



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fourth Year

November 2009

Bulletin No. 10

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, November 19, 2009

Things to Consider by Big Sir Don Gillis

We had a very serious problem with seating at the October luncheon. Seats being saved for Sirs who were not going to attend the luncheon caused the problem. This amounted to at least 16 places that were not available to those attending the luncheon.



This problem has been addressed this year, and every year in the past. It is time we correct this once and for all. The solution is very simple: **Do not reserve a seat unless you have been notified that the member will be attending the luncheon.** We will be checking with those who reserve seats to make sure they are following the rules. We may have to get a list of those who reserve places so we can make sure they have followed the procedure.

The Christmas Luncheon is coming up fast. Get your tickets now. Ed Kurtz has sent out an email with instructions on how to order tickets and how to reserve a table. Tickets will be on sale at the November luncheon. Don't wait too long. We need to know as soon as possible how to plan for this event.

The luncheon will be served, as usual, and there are three entree choices available. The social committee is working hard to make sure the event is memorable.

You can bring your own bottles of wine and there will not be a corkage fee. We recommend that you bring your own opener.

Bill Leake got the ball rolling on this. He wanted changes to the bar so that our wives did not have to drink boxed wine. John Cordeniz interceded on our behalf with the Pavilion. Thanks to both for these improvements.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas Luncheon.

Don

Our Speaker Yvonne West by Little Sir Frank R. Thomas

Yvonne West grew up in Fremont and attended Mission San Jose High School, Chabot and Ohlone Community Colleges. She considers, and always will, Fremont to be her home. Her working career has included being an Insurance Agent, Customer Service Manager for a large department store and a Real Estate Appraisal firm as well as a Mortgage Loan Officer. By a lucky coincidence, she was referred to Aegis of Fremont. Aegis believed in her and she is very proud to be a part of the Aegis team!



Yvonne enjoys welcoming everyone and giving tours of the beautiful Aegis community. She explains and oversees the move in process. She provides information on possible funding sources. She also promotes Aegis through networking and advertising efforts. She directs events like fundraising luncheons or holiday parties. In addition, she manages the Respite (short-term stay) Program. She loves to help her residents and their family members in any way that she can. She invites you to visit Aegis anytime.

**Bring in a Guest
We need new Members**

MENU

Corned Beef or Breaded Sole
Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Vegetables



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
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Sir Jim Ferez October Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Don Gillis called the meeting to order at 10:15 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 Jim Ferez, and Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez. Officers absent: Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Directors present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Richard Holley. Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Roger Wallin. Directors Absent: Sir Robert Ingebretson. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the September meeting as posted.

Treasurer's Report

Sir Ben Fernandez reported the Balance Sheet ending balance at \$3461.41 and stated that the financial position was sound. Sir Ben also stated that there is still confusion with the members as to the understanding of the effects of funds allocated for future payments such as Golf fees. We need to make the financial statements more user-friendly.

Program: Little Sir Frank R. Thomas reported that the speaker for this morning will be Mr. David Turner who has experience with the Miami Dolphins, The New York Giants, and currently is with the Oakland Raiders as the Director of Professional Personnel. David will talk to the Branch about personnel work as it applies to the NFL and specifically to the Oakland Raiders. This should be an interesting and informative look at the Raiders from a new direction.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey expects 181 for lunch today.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley stated that we would celebrate 24 October birthdays ranging from 90 to 62 years.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed two new members for approval. The BEC approved for membership Sir Delmore Morsette sponsored by Sir George Perry and Sir Larry Roberts sponsored by Sir Ed Barnes. Sir Brutvan also reported that long time member Sir David R. Dunlap

passed away on October 6, 2009. The officers, Directors, and Members of SIR Branch 59 wish sincere condolences to David's wife Shirley and his family. Sir Ron also reported the following changes of status: Sir Jack Webb and Sir Ed Myslewski to Inactive Status: Sir Gerald Moore resigned. Sirs Richard Arenas, Thomas Loretan, Paul Lewis and Rudy Parisotto are dropped according to rule 100. The BEC accepted and approved Sir Brutvan's reported changes in status.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that we have two more Golf Tournaments this year. One will be in Mexico and the other at Poppy Hills. Dues for NCGA are being collected. The amount is \$37.00.

