



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Sixth Year

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 20, 2011

The Rooster Crows by Big Sir Hugh Twomey

We have a lot to crow about!
Happy New Year to all my fellow Sirs!

Wow! What a year 2010 we had!
Come on you guys and invite your friends and neighbors to be your guest and then sign up to be a Sir! What a favor you will be serving to Branch 59, and to see your friends at our monthly luncheons. We have bumper stickers, tri-fold booklets, info-cards, form letters, etc. for you to use in attracting new members.

Our Social Committee's "Holiday Sleigh Ride," really caught the mood of the season. The July 2010 issue of "The Pathfinder," had excellent reviews of "Springtime Memories," our May 2010 Sweetheart Ladies Day luncheon. I cannot wait to see the reviews of "Holiday Sleigh Ride," thank you Social Committee.

Now 2011 is here and so is the need for "Social Committee," replacements. Without a willing chairman and assistants we will not measure up to the 2010 successes. Please come forward if you would follow the lead of the 2010 Social Committee and give of your time and talent.

Please support Branch 59 by attending the Branch Executive Committee meeting discussions at 10:00 AM, open to all members. Branch 59 operations are all funded by the "meal ticket," income. Under "New Business" will be consideration of an option from the "2011 SIR LEADERS GUIDE", as follows:

"The participants in Branch luncheons, activities and events shall be charged enough to pay for all expenses associated with these functions." "Income to cover Branch overhead expenses for the SIRInc assessment, newsletters, officer expenses, Branch promotion, etc. shall be derived from donations by active Branch members." The preferred and



Our Speaker Bob Wasserman by Little Sir Ron Holladay

Mayor Bob Wasserman has served on the Fremont City Council since 1992. Prior to his election, he spent almost 40 years in law enforcement, and served as Fremont's Chief of Police from 1976 to 1991.

Mayor Wasserman received his Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Cal State Los Angeles and his Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He enjoys the opportunity to serve the community that his office provides. His goal as Mayor is to keep Fremont a safe city where people can live, work, play and shop.

When he isn't attending meetings, Mayor Wasserman enjoys sports, reading, and travel. He is married and has two children.

He will discuss the pros and cons of the merging of Fremont, Newark and Union City. What would be the benefit for these cities, what would the citizens Gain.



most effective method for generation income is by requesting lump sum annual donations from all active members." Sir James Stedman, Chairman Training Committee. Branch 59 will consider adjusting the "meal tickets," to \$12.50 per month, and \$17.50 for May and December luncheons. In addition a "lump sum annual donation," would be needed from all active members.

Hugh

MENU

Sirloin Tips and Chicken Teriyaki
Noodles Rice and Mixed 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
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

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Sir Jim Ferez November Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call by Secretary Sir Jim Ferez:

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 October meeting as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reports that the financials remain in excellent condition. Our cash balance is \$5430.48 Sir Ben reminded the board that the contract with the caterer for the upcoming year needs to be completed. Big Sir Frank R. Thomas indicated that he would pursue the matter with the incoming Big Sir Hugh Twomey and have the contract in place by year end. Sir Frank stated that they would do all possible to hold the current pricing but costs are going up. We should be prepared for a cost increase.

Program: Little Sir Hugh Twomey stated that our speaker for today will be Ms Kerri Childress. She currently serves as the Communications Officer and Congressional Liaison for the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Ms. Childress will speak about the support of injured Veterans returning from our current conflicts.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 158 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 Jerry Hensel(19) sponsored by Sir Les Addison and Sir Jurgen Habild(15) sponsored by Sir Ben Fernandez. We also accepted five transferees from other Branches. They are: Sir Hank Ruelas(125), Sir Lloyd Keplinger(84), Sir Robert Lewis(105), Sir Gus Anastole(109), Sir Jim Bridges(316).



Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we would celebrate 13 Birthdays this month. The Birthdays range from 84-63. The officers, directors, and members wish all of you a very Happy Birthday.

Activities: Sir Robert Ingebretson reports that participation in our various activities is increasing. Sir Frank R. Thomas indicated he would contact the State on the lack of Sports information coming down to the Branch.

New Business: The Branch Executive Committee was unanimous in extending their appreciation for the outstanding job done by Sir John Skarpelos to maintain the Quality of our Branch 59 Bulletin the Pathfinder.

Little Sir Hugh Twomey established a Committee to develop the 2011 Budget. The members of the Committee are Big Sir Frank R. Thomas, Big Sir elect Sir Hugh Twomey, Sir Ben Fernandez, Sir Jim Ferez and Sir Don Gillis. The objective of the Committee is to have a firm Budget in place by December 31, 2010.

Sir Howie Thompson, Social Chairman, gave us an update on the planning for the Christmas event. Plans are moving forward for the event and the Social Committee is doing all possible to make this a memorable activity.

Sunshine Chairman Sir Dave Marymee reminds the membership that during this Holiday season it would be really a good thing to visit our members confined to their homes or Care facilities.

