT Regular MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, July 16, 2009

Things to Consider by Big Sir Don Gillis

We were pleased with the outcome of our postponed Sweetheart luncheon. Printed below is a report from Ed Kurtz:

"Everyone who worked so hard to make the postponement a success, (particularly those who polled our members by email and phone) should be gratified to find that the final number of tickets sold EXCEEDED THE TOTAL NUMBER AT THE TIME OF THE POSTPONEMENT. A number of members that could not attend in May could attend in June. This included wives of two members who could now join their husbands at the luncheon in June but not in May."

Prior to the planned May luncheon we sold 162 tickets, but had to refund 30 who couldn't make it to the June luncheon. However 33 additional tickets were sold to folks that were not able to attend in May. This resulted in a gain of 7 for a total count of 165 attending the June luncheon."

Most thought the new caterer did a good job. The chicken and salmon were especially tasty. The Singing Sirs put on their best performance to date. The addition of Jack Gaunt on keyboard was appreciated. Ed Guthrie and Doug Eads were outstanding. Who knew that two people could make such wonderful music? We hope other musical Sirs will join them.

Walter Schick, Sir State Publicity, recommends that each branch have one activity for each 10 members. Our branch is far short of that figure. Members, who are involved, are more likely to remain active and bring friends into the organization.

If you would like to start a new activity please notify Frank Thomas. We really need an activities chairman. We are hoping that someone will volunteer to take on this responsibility.

Thanks once again to the social committee for their hard and productive work.

Don



Our Speaker by Little Sir Frank R. Thomas

Jane Vincent, our July speaker, is Usability/Accessibility Manager for the Center for Accessible Technology in Berkeley. She is the author of "A Guide to Easier Living with Technology," published by the AT Network and available online at <http://www.atnet.org/EasierLivingGuide/>. This guide covers a wide and surprising range of technologies that can solve common everyday problems, from long-handled toenail clippers to talking computers. It includes both practical information and anecdotes from a wide variety of people who find that these technologies increase their independence, socializing, and enjoyment of life. Jane will be talking about specific products and strategies and, more importantly, ways to research solutions that meet the particular needs of you or a loved one.

Jane has over 20 years' experience in the assistive technology field, looking at ways that keyboards, monitors, mice, and software can better meet the needs of all people. This experience includes one-on-one evaluations and trainings, consultations to businesses and organizations, product management, and research. Her publications include major contributions to the fourth edition of Computer and Web Resources for People with Disabilities, as well as articles in MacUser, Communications Disorders Quarterly, JASIS, Library Hi Tech News, and many conference presentations. She holds a Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan.

The Center for Accessible Technology provides access to computers for people with disabilities. We do this so children with disabilities can succeed in school, adults with disabilities can find (and keep) jobs and everyone can use the internet, email and benefit from the digital revolution. The Center also provides business consulting services to corporations, libraries and government entities. We provide assistance on creating accessible websites and have a test bank of users with disabilities to test products and services. The Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



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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each month
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

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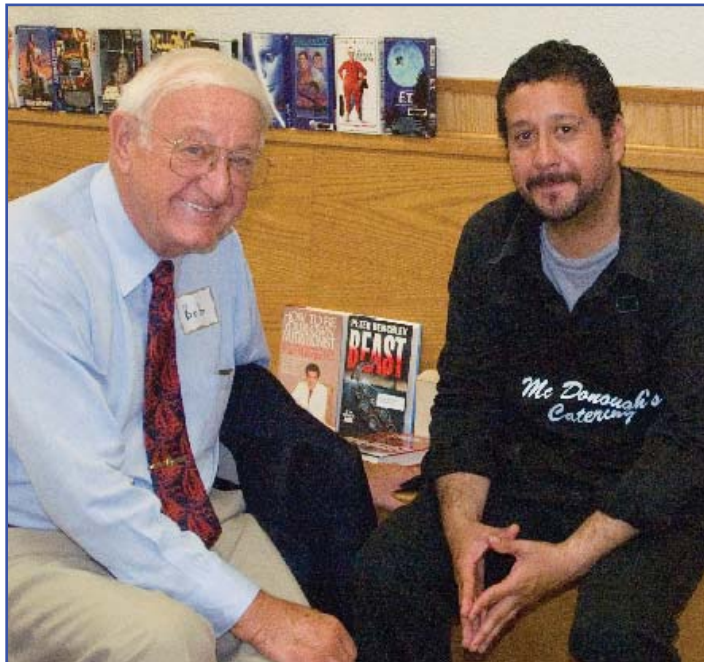
Sir Jim Ferez Meeting Minutes

No Regular Meeting in May and June. This feature will reappear in the August Issue

JULY MENU

BBQ Ribs, Chicken or Italian Sausage

Beans, Corn-on-Cob, Potato Salad



Sir Bob Benya discussing the catering situation with Juan Aguilar. Aguilar will lead the catering group handling the July Luncheon.

