



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fifth Year

November 2010

Bulletin No. 10

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

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

Greetings Fellow Sirs,

I had a great time watching the Branch 59 bowlers at the Brentwood tournament last month. All who were there seem to be enjoying themselves regardless of how well they might have been doing. This is why I truly believe all of us should try to take advantage of the activities our branch has to offer.

My thanks to Frank Campos and Ed Guthrie who, as always, added a great musical touch to our October luncheon. The speaker and his associate were very informative... thank you Hugh.

All indications are that the December Luncheon is going to be a great one. The Social Committee is working hard to make it the very best they possibly can; I know because they told me so. If you have not done so already, I would encourage you all to make plans to attend.

Fred Gotthardt has announced that in November, after 12 years as the leader of Cybergazers, he will be stepping down from that post. I know I speak for many others in the branch when I say "Job Well Done," Fred!

The management of the Newark Pavilion has announced that in the spirit of the Holiday Season, the bar will be open for our luncheons in November and December of 2010.

Please continue to make bringing new members into the branch a priority. I believe if can get a guest to attend one of our meetings to see what we have to offer, they will become a member. See you in November.



Frank

Our Speaker Kerri Childress by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Ms Kerri Childress currently serves as the Communications Officer and Congressional Liaison for the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Prior to this assignment, Ms. Childress worked at VA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. as the Director of Communications for all of the Veterans Health Administration.



A Vietnam-era Navy veteran, her 22-years of public affairs experience includes working at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, Arlington National Cemetery, Military District of Washington and as associate editor of Navy Times. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maryland and holds a masters degree from American University in public relations.

She will talk about the role that VA is playing in caring for our newest and youngest service members and veterans returning injured from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – VA Palo Alto – Rebuilding Injured Lives. Additionally, she will talk about how VA provides care to our Bay Area Veterans, including those from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Be prepared with questions, she will be happy to assist.

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

MENU

Corned Beef and Chicken Teriyaki
Cabbage, Potatoes/Carrots, Rice



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



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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

A Nonprofit
public benefit
corporation for
retired men



Sir Jim Ferenz October Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Frank R. Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:05AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by
Secretary Sir Jim
Ferenz: All Officers
and all members of
the Board of Directors
were present.



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

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben
Fernandez reports that the financials
are in excellent condition. Current
balance is \$5956.38 including the
\$400.00 which the Board approved for
the petty cash fund. Sir Ben reminded
the group to use the proper SIR forms
when they request funds for various
activities. He also reminded The Big
Sir and the Little Sir that it was time to
review the Contract with the caterer for
the year 2011.

Program: Little Sir Hugh Twomey
stated that our speaker today will be
The Honorable David Smith, Mayor
of the City of Newark. Smith is also
the Executive Director of the Ohlone
College Foundation and will be
speaking to us about the facility needs
of the Fremont Campus.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects
attendance at 157 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 Bill Pruner
(71) sponsored by Sir Lon Hitchcock
and Sir Tom Blalock (79) sponsored by
Sir Dean Olsen.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported
that we would celebrate 14 Birthdays
this month. The Birthdays range from
87-63. The officers, directors, and

members wish all of you a very Happy
Birthday.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake states Golf dues
will remain at \$37.00 for the year 2011.
All other Golf data may be found in the
Pathfinder.

Activities: Sir Ron Holliday reports
that The Write Your Life Story group will
now meet at Merrill Gardens at Fremont
Retirement Home. The address is 2860
Country Drive, Fremont. The phone
number is 510 790 1645. Members
should note the change of location.

Cybergeezers: leadership will
change on January 1, 2011 when Sir
Fred Gotthardt retires as Chairman. The
new leadership will be Sir Jerry Sabo
assisted by Sir Ron Holliday. Branch 59
is grateful for the long years of Service
rendered by Sir Fred. He brought
computers and the things they could do
into the lives of many of our members.

All other activities may be found in
the Pathfinder.

New Business:

Sir Howie Thompson, Social Chairman,
reported that tickets were now on sale
for the Christmas spectacular. Sir Howie
further states their will be great music,
wonderful door prizes, the bar will be
open on a no host basis for this event
so lots of good cheer and this year even
Santa Claus will attend. What more
could you want for \$22.00 a person.
Come with friends and family and join
your fellow Sirs for an outstanding
Christmas celebration.

