

The Path finder Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fifth Year March 2010 Bulletin No. 3

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

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

Greetings to you all,

Little Sir Hugh Twomey, Sir Jim Ferenz, Sir Ben Fernandez and I will be meeting with Regional Director Jim Stedman. He wants to personally present to us the State SIR President's perspectives for 2010 on membership recruitment, branch leadership and long-term



branch viability; as well as his own perspectives as regional director on long-term branch success. I will let you know what we learn in next month's Pathfinder.

A good time seem to be had by all at last month's meeting; the food was well received as was our speaker. All indications point to a lineup of fine speakers in the future. Well done, Little Sir Hugh Twomey.

I would like to thank Sir Jim Ferenz and Sir Don Gillis for volunteering to form a nomination committee. I am sure they would appreciate any and all input from the membership. This is your chance to help insure that we get members in place that you feel can help your next Big Sir lead Branch through a successful 2011.

Please continue to support your elected officers and please continue to make bringing new members into the branch a priority. While I said it before and will be saying it through the year, I am committed to helping make this "a very good year, indeed!"

Frank

Bring in a Guest We need new Members

Our Speaker Brian Ancona by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Detective Brian Ancona (Badge #2058) was hired in 1984 by the Fremont Police Department as a Police Tech Trainee and was assigned to the Jail. He worked 2½ years in the jail before becoming a police officer. His assignments have been Patrol, School Resource Officer, and Detective as of 2002.



He was then assigned to the General Assignment Unit as a Burglary Detective investigating commercial, residential, and auto burglaries. One year into this assignment he was asked to take a position with a Federal task force referred to as R.E.A.C.T or Rapid Enforcement Allied Computer Team. His primary assignment with R.E.A.C.T was to investigate Identity Theft. This assignment lasted one year before being called back to Fremont Police Department to take a position as a Financial Crimes Investigator.

In July 2005 Brian became the Semi Permanent Fraud Investigator for the Fremont Police Department. Through training and experience he has been recognized as an Identity Theft Investigation Specialist.

The purpose of his presentation to Sons In Retirement Branch 59 is to inform the members of a variety of Fraud. Fraud such as Lottery and Sweepstakes scams, Internet scams, home repair scams and several others scams of interest to the retired community.

MENU

Corned Beef and Garlic Chicken

Cabbage, Rice, Potato/Carrots



If you are <u>not</u> coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor <u>Don't forget to Call</u> on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



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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

A Nonprofit public benefit corporation for retired men



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

Directors Present: Sir Bill Dark, Sir Don Gillis, Sir Robert Ingebretson, Sir Jerry Sabo, and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors absent: Sir Bill Anderson. Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes as published in the Pathfinder were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben
Fernandez reported a Year to Date
Treasury balance of \$4000.00. Sir
Ben further reported the recent audit
was passed successfully. The Audit
committee reported the data was well
organized and found no problems.
The only comment was that we
needed to develop an inventory of
equipment that is the property of
Branch 59.

Program: Little Sir Hugh Twomey stated that the speaker this morning will be Mr. Tom Blalock, a member of the BART Board of Directors. Sir Hugh also raised the issue of the branch's interest in possibly paying for guest speakers. The item was tabled until the March meeting.

Committee reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie states projected attendance is 191.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed one new member for approval. The BEC approved for membership Sir Edward Beilin (105) Sponsored by Sir Edward Thomas. Sir Ron further reported: Sir Clarence Dutra (20) to Inactive status, Sir

Wayne Halbert (320) removed from Inactive Status, Sir Stanley James (326) removed from Inactive Status, Sir Wayne Lindquist (306) removed from



Inactive Status, Sir Harry Meyer (302) removed from Inactive Status. Sir Brutvan also brought up a discussion on Inactive status and the question as to the Branch Policy on that subject. The item was tabled and will be brought up for discussion at the March meeting.

