



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Sixth Year

November 2011

Bulletin No. 10

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, November 17, 2011

The Rooster Crows by Big Sir Hugh Twomey

"Christmas Fantasy" is the theme for the holiday luncheon in December. Social Committee Chairman Sir Jim Ferenz reported great progress. Sir Ed Kurtz, Social Committee Assistant, is on duty selling tickets and arranging the group table requests. We will install the 2012 Officers and Directors during the proceedings.



We voted for a slate of 2012 Officers and Directors at the August luncheon meeting. Big Sir elect Ron Holladay has moved away. We will vote again November.

President Elect Jim Stedman has been a strong proponent of excellence in leadership within the SIR organization. He sent me the following message:

"Thank you for submitting Form 27 for October. It is good to see 3 more guests in October. Hopefully they will submit applications to join. I know you are emphasizing new member recruitment. Please continue. It appears that you are cleaning out your roster. This is good. It is better to have a smaller branch with active, interested members. It is good to see 160 attend the October Luncheon. Thanks for your fine effort. Branch 59 will be better because of your leadership."

I would like to give credit to Sir Ron Holladay for the fine choices of guest speakers in 2011. Sir Jim Ferenz has provided excellence in performance of the Secretary duties. Sir Ben Fernandez's treasurer's records have been flawless and his willingness to sell luncheon tickets and pay expenses was appreciated. The assistants and directors have given Branch 59 their talent and support as committee chairmen and officers.

Hugh Twomey

Our Speaker Joe Garrity by Sir Bob Springer

John Joseph Garrity is a 29 year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department and is currently a Captain of Police assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Tenderloin Police Station. Captain Garrity is not new to the Fremont/Newark area for this is where he grew up and eventually attended Washington High School, becoming an All-League Football player for the Huskies. After graduation in 1977, Joe continued his education at San Francisco State University and started as a linebacker for the varsity football team.



Joe Garrity earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1981 and a Master's Degree in 1985 from San Francisco State University.

Many of Joe Garrity's early years on the Police Force were spent working uniform foot patrol in the Tenderloin area. As a reward for his hard work, Joe was selected as "Officer of the Year" on three occasions. Other past assignments in the S.F.P.D. include Tactical Company, Homeland Security Unit/Transit Detail and the mid-Market Street Unit. Joe was also the Trustee and President of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association of the S.F.P.D. and a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Joe will speak to us on emerging crime patterns and resources. Examples are retail organized crime, street sales of pharmaceuticals and deployment.

MENU

**Italian Sausages and
Chicken Teriyaki**

Grecian Potatoes, 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



Branch 59

Officers

Big Sir
Hugh Twomey
(510) 796-5559

Little Sir
Ron Holladay
(510) 656-9017

Secretary

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
Robert Ingebretson
Jerry Sabo
Frank R. Thomas
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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Sir Peter Angelides October Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Hugh Twomey called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call by assistant secretary, Officers present: Big Sir Hugh Twomey, Little Sir Ron Holladay, Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz, Assistant Secretary, Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer, Sir Ben Fernandez, Assistant Treasurer, Sir Nat Lord. Directors present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Robert Ingebretson, Sir Frank R. Thomas, Sir Roger Wallin and Sir Jerry Sabo.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of the September meeting as published in the Pathfinder. Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz had nothing else to report. (During the remainder of the BEC meeting Sir Jim Ferenz will be in the lobby selling tickets for the SIR Christmas Fantasy Party to be held in December)

Treasurer's Report

Sir Ben Fernandez reported that there was a balance of \$6,142.15 in the treasury.

Little Sir Report

Little Sir Ron Holladay stated that our speaker for today will be William (Bill) Marshak, editor of the Tri City Voice. The Tri City Voice covers in considerable detail local news for the Tri City Area. Mr. Marshak will discuss why we need a newspaper which concentrates on the local scene now more than ever before.

Committee Reports

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance for today's luncheon at 164, including 3 guests and one visitor.

Membership

Sir Ron Brutvan proposed two new members. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the new members. The new members are Jim Owens sponsored by Sir Frank D. Thomas and Joseph Jenó sponsored by Sir Sergio Zilli.

Activities

Because of the extensive time spent on new business, activities were not discussed at this meeting. They have been reported in the October Pathfinder.

Birthdays

Sixteen birthdays will be celebrated at today's luncheon, ranging in age from 88 to 64. The Officers, Directors, and Members wish these celebrants a very Happy Birthday.

Unfinished Business

Sor Frank R. Thomas reported that as yet he has received no response to the Ad in the Tri City Voice. It was voted to extend advertising in the Tri City Voice for another 10 weeks. Also to be listed in future ads will be the hotline number for prospective members to call: 1-877-747-9066.

