

Thirty-Fifth Year

June 2010

Bulletin No. 5

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, June 17, 2010

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

Greetings to you all.

I would like to report that all indications are that a great time was had by all who attended the Sweetheart Luncheon. We received many very positive comments, especially from the women about how uplifting they felt when entering the facility which was a blaze with



color from the balloons, the napkins and the floral arrangements on the tables. One member stated "the food was great! Another long time member shared that it was the best luncheon he had ever attended. Another member shared that the function was one of the best that he had attended in the last ten years. A member stated that "It was one of the better performances by the entertainment group we have had in the last few years." I personally have to say they really "rocked" the hall!

A very well deserved "job well done and heartfelt thanks" goes out to the Social Committee whose dedication to excellence was very evident from the start to the finish of the luncheon.

There is no doubt in my mind that the members, who did not attend, for whatever reason, missed out on a very good time. I, for one, can hardly wait to find out what the Social Committee has in store for the Christmas luncheon. If I might make a suggestion, I would recommend you making plans now to assure you are able to attend.

Please continue to make bringing new members into the branch a priority so "Keep the guests coming!!"



Italian Sausages & Chicken Cacciatori Pasta Alfredo, Pasta Mostachelli and Vegetables

MENU

Our Speaker Desiree Gant by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Desiree Gant is a State Park Interpreter at Sea Cliff and New Brighton State Beaches, which are located in Santa Cruz. As an Interpreter she is charge of explaining to the public many different aspects of the state beaches. She helps them to understand the importance of protecting and preserving our state parks, as well as



about how vast and varied the state parks of California really are. By educating people about the plants, and animals, and surrounding areas, her goal is to have them want to visit other parks to learn more as well as to explore what California really has to offer.

The presentation that she will be showing will be on Marine Protected Areas. or MPA's. Marine Protected Areas are somewhat of a new thing to the public, and there has been a lot of misconceptions about what they truly are, and what their function really is. The best way to put it, is that the California now has developed virtually "State Parks of the Sea." MPA's are zones all along the coastline that serve as a protected habitat for the organisms that are in it. The zones never move, only the organisms do! Her goal for the presentation, is to provide a little more background information about Marine Protected Areas, while also explaining the importance of protecting and maintaining them. In a time when our oceans are overfished and constantly being devalued, we need to start speaking up for them and give them a break.

Bring in a Guest We need new Members



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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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



Sir Jim Ferenz April 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 Ferenz, and Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez. Officers Absent: Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass and Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides. Directors Present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Don Gillis, Sir Robert Ingebretson, Sir Jerry Sabo and Sir Roger Wallin. No Directors were absent.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the March minutes as published. **Treasurer's Report:** Sir Ben Fernandez reported that our financial situation continues to improve. The current cash balance for the month of March is \$7,422.15 Details are available in the Financial Reports.

Secretary's Report: Sir Jim Ferenz again reported that the election of State Officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on Monday, August 2, 2010. Any member interested in running for State Office should submit Form 43 to Sir Dave Reiser Chairman of the State Nominating Committee by April 15, 2010. Program: Little Sir Hugh Twomey stated that the speaker this morning will be Mr. Dirk Lorenz who will speak about Centerville History.

Committee Reports:

<u>Attendance:</u> Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 183.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed two new members for approval. The BEC approved for membership Sir William

Fremont sponsored by Sir Tom Sullivan, and Sir Ned Rendell sponsored by Sir Jack Lindley. Sir Ron also reported that Sir Placido Hernandez (160) resigned his Membership.



Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley stated we would celebrate 15 birthdays this month. Their ages will range from 90 to 65. All other Committee reports may be found in the Pathfinder.

New Business:

Sale of tickets for the Sweetheart luncheon has started.

The motion was again tabled to give the Little Sir the authority to periodically, with the approval of the Big Sir, use a hired entertainer rather than a volunteer speaker. The motion will be addressed at the June meeting.

The BEC agreed with Sir Ben Fernandez' request to appoint Sir Nat Lord as temporary Assistant Treasurer due to the illness of Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass until elections are held.

The SIR State President has sent a letter to all Big Sirs indicating that he wants a concerted effort on bringing in new members. He wants each Branch to establish a goal of a ten percent new member induction annually. This issue will be an item of regular discussion at all BEC meetings and at regular Branch Luncheon Meetings.

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

Photo Survey

Working together with Assistant Editor Fred Gotthardt we sent out a survey to the 152 Branch 59 Sirs who had email. The only question was which of three photos should we use in Fred's Cybergeezer announcement. We got responses from 62 members. Ninety (90) members elected not to respond. Twenty three (23) members

voted for Photo 1, seventeen (17) members voted for Photo 2 and twenty one (21) members voted for Photo 3. One member suggested that we rotate the pictures each issue. We can only wonder why the 90 members did not respond. Did they not get the email or did they just ignore it.