Social: Sir Bob Benya announced the December Winter Holiday Lunch. It is scheduled for Thursday December 17 starting at 11:00 AM. There will be music, the Fremont Tappers, Guthrie and Eads, as well as the Singing Sirs will perform. A Gala lunch will be served with choices of Beef, Chicken, or Fish. Ticket information will be published in the Pathfinder. Price is \$22.00 per person. Please make reservations early.

Unfinished Business:

Sir Bob Benya announced that a contract has been signed for the upcoming year with our caterer. We are still looking for an Activity Chairman to spearhead new club activities and a Recruitment Chairman who will lead recruiting activities.

New Business:

The SIR Business cards have been passed out to all members present and can be an effective recruiting tool. Let's be sure to use them.

Our Branch is honored to have with us today our Area 8 Governor and Branch 59 Member Sir Tom Sherba and Sir Don Graff who is the incoming Area 8 Governor replacing Sir Tom. We wish Sir Don the best for his upcoming year and look forward to seeing him at our Branch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM
Submitted by Secretary
Sir Jim Ferez

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

November Birthdays

William Delucchi	11/05/1923	86
James Blood	11/14/1924	85
James Thurgate	11/03/1926	83
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	83
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	82
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	79
James Conard	11/02/1932	77
William Dark	11/07/1934	75
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	75
Wesley Schilling	11/23/1934	75
Jack Long	11/06/1935	74
James Ploor	11/07/1935	74
Loren Gross	11/08/1938	71
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	71
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	64



Happy Thanksgiving



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

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

New Members

Delmore V. Morsette
43600 Southerland Way
Fremont, CA 94539-5932
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Email: delmorem@comcast.net
Birthday: 5/25/1935
Badge No. 8
Sponsor: George Perry
Call me: Del

Larry D. Roberts
4556 Angeles Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536-5429
510-796-1399
Email: lrob0683@aol.com
Birthday: 4/9/1945
Spouse: Barbara
Badge No. 31
Sponsor: Ed Barnes
Call me: Larry

Del Morsette



Larry Roberts



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Mitchell Darnell	Guest of: Ted Bresler
Jim Whitney	Bob Springer
David Turner	Guest Speaker

Visitors:

Donald Graff	Area 8 Gov Elect
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Change of Status:

James Ferenz	New email address: jamesferenz@att.net
David Dunlap	Died Oct 6 2009
Jack Webb	to Inactive
Ed Myslewski	to Inactive
Richard Arenas	Dropped Rule 100
Thomas Loretan	Dropped Rule 100
Paul Lewis	Dropped Rule 100
Rudy Parisotto	Dropped Rule 100
Gerald Moore	Resigned

Membership Total

(as of September 17, 2009)

245 — Active Members
27 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For September 17, 2009)

Members	174
Guests	4
Visitors	1
Total =	179
47 excused 33 unexcused	

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



Whew, our Cloverleaf Bowl Tournament is finally over, even though the turnout was not too good, those that attended liked what was offered. There were a few quirks in the tournament – right off the bat, for our “money draw,” **Gary Bennett** selected the prize winners. Guess who won the top two prizes???? (Honestly, the contest was not rigged: **Nat Lord** and **Jerry Sabo** – both from Branch 59). In bowling action from our tournament, **Roger Wallin** placed 2nd in all events and teamed with Jerry – 2nd in doubles. **Wayne Adams** placed 4th in all events. The “old sandbagger,” **Don Henry** placed 1st in singles, “older sandbagger” **Art Winkley** 4th in singles. Chuck Pereira (Br.6), Lew Heffron (Br.6), Art Winkley, and **Greg Johnston** all won money in doubles. It seems to me that I have been passing out a lot of prize checks to the same group from their bowling at Dublin and Stockton. Congratulations to all.

