



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fifth Year

February 2010

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, February 18, 2010

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

Greetings to you all.

Here we are two months into the New Year and I still feel like I am still in 2009. I feel all indications would point to a successful meeting last month; good friendship, a good speaker and good food seemed to be enjoyed by all. As I wandered around during lunchtime, the feedback I received was very supportive and for that I thank you all very much.



There are two items that I would like to bring before you. One is the need to put in place a nominating chairman and committee to make recommendations on next year's officers. If you find yourself interested in learning more about what it entails, please feel free to contact me or any other of your elected officers for information. The other has to do with members who find they are having trouble getting transportation to the meeting. If you are one of those members and find yourself in this situation please let one of your elected officers know and while we can't make any guarantees we will see what can be done to be of assistance.

As we move forward during 2010, we your elected officers would be very appreciative for your continued assistance in helping us to make this "a very good year, indeed!"

Frank

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

MENU

Swiss Steak and Chicken Teriyaki
Mashed Potatoes, Rotelli Pasta, Vegetables

Our Speaker Tom Blalock by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Thomas Blalock was first elected to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Board in 1994. Since then, voters re-elected him in 1998, 2002 and 2006 to represent Fremont, Newark, Union City and portions of Hayward. He has served as Vice President and President of the Board.



Blalock is dedicated to expand BART south. He serves on the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Project Policy Advisory Board, whose efforts include the new Warm Springs Station and the future BART extension to Santa Clara County.

Director Blalock brings to the BART Board an extensive background in planning, engineering and administration. His professional career spans 43 years working for three cities (Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Fremont). From 1984 to 1994 he served on various policy committees for the League of California Cities and served as President (1991) for the League's Public Works Officers Department. He retired in August 1995.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from San Jose State University and is a licensed Civil Engineer.

Blalock's community involvement includes being a parent faculty club board member at the Chadbourne School and Mission San Jose High School. He is a member of the Fremont Kiwanis Club and the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. In 1996 he chaired the City of Fremont's Downtown Planning Advisory Committee.

Director Blalock resides in Fremont with his wife, Gail. They have five children, three grandsons and five granddaughters. His hobbies include wine making, fishing, boating and travel.

He will inform us on the status of BART and its future plans to expand.



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
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



Branch 59

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Big Sir

Frank R. Thomas
(925) 960-0429

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Hugh Twomey
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Bill Dark
Don Gillis
Robert Ingebretson
Jerry Sabo
Roger Wallin

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 January Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Frank R. Thomas 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 Frank R. Thomas, Little Sir Hugh Twomey, Secretary Sir Jim Ferez, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, and Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez. Officers Absent: Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass.

Directors Present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Don Gillis, Sir Robert Ingebretson and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors Absent: Sir Jerry Sabo.

Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes as published in the Pathfinder were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reported the Christmas lunch a financial success. The expense control as well as the price increase had a favorable effect resulting in a net profit of \$642.15. Sir Ben further reported that our cash position remains positive. A discussion was held on how much we should keep in the Treasury. Sir Ben stated that he would research the question with the State Treasurer and report at the next meeting.

Secretary: Sir Jim Ferez reported that a letter came from Sir Dwight Sale warning that some branches were sent an official looking document from "Business Filing Division" to renew your Corporate Status. This is a SCAM and should not be acted on.

Program: Little Sir Hugh Twomey stated that the speaker this morning will be Mr. James Klent.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie states projected attendance is 188.

Membership: Sir Fred Gotthardt standing in for Sir Ron Brutvan reported on the three new members applying for membership. A motion was made and seconded to accept the following new members: Sir Pete Flores sponsored by Sir Marty Enriquez, Sir Lon Hitchcock sponsored by Sir Sheldon Schwartz, Sir Ron Holladay sponsored by Sir Don Gillis, Sir Richard Turnlund sponsored by Sir William Dark. A motion was made and seconded to accept the following into an Inactive Status: No.162 - Sir Ed Bingle and No.27 - Sir Clyde Brewton.