Unfinished Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM

Submitted by Secretary

Sir Jim Ferenz



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

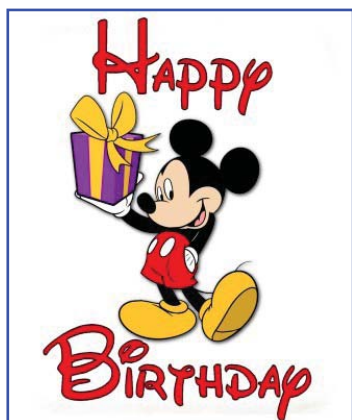
by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie, and Sir Art Winkley



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

November Birthdays

William Delucchi	11/05/1923	87
James Thurgate	11/03/1926	84
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	84
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	83
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	80
James Conard	11/02/1932	78
William Dark	11/07/1934	76
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	76
Wesley Schilling	11/23/1934	76
Jack Long	11/06/1935	75
James Ploor	11/07/1935	75
Loren Gross	11/08/1938	72
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	72
Myron Ness	11/03/1944	66
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	65
Bill Pruner	11/06/1947	63



New Members

Thomas M. Blalock

42666 Sully Street
Fremont, CA 94539-5218
510-490-7565
Birthday: 1/6/1932
Spouse: Gail
Badge No. 79
Sponsor: Dean Olsen
Call me: Tom

Bill R. Pruner

5967 St. Paul Drive
Newark, CA 94560-4129
510-794-4714
Birthday: 11/6/1947
Badge No. 71
Sponsor: Lon Hitchcock
Call me: Bill

Tom Blalock



Bill Pruner



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Jurcel Habild

Jerry Hensel

Crispulo Pangilnan

Tommy Redwine

Guest of:

Ben Fernandez

Les Addison

George Perry

Jerry Sabo

Visitors:

Dave Smith

Mike Calegari

Speaker

Speaker

Change of Status:

Ron Faria

Jim Frederick

Resigned

Resigned

Membership Total

(as of October 21, 2010)

231 — Active Members

31 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For October 21, 2010)

Members	147
Guests	4
Visitors	2

Total = 153

46 excused 35 unexcused

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

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



Darrell Jewell, Nat Lord, John Pesek and **Jerry Sabo** drove to Sacramento for the Citrus Heights tournament in early October. John, Nat and Jerry earned some prize money—3 out of 4 are not bad! We will never hear the end of Nat's trip to Brentwood. In singles, Nat rolled a 177, a 223 and a 207. He came back in the afternoon with a series of 199, 224 and then a final 231. What an awesome day for

someone with a book average of 170. **Don Henry** also did well with singles scores of 167, 176 and 213 followed by doubles scores of 213, 199 and 165. Don books a 166 average. Good games were also rolled by **Gary Bennett, Rich Bowers** (Br 6), **Jesse Medeiros** (Br 6) and **Roger Wallin**. Gary will very likely be in the money, but Nat will definitely be on top.

We have another tournament coming up next week (Nov. 5th) at Modesto, and then our final tournament of the year will be held in Concord on November 16th or 18th. The San Rafael tournament has been cancelled.

Some of the highlights from Cloverleaf Bowl include an awesome 299 game from Jesse Medeiros as part of a 716 series (3 games). I don't recall anyone in our league (Branch 59 and Branch 6) ever bowling that well. My prediction has been that most of us will raise our averages since we are bowling at Cloverleaf (rather than Mowry) Lanes. I know that a lot of us are spending considerable time there, and I haven't heard of any complaints.

Our tournament schedule for next year is on our SIR website at <http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/> – click on the Bowling Schedule 2011 link. SIR members are always invited to attend our tournaments and for sure to visit us 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.

I need to share an interesting story that supports my faith in the internet and in the integrity of many of our community members. I went to bowling last Monday expecting to find that I had left my missing bowling bag and balls there from the Friday before—no such luck. It turns out that evidently someone stole everything either from the back of my pickup (not the bed, but the back of the cab) or I somehow took the bag out and placed it in the driveway. Anyway, I saw in the Niles email newsgroup that someone found a bag near the railroad tracks and Rock Boulevard. Needless to say, I was a very happy bowler to get everything back and in excellent condition. Thank you again, Carol Pederson from the Niles group.

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

New to SIR and SIR golf – welcome please **Chuck Glover** and **Bob Balan** – both new to SIR and they have joined SIR golf. Welcome Gentlemen!

New year 2011 is around the corner. Golf dues are due. This year they will remain at \$37.00. Make checks payable to Branch 59 Golf and mail to Bill

Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont, CA 94537. Deadline is early December 2010. If you attend November's meeting give check to Fred Ilg.

As you read this column Poppy Hills is complete and results will be in January's Pathfinder.

We have a tentative schedule for 2011: April 17 – 24 – Solvang; Sometime in May – Area 8 team qualifying – look for info early 2011 and we will have it at Sunol again; Reno – 3 dates – June 13-17, June 19-24 and June 27-July 1; July – individual qualifier – probably at Alameda; August – state team championship; Coeur d' Alene – Sep 26 to Oct 1 – Oct. 26 individual tournament at Poppy Hills and Oct 27 open play at Poppy Hills. Nov-Feb = Mexico

Once again -- 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 the reward = case of balls -- Compliments of SIR.