The Big Sir and all the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors wish the members and their families and Happy and safe Holiday season.

Unfinished Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM

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

New Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Membership, Attendance and Birthday News will be updated in a future issue.

Your Editor has had a bad cold for over a week.



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



Branch 59 and Branch 6 bowlers bowl together at Cloverleaf Bowl. We also attend a number of tournaments throughout the year. At the end of this article is a reference to our "Bowling Schedule," and we welcome anyone to join us. Bowlers from our group attended quite a few tournaments this past year—actually about 18 of the scheduled 21 tournaments.

I keep teasing Don Henry about being such a "sand bagger" but we have all done very well in tournament play: Jerry Sabo \$821.67, Don Henry \$476.23, John Pesek \$386.92, Nat Lord \$274.45, Gary Bennett \$148.37, Roger Wallin \$81.80, Darrell Jewell \$64.18, and Chuck Pereira (Br. #6) \$68.00. That was only a summary of the winnings that I could find. I know that Wayne Adams just recently received about \$45.00 after bowling a best ever game of 217 and a handicap series of 770. I also know that Lew Heffron and Jesse Medeiros (Br. 6) have also won money this year so our total winnings have exceeded \$2500.00 for the past year. P.S.—I guess you can see who the real sand bagger is!

A couple of other significant events from this past year—Nat Lord had his big series reported in the last Pathfinder. We moved to Cloverleaf Bowl—hooray! I know that several of us have had significant raises in average. Yours truly has gone from a 159 to a current 181 average. The down side of that is that individuals with lower averages are going to start winning the money (if they go to tournaments). Les Prestwood has been winning all the weekly prize money, and maybe if he starts back into tournament play he will win money.

Our next bowling season opens with Stockton on January 18th. Several of us will attend a State Bowling meeting in early January: where we finalize the upcoming tournament schedule and plan for other State business. We most often are represented by our bowling Branch 59 Bowling President Frank Cordova, State Board Member Nat Lord, and Assistant State Bowling Secretary/ Webmaster (bowling) Jerry Sabo.

Our tournament schedule for next year is on our SIR website at <http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/> then 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.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. Happy New Year!! Welcome back Bob Lewis and Lloyd Keplinger. They left SIR branch 59 but could not stand to be away and returned a year later.

This year we begin with 54 members in SIRS golf – 2 new members, 2 transfers (Bob & Lloyd) and 6 members dropped out of SIRS golf. They can still play on Mondays – they cannot enter any tourna-

ments.

We have a couple of changes to the schedule and it is not complete as of this writing. Currently, the date for Solvang is in question. The team qualifier will be sometime in May. Look for more info on this. The team qualifier will be at Sunol. Reno – 3 dates – June 13-17, June 19-24 and June 27-July 1; Individual qualifier canceled – read below...August – state team championship; Coeur d'Alone – canceled. Oct. 26 individual tournament at Poppy Hills and Oct 27 open play at Poppy Hills

Early Tee Offs – Sunol is concerned about starting times. 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. Call Bill Leake (793-6561) for details. You could win a case of golf balls.

Pre-Qualifier – This year we will not have a pre-qual tournament. Instead, you tell me you want to play at Boundary Oaks on August 31.

You write a check for SIR State Golf for \$51 (estimate price) and you automatically go to Boundary Oaks. The top 2 finishers of each flight get a free ride to Poppy Hills. More later in the year.

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 Leake

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

When -

Tuesday - January - 25th
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont Fukaya A room.

Jerry

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

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**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

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Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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SUNSHINE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter
and — Carl Shaner

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

ROBERT BENYA had an operation in November involving neck vertebrae. Bob said the cause was congenital. The operation was a very long painful condition afterward. Bob is wearing a neck brace.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter



Carl Shaner

TOM DEHART's daughter, Kim, said Tom was hospitalized before Christmas with pneumonia. Tom left the hospital on Christmas Eve day for skilled nursing care facility on Country Drive. Tom seems to be able to recognize family members when they visit him.

WAYNE MEYER said he had an operation in early December to remove a cancerous tumor from his left lung. The operation involved removing a rib and replacing it with a metal plate. The operation involved entering the left lung under the left arm. The doctor assured Wayne he would not have to undergo chemotherapy. Wayne has to wait six weeks before doing heavy physical activity.

CLARK REDEKER was under the weather before Christmas. During that time Clark had a cancerous lesion removed from his forehead. Clark plans to attend the January luncheon.

WES SCHILLING has recovered for prostate surgery. Wes is allowed to drive on trips out of town.

CARL SHANER was operated on his left middle ear Carl faces a further operation to repair and scrape the tiny bones in his middle ear. Care must be taken so as to not damage his left ear drum.

CONRAD WALLA and his wife, Ann, left early December for Yosemite Park. Con participates in the celebrated activities at the hotel in the Park during Christmas season. Con will have a further checkup in the middle of February to determine whether he needs further-treatment involving chemotherapy.





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*(deceased)

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