



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fifth Year

October 2010

Bulletin No. 9

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

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

Greetings Fellow Sirs,

First, let me say that in my September Big Sir column my observation concerning the speaker now seems to have been overly optimistic. Based on additional feedback it would seem that the speaker was somewhat lacking. Having been a Little Sir I understand how these things happen. We hope they don't, but unfortunately they do. You are looking good Hugh!

I truly enjoyed myself at the September Luncheon and as I looked out over the gathering and with conversations I had during my wandering, it would seem that others felt the same way as well. I for one feel very fortunate that we have an organization such as SIR and I am encouraged all the more to want to spread the word about why people should consider joining. Please continue to make bringing new members into the branch a priority so we can keep the guests rolling in and staying on as members.

As my tenure as Big Sir begins its count down, I do look very much to ending it on a high note, which I believe, will be the Christmas Luncheon so begin making plans to attend if you have not already done so.

Frank



Our Speaker David Smith by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Our speaker, David Smith, is Mayor of the City of Newark and Executive Director of the Ohlone College Foundation.

Mr. Smith will be speaking to Branch 59 to share information about the facility needs at the Ohlone College Fremont campus. Ohlone has been a valuable community member since 1965 and has provided important education opportunities to over 300,000 citizens of this area. Every semester almost 20,000 students take classes on our two campuses. It is important to the College to continue to offer the classes needed to prepare students for the University or for the work force in facilities that match today's needs.

The campus was built in 1974, with a main Quad surrounded by nine original buildings, known as the Academic Village. The majority of Ohlone's classrooms, laboratories and other academic facilities are still located in these buildings. However, very little has been done to upgrade the facilities since they were first constructed. This means that many of our academic facilities are out of date, are not up to current safety and accessibility standards, and no longer meet the needs of today's students and modern curriculum.

Ohlone has just completed construction of two new facilities using money from Bond Measure A, which was passed by voters in 2002. The Ohlone College Newark campus and the new Student Services Building on the Fremont campus are stellar examples of what modern academic facilities should look like and how they should operate. Unfortunately, by comparison, the two new facilities point out the deficiencies of the rest of the campus.

Surveys show that the public highly values Ohlone's role in the community and supports the idea of a bond to address the needs for facility improvements.



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

MENU

**Sirloin Tips and Chicken Rosemary
Noodles, Pasta Mostachelli and 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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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 September Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Frank R. Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary Sir Jim Ferez: All Officers were present with the exception of Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez. All members of the Board of Directors were present.



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

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer Sir Nat Lord reports no problems with our finances and the additional \$100.00 to our petty cash fund is now in place as approved by the Board last month.

Program: Little Sir Hugh Twomey stated that our speaker today will be Mr. Alfred Iannarelli a consultant in Police Administration. Mr. Iannarelli will speak to us about The Wheel of Forensic Evidence.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 166 for today's luncheon.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed two new members for acceptance. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the new members. They are: Sir Bob Balan (48) sponsored by Sir John Trischetti and Sir Wayne Mall (66) sponsored by Sir Bob Benya.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we would celebrate 19 Birthdays this month. The Birthdays range from 90 to 65. The officers, directors, and members wish all of you a very Happy Birthday.

Activities: Sir Robert Ingebretson, Activities Chairman, reported that

a large number of new activities are being started in the Branch and progress would be reported each month. Activities leaders will be requested to report status in the Pathfinder.

All other Committee reports may be found in the Pathfinder.

New Business:

The Branch is in search of a new Cybergeezzer chairman. Fred Gotthardt is retiring from his post as Chairman after many years. The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors thank Fred for his contribution to Computer learning and wish him well. Anyone interested in taking on this task should contact Big Sir Frank R. Thomas.

Sir Howie Thompson, Social Chairman, stated that the planning for the annual Holiday luncheon continues. The Social committee is doing all possible to make this a memorable event. Tickets for the event will go on sale in October.

Unfinished Business:

The SIR Tri fold is now available for distribution.

Our Quarterly Personnel report was submitted and our Branch is doing OK. We remind everyone that we must keep new members coming in if we are to keep the organization active.

