



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fifth Year

September 2010

Bulletin No. 8

**NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, September 16, 2010**

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

Greetings Fellow Sirs,

While the August Meeting rested in the hands of our capable Little Sir, Hugh Twomey, I would like to report that all indications are those who attended the Luncheon had a good time. We received good reviews on the food, very positive comment's concerning the speaker's presentation, which was a uniquely comical view of the Millennium, Ed Guthrie and Doug Eads performance was fun, and our song leader, Frank Campos, also added to the day. Hugh, a job well done!

The "Slate", of nominees for 2011 officers and directors was voted on and approved and I, for one, feel very fortunate to have such fine people representing us in 2011.

I understand that the Air Conditioning was not working and that it got very stuffy.... we will do what we can to help ensure it not repeated.

Anticipation continues to grow concerning the Christmas Social. I would recommend you make plans to attend.

Please continue to make bringing new members into the branch a priority, so keep the guests rolling in.

*Frank*



## Our Speaker Alfred Iannarelli by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Al Iannarelli is a veteran police official with 35 years of service, rising through the ranks of Patrolman to Chief of Police. He is presently a Consultant in Police Administration and Forensic Science. Al is certified by the California and National Commissions of Professional Law Enforcement Standards.

Al majored in Criminology at UC Berkley. He has also completed his education at numerous Criminal Justice school throughout the United States. He possesses a Bachelor degree in Police Science plus a doctorate of Jurisprudence.

He has published several books and scientific articles regarding Police Administration and Forensic Science. Al is a member of the Police Hall of Fame and is listed in "Who's Who in American Law Enforcement,"

Al presently specializes in: Fingerprints; Ear Identification; Shoe-prints; Bullet and Handwriting Comparison; Forensic Photography and Trace Evidence.

Al, a former member of SIR Branch 59 in 1997, is now a member of SIR Branch 6.

Al Iannarelli's topic will be "The Wheel of Forensic Evidence!"



## MENU

**Roast Pork and Salmon**

Grecian Potatoes, Rice and Vegetables

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



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](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)



## Branch 59

### Officers

#### Big Sir

Frank R. Thomas  
(925) 960-0429

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Jim Ferenz  
(510) 651-7717

#### Asst. Secretary

Peter Angelides  
(510) 797-3570

#### Treasurer

Ben Fernandez  
(510) 657-6982

#### Asst. Treasurer

Nat Lord  
(510) 797-1704

### Directors

Bill Anderson  
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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retired men



## Sir Jim Ferenz July Meeting Minutes

Little Sir Hugh Twomey called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz: All Officers were present with the exception of Big Sir Frank R. Thomas.

All members of the Board of Directors were present.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Minutes of the July meeting as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reports our Finances remain in good shape. The Balance sheet demonstrates continued year over year growth by over \$2000.00. The Executive Committee also agreed to increase our Petty Cash account from \$300 to \$400 to cover various operating expenses.

#### Program:

Sir Hugh stated that our speaker today will be Mr. Geoffrey Hirsch a Professor of Mathematics at Ohlone College who will speak on General Subjects.

#### Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 161 for today's luncheon.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed one new member for acceptance.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the new member. He is: Sir Walter Ulrich, Badge no.37 sponsored by Sir Mickey Rose.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we would celebrate 16 Birthdays this month. The Birthdays range from 91 to 66. The officers, directors, and members wish all of you a very Happy "Birthday."

All other Committee reports may be found in the Pathfinder.

New Business:

Sir Nat Lord the State Hardware



Chairman advises that there are many SIR items available for purchase.

The 2011 slate of Officers and Directors proposed by the nominating committee will be presented to the membership for a vote at the luncheon. They are as follows:

#### Officers:

Big Sir Sir Hugh Twomey  
Little Sir Sir Ron Holladay  
Secretary Sir James Ferenz  
Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides  
Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez  
Assistant Treasurer Sir Nat Lord

#### Directors:

Sir Bill Anderson  
Sir Bill Dark  
Sir Robert Ingebretson  
Sir Jerry Sabo  
Sir Frank R. Thomas  
Sir Roger Wallin

Sir Howie Thomas, Chairman of the Christmas event, stated that tickets will be available in October and Budget planning was in process.  
Unfinished Business:

The SIR Trifold discussion was held and a motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase 100 of the Trifolds and place them in locations where retired people will get a chance to see them such as retirement centers etc.