Sunshine: Dave Marymee reported that regret to inform you that two of our members have passed away. Sir Les Gora passed on 12/6/2009 and Sir Harry Edwards passed on 1/11/2010. We offer our sincere condolences to their families.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley stated that we would celebrate 16 December Birthdays ranging from 95 to 85 and 13 January Birthdays ranging from 88 to 66. We wish Happy Birthday to these men.

All other Committee reports are in the Pathfinder.

New Business: Big Sir Frank R. Thomas states "Help me help you" He wants open communication so that we can "Make it Work." Providing rides for our members who do not have transportation was discussed and the Big Sir stated that he will look into the issue and come up with a plan.

Unfinished Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by
Secretary Sir Jim Ferez

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie, and Sir Art Winkley



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

February Birthdays

Clyde Voorhees	02/15/1916	94
Forrest Lusher	02/13/1917	93
Thomas Ahern	02/16/1920	90
Robert McCall	02/25/1922	88
Harlan Werner	02/28/1922	88
Frank Borghi	02/22/1924	86
Frank Campos	02/15/1925	85
Francis Rose	02/28/1925	85
James Dunsford	02/12/1926	84
Charles Duncan	02/03/1928	82
Donald Thatcher	02/04/1929	81
Charles Linzey	02/24/1929	81
Noboru Ono	02/05/1930	80
Donald Gillis	02/06/1930	80
Bernard Thien	02/03/1931	79
David Colby	02/12/1931	79
Edward Shannon	02/01/1932	78
Walt Caeton	02/24/1932	78
Les Prestwood	02/17/1933	77
James Ferenz	02/24/1934	76
Sal Lamagna	02/10/1935	75
Robert Edwards	02/19/1935	75
Robert Fuchslin	02/17/1938	72
William Bell	02/10/1941	69

*Welcome
New
Members*

New Members

Pete C. Flores

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Fremont, CA 94538-5910
510-656-5762
Email: flogord@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 1/27/1932
Spouse: Viola
Badge No. 42
Sponsor: Marty Enriquez
Call me: Pete

Lon P. Hitchcock

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San Jose, CA 95132-2006
408-923-6285
Email: larhitch3410@hotmail.com
Birthday: 12/5/1942
Spouse: Arlene
Badge No. 60
Sponsor: Sheldon Schwartz
Call me: Lon

Ronald D. Holladay

40195 Santa Teresa Common
Fremont, CA 94539-3628
510-656-9017
Email: rdholladay@yahoo.com
Birthday: 3/22/1937
Spouse: Marylyn Li
Badge No. 70
Sponsor: Don Gillis
Call me: Ron

Richard W. Turnlund

2860 Country Drive Apt 318
Fremont, CA 94536-5384
510-505-9471
Email: turnlund@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 3/17/1933
Badge No. 76
Sponsor: William Dark
Call me: Dick

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Edward Beilin

Guest of:
Edward Thomas

Bill Holtkamp

Ed Guthrie

James Klent

Guest Speaker

Visitors:

None

Change of Status:

Les Gora

Died 12/6/2009

Harry Edwards

Died 1/11/2010

Ed Bingle

to Inactive

Clyde Brewton

to Inactive

Membership Total

(as of January 21, 2009)

243 — Active Members

30 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For January 21, 2009)

Members	171
Guests	3
Visitors	0

Total = 174

36 excused 36 unexcused

Pete Flores



Lon Hitchcock



Ron Holladay



Dick Turnlund



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



At our first tournament of the year, January 19th in Stockton, **Jerry Sabo** and **Don Henry** did well. Unfortunately they were not teamed up as doubles partners, but still should place in both singles and all events. Next on the agenda is Napa Bowl in Sonoma (Napa actually), February 1st and 3rd, and Granada Bowl in Livermore for

February 17th. Our March tournaments include Petaluma on March 8 or 10 and Concord on March 15, or 17. We will probably go to the Monday dates, but who knows.