Two new members from Branch 6 decided to join our bowling group recently: **Jesse Medeiros**, and **Andy Teyssier**. (Hint: we could always use more bowlers from Branch 59, we have 7 from Branch 6 now.)

We just bowled at the Harvest Park (Brentwood) tournament. I suspect that **Nat Lord** and **James Lawrence** will be big winners. In singles, Nat rolled a 202, 211, and 161 for a 694 handicap series while James rolled a 197, 167, and 182 for a 729 handicap series. In the afternoon, Nat rolled a 200, 190, and 166 for a 680 handicap series while “James” rolled a 200, 190, and 155 for another fantastic series: this time only a 728 (only a 1 pin drop).

We finish out the tournament year as follows:
McHenry Bowl (Modesto)—Nov. 4 and 6th
Clayton Bowl (Concord)—Nov. 17 and 19th
Country Club Lanes (San Rafael)—Dec. 1 and 3

On a sad note, Frank Cordova’s Mom passed away just recently.

Remember, 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.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

This is the last column this year. Please let me know your ideas for changes (if any) for 2010 that you would like to see for Branch 59 and the game of golf.

We continue to collect dues. If you are reading this column and you have not paid your 2010 dues (\$37 – checks made out to SIR Branch 59 and mailed to PO Box 434 Fremont, CA 94537) then you better get the check in the mail or you will be dropped from the SIR Branch 59 NCGA.

At this time we do not have any results – there were not any tournaments since the last column.

Take a bow – Let’s see. Our winner this week was playing hole #15 on Cypress. He has a 30 handicap. He hits his drive (or shall I say he whiffs his drive) and it goes a whopping 80 yards. He pulls out his 8-iron and lines up his shot. Crack and smack. Crack goes the club hitting the ball and smack goes the ball dropping into the hole. That is right – a birdie! Congratulations **Tony Zeuli** for one heck of a shot – **and one heck of a birdie**. Tony, by the way, shot a 93 that day which was the best score he posted (and he did post) in over 3 years. Congratulations Tony. Tony Zeuli – **take a bow**.



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

The last two events will be completed after this column was written so there is nothing to report.

Our next lunch will be in November and please let **Les Prestwood** or me know if you will not be at the meeting in November. This goes for all of next year as well. We will still put out name tags (if you want to sit at the golfers section) but will pull those cards at 11:30.

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

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -
Tuesday, November 24.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -
Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

Cheers
Fred

SIR HAPPENINGS

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

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

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.

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



Nat Lord Sports (510) 797-1704

SIR Day at the Oakland Raiders

Still to be Announced



Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Emile Lassalle

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

CHINESE NEW YEAR IN SAN FRANCISCO

Chinese New Year in San Francisco with a fabulous show "A Change of Heart" and luncheon at "Louie's Chinese Restaurant.

Cost is \$55 per person.

Escort Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463.

MARCH 25, 2010

RED HAWK CASINO PLACERVILLE

Round trip motor coach from Hayward, six hours gaming and dining. \$10 slot play or \$20 match play \$5 food coupons and driver gratuity.

Cost is \$37 per person.

Escort Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463.

For more information Call Travel

Chairman, Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

Vets can now Salute the Flag

For years, Veterans have wanted to salute the U.S. flag during the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem instead of just placing their hand over their heart. Now they can.



A Congressional Amendment sponsored by Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 specifically states that "members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute." Veterans can salute the flag during the National Anthem as well as during "the hoisting, lowering and passing of the flag."

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," said Inhofe. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. The U.S. Code is now consistent for Veterans and all service members in regards to the symbolic gesture of the military salute."

Editor's Note: Sir John Ockes brought this to our attention.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner

MANUEL BRAGA'S (90 year old Sir) wife, Mary, says Manuel was working on a project at home and fell to the floor. Manuel is improving and hopes to attend the November SIR luncheon. Manuel was serving on the USS Missouri and witnessed the Japanese surrender ending WWII.

CLARENCE DUTRA (97 year old Sir) has the stitches and staples removed from his head. Clarence says he is recovering but has trouble with tangles in his hair. He hopes to attend the SIR luncheon in November.

DON GILLIS (Big Sir) is recovering nicely from surgery on his right hand and forearm. Don says before the surgery, lines were drawn on his hand and forearm to guide the surgeon. Don is recovering ok.

JACK HAVEMEIER (inactive Sir) was hospitalized in Palo Alto for three days in early October for a bleeding ulcer in his stomach. Jack required a transfusion of four pints of blood and two pints of plasma. Jack says he is feeling almost up to par.

BOB HEINEY missed celebrating his 87th birthday in October at the Sir luncheon. Bob has Parkinson's syndrome and is subject to falling. Bob asked to be placed on the inactive list. We wish Bob well.

DARRELL JEWELL's wife, Sue, fell and had a partial fracture of the pelvis. She is at home and is recovering nicely.

WES SCHILLING is scheduled for surgical repair of his left shoulder the latter part of October. We hope the surgery is successful, Wes.

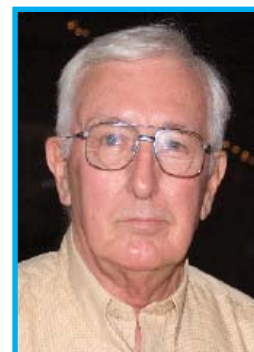
BOBBY BEN SNODGRASS (Assistant Treasurer) suffered a stroke in September and is recovering with therapy once a week. Bobby Ben hopes to be able to come to the November luncheon and assume his duties selling luncheon tickets.

CONRAD WALLA (inactive Sir) has spent several weeks under doctors care for a probable kidney stone. After an outpatient urethrascopy it was determined that the urethra and kidney are now free of stones; but, the mass that was evident in the kidney prior to the procedure was removed and turned out to be a non-malignant blood clot. No other obstructions were found and Conrad is on his way to recovery.

JACK WEBB (wheelchair bound Sir) missed the October luncheon due to a medical appointment to check on his blood condition.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter

In Memoriam

Dave Dunlap

Milton Rose

Roster to be Updated

Your Roster Chairman, Sir **John Skarpelos** and his assistant, Sir **Fred Gotthardt** are planning on updating the Roster to be published in January 2010. If you recently have acquired a new spouse, telephone number, mailing address, or Email address, please let Fred or John know about it. You can email changes that need to be made to Fred at:

fredg27@comcast.net or to John at

john@mediaart.com.

If you don't have a computer, see Fred or John at the November Luncheon meeting, or mail the information to the address shown on page 8.



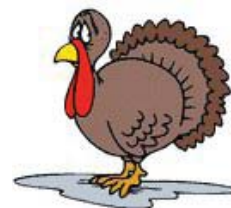
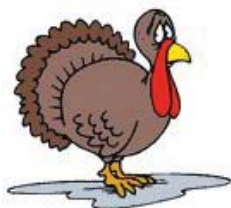
Governor Tom Sherba, above left, posing with Governor Elect Don Graff.



Treasurer Ben Fernandez, above left, is discussing ticket sales with Ed Kurtz.



Mel Nunes, above left, discusses baseball with Past Big Sir Lyle Kingery.



Save the Date - December 17th Winter Holiday Luncheon

Take your wife or a friend to lunch



Live Music
Social Hour starts at 11:00 AM
Added attractions:
Guthrie and Eads
Tap Dancing by the Fremont Tappers
The Singing Sirs — Door Prizes

Menu
Choice of Fish, Beef or Chicken
Vegetable and Dessert

Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the November Luncheon

Number in Party _____ x \$22 per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**

Indicate Meal Choice
& No:

and mail to: **Sir Ed Kurtz, 2688 Sunnycrest Court, Fremont, CA 94539**

Ticket orders must be received by December 10th

Fish _____
 Beef _____
 Chicken _____

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

No refunds after December 10th.

To reserve a table for 8 you must submit a list of SIR member names, their Partner names and menu selections accompanied by a check for full payment (\$176).
 Forms will be available at the November luncheon meeting.
 Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

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