Election in August

The election for 2010 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon Meeting.

The nominees for Officers are:

Big Sir	Frank R. Thomas
Little Sir	-To be determined-
Secretary	Jim Ferez
Asst. Secretary	Peter Angelides
Treasurer	Ben Fernandez
Asst. Treasurer	Bobby Ben Snodgrass



The nominees for Director are:

Bill Anderson—Bill Dark—Don Gillis—Robert Ingebretson—Jerry Sabo—Roger Wallin

You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman



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May Birthdays

Edmund Bingle	05/15/1916	93
David Marymee	05/18/1920	89
Richard Marriott	05/08/1923	86
Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	85
John Rice	05/10/1925	84
Dragomir Dutina	05/26/1925	84
Dan Silva	05/06/1926	83
Richard Ahern	05/26/1926	83
Fred Anderson	05/03/1927	82
Leo Hinkel	05/14/1929	80
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	80
William Wessells	05/22/1931	78
Frank Hermoso	05/05/1932	77
Willard Wyman	05/23/1933	76
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	73
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	70
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	70
Roberto Morales	05/13/1940	69
Ron Brutvan	05/21/1941	68
Jack Roach	05/25/1944	65
Thomas Breen	05/24/1950	59
Rudy Parisotto	05/16/1952	57

June Birthdays

Niels Nielsen	06/25/1914	95
Clark Redeker	06/20/1917	92
Bob Olsen	06/11/1924	85
Clark Dedrick	06/23/1924	85
Walter Fasolis	06/09/1925	84
David Minor	06/01/1927	82
Louis Bufkin	06/21/1927	82
Fred Alfred	06/12/1929	80
Phil Utic	06/24/1929	80
William Pereira	06/27/1931	78
Marty Enriquez	06/10/1932	77
George Vlastelica	06/28/1932	77
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	76
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	76
Clarence Chacon	06/15/1934	75
Darrell Jewell	06/19/1936	73
John Clark	06/10/1937	72
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	72
John Vennemeyer	06/19/1937	72
Frank Thomas	06/15/1940	69
Gary Otterson	06/19/1940	69
Jerry Sabo	06/02/1942	67

July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	07/01/1923	86
James Stanhope	07/02/1923	86
Valentino Pianetta	07/14/1925	84
Frank D. Thomas	07/21/1925	84
Boyd McCaslin	07/24/1925	84
Jack Webb	07/19/1927	82
Fred Cutter	07/09/1929	80
Gordon MacLeod	07/12/1930	79
Bernard Teague	07/14/1930	79
Luciano Nausin	07/26/1930	79
Dino Mostardi	07/27/1930	79
Ben Fernandez	07/02/1934	75
Ronald Oliphant	07/14/1934	75
Carl Shaner	07/30/1937	72
Bobby B Snodgrass	07/11/1938	71
Rowland McNeil	07/24/1938	71
Wayne Meyer	07/13/1939	70
Gene Lim	07/04/1940	69
Anthony Gross	07/15/1942	67

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Attendance Report



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman

Reports from these Chairmen will be back in the August Issue

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Past Big Sir Les Addison, and avid hat collector, luckily received a new hat as a door prize at the Sweetheart Luncheon.

You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch Website:

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



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



Not a lot to report from tournament results lately because the only tournament that was held locally was in San Jose at Cambrian Bowl. Sirs **Gary Bennett** and **Jerry Sabo** did OK, but nothing spectacular to report. They may win something in singles, doubles, or all events? The big news is that a number of bowlers have been doing very well at our Mowry home. Some

high games, series, and averages have been recorded by:

Gary Bennett – 226, 665 and 177

Frank Cordova – 279, 654 and 189

Don Henry – 246, 671 and 179

Other notable games recorded include:

Harry Edwards – 196, **Howard Elz** – 213, **Lew Heffron** – 200, **James Lawrence** – 199, **Nat Lord** – 211, **David Nazar** – 200, **Chuck Pereira** – 234, **Jim Ploor** – 203, **Jerry Sabo** – 234, and **Roger Wallin** – 222.

Upcoming tournaments:

Napa Bowl – July 27 or 28; Reno National Stadium – August 27 thru 29 (We have two teams going to Reno, team 1 includes Gary Bennett, Nat Lord and two guests and team 2 consists of Chuck Pereira, Lew Heffron, Roger Wallin, and Jerry Sabo. Last year the same two teams went to Reno and as you may recall, Gary Bennett did an outstanding job in singles, doubles, and all events. We still have room for another team to join us. Finally in August we have the Stockton Tournament on August 25 or 26.