New Business

Sir Fred Gotthardt recommended that Branch 59 purchase a wireless lapel microphone system which would greatly enhance the speaking qualities of the speaker and audience response to the speaker. Sir Fred passed out literature on the speaker. The basic price is \$210.92. A vote was taken, and it was unanimously approved by the Board to purchase the lapel speaker system.

Caterer's contract is up for renewal. Main discussion centered on the quality of the menu. How good is the lunch we are getting for the cost? Although a motion was made and seconded to continue the same caterer for another year, the motion was then tabled in order to first get a survey of the SIR members as to their opinion on the quality of the food.

As Big Sir elect, Ron Holladay, will be moving out of the area and thus unable to assume those duties, it will be announced at today's luncheon that anyone interested in that post, submit their name for consideration. A final vote would be taken at the November luncheon. Because a new Big Sir will be elected, changes of officers and directors to other positions will occur. Listing of new officers and directors will be found in the November Pathfinder.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Submitted by Assistant Secretary

Sir Peter Angelides

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

November Birthdays

William Delucchi	11/05/1923	88
James Blood	11/14/1924	87
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	85
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	84
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	81
James Conard	11/02/1932	79
William Dark	11/07/1934	77
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	77
James Ploor	11/07/1935	76
Loren Gross	11/08/1938	73
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	73
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	66
Bill Pruner	11/06/1947	64



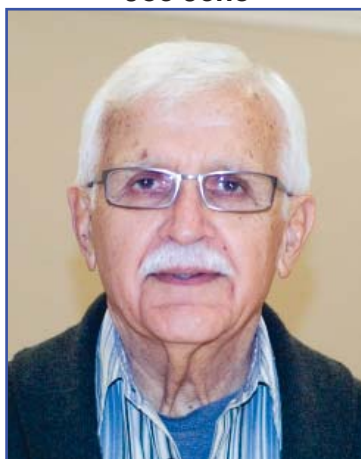
Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

New Members

Joseph J. Jeno
36250 Larch Way
Fremont, CA 94536-2657
510-793-4335
Email: josephjeno@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 1/24/1930
Badge No. 91
Sponsor: Sergio Zilli
Call me: Joe

Jim Owens
3800 Walnut Avenue Apt 339
Fremont, CA 94538-2273
510-793-3347
Birthday: 3/24/1923
Badge No. 84
Sponsor: Frank D. Thomas
Call me: Jim

Joe Jeno



Jim Owens



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Ahmad Falsafi
Van Lewing
Ted Jorgenson

Guest of:

Charles Wilkens
Gordon MacLeod
Joe Stanley

Visitors:

William Marshak Speaker

Change of Status:

Wayne Mall Resigned
Charles Glover Resigned
Ronald Holladay Resigned
Gail Shipp Resigned
Hank Ruelas To Inactive
Gary Otterson Drop Rule 100
William Bell Drop Rule 100
Thomas Tinker Drop Rule 100
Crispulo Pangilinan Drop Rule 100
Myron Ness Drop Rule 100

Membership Total (as of October 2011)

203 — Active Members
29 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For October 2011)

Members	160
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Total =	164
29 excused	24 unexcused

You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch
Website: <http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

By the time you read the November Pathfinder, our 2011 bowling tournament season will be finished. Hopefully Branch 59 bowlers will be successful at the next two tournaments. The Modesto Tournament was held on November 4th and the Concord Tournament on November 16th so there is nothing to report at this time. Our next scheduled tournament will be held in Stockton on January 16th.

About the only thing that can be reported is that **Don Henry** tore up the lanes at Brentwood! In singles, Don rolled a 214, 247, 203 and in doubles for the second game his partner **Gary Bennett** rolled a 236 and Don a 225. Don should win the Singles B category, and the two of them should at least place in doubles. **Darrell Jewell** was the only other bowler that had at least one game well over his average.

On the bowling part of the SIR website <http://sirinc.org/bowling/> there is always a posting of upcoming tournaments, tournament results, tournament applications etc. The State Bowling Webmaster is yours truly.

A few highlights of the previous bowling Mondays include:

Roger Wallin rolled a 234 which was 66 pins over his average and a 622 series.

Gary Bennett rolled a 236 which was 57 pins over his average as well as a 649 series.

Nat Lord's 227 was 50 pins over his average.

Wayne Adams had a 193 which was 56 pins over his average.

It is never too late for new bowlers to join us. Usually the "winter leagues" start in early September, and we are no exception. However, SIR members can join us at any time. We even have four golfers that bowl with us. We meet 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. Cost is \$13.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M.



Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We are winding down the 2011 season and are preparing for the 2012 golf season. Here is hoping that you may want to try and participate in some of the many SIR events scheduled for 2012. You will hear more about this later.

SIR NCGA golf dues are payable no later than the end of December. They remain at \$37 and checks should be made out to SIR Branch 59. You may give me your check or you can mail the check to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537. If you are golfer and not a member of NCGA, or new to SIR and are interested in



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joining SIR Branch 59 and NCGA then call me at 793-6561 so we can discuss it. You are welcome to join.

There are no results as there were not any tournaments this past cycle.

We have the schedule for 2012 (tentative) and it is as follows: Las Vegas – April 22 – 25. **Reno** (2 weeks only this year) – week 1 June 11-15 and week 2 June 18-22 – **Solvang classic** September 9-13. In addition, there will be a team qualifying tournament (probably at Sunol again) and an individual state qualifier sometime in August.

Do you want to stay abreast with SIR state activities – visit www.sirstategolf.com and it will tell you more than you need to know?

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to improve SIR golf? We now have a suggestion box. Call Bill Leake (510-793-6561) for details. You could win a case of golf balls.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (3-4 tee times) and Thursday (1 tee time) at Sunol. Join us – to find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Post – post your score. Please – we need more members for SIRs and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article and allowing me to be your golf chairman this past year. Happy Holidays and I look forward to being your golf chairman again next year.

Bill Leake

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Our meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 29th from 1 to 3 pm** in the Fukaya B room at the Fremont Main Library.

The time and place is different from when and where we usually meet.

Jerry will continue to discuss and demonstrated working with spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel.

Topics are usually varied, and generated by group interest. All SIR members and friends are always welcome to attend. If you have a laptop computer or notebook, please bring it next time.

Jerry Sabo – 510-790-3135

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Join us for an hour at the Creative Writing Class at the Fremont Senior Center every **Tuesday at 10:00 AM**.

During that hour, instructions are handed out for writing (but not required); writings are read (if you want to read what you wrote) and discussed. It is an active class with some great people.

Don Gillis - 510-490-1978

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



READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Emile Lassalle

December 10, 2011

THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

This is a trip we did about 8 years ago and it was a sell-out, we had 2 buses. It is a Christmas PAGEANT in Sacramento and the tree had at least 100 or more singing participants.

We will have dinner at the Spaghetti Factory.

COST: \$81 PER PERSON,

Escort Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463



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

Dear Editor

As always a superb job on the Pathfinder.

I looked at your June 2011 pathfinder attendance chart also with a sense of concern regarding the membership and attendance trend. While it may appear the decline in attendance and membership began with the move to the Newark Pavilion, any number of other factors may also be having an effect.

One, I think, is a generational thing. As our age group leaves the scene, the social and recreational interests we enjoyed for example, have not carried over to the retiring baby boomers. They do not seem to be joiners. Activities available to them in this day and age are numerous and different and therefore compete with the civic, social or fraternal club memberships we experienced. How to recruit them is the question.

Another is today's uncertain economy and political climate. Undoubtedly these considerations have been discussed by the SIR organization's leaders. Our members and Board Executive Committee's challenge is how to articulate publicize or promote the camaraderie and friendship SIR membership provides. Unfortunately we often overlook our strengths. Certainly our meeting facilities are exceptional. Consider the updated kitchen, lighting, public address system; well-marked (lighted, if required) parking for 436 cars including 14 handicap spaces – no off street parking is necessary. Well selected and catered buffet hot lunches. No membership dues. Well conducted, informative and entertaining speakers for our meetings. And with credit to you, John, an excellent newsletter keeping the membership informed. One of the outstanding qualities of our SIR Chapter's membership is the willingness of members to volunteer when needed to fill vacancies and or lead special interest group activities. So, the challenge is before us. Will we reverse the trend in declining attendance? Our generation has accomplished much. Can it rise to the occasion again? Time will tell.

Thought I'd share these observations with you.

Sir John Cordeniz

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Dave Marymee, Sir Bob Walter and Sir Carl Shaner

THOMAS AHERN is receiving physical therapy and residing at Lincoln Convalescent Center in the Irvington District. Stop in and see him as he likes visitors.

FRED ANDERSON (wheel chair bound) missed the October luncheon as he had to have repairs made on his wheel chair.

ANTHONY BRUNO missed the October birthday luncheon. He had a stent placed in an artery in his neck. He was due to come home in late October. We wish him well.

DOUGLAS EADS (wheel chair bound) resigned from Branch 59. Doug says he begins chemotherapy in a couple of weeks. We wish Doug well.