Activity leaders are reminded that if they wish to give input to the Pathfinder the information needs to get to the Pathfinder Editor Sir John Skarpelos by the first Thursday after our meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM

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

October Birthdays

Calvin Lynch	10/13/1923	87
John Ockes	10/05/1927	83
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	83
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	83
Gene Anderson	10/10/1929	81
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	81
Henry Scherer, Jr.	10/10/1931	79
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	78
Lynn Purvis	10/29/1932	78
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	77
Jim Frederick	10/22/1935	75
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	75
John Pesek III	10/19/1940	70
Robert Teglia	10/10/1942	68
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	68
Jim Proffitt	10/19/1947	63



New Members

Bob Balan

1010 Quartermaster Canyon Rd
San Ramon, CA 94582-4845
925-785-7417
Email: bobbalan@gmail.com
Birthday: 7/18/1941
Spouse: Rhona
Badge No. 48
Sponsor: John Trischetti
Call me: Bob

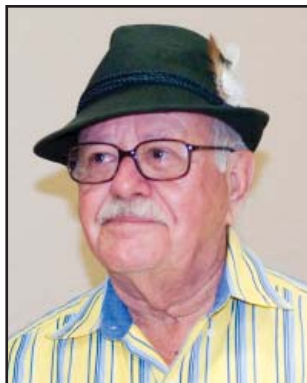
Wayne Mall

46307 Klamath Street
Fremont, CA 94539-6908
510-490-2523
Email: waynemall@mac.com
Birthday: 4/4/1934
Spouse: Ann
Badge No. 66
Sponsor: Robert Benya
Call me: Wayne

Bob Balan



Wayne Mall



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Tom Blalock
Bill Pruner

Guest of:

Dean Olsen
Lon Hitchcock

Visitors:

Alfred Iannarelli speaker

Change of Status:

Hank Ruelas moved to Branch 6
James Turnlund Resigned-moved
John Rice Resigned
William Wilson New email address
j-b3@comcast.net
Bill Stannard New phone number
510-573-4633

Membership Total

(as of September 16, 2010)

231 — Active Members
31 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For September 16, 2010)

Members	148
Guests	2
Visitors	1
Total =	151
45 excused	37 unexcused

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Website: www.sirinc.org/branch59/

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



Our Fremont SIR Tournament was a success in many ways. Some of our bowlers won prize money: **Gary Bennett** 2nd in singles, 5th all-around, and along with **John Pesek**—2nd in doubles. John also placed 6th all-around. **Jerry Sabo** was 3rd in singles; **Ray Erickson** 3rd all-around, and **Nat Lord** placed 5th in singles. One of the bowlers, **Tom Birley** from Sunnyvale rolled a perfect “300”

game and there were a lot of other really high scores from the “A” division bowlers: at least 31 games in the singles division alone (13 from the “B” division). The turnout this year was 84 bowlers this year compared to the 50 from last year and the year before.



We also attended the Dublin Tournament. About the only bowler that was consistent from Branch 59 was Nat Lord. Jesse Medeiros who bowls with us from Branch 6 rolled 6 nice games ranging from a low of 191

to a high of 237. He should be in the money for Division A.

Upcoming tournaments include:

OCT 19, 21	Tue, Thu	Harvest Park	Brentwood
NOV 3, 5	Wed, Fri	McHenry Bowl	Modesto



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 \$12.00 for three lines of bowling and the only other commitment is that when you join you either already are, or must 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.

We did have a couple of breaks from our regular league play because of our home tournament, and unlike our “old” home at the now non-existent Mowry Lanes, Cloverleaf is packed with other bowlers on Holidays (no-school days) so we don’t bowl.



Jerry

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

As we approach 2011, we also have dues for 2011—NCGA dues. This year they will remain at \$37. Make checks payable to Branch 59 Golf and mail to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont, CA 94537. Deadline is early December 2010.

We completed our tournament at Solvang. We had winners. Those attending were **Wayne Meyer, Bill**

Leake, Dave Priego (who also celebrated his 81st birthday), Forrest Lusher, Gary Bennett, Ben & Patty Fernandez, and Richard Holley. We also had winners – Dave won \$55 for 2nd placed plus \$65 for sweeps. Wayne won \$30 for ctp, \$45 for 2nd place, day 2, and \$60 for sweeps. Gary Won \$25 for 4th place, and Patty won 2nd place, day 3. Next year the tournament will be held in April.