The mini-clinic held the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting has been moved out to start again in May -- Bob and Wayne will be hosting the clinic.

Take a bow – You -- Thank you everyone for reading this column.

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.

Bill

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Wednesday - November - 24th
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 November. Contact Jerry Sabo at the next SIR luncheon for more information.

Jerry Sabo - 510-790-3135

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

We had our second meeting with 10 attendees. It is a start and we need to keep improving with attendance. Ask your spouse, friends and all who are interested in writing the dash. The dash that is between born and deceased. The dash is also the life stories that frequently are lost after Grandma, Grandpa, Mom or Dad pass away. We lose all of their life stories, so sad. The intent is to tell our stories of life, the ups and the downs, the happiness and the sorrows. The intent is to write what ever comes to mind.

Please ask all who might be interested to join.

The meeting place will be Merrill Gardens, the Penthouse Room on the Monday after our regular luncheon meeting each month starting at 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Merrill Gardens will supply refreshments and as long as we keep it open to all, there is no charge for the facilities. Nice!!!!

A supplement to our effort is at the Senior Center, every week at 10:00 AM for one hour. I suggest that we all attend a meeting to see what and how they work. We all can learn, and it is always fun to explore. Let's explore.

Don Gillis - 510-490-1978

Ron Holladay - 510-656-9017

Nat Lord Sports
(510) 797-1704



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

May 7 – 14, 2011

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.

Call Travel Chairman Emile Lassalle
for more information 510-538-7463

BOCCE

We had a great time playing Bocce Ball at City Beach. Eight people were there and more are welcome. We had two women guests last month and all SIR members are invited to join and bring their wives. There are four courts which if totally occupied would service thirty-two people. A great time was again had by all who attended.

Ed Shannon - 510-651-6786

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

READERS AND BROWERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read.

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



SIR
HAPPENINGS

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter
and — Carl Shaner

THOMAS AHERN's wife, Edna, reports he continues therapy at Fremont Health Care Center. Thomas appreciates friends calling on him.

TOM DEHART's caretaker reports Tom was doing as well as can be expected. Tom seems to nap a lot. We wish him well.

WAYNE MALL's wife, Anne, passed away on October 19th after many months of chemotherapy treatment. Ann was 75 years old.

A service was held at Washington West on Sunday, October 24th. SIR Branch 59 wishes to express their sympathy to Dr. Mall and his family.

JOHN OCKES's wife, Anne, passed away October 15th. Anne was 90 years old. A memorial service was held Saturday, October 23rd at Newark Community Church. SIR Branch 59 wishes to express condolences to John and his family.

CARL SHANER had an appointment with Kaiser medical Facility October 21st in which he had an MRI and a resulting injection in the lower spine. For ongoing pain Carl will continue injections in the lower spine.

WES SCHILLING had a prostate operation September 27th that included a laser treatment of the interior prostate. Wes is recovering very well but is restricted to no trips out of town.

CONRAD WALLA Undergoes chemotherapy for the spread of Kidney cancer every third Thursday. This causes restriction of activities because of the need for recovery. We wish Conrad a full recovery.

ELAINE CUNNINGHAM, wife of deceased Past Big Sir Rollin Cunningham, enjoys reading the SIR Pathfinder newsletter. Elaine sent books – of “Forever” postage stamps to the Sunshine Committee. We greatly appreciate Elaine's generosity.



Dave Marymee

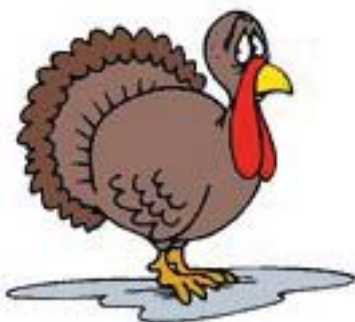


Bob Walter



Carl Shaner

In Memoriam
Robert (Wally) Browne



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Set aside - December 16th for the Holiday Luncheon

“Holiday Sleigh Ride”



The theme of our annual holiday luncheon which is on December 16th is **HOLIDAY SLEIGH RIDE**. We will join together with a delicious sit down luncheon. The decorations and table arrangements will make you feel like celebrating the Christmas season.

We again will have outstanding entertainment for you. We also have a special surprise and maybe even Santa will be there.

Along with special door prizes and gifts.

You won't want to miss the **HOLIDAY SLEIGH RIDE** luncheon.

So sign up at the November meeting or send all your information to Ed Kurtz and with a self addressed envelope so he can send you your tickets.

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 November meeting.

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.



See you there.

The Social Committee



Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the November Luncheon

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://sirinc.org/branch59/>

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1976 Peter Clark*
1977 Karl Heine*
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2009 Don Gillis

*(deceased)

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