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie, and Sir Art Winkley



Sir Art Winkley

Birthday Chairman

05/18/1920

90

May Birthdays

David Marymee **Charles Wilkins** John Rice **Dragomir Dutina** Dan Silva **Richard Ahern** Fred Anderson Leo Hinkel **Donald Henry** William Wessells Frank Hermoso **Edward Beilin** Willard Wyman **Delmore Morsette Donald Allen** Gerald Rodrigues **Richard Holley Roberto Morales** Ron Brutvan Jack Roach **Thomas Breen**

05/08/1924 86 05/10/1925 85 05/26/1925 85 05/06/1926 84 05/26/1926 84 05/03/1927 83 05/14/1929 81 05/29/1929 81 79 05/22/1931 05/05/1932 78 05/10/1933 77 05/23/1933 77 05/25/1935 75 05/31/1936 74 05/07/1939 71 05/25/1939 71 05/13/1940 70 05/21/1941 69 05/25/1944 66 05/24/1950 60

June Birthdays

Niels Nielsen	06/25/1914	96
Clark Redeker	06/20/1917	93
Clark Dedrick	06/23/1924	86
Walter Fasolis	06/09/1925	85
David Minor	06/01/1927	83
Louis Bufkin	06/21/1927	83
Gail Shipp	06/11/1929	81
Fred Alfred	06/12/1929	81
Phil Utic	06/24/1929	81
William Pereira	06/27/1931	79
Marty Enriquez	06/10/1932	78
George Vlastelica	06/28/1932	78
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	77
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	77
Darrell Jewell	06/19/1936	74
John Clark	06/10/1937	73
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	73
John Vennemeyer	06/19/1937	73
Frank Thomas	06/15/1940	70
Gary Otterson	06/19/1940	70
Jerry Sabo	06/02/1942	68
Mitchell Darnell	06/06/1943	67

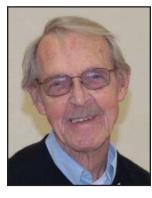
New Members

William D. Fremont 4639 Mildred Drive Fremont, CA 94536-7336 510-793-8203 Birthday: 8/8/1928 Spouse: Marjorie Badge No. 20 Sponsor: Tom Sullivan Call me: Bill

Ned E. Rendell

219 Carmelita Place Fremont, CA 94539-3603 510-656-7462 Email: A.Rendell@comcast.net Birthday: 9/11/1938 Badge No. 77 Sponsor: Jack Lindley Call me: Ned

Bill Fremont



Ned Rendell



Membership Report



Sir **Ron Brutvan** Membership Chairman

<u>Guests:</u>	Guest of:
Dean Cameron	Warren Mindestrom
Bob Balan	John Trischetti

<u>Visitors:</u>

Dirk LorenzSpeakerShirley LorenzSpeaker Assistant

Change of Status:

Placido Hernandez

Resigned

Membership Total (as of April 15, 2010)

244 — Active Members23 — Inactive Members



Attendance Report



Sir **Ed Guthrie** Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report (For April 15, 2010) Members 165 Guests 2 Visitors 2

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Total =	169
46 excused	26 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



No regular tournament results to report, because no one went to Carson City or Pollock Pines. (At least not to my knowledge—Darrell Jewell and Nat Lord usually attend??)

We did send two teams to the State SIR Tournament at Citrus Heights (Sacramento). I think that we did well, but official results are not in yet. The four man teams were: a) Darrell Jewell, Nat

Lord, John Pesek, Don Henry and b) Les Prestwood, Jesse Medeiros (Br.6), Chuck Pereira (Br.6), Roger Wallin. Both teams had totals in the 2800's including handicap. When a series is above 690 (2760 total) for this tournament then that means that the bowler has bowled over expected average. In the doubles pairings, the team of Chuck Pereira and Roger Wallin bowled a 1459 (1380 expected). For some reason or other the scores of Don Henry and John Pesek were misplaced. Sorry, but I think that both bowlers did well!

The group that attended the National Bowling Tournament in Reno this year returned with some success—at least they bowled better than they did in Las Vegas last year. This is not a SIR event, but we represented Fremont and Hayward at the national level. The tournament continues thru July with about 22,000 bowlers in two divisions. We bowled in the "Classified Division" and not the Open (elite) Division. The team included Gary Bennett, Lew Heffron, Chuck Pereira, Jerry Sabo, and Roger Wallin. We fell apart in the last game as a team, but some of the doubles and singles did well. Gary bowled the only game over 200, but generally everyone bowled right at their averages. Gary and Lew bowled well above their averages in the singles, and Chuck and Lew teamed up well at doubles. Upcoming tournaments include:

Paradise—June 27th and June 28th.

Yuba City—July 12th and July 13th.

Napa—July 26th and July 27th.

Remember, all SIR members are welcomed to join us most any 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.

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We had a very good time at last month's sweetheart luncheon. We were very generous to the Tanner household and donated a couple of golf outings in the raffle. The music was good, the food was great, and I would suggest that you plan to attend the December get-together December 16. If you world like to be part

of the committee call Howard Thompson.

Take a bow – every golfer who attended the Sweetheart Luncheon – take a bow! Thanks for coming.