It was decided by the Executive committee to delay the discussion on how to present a discussion with the members as to what, if any, action should be taken regarding the closing of the bar at the Pavilion until the return of the Big Sir.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Submitted by Secretary  
Sir Jim Ferenz



# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

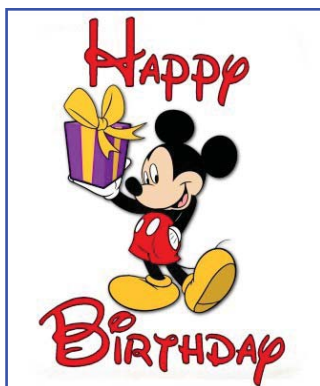


**Sir Art Winkley**  
Birthday Chairman



## September Birthdays

Gerald Desmond	09/18/1920	90
Dale Murray	09/09/1921	89
Mike Whitfield	09/08/1924	86
Raymond Erickson	09/12/1925	85
Harry Gardiser	09/01/1927	83
Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	83
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	82
Edward Tavares	09/12/1929	81
David Priego	09/12/1929	81
G. Austin Smith	09/19/1929	81
Armando Castiglioni	09/02/1930	80
Bill Stannard	09/05/1931	79
Roger Tansley	09/04/1932	78
Donald Eliason	09/25/1932	78
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	77
Ned Rendell	09/11/1938	72
John Trischetti	09/17/1938	72
Robert Ingebretson	09/08/1940	70
Warren Mindestrom	09/06/1942	68
Stan Peters	09/24/1942	68
Howard Elz	09/21/1943	67
Edward Blank	09/21/1943	67
Fred Ilg	09/10/1945	65



## New Members

**Walter Ulrich**  
5240 Omar Street  
Fremont, CA 94538-2423  
510-656-4615  
Birthday: 1/7/1934  
Spouse: Lois  
Badge No. 37  
Sponsor: Francis Rose  
Call me: Walt

Walt Ulrich



## ACTIVITIES by Rob Ingebretson

From our sign ups we have started a couple of new activities. If you are interested in any of them simply give the contact person a call. They are Writing Your Life Story (Donald Gillis 510-490-1978), Bocce Ball (Roger Wallin 510-793-8291), Digital Photography (Jerry Sabo 510-790-3135), and Cribbage (Allen Sprague 510-657-0661).

There is a chance that we may have a few more activities in the future if interest increases.

If there is an activity not listed that you may be interested in give me a call at 510-657-7828 or email me at [Robingy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Robingy@sbcglobal.net).



## Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan**  
Membership Chairman

### Guests:

**Bob Balan**  
**Alan Henry**  
**Wayne Mall**  
**Bill Pruner**

### Guest of:

**John Trischetti**  
**Don Henry**  
**Bob Benya**  
**Lon Hitchcock**

### Visitors:

**Norm Morrison** guest of  
Ben Fernandez  
Visiting from Vancouver Canada  
**Geoffrey Hirsch** speaker

### Change of Status:

**Frank Reis** to inactive  
**John Gecox** to inactive  
**Leo Hinkel** Resigned

### Membership Total (as of August 19 2010)

**232** — Active Members  
**31** — Inactive Members

## Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie**  
Attendance Chairman

### Attendance Report

(For August 19, 2010)

Members	165
Guests	4
Visitors	2
<b>Total =</b>	<b>171</b>
37 excused	34 unexcused

You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch  
Website: [www.sirinc.org/branch59/](http://www.sirinc.org/branch59/)

# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



We did have a successful trip to Napa as suspected. **John Pesek** placed first in Singles and he along with **Jerry Sabo** placed first in Doubles. Both bowlers also received prizes for All-Events. **Nat Lord** also brought back some prize money as did **Chuck Pereira** (Branch 6). **Gary Bennett** and **Don Henry** also bowled

very well.

At the tournament in Reno, John, Nat, Gary, and **Ray Erickson** represented Fremont as a team as well as in singles and doubles. No news as to how the bowlers placed, but everyone bowled their average or better and Ray's luck with the slots continues.

Remember that several of the Branch 59 and Branch 6 members teamed up at the National Bowling Tournament last May. We all actually received prize money this year, and are looking forward to the National Tournament in Reno again next year. Jerry was low prize winner with \$61 (not bad), and I suspect that Gary Bennett and **Roger Wallin** cashed their somewhat larger checks. **Law Heffron** from Branch 6 won over \$200 in prize money.

By the time you read this, our own tournament will be completed. This year we bowl on Sunday and Monday, and have 86 bowlers signed up. This is a definite increase over the 50 that attended last year. Now that we are bowling at Cloverleaf as our new "home," I suspect that we will make a great showing. I know that Jerry, Roger, and **Darrell Jewell** all just purchased new balls and have been practicing. Jerry is definitely in love with his new ball and has reportedly been rolling some exceptionally high games in practice and in a Friday league that he bowls in.

I think that everyone that I have spoken to has made a favorable comment about our new home at Cloverleaf. In fact, I think that most any day of the week that you go to Cloverleaf you will find a SIR bowler from Branch 59.