<u>Birthdays:</u> Sir Art Winkley stated 20 people would celebrate Birthdays at the February meeting. The ages run from 90 to 69.

All other committee reports can be found in the current issue of the Pathfinder.

New Business:

Big Sir Frank R. Thomas appointed a nominating committee for next year's Officers and Directors. Members are: Secretary Jim Ferenz and Director Sir Don Gillis.

Unfinished Business:

The need for a budget for the Sweetheart and the Christmas Luncheons.

Payment of selected speakers.

Determine the amount of time an Inactive Member may remain in an Inactive status.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM

Submitted by Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



Sir **Art Winkley** Birthday Chairman

March Birthdays

Bruno Orsetti	03/05/1921	89
Paul Lanferman	03/03/1922	88
John Austin	03/21/1922	88
Manuel Silva	03/16/1923	87
Norman Silveira	03/19/1923	87
Sylvan Farrell	03/07/1925	85
Alvin Dockter	03/17/1925	85
Lyle Kingery	03/17/1926	84
Peter Sodini	03/06/1927	83
Robert Leinkram	03/04/1929	81
Arnold Mozzetti	03/25/1929	81
James Putler	03/28/1930	80
Robert Benya	03/19/1931	79
Sam Mitchell	03/04/1932	78
Richard Turnlund	03/17/1933	77
Thomas Russo	03/20/1934	76
Allen Sprague	03/13/1935	75
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	03/26/1935	75
Howard Thompson	03/22/1936	74
S. Edward Barnes	03/26/1936	74
Ronald Holladay	03/22/1937	73
Richard Lightholder	03/29/1938	72
Gary Bennett	03/21/1939	71
David Tanner	03/12/1940	70
William Kemp	03/09/1942	68

New Members

Edward B. Beilin 40614 Ambar Place Fremont, CA 94539-3632 510-656-6660 Email:

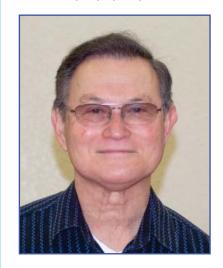
edsdanceclass@aol.com

Birthday: 5/10/1933 Spouse: Karen Badge No. 105

Sponsor: Ed Thomas

Call me: Ed

Edward Beilin





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http://johnsplace.sirbranch.com/

Membership Report



Sir **Ron Brutvan** Membership Chairman

Guests:	Guest of:
Gail Shipp	Bill Briscoe
Tom Cassady	Bob Boike
Ben Lenci	John Pesek
Myron Ness	Bill Stannard
Tom Ahern	Thomas Ahern
Tom Blalock	Guest Speaker
Angela Charles	Assistant to Speaker
<u>Visitors:</u>	

None

Change of Status:

Clarence Dutra to Inactive
Wayne Halbert dropped from Inactive
Stanley James dropped from Inactive
Wayne Lindquist dropped from
Inactive

Inactive

Harry Meyer dropped from Inactive **L. Warren Mindestrom**

New email address & Phone No. wmindestrom@yahoo.com (510) 789-9783

Membership Total

(as of February 18, 2010)

243 — Active Members **27** — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir **Ed Guthrie** Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For February 18, 2010)

 Members
 179

 Guests
 7

 Visitors
 0

 Total =
 186

36 excused 27 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



At the Sonoma Tournament (in Napa actually), the doubles team of John Pesek and Don Henry did well, but we still do not have the results of that tournament. The Livermore Tournament was held on a Wednesday this year, and no one was able to make it there. Our

stalwart bowler, Nat Lord was unable to attend the last few tournaments because of a nagging illness, but as of last Monday he appears to be ready to go. We hope to have a few success stories to boast about in the next Pathfinder. We bowl at Petaluma on the 8th of March, and then Concord on the 15th.

Our tournament schedule for April includes Kentwig Lanes in Vallejo on April 6 or 8, and then to Carson City Nevada at the Gold Dust West on April 19-21st. We did not have anyone go to the Carson City Tourney last year because of a conflict with the Nationals in Las Vegas, but usually a group of us attends that tourney—maybe Ray Erickson will be ready for the trip. He always does well in Reno and Carson City (even bowling).