Now back to golf. We will be having the team competition on July 8. If you are not on a team as of this writing you are probably too late. It should be fun. We will have results in the August Pathfinder.

No new members last month.

We will be having the division 4 state qualifier on August 11. You should have been notified by now if you were invited. The top finishers of each of the 7 flights go to Poppy Hills.

Once again – How is the table reservation system working? Let us know. We reserve 6 tables. You arrive before 11:15, find the table, put your badge down and your place is reserved. We lift the cards at $\underline{11:15}$.

Did anyone go to Coeur D'Alene Idaho for the SIR tournament? At this writing we do not have results. We do have the annual Solvang Fall Classic – Sunday Sep 12 to

Thursday Sep 16. Entry form is on the web. <u>Note: Solvang will be 5 days, 4</u> nights, 3 days of golf this year – 2 days of 4 man best ball 2 days and scramble 1 day. We have a new tournament this year – Sunday November 7 – Thursday November 11, <u>Mesquite</u> (entry form on the web). If interested and you do not have computer access let me know.

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 your score.

<u>Please – we need more members for SIRs and also SIR</u> golf.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday and Thursday at Sunol. Join us -- to find out the tee time, please <u>call Sunol at 925-862-0414</u>. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Thank you for reading this article.

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CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Wednesday - June - 23rd 2:00pm to 4:00pm Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont Fukaya **B** room.

> 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

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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.

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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 Prices: Lower Box \$34, View Box \$23, View Reserved \$17, LF Bleachers \$17

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Emile Lassalle

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



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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.



Cost is \$129 PP and includes Bus, Show, Lunch and all taxes and tips. 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.

May 7 – 14, 2010 HAWAIIAN CRUISE ABOARD THE PRIDE OF AMERICA

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Cost Inside Room \$1770 PPDO or Balcony Room \$2185 PPDO.

For more information call Lou Pagni, 510-276-5025.

Call Travel Chairman Emile Lassalle for more information 510-538-7463 Fliers may be obtained at: www.branch26.com

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES by Activities Director Rob Ingebretson



By the time you read this all of the members that signed up showing an interest in one of the many activity sign-up sheets I had available at the April luncheon meeting will have received an email from me. Hopefully someone from the group that you signed up for has contacted you either by email or phone.

The activities that have people

interested in joining are: Tennis, Bocce Ball, Digital Photography, Fishing Group, Horse Shoes, Writing Your Life Story, Cribbage, Sir Hikers, Antique and Collector Cars, Sirs in the Kitchen, and Coin and/or Stamp Collecting.

I will have another activity sign up at one of our future meetings. If you are interested in any of the above activities just let me know and I will hook you up with someone in the group. If you have some suggestions about other groups we should start let me know. You can call me at (510) 657-7828 or email me at Robingy@ sbcglobal.net.

SIR BRANCH 59 SWEETHEART LUNCHEON SURVEY

To help us plan future social events we would appreciate your comments whether you did or did not attend the recent Sweetheart Luncheon. Please provide your thoughts on the Sweetheart Luncheon. <u>Please turn in your marked up survey</u> to Howie Thompson, Rob Ingebretson or Ed Kurtz at the June luncheon meeting.

If you did attend, please rate the following by placing an X in the appropriate box.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Food				
Decorations				
Piano Player				
Dixie Band				
Overall Value				

If you did not attend, please let us know why by placing an X in the appropriate box.

Conflicting Appointment	
Price too High	
Do not like Mixed Functions	
No Spouse	
Other Reasons	

SUNSHINE REPORT by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter and — Carl Shaner

THOMAS AHERN's daughter said he had a slight stroke and is now in rehab at Fremont Health Center and started therapy in May. Thomas' wife, Edna, is suffering from bronchitis. Thomas is anxious to see his friends. Please stop to see him at Fremont Health Center behind the Fremont Fire Station.

MANUEL BRAGA's Wife Mary, says she is not sure that he will attend the June luncheon. Manuel is fearful of falling.

RICHARD HOLMES reports he spent three weeks at Fremont Health Center after hospitalization to place a stent to repair an abdominal aneurysm. Richard exercises at home and walking using a cane for safety. Richard hopes to attend the SIR June luncheon.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter

RALPH KNIGHT's wife, Betty, passed away in May, after suffering from an illness. We wish to express SIR sympathy to Ralph and his family.

HERB MUELLERLEILE was hospitalized at VA Hospital, Palo Alto, last week with medical problems requiring surgery. The surgery was successful and Herb returned home late in May. He said the problem has cleared up and is feeling better.

CONRAD WALLA (inactive Sir) had to have his left kidney removed in the middle of May because of cancer. Conrad continues chemotherapy every three weeks which lays him low. We hope that chemotherapy knocks out any leftover problems for Con.

BOBBY BEN SNODGRASS (Assistant Treasurer) is at home recovering from a stroke. He is undergoing therapy because he has difficulty walking. Bobby Ben agrees that he will resign as Assistant Treasurer and enroll on the inactive list. We wish to laud Bobby Ben for his service as Assistant Treasurer.



In the Spotlight at the May Sweetheart Luncheon



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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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