



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

February 2012

Bulletin No. 2

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, February 16, 2012

Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferenz

The month of February brings a number of SIR challenges. The Audit Committee has to complete its audit of the 2011 finances and the Branch must prepare for the New Year. We are also in the planning stage of our May Sweetheart Luncheon which this year is called "Summertime Fiesta" and will have a Fiesta theme with all that goes with it. The Social Committee is doing an outstanding job of bringing us a unique event. I think the members and their ladies will really enjoy the day.

The membership challenge is still with us. We need to focus on gaining new members wherever we can. Let's all try to bring in at least one new member this year. If every one of our active members could bring in a member we would put the membership problem behind us. While we are talking about membership please make sure we are making new members feel welcome and part of the group.

One of the things that keep me interested in the SIR organization is the members and their various backgrounds and the life experiences they talk about. It strikes me that we hear from speakers on various subjects but very few of our own members have spoken to the group. If any of you have interesting hobbies or a really interesting background please contact our Little Sir Skip Mugford and get on the speakers schedule to make a presentation. Many of you have done interesting things that the group would enjoy learning about. Speaking of presentations to our organization, Sir Skip Mugford brought us a great speaker in January and his February speaker will be just as interesting. We are going full speed to bring you the best and brightest for the New Year. Our goal is to give you something to look forward to each month. We will keep you awake after lunch.

It is time to close once again so I will remind you of this year's goals. Membership is prime. We want to overcome our losses and end the year with at least one more member than we had at the beginning of the year and we want you to enjoy yourselves and look forward to the next meeting. We are working to bring you the best environment we can with good food, great speakers, and a warm friendly meeting place.

Jim

Our Speaker George Coles by Little Sir Skip Mugford

George Coles is our February speaker. He is a WWII veteran with the personal experience of having sailed/been transported to a combat arena on a "Victory Ship." A retired educator and self-described educational vagabond he has taught, as an adjunct professor, at San Francisco State, San Jose State and Sonoma State Universities.

George currently serves his community as a docent on the "Red Oak Victory" moored at Point Richmond--the final stop on the tour of the "Rosie the Riveter Memorial."



**BRING IN A GUEST
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

MENU

Mongolian Beef or Chicken Teriyaki
Potatoes, Rice and Green