JACK GAUNT's wife, Mary, reports Jack suffers from kidney and liver disease and continues under hospice care. We wish Jack the best.

RICHARD HOLMES wife, Bernadette, says Richard is in intensive care at Washington Hospital. Richard suffers from an aneurysm. We wish Richard well.

LEE MINEAU died October 27 from lung cancer. On behalf of SIR we wish to express our sympathy to Lee's wife, Helen, and Lee's family.

TOM SHERBA (Past Big Sir and former Area Governor) says he has recovered from his ailment and is doing OK.

MANUEL SILVA had cancer removed from the rear of his tongue. Manuel appeared at the October luncheon wearing bandage strips on both sides of his neck. Manuel says the surgeon removed all of the cancer.

ROGER TANSLEY died June 2. Roger's wife, Kathy, reports Roger died from lung cancer. On behalf of SIR we wish to express our sympathy to Kathy and Roger's family.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter



Carl Shaner

In Memoriam
Lee Mineau
Roger Tansley



Big Sir Hugh Twomey (in the center) is shown at the SIR Annual Meeting in Vallejo earlier this year. On the right is Area 8 Governor Don Graff. On the left is Branch 26 Big Sir Daryl Main.



Save the Date – December 15th Christmas Fantasy

Take your wife or a friend to lunch

At our December Christmas Fantasy Luncheon we will be entertained by **THE Fabulous CRUISE TONES** featuring Dana and Stephanie.

Also back by popular demand **THE SINGING SIRS**. Don't miss out on this wonderful event.



Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the October and November Luncheons

Number in Party _____ x **\$22.50** per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**
and mail to: **Sir Ed Kurtz, 2688 Sunnycrest Court, Fremont, CA 94539**

Ticket orders must be received by December 8th

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

No refunds after December 8th.

Indicate Meal Choice & No:

Beef: NY Strip

Chicken: Cordon Bleu

Fish: Poached Salmon

SIR TICKET RECORD

Cash _____ or Check _____

Ticket Nos. _____

Requests for Table Reservations must be submitted on a **TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST FORM** with a list of Sir Member names and their Partner names. Forms will be available at the October and November Luncheons and also on the Branch Website.

2012 Election Addendum of Officers and Directors

The Nominating Committee learned in October that Little Sir Ron Holladay (Big Sir Elect) was resigning because, for personal reasons, he had to move to Santa Rosa. That left an opening for the Big Sir position for 2012.

Sir Jim Ferez volunteered to run for Big Sir in 2012. That left a vacancy for Secretary. Sir Frank R. Thomas volunteered for that office. Two members volunteered to serve as Directors: Sir Nat Lord and Sir George Perry.

The membership will vote on this revised slate of officers and directors at the November luncheon. Changes from the August election are shown in bold larger font.

OFFICERS

Big Sir: Sir James Ferez

Little Sir: Sir Skip Mugford

Secretary: Sir Frank R. Thomas

Assistant Secretary: Peter Angelides

Treasurer: Sir Hugh Twomey

Assistant Treasurer: Sir Vincent Fernelius



Sir James Ferez



Sir Frank R. Thomas

DIRECTORS

Sir Don Gillis

Sir Nat Lord

Sir George Perry

Sir Jerry Sabo

Sir Ed Thomas

Sir Roger Wallin



Sir George Perry



Sir Nat Lord

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Art Winkley - **Chairman**
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Jerry Sabo - Assistant

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Arnold George - **Chairman**

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Fred Ilg - Assistant

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Jerry Sabo - **Chairman**

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SPORTS

Nat Lord

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Bob Walter - Assistant
Carl Shaner - Assistant

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Don Henry - **Chairman**
Vince Fernelius - Assistant

WRITING LIFE STORY

Don Gillis - **Chairman**

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Nat Lord

John Skarpelos

PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark*
1977 Karl Heine*
1978 Harry Cooper*
1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
1984 George Herman*
1985 Ray Crosby*
1986 Loran Coburn*
1987 Robert Davis*
1988 Robert Klindt*
1989 Martin Annen*
1990 Lee Updegraff
1991 Fred W. Fretter*
1992 Lyle Kingery
1993 LeRoy J. King*
1994 George Hubach*
1995 Clyde Killion*
1996 Bill Schwan*
1997 Nat Lord
1998 John Buchanan*
1999 Art Lampert*
2000 Harry Heyen*
2001 Bob Beam
2002 Rollin Cunningham*
2003 Don Henry
2004 Tom Sherba
2005 Howard Thompson
2006 Les Addison
2007 Ted Bresler
2008 Richard Holley
2009 Don Gillis
2010 Frank R. Thomas

*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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