At our regular bowling session held at Mowry Lanes, everyone has been struggling with their averages. A few notable series have been bowled however. Jesse Medeiros (Branch 6) has really been giving all of us a lesson in bowling. He has had two exceptional series in the last few weeks: 186, 217, and 213 for a 616 and two weeks later he rolled a 196, 191, and 277 for an outstanding 664! I suspect that Jesse will be ready for a tournament soon.

There has recently been discussion about moving our league to Tuesdays rather than Monday. The suggestion was made by bowler (and golfer) Les Prestwood. Les thought that some of the Monday golfers might be interested in bowling if we held our league on Tuesday. We will look into that possibility soon.

Remember, all SIR members are welcomed to join us most any Monday (unless we change in the next few weeks to Tuesday) at Mowry Lanes,

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Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. We have our first branch tournament of the year – it will be the SIR Area 8 qualifier. It will be held April 8 at Alameda (South Course). The price is \$41, checks made out to SIR Branch 59 and mail to: Bill Leake PO Box 434 Fremont

CA 94537. Sign up individually or as a group and we will schedule your group. Be there no later than 7:30 a.m. Questions — call Bill Leake 793-6561. I have sent out entry forms via e-mail. Also, Fred Ilg will have fliers at the next meeting — I will be in Arizona. When you sign up, need your name, NCGA #, and who you want to play with. The top qualifiers for each of the <u>7 flights</u> will be invited to play Boundary Oaks on August 11, 2010, 8:00 shotgun start. Do you have questions — call Bill Leake.

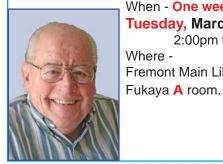
Take a bow – nothing to report this month. Probably too wet!

How did the table reservation system work? <u>Let us know</u>. We reserve 6 tables reserved for golfers. You arrive before 11:15, find the table, put your badge down and your place is reserved. We will lift the cards at <u>11:15</u> so if you arrive after 11:15 then you may not find a spot.

Once again, here is the schedule for 2010: In addition to April 8 Area 8 qualifier - 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 and 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. Note, Solvang will have 5 days, 4 nights, with 3 days of golf this year – 2 days of 4 man best ball 2 days and scramble 1 day ... Sir Individual Championship - Wed October 27 open play; Thursday Oct 28 state tournament (winners from Boundary Oaks for division 4) and open play...Sunday November 7 - Thursday November 11, Mesquite (entry form on the web)

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CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When - One week later than usual!

Tuesday, March 30

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where Fremont Main Library, Fremont

Cheers Fred



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.





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



Nat Lord Sports (510) 797-1704

SIR Day at the SF Giants vs. the Florida Marlins July 29 (Thursday) at 12:30 PM Ticket Price to be determined

SIR Day at the Sacramento Rivercats vs. the Nashville Sounds

May 26 (Wednesday) at 11:35 AM Tickets \$17

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Emile Lassalle

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 Joe Guerrero 510-483-3627.

June 21-26, 2010 MOUNT RUSHMORE

Go on a Buffalo Safari, go to Custer State Park, Hot Springs Mammoth Site, Visit Crazy Horse, go on an 1880



Rail Excursion and much more. Price includes Taxes, Gratuities and Admission for all attractions. Cost \$1495 PP Single Supplement \$250. Escort Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463.

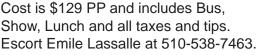
September 29 – October 9, 2010 MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Ports of call: Catalina Island, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas, San Diego and home To San Francisco. Ship is filling up fast, send in your application as soon as possible not to be left out. Cost Inside Room from \$1145 PPDO, Balcony Room from \$1890 PPDO.

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

AUGUST 25, 2010 PETER PAN IN SAN FRANCISCO

The stage production of PETER PAN is coming to San Francisco and we have reserved seats for that date, Lunch is at Pier 39.