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 \$5.25 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. 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.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We do not have a lot to report this month. Reno is being completed as this column is being written so no results yet. We do have some upcoming events, however. On July 17 we will have

the team competition at Sunol Palm course. At this writing there are 13 teams entered.

Tee times -- Thank you **Bill Watts** for calling in Thursday tee times, and thank you **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays.

There are upcoming state events which are all on the Sir Golf site www.sirstategolf.com – As stated earlier, Reno is being completed as this column is being written. The next event is 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*) --- these events have entry forms on the web – www.sirstategolf.com.

Finally – we will have only 1 trip to **Nuevo Vallarto – Paradise Village**. The dates are: Nov 10-17 & Nov 11-18. There was a second trip scheduled for Dec 1-8 and Dec 2-9 but it was canceled.

Take a Bow– Richard Holley – take a bow. In early June Richard shot an 88 at Cypress. So you say. Well, Richard has a 26+ index, so do the math. Let's see: $88 - 26 = 62$ net. Congratulations Richard. 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 for reading this article.

Bill Leake

Nat Lord Sports (510) 797-1704



SIR Day at the SF Giants
vs. the **Pittsburgh Pirates**
July 29 (Wednesday) at 12:45pm



SIR Day at the Oakland Athletics
vs. the **Texas Rangers**
August 6 (Thursday) at 12:35pm



SIR HAPPENINGS

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

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



READERS AND BROWERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday, July 21st.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

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Fred

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Daryl Main

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.

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www.branch26.com/Travel.html

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



Jim Stanhope(left) chatting with Big Sir Don Gillis and spouse Camille Gillis (center) at the June Sweetheart Luncheon.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner

TOM DeHART (92 year old Sir) attended the Sweetheart Luncheon with his wife Martha. Tom says he is recovering from a fall using a walker and cane. We hope you fully recover, Tom.

GERALD DESMOND was suddenly attacked by a pit bulldog in the second week in June. Gerald had to have stitches to close the lacerations on his hands and body. Gerald noted June 26 the attacking dog had not been found. We hope you continue to do ok Gerald.

RAYMOND ERICKSON says he is doing ok with his left knee replacement. Ray says he continues therapy and he had a recent operation to replace a catheter. Ray is anxious to get back to bowling.

HARRY LEWIS (aka Hank) entered the hospital June 15 and may be allowed to go home the last week in June. Hank is not only blind but was found to be suffering from pneumonia and cancer of the lung. Harry will be 89 years old in Sept. We wish Hank the best.

NAT LORD has had recent contact with Mrs. Bob Lippincott (in memoriam June Pathfinder). Jean wished a copy of the June Pathfinder. Bob Walter consented to run off a June copy. This will be mailed to Jean. Bob Lippincott served many years as Area Governor of Sir. We will miss Bob, and wish to express the sympathy of the members of Branch 59 to Jean and her family.

LES PRESTWOOD says his energy level is not as he wishes. Les is recovering from a heart operation involving replacement of heart valves. Les and his wife attended the Sweetheart Luncheon.

BOB SPRINGER had knee replacements and was also able to attend the Sweetheart Luncheon with his wife Lynn.

GORDON THYM says taking medication (one special pill each day) and drinking cherry juice helps control his gout problem in the left big toe and foot.

THOMAS TINKER says he is doing ok recovering from a fall at the Oakland airport just before Christmas.

WILLIAM WILSON's wife Jackie reports they had returned from a trip to Montana to see family members. William is doing ok, but slowly recovering and trying to reach his full energy level.

TONY ZEULI says he is fully recovered from a right knee replacement and walks without pain. Tony says he has rejoined the golf group.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter

Singing Sirs at the June Sweetheart Luncheon



Celebrities at the June Sweetheart Luncheon



Pat and Bill Anderson



Nancy and Howie Thompson



Dave and Laverne Priego



Betty and Drag Dutina



Louis and Marie Smith chatting with Dorothy and Bob Benya (seated)



Bob and Gig Ingebretson



Tice and Charlie Wilkins



Joyce and Art Slauer



Doug Eads and Ed Guthrie entertained us all at the June Sweetheart Luncheon



Tom and Louise Sherba



Dave and Louise Minor



Deloris and Ed Kurtz



Bernice and Clyde Voorhees

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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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1977 Karl Heine*
1978 Harry Cooper*
1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
1984 George Herman*
1985 Ray Crosby*
1986 Loran Coburn*
1987 Robert Davis*
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*(deceased)