Upcoming tournaments include:

SEP 20	Mon	Earl Anthony's	Dublin
OCT 4, 6	Mon, Wed	Fireside Lanes	Citrus Heights
OCT 19, 21	Tue, Thu	Harvest Park	Brentwood

Remember, all SIR members are welcomed to join us most any Monday at Cloverleaf Family Bowl; located in the shopping center at the corner of Grimmer and Fremont Blvd. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 P.M. The cost is only \$12 for three lines of bowling.

*Jerry*

## Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



**Welcome to** the Branch 59 golf column. We have news – The state team championship was held early in August and the team of **John Trischetti, Richard Howe, Richard Holley and Ben Fernandez** represented Branch 59. They did not finish in the top two but they had fun. WE also completed the division 4 state

qualifier. As was reported last month, we had 10 golfers from Branch 59, and Ron Ness, brand new to Branch 59, finished 2nd and will go to Poppy Hills the end of October. **Congratulations Ron!**

When you read this column **Solvang** will have been completed. Results = next Pathfinder.

**Suggestion Box** – Do you have a suggestion to get more golfers to play state tournaments? Is there a reason you don't sign up? We now have a **suggestion box**. If you have ideas as to how things statewide can improve send me a note. If accepted I forward it to div 4 leader. If OK he will forward it to the state level. If adopted then you (the suggestee) will win a case (not sleeve) of golf balls – Compliments of SIR. Talk it up and let me know your ideas.

**We have 2 more events coming up** – We have Poppy Hills – October 27 open play and Oct 28 championship play. Our last event of the year will be Mesquite November 7-11 (new item). **This has NOT been canceled. Entry form is on the web.**

Don't forget the mini-clinic held the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting day. For September, the clinic will be September 14. Some of us will be in Solvang, but the clinic will go on – Bob will be there.

**Take a bow – Richard Holley** shot an 89 at Sunol – best score in his life. Richard – 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. **Post post post – don't forget to post your score. Regular play for SIR Branch 59** -- We play every Monday and Thursday. 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** - September - 21st  
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont  
Fukaya A room.

**Cheers**  
*Fred*

## WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Eleven have signed up. First meeting at Fremont Main Library Wednesday, September 22nd, 12 Noon to 2pm in the Fukaya A room. Spouses of members are welcome to attend.

**Don Gillis - 510-490-1978**

**Ron Holladay - 510-656-9017**

## TENNIS

At present there are just four names on the list to play and one signed up in error. So we need more players to form teams or just play for fun.

**Ron Holladay - 510-656-9017**

## 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**



## 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**



## Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

**Emile Lassalle**

**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

Seven day cruise of the beautiful Hawaiian Islands.. Round trip from Bay Area Airport to Honolulu. Board the Pride of America for one day visit to Hilo, two day Maui, one day Kona and two days Kauai.

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

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

**OCTOBER 26-27, 2010**

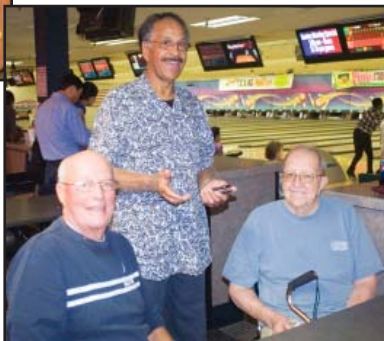
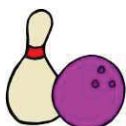
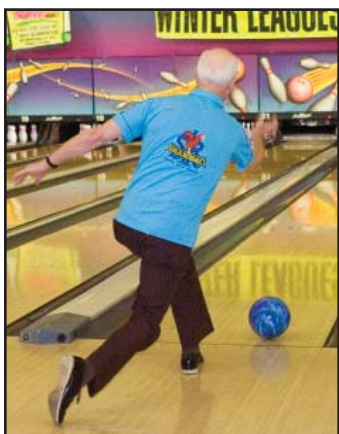
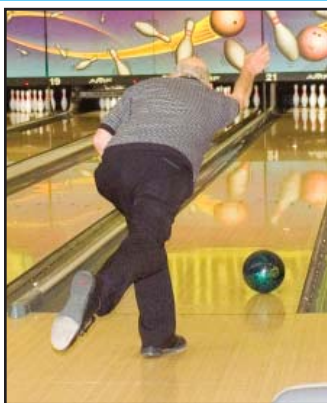
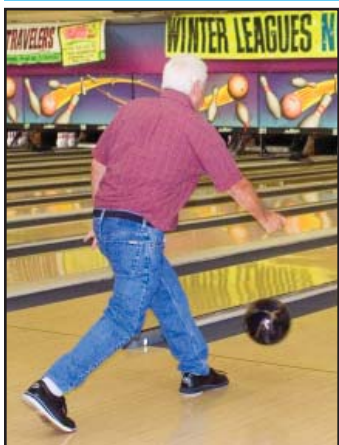
### RENO OVERNIGHTER: GLEN CAMPBELL SHOW

Stop en-route to Reno for breakfast, arrive at Reno and stop at the Nugget Casino for \$5.00 cash with a 3 hour stop over. Leave the Nugget and go to Grand Sierra Resort for our overnight stay. Here we will go to Glen Campbell show, doors open at 7:00 P.M. and show starts at 8:00 P.M. Receive a breakfast coupon for the next morning. We will depart for home and stop at Boomtown for 3 hours, and receive \$5.00 cash and a \$5.00 food credit. As in the past all tips are included. Cost: \$143.00 PPDO, \$25.00 Single supplement Escort: Joe Guerrero, 510-483-3627

**SIR**  
**HAPPENINGS**

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

## Spotlight on Bowling



## SUNSHINE REPORT

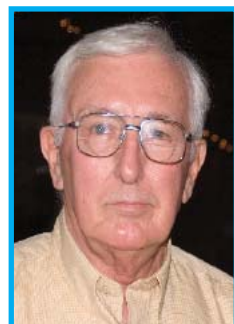
by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter  
and — Carl Shaner

**THOMAS AHERN's** wife Edna and daughter report Thomas was in the hospital for a week for bleeding of the esophagus. The bleeding has stopped and he will return to Fremont Health Care for further therapy. We wish Thomas improved health. Thomas appreciates his friends calling on him at the Fremont Health Care Facility.



Dave Marymee

**TOM DEHART's** wife, Martha, reports that Tom is at home and doing as well as can be expected.



Bob Walter

**GERALD DESMOND** has found that he has bladder cancer. Because of his age, 90 years old in Sept., Gerry feels that he will let nature take its course. We wish Gerry the best.

**LYLE KINGERY** (past Big Sir) reports that on July 26, late at night, he called 911 and was taken to Washington Hospital because of severe pain in the abdomen. Next day the doctor operated and removed a blockage in the intestine. Lyle is at home in Merrill Gardens recovering nicely. Lyle feels fortunate that he was able to join a family cruise to Alaska beforehand.

**HERBERT MUELLERLEILE** says he has pain in his chest/abdominal area. The doctor ruled that the heart seemed OK. So Herbert is left wondering what is causing his pain. Hope you can find a way to overcome the pain Herbert

**CONRAD WALLA** has been undergoing chemotherapy for Kidney cancer. Con has had a special PET scan which indicated some improvement but the need to continue chemotherapy treatment. We hope the treatment continues to be successful, Conrad.



Doug Eads (left) and Ed Guthrie entertain at the last luncheon. Above, Hugh Twomey presides over Board meeting. Above right, Ron Brutvan reports on membership. Right, Director Rob Ingebretson smiles while viewing treasurers report..



## Set aside - December 16th for the Holiday Luncheon "Holiday Sleigh Ride"

The theme of this year's winter social is *Holiday Sleigh Ride*. What fun you can have on a sleigh ride with the fresh cool air. That's what you can experience on December 16th at the SIR Holiday luncheon.

Again we plan on wonderful decorations, delicious food, and great entertainment and special surprises for all that attend. You will not want to miss the final event for 2010. Sign up today.

We will start selling tickets in September by mail only.

Fill out the form below and send checks to Ed Kurtz with a stamped and self addressed envelope to receive your tickets. We will also sell tickets at the October and November meetings.

**Reserved Tables:** It is not necessary to purchase eight tickets to obtain a reserved table. Each Sir can buy his ticket and ask others to join him. A table will be reserved when all names are submitted to Ed Kurtz on the Table Request Form.

So mark your calendar for December 16th and invite your friends to wonderful afternoon of fun.

**The Social Committee**



Your Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ Partners's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will also be sold at the October and November 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 December 9th

Beef

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

Chicken

No refunds after December 9th

Fish

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**. Forms will be available at the October and November luncheon meetings and also on the Branch Website.

You can get the **Table Request Form** by going to the Branch Website:

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

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David Marymee

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Fred Gotthardt

Nat Lord

John Skarpelos

### **PATHFINDER DEADLINE**

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

### **PAST BIG SIRS**

1976 Peter Clark\*  
1977 Karl Heine\*  
1978 Harry Cooper\*  
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1980 Larry Varblow\*  
1981 Guido Milano\*  
1982 Alex Fulton\*  
1983 Stephen Epler\*  
1984 George Herman\*  
1985 Ray Crosby\*  
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2005 Howard Thompson  
2006 Les Addison  
2007 Ted Bresler  
2008 Richard Holley  
2009 Don Gillis

\*(deceased)