After many years, **Jerry Desmond** has called it quits for calling in tee times. Thank you Jerry for many years of service.

Early Tee Offs – Sunol is concerned about serving Branch 59 golfers. We have a number of golfers who get to Sunol early and want to start early. Sunol will try and accommodate your early start – but can not do it always. Sunol asks that you please keep to the starting times.

Comments please.

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.

We have 2 more events coming up – We have Poppy Hills – October 27 open play and Oct 28 championship play. Our own **Ron Ness** will represent Branch 59 at the championship.

Our last event of the year will be Mesquite November 7-11. **This has NOT been canceled. Entry form is on the web.**

Don’t forget the mini-clinic held Tuesday before the Thursday luncheon. Bob and Wayne will host the clinic.

Take a bow – **Ben Fernandez** shot an 89 at Sunol – one of his best scores. Ben – take a bow. Wait – **John Trischetti** shot a 79 – best score ever at Sunol. Make Room for John and Ben – both men – take a bow!

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 - October - 26th
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

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

Cheers
Fred

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography involves computers so for the time being, anyone interested in Digital Photography should plan to attend the next CybergEEZER meeting in October. Contact Jerry Sabo at the next SIR luncheon for more information.
Jerry Sabo - 510-790-3135

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Next meeting at Fremont Main Library Wednesday, October 26th, 1 to 3 pm in the Fukaya **B** room. Spouses of members are welcome to attend. We will avoid the conflict with CybergEEZERS in the future.

Don Gillis - 510-490-1978

Ron Holladay - 510-656-9017

BOCCE

Two sessions of Bocce have been held at City Beach. The first had 11 attendees and the second had 6. Bocce is open to all on the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm meeting at City Beach for an hour or so.

Ron Holladay - 510-656-9017

Roger Wallin - 510-793-8291

TENNIS

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

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

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

May 7 - 14, 2011

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SUNSHINE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter
and — Carl Shaner

THOMAS AHERN's wife, Edna, reports Thomas is still undergoing therapy at Fremont Health Care Center. Thomas appreciates his friends visiting him at the Health Care Center.

TOM DEHART's caretaker reports Tom is living at home, undergoing therapy. She reports Tom was sleeping when the call was made in the early evening.

GERALD DESMOND missed the September luncheon because he was nursing a knee problem. We hope this knee problem clears up as Gerry is also dealing with a cancer problem.

DON GILLIS (Past Big Sir) spent four days at the Washington Hospital, two days in the ICU and two days in assisted care. After treating his circulatory condition, it was discovered Don had a virus which was treated at the hospital. Don says his wife, Camille, is now being treated for the virus infection.

LYLE KINGERY (past Big Sir) seems to have recovered from the operation for blockage in the intestine. Lyle attended the September luncheon.

CONRAD WALLA continues' the chemotherapy treatment for cancer cell spreads. The treatment lays Conrad low afterward for a few days. Conrad was encouraged by the results indicated by the special cancer PET scan of last August.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter

CYBERGEEZERS

One of the new activities that are being formed by Branch 59 is a "Digital Photography Group". During the last CybergEEzer meeting in September, it was determined that most of the SIR members that are interested in Digital Photography were present. By coincidence, Sir Fred Gotthardt gave us all a great introduction to Digital Photography with his presentation that included taking some digital photos (see adjacent images), e-mailing the photos as attachments, and then using the free Google program called "Picasa", Fred also demonstrated simple editing and manipulation of the photos.





Sir Lee Mineau (left) received the State President's Senior Sir award for having attained the age of 90 — from Big Sir Frank R. Thomas at last months luncheon meeting.



Guess who
will be Santa
Claus at
the Holiday
Luncheon?



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 _____ and mail to: **Sir Ed Kurtz, 2688 Sunnycrest Court, Fremont, CA 94539**

& No: _____ Ticket orders must be received by December 9th

Beef _____

Chicken _____

Fish _____

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope

No refunds after December 9th

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

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