When we go to a tournament it is usually a day long affair. **Nat Lord** prefers breakfast at the Denny's on Mowry, but we often stop at the Waffle House in Livermore, or another breakfast house on the way to our journey. The day is a social event usually beginning with free coffee and donuts followed by the pledge to the flag and a drawing for a house prize, wine, or even \$\$\$\$. We most always begin at 10 A.M. by bowling *singles*. Most houses furnish a great lunch special and Modesto even includes a free lunch with bowling. The group from Fremont along with some Branch 6 bowlers usually brings the largest contingency of bowlers, and overall I think we win accordingly. Once lunch is over we bowl *doubles*. This simply means that both you and your partner's scores are combined for a doubles series. Finally, the series from singles and from doubles are totaled to give an *all events* score. Some of the tournaments such as the one at the National Bowling Center in Reno have team events too. That just means that a team of four bowlers get a combined series.

Everyone has a good chance at a tournament because we bowl with 100% handicap. For example, if the top bowler at the tournament average 220 per game and my average is 150, then for each game that I bowl there is 70 pins added to each game. If I happen to bowl a game of 200 then my handicap game is 270 and if my other two games are good I should win some money. Similarly, if a bowler has an average of 100, and bowls a 150 game then his handicap would be a 270 also.

We were saddened by the loss of SIR bowler and friend, **Harry Edwards**. Harry happened to be one of my administrators back at the old Newark High (now Newark Memorial High). On a more positive note we welcome back Sir **Ray Erickson**. Ray hasn't bowled with us for a year, but I suspect that he will be in good form and ready for a tournament in Carson City this April – hope so.

Jerry

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. We have a new member. Please welcome Pete Flores – Pete has been playing for quite some time, is sponsored by Marty Enriques, and has now decided to join our Branch 59. Please welcome Pete Flores.

Take a bow – nothing to report this month. Nobody played as it rained so much.

Do you need a ride – are you a SIR member but not able to get a ride to the meetings? If so, please let me know. I will then let the people know and investigate if someone who lives close to you can pick you. Nothing guaranteed.

How did the table reservation system work? Let us know. We reserve 6 tables reserved for golfers. You arrive before 11:30, find the table, put your badge down and your place is reserved. We will lift the cards at 11:30 so if you arrive after 11:30 then you may not find a spot.

Once again, here is the schedule for 2010: Sunday May 16-Friday May 21 – Coeur D'Alene Idaho. 5 nights, 3 days of golf....Reno– week 1– Sunday June 13 to Friday June 18, Golf Monday, Tuesday & Thursday... Reno – week 2 – Sunday June 27 to Friday July 2. Golf Monday, Tuesday & Thursday...Sir State Team Championship August 9...Solvang Fall Classic – Sunday Sep 12 to Thursday Sep 16. Entry form is on the web...Sir Individual Championship – Wed October 27 open play; Thursday Oct 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? As of yet I have no comments. No comments = we go to Sunol.

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 Leake

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday, February 23

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 BROWSERS

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 on the 26th of May with the River Cats playing Nashville.

SIR Day on July 29th for a game between the SF Giants and the Florida Marlins starting at 12:30 p.m.

More information to come.

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



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.

JUNE 21-26, 2010

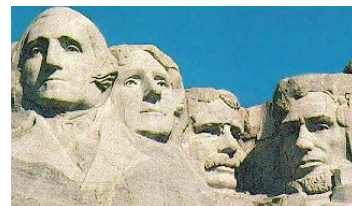
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Mount Rushmore National Monument, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Mountain and Memorial, an 1880 Rail Excursion, a Buffalo Safari on a Jeep Tour and so much more.

Cost: (Per Person) \$1495.00, (Single Supplement \$250.00)

Escorts: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463 and Joe Guerrero 510-483-3627.



SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 9, 2010

A MEXICAN GETAWAY ABOARD THE SEA PRINCESS

Sail from San Francisco to Catalina Island then on to Mexico. Spend 8 hours in Puerto Vallarta, then on to Mazatlan, then to Cabo San Lucas. On the return trip enjoy a day in San Diego before returning to San Francisco. This is the only Cruise departing from San Francisco in 2010 so get on board sign up early, space is limited.

Cost: Prices range between \$1145.00 for the inside room to \$1980.00 with a balcony. (Per Person)

Escorts: Joe Guerrero 510-483-3627 and Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463.

**For more information Call Travel
Chairman, Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner

MANUEL BRAGA missed the January meeting and luncheon. He feels he needs more recovery time from an earlier fall. Hope to see you at the February luncheon, Manuel.

ERNEST BURKHOLDER's wife, Teddy, reports Ernest will have surgery at the end of January at Kaiser Hospital. We hope all goes well for Ernest.

DON GILLIS (Past Big Sir) is recovering from surgery on his right hand and forearm. Shaking hands is not nearly as painful for which Don is thankful.

JACK HAVEMEIER (inactive SIR) had to return to the hospital in early January because of reoccurrence of a stomach ulcer. Jack takes blood thinner medication. Jack feels the medication aggravates and renews the ulcer.

RICHARD HOLMES has had a siege of bad luck, starting January 1. On exiting IHOP in Newark, Richard (forgot his cane) stumbled full force into a brick wall and injured his rib cage, fracturing a rib. He has been hospitalized and in assisted care at Fremont Health Care Center for the month off January. Richard's health is improving and he is using a walker to get around but he has an aortal aneurysm in the abdominal area that needs surgical attention. We hope that Richard recovers satisfactorily.

CLARK REDEKER (92 year old Sir) missed the January luncheon. Clark has a problem with an arthritic left knee. Clark hopes to attend the February luncheon.

CARL SHANER is not finished with the left inner ear operation. Carl will undergo more surgery later to replace one of the small bones in the middle ear which will enable him to hear in his left ear. We hope this solves your hearing problem Carl.

BOBBY BEN SNODGRASS (Assistant Treasure) says in recovering from a stroke. He still cannot walk properly. He uses a wheelchair and undergoes therapy. We miss you at the SIR luncheons, Bobby Ben.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter

In Memoriam

Harry Edwards

MARTIN SPELLMAN will miss the January and February luncheons. Martin has a cast on his leg due to an operation in early January. We hope you are ready by next fall Marty. The Raiders may need you.

TOM SULLIVAN's wife Joann passed away January 17. We wish to express our and SIR sympathy to the Sullivan family.

GORDON THATCHER's wife, Patricia, passed away January 8. We wish to offer our and SIR sympathy to the Thatcher family.

SWEETHEART LUNCHEON – MAY 20, 2010

Menu choices are New York Steak, Chicken Florentine and Salmon.
Tickets are \$22 and will be available at the March Luncheon Meeting.

Be sure to put this on your calendar.

JANUARY 2010 THE START OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION



Director Bill Anderson on the left makes a point at the Branch Executive Meeting with Director Rob Ingebretson listening intently on the right.



Attendance Chairman Ed Guthrie reports to the Branch Executive Committee.



Assistant Membership Chairman Fred Gotthardt reports to the BEC.



Big Sir Frank R. Thomas scratching his head wondering what he got himself into when he volunteered to take on this job.

In the photo on the left, Guest Bill Holtkamp (on the right) joins Doug Eads to make the musical group a trio. Holtkamp is also shown in the photo on the right with Ed Guthrie.



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Ed Thomas - Assistant

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1976 Peter Clark*
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1978 Harry Cooper*
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1980 Larry Varblow*
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2005 Howard Thompson
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2008 Richard Holley
2009 Don Gillis

*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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