Call Travel Chairman Emile Lassalle for more information 510-538-7463 Fliers may be obtained at:

www.branch26.com

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

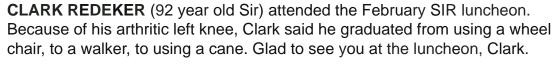
by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner

MANUEL BRAGA is recovering from a fall at home. We missed Manuel at the February luncheon.

ERNEST BURKHOLDER's wife Teddy, reports Ernest had outpatient treatment in January and is doing fine.

RICHARD HOLMES will have surgery in March to place a stent in his abdominal aneurysm. Richard has recovered very well from a fall into a wall which damaged his rib cage in January. We wish Richard the best.

FORREST LUSHER has a February birthday, but we were unable to contact him as to his status. The February Pathfinder was returned by the Post Office marked deceased. After numerous reports that Forrest was alive and well, the newsletter editor got a message from him reporting "No I am not dead yet, only 93."



BOBBY BEN SNODGRASS (Assistant Treasurer) was not able to attend the February luncheon. He is recovering from a stroke and cannot walk properly.



Dave Marymee

In Memoriam Stuart Lane

Former Editor of Branch 59 Pathfinder

CLYDE VOORHEES' (94 year old Sir) wife Bernice reports Clyde is at Windsor Care Center on Country Drive. Clyde fell on an escalator and damaged his left lung. Clyde receives therapy twice a day and is on oxygen. We hope the best for Clvde.



Bob Walter

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located at 585 Mowry Ave (behind Comcast) and be other commitment is that when you join you either and a lot of votes for Sunol. already are, or will become a sanctioned bowler (cost \$20/year). Once you have a book average, also SIR golf. or have established an average with 21 games or other leagues, we bowl year round. I think we might for calling in tee times for Mondays. not bowl on Christmas Day because the alleys are us away from our bowling.

Jerry

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We will have 1 additional tournament -- Area 8 ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 P.M. The cost team tournament will be in late June or early July is only \$5.25 for three lines of bowling and the only and will be at Sunol. We had a few votes for Chabot

Please – we need more members for SIR and

Tee times – Thank you Bill Watts for calling in more then you can join us in tournament play. Unlike Thursday tee times. And thank you Jerry Desmond

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 -- We play every closed, but we will be bowling on the Monday after Monday and Thursday at Sunol. Join us - to find Christmas. Neither holidays nor rain nor shine keeps out the tee time, please <u>call Sunol at 925-862-0414</u>. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Bill

Set aside - May 20th for the Sweetheart Luncheon "Springtime Memories"



Your Social Committee at Work

Howie Thompson

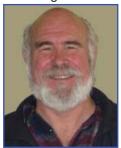
Rob Ingebretson







Doug Howd



Ed Kurtz



Bob Edwards



Gordon MacLeod





Take your wife or a friend to lunch

Set aside May 20th for the Special Luncheon for your sweetheart or guest.

This year's theme is 'Springtime Memories' and tickets will go on sale at this month's meeting. Once again the price is the same as last year, \$22.00. You will enjoy this festive time of good food, outstanding decorations, professional performers, and outstanding door prizes. You might want to purchase a table for eight. That is a great way to

enjoy the lunch and program together with friends.

The menu is a choice of New York Steak, Chicken Florentine and Salmon prepared by our outstanding chef, Juan Aguilar. Remember to contact Sir Ed Kurtz for tickets or purchase them at the next meeting. Finally, don't miss this exciting 'Springtime Memories' luncheon.





The Social Committee

Your Name & No	Partners's Name
	Tickets will also be sold at the March and April Luncheons
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 May 13th
Salmon	Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope
New York Steak	No refunds after May 13th
Chicken Florentine	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 (\$176). 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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1980 Larry Varblow*

1981 Guido Milano*

1982 Alex Fulton*

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