



The Pathfinder

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 21, 2010

Message From Your Big Sir by Big Sir Frank R. Thomas

Well, here we are once again, the start of another New Year and a new Branch 59 Big Sir. To our out going Big Sir, Sir Don Gillis, we not only say "Thank You" for the time and effort you put into doing the job but also for volunteering to do so in the first place; Well Done!

As I assume the responsibility of Big Sir for 2010, the second year of a three-year-commitment, I must admit I have looked back from time to time and questioned my decision to volunteer. I can honestly admit volunteering was not only the right thing to do, but I wholeheartedly recommend doing so now.

This branch has a storied past due in very large part to the many members who have volunteered to fill the various positions that help keep a branch running smoothly.

One of my goals this year will be to help keep volunteering a priority in our branch by strongly encouraging you all to consider volunteering to fill some of our open assignments.

Another goal is going to be helping to insure that our luncheons continue to be the best they can be. We had one particularly bad experience last year but in meeting with the caterer, we feel comfortable that our concerns were heard, addressed and we consider the issue closed. We as an organization, however, have some additional issues to address during the coming year. There will be more discussion about this during our January meeting.

We expect we will have other opportunities (issues) to address during the coming year but be assured that your leadership team, Hugh and I, will do so in a timely manner. We thank you in advance for helping us to continue to make this branch the very best it can be.

Frank



Our Speaker James Klent by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Jim Klent was born and raised in Chicago, finishing his stay there with a chemistry degree from Loyola University. He attended graduate school at Catholic University in Washington, DC. His first teaching positions were at high schools in Peoria, Illinois, and Prineville, Oregon. After a one year stay at Central Oregon College in Bend, Jim was hired to be the first chemistry instructor at Ohlone College, arriving in Fremont in September, 1967. He taught chemistry for 38 years, retiring in 2005.

Starting a new college is an extraordinary experience and opportunity. Using a temporary facility formerly housing a school for wayward girls added a special edge. We worked together as a family, including the frictions common to families, to build a college that put students first and foremost. We also spent considerable time investigating and contributing designs to be used in the permanent campus. It's a good thing most of us were young and eager, because the hours were long, and we often didn't know exactly what we were doing.

During those years, besides teaching the first year science major chemistry courses, Jim was Faculty Senate president on two occasions, Science and Math Division Director for 4 years, coordinator for the Institute for Chemical Education at the UC Berkeley Chemistry Department for 4 summers, and elected to the Fremont Unified School District Board of Trustees for 4 terms, serving as President of the Board on 3 occasions.

Since retiring, Jim cooks, gardens, bikes, hikes, and works on odd jobs at home, all without a definite schedule.



MENU

Sirloin Tips and Breaded Fish

Noodles, Rice, 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
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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

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Sir Jim Ferez November Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Don Gillis called the meeting to order at 10:20 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, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides. **Officers Absent:** Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez and Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass.

Directors Present: Sir Bill Dark, Sir Robert Ingebretson, Sir Jerry Sabo, and Sir Roger Wallin. **Directors Absent:** Sir Bill Anderson, and Sir Richard Holley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October meeting as posted.

Treasurer's Report:

Sir Nat Lord reporting for Sir Ben Fernandez stated that the ending Balance as of October 31, 2009 was \$4385.72. Financial position continues to be sound.

Program:

Little Sir Frank R. Thomas stated that the speaker this morning will be Yvonne West. Miss West is a Native of Fremont and is currently the Sales Manager for Aegis of Fremont. Yvonne will fill us in on the services provided by Aegis as well as other similar facilities. Miss West can provide information on potential funding sources. She will give us a brief understanding of the move in process and life at Aegis.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey expects 182 for lunch today.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley stated that we would celebrate 14 Birthdays today ranging from 86 to 64. Two of our Board members Sir Bill Dark and Sir Bill Leake are celebrating Birthdays this month. **Membership:** Sir Ron Brutvan proposed one new member for approval. The BEC approved for membership Sir Mitchell Darnell sponsored by Sir Ted Bresler. Sir Brutvan also reported that Sir Milton Rose passed away on 10/20/09 and Sir Richard Vollbrecht passed on 11/20/09. The officers and directors and members of SIR Branch 59 extend their

condolences to the families of these fine men. Sir Robert Heiney has requested to be moved to an inactive status.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reports that we now have 60 active Golfers in the Branch. Tournaments in 2010 will be held at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Reno, Nevada, Buellton, CA, Pebble Beach, CA and Mesquite, Arizona. The SIR State Team Championship location is still to be determined. Sir Bill also stated that if your 2010 dues are not paid by 12/22/09 you will be dropped.

Social: Sir Bob Benya reminded us that the Christmas Luncheon is coming up and the entertainment will include music, tap dancing, and the famous Singing Sirs. Time is getting short so members are reminded to get their reservation in as quickly as possible.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee made special note of the fact that Ardith Gotthardt, wife of Sir Fred Gotthardt, is the artist who provides the beautiful sympathy cards used by our Branch.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded that Sir Ralph Knight be appointed the official Chaplin of Branch 59. Sir Robert Ingebretson volunteered to be the Activities Chairman and Sir George Perry has volunteered to be the Recruiting Chairman. The Branch thanks both these men for their dedication. The Director of Region 6, Sir James Stedman, will be with us today to present an Achievement award to Sir Tom Sherba, a Branch 59 member and the retiring Governor of Area 8, for 3 years of service. The State President Sir David Reiser sent his thanks to Sir Nat Lord for his service as Emblems Chairman. Discussion was held that members should be reminded to turn off cell phones at the meeting especially during the time the speaker is addressing the group. Seating is still a problem with people putting place cards out and holding seats past 11:30. This is causing a problem with the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 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

December Birthdays

| | | |
|------------------|------------|----|
| Raymond Andrade | 12/20/1914 | 95 |
| Gordon Thatcher | 12/18/1924 | 85 |
| Robert Walter | 12/31/1929 | 80 |
| Edison Schrader | 12/01/1930 | 79 |
| William Watts | 12/14/1930 | 79 |
| Frank Birge | 12/11/1931 | 78 |
| Les Addison | 12/17/1931 | 78 |
| Tom Sullivan | 12/16/1932 | 77 |
| Wayne Adams | 12/21/1933 | 76 |
| Edgar Guthrie | 12/03/1935 | 74 |
| Jim Bridges | 12/09/1936 | 73 |
| Glenn Coon, Jr | 12/28/1937 | 72 |
| Melvin Reiley | 12/10/1938 | 71 |
| Carl Nordling | 12/07/1939 | 70 |
| James Lawrence | 12/02/1940 | 69 |
| Edward Thomas | 12/12/1940 | 69 |
| Frank Cordova | 12/18/1940 | 69 |
| William Williams | 12/13/1941 | 68 |
| George Perry | 12/20/1944 | 65 |
| David Shideler | 12/16/1946 | 63 |

January Birthdays

| | | |
|-------------------|------------|----|
| Raymond Carlson | 01/19/1922 | 88 |
| Melvin Nunes | 01/13/1925 | 85 |
| Ernest Burkholder | 01/27/1926 | 84 |
| Walt Oden | 01/13/1927 | 83 |
| Richard Holmes | 01/22/1929 | 81 |
| John Cordeniz | 01/26/1930 | 80 |
| David Schmidt | 01/28/1932 | 78 |
| Albert Costa | 01/13/1933 | 77 |
| Martin Spellman | 01/17/1933 | 77 |
| Hank Ruelas | 01/18/1933 | 77 |
| Tony Martinez | 01/26/1935 | 75 |
| Richard Chatham | 01/12/1936 | 74 |
| Greg Johnston | 01/04/1938 | 72 |
| Dominic Aiello | 01/05/1942 | 68 |
| Douglas Eads | 01/01/1944 | 66 |
| Paul Ruberto | 01/30/1944 | 66 |

New Members

Mitchell J. Darnell
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Fremont, CA 94555-1426
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Email: mkdarn@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 6/6/1943
Spouse: Karen
Badge No. 15
Sponsor: Ted Bresler
Call me: Mitch

Mitch Darnell



2010 Roster

The 2010 Roster will be handed out as you leave the January luncheon. One copy per member.

"Thank You"

Cheers, John & Fred

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

John Nelson

Lon Hitchcock

Ron Holladay

Pete Flores

Richard Turnlund

Yvonne West

Guest of:

David Marymee

Sheldon Schwartz

Don Gillis

Marty Enriquez

William Dark

Guest Speaker

Visitors:

James Stedman Director, Region 6

Change of Status:

Milton Rose Died 10/20/2009

Richard Vollbrecht Died 11/20/2009

Robert Heiney to Inactive

Frank Cordova Change of Address

38087 3rd Street

Fremont, CA 94536-2979

Phone: 510-648-2311

Membership Total

(as of November 19, 2009)

243 — Active Members

28 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For November 19, 2009)

Members 177

Guests 6

Visitors 1

Total = 184

42 excused 23 unexcused

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



I should definitely do a better job keeping track of the money we have won in tournament this past year. I know for sure that when I gave **Don Henry** his money from the Modesto tournament, it was over \$200 and **James Lawrence**, his partner for that tournament received a good chunk of change. At the Concord outing, I think that yours truly was the only winner of about \$20. We finished

out at Country Club Lanes in San Rafael with Don winning another \$28 and his partner **John Pesek** \$66. John did a great job that day. All in all, we have been "very successful" at tournaments this year.

We are finally at a one month slack period for tournaments. Everyone has a bit of a chance to relax during the holidays, but on January 5th, **Nat Lord**, **Frank Cordova** and **Jerry Sabo** will attend the State Bowling meeting in Vallejo to firm up the schedule for 2010 and conduct other business for the New Year.

The only scheduled tournament for January is on Tuesday, January 19th in Stockton. Tentative dates that follow are Napa Bowl in Sonoma (Napa actually), February 1st and 3rd, and Granada Bowl in Livermore for February 17th.

We would like to formally welcome our most recent additions to the Monday bowling group: **Jesse Medeiros** (Br. 6), **Les Prestwood** (Br. 59/another golfer), and **Andy Teyssier** (Br. 6).

We are anxiously awaiting the return of bowler Ray Erickson so our league size will be at twenty-six bowlers – since we don't have a team structure we can always use more bowlers. We actually have six bowlers from the Branch 6 group that have joined us. In fact, once again, a group of us from the two branches will be attending the National Bowling Tournament to be held in Reno this year. One of our bowlers, Lew Heffron (Br. 6 Big Sir) has organized the team. You may recall the discussion about our trip to Las Vegas last year. Hoping to improve our standing!!

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 have established an 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

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We begin by welcoming you to 2010. It is here whether you like it or not.

Where do we start? How about Take a Bow. **Congratulations to Les Prestwood!** What did Les do you ask? Les was there at every meeting at 10:00 to set up the golfer's tables. Even with flack Les was still there. We will now

have "golfers" table instead of individual places – and Les will be there in 2010. Les also had major medical issues, but he was still there. **So, thank you Les** for hanging in there and please, **Les Prestwood, take a bow.**

Please note: we will reserve 6 tables for golfers. The tags will be pulled at 11:30. If you want to sit with your golfing friends, be there before 11:30 and claim your spot by putting your name tag down. Thank you.

Note: beginning this year indexes will be calculated twice a month. FYI.

Schedule for 2010: **Sunday May 16-Friday May 21 – Coeur D'Alene Idaho.** Five nights, 3 days of golf, you should have received a brochure in the mail and it is on the web sirstategolf.com.

Reno— week 1— Sunday June 13 to Friday June 18, Golf Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Reno – week 2 – Sunday June 27 to Friday July 2. Golf Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Sir State Team Championship August 9... **Solvang Fall Classic –** Sunday September 12 to Thursday September 16. Entry form is on the web... **Sir Individual Championship –** Wed October 27 open play; Thursday October 28 tournament and open play... **Sunday November 7 – Thursday November 11**, Mesquite (entry form on the web)

In addition there will also be two local tournaments. The Area 8 state pre-qualifier will be held in April sometime (either at Sunol or Alameda) and the Area 8 team tournament will be in late June or early July and will be at either Sunol or Lake Chabot. **What do you think of Lake Chabot** for the team tournament?

Inventory – we began 2009 with 64 golfers and ended with 59 golfers. Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf.

Tee times – Thank you **Bill Watts** for calling in Thursday tee times. This is for the WHOLE year. And thank you **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays.

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*

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday, January 26

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

READERS AND BROWERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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

Nat Lord Sports

(510) 797-1704

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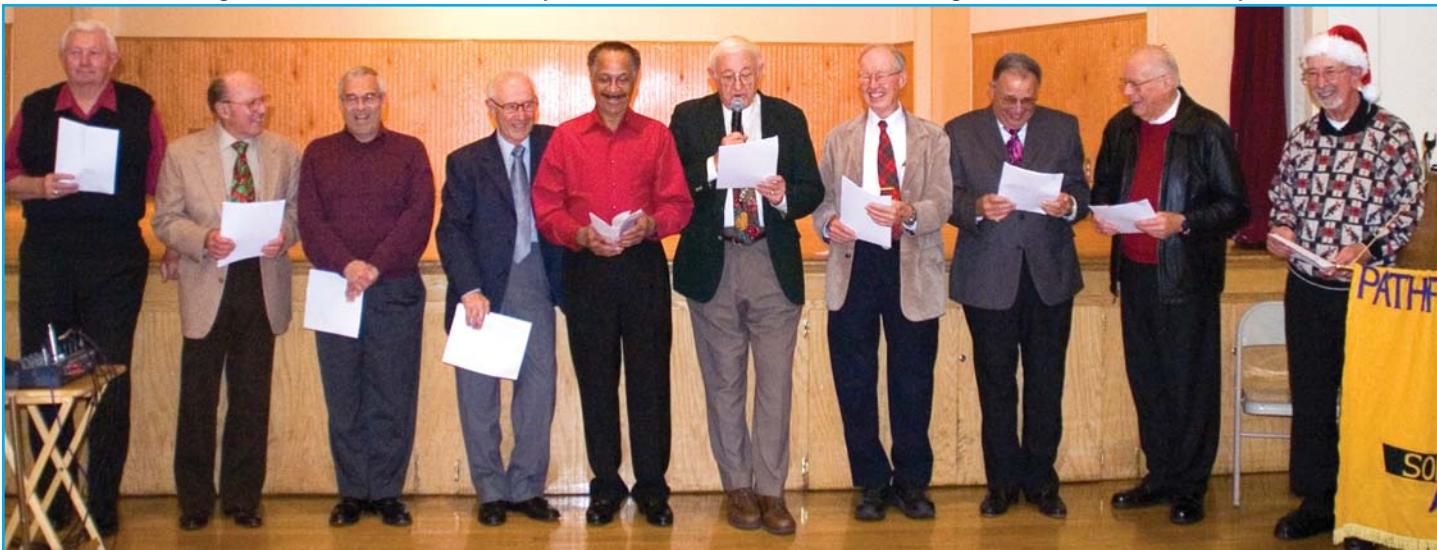
Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



The Singing Sirs entertaining the crowd at the Holiday Luncheon. From left to right Rob Ingebretson, Ron Oliphant, Ted Bresler, Dave Priego, Jim Lawrence, Bob Benya, Gordon MacLeod, Arnold George, Jack Gaunt and Tony Zeuli.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner

MANUEL BRAGA's (90 year old Sir) wife Mary, says he has recovered from an earlier fall. He hopes to come to the January luncheon.

CLARENCE DUTRA (98 year old Sir) says he has recovered from an earlier fall. Clarence says he has been out and about for a month or so. Hope to see you at the January luncheon, Clarence.

BOB HEINEY (inactive Sir) suffers from Parkinson's. He says he is doing as well as can be expected.

CLARK REDEKER (92 year old Sir) was confined in Washington Hospital for treatment of infection in his left ankle and leg in early December. Clark required rehab treatment after the hospitalization. He returned home feeling much better. Clark hopes to attend the January luncheon.

WES SCHILLING had a left shoulder operation in October. After three months physical therapy, he is slowly gaining strength in his left shoulder.

CARL SHANER recently had surgery on his inner ear which was successful. Karl has also been having numbness in his legs. He will be starting physical therapy to relieve it.

TOM SHERBA's wife Lillian has had hospital treatment for a heart condition. After implantation of a pace maker, she is slowly recovering, building up her strength. Past Area Governor Tom will now be able to spend more time at home caring for Lillian.

BOBBY BEN SNODGRASS' (Assistant Treasurer) wife Kim, says he is recovering satisfactorily from a stroke he had in September. We hope Bobby Ben can resume his duties selling luncheon tickets at the January luncheon.



Dave Marymee

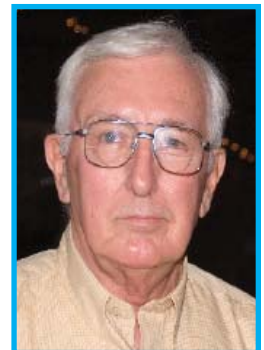
In Memoriam

Les Gora

Richard Vollbrecht

CONRAD WALLA (inactive Sir) has recovered from a kidney operation. Con and wife Ann, spent Christmas at Yosemite Park. Con joins a group that serves and entertains guests at the hotel in Yosemite during Christmas period.

JACK WEBB (inactive Sir) hopes to come to Sir luncheons, depending on arrangements to obtain wheelchair transportation.



Bob Walter

Area Governor Tom Sherba installing 2010 officers and directors. From left to right, Sherba, Director and Past Big Sir Don Gillis, Director Rob Ingebretson, Treasurer Ben Fernandez, Big Sir Frank R. Thomas, Little Sir Hugh Twomey, Secretary Jim Ferenz, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, and Director Bill Anderson.





Dorothy Benya (wife of Bob Benya) on the left and Marilyn Lawrence (wife of James Lawrence) fourth from left, danced with the Fremont Tappers.



Impresario Bob Benya (Social Chairman) with the musical group Doug Eads and Ed Guthrie who provided entertainment between Fremont Tappers.



Governor Tom Sherba addressing the crowd at the Holiday Luncheon.



Ardith Gotthardt laughing with Big Sir Elect Frank R. Thomas.



Margaret and Past Big Sir Lyle Kingery at the Holiday Luncheon.



Dave Priego and his bride Laverne celebrated their 59th anniversary at the Holiday Luncheon.



Dave Tanner on the left explaining his golf techniques to Norma and Walt Oden at the Holiday Luncheon.



Catherine Ploor, Georgette Leake and Annemarie Holley showing off their red Christmas outfits.



Song Leader Frank Campos singing a song.



Jim and Fran Proffitt at the Holiday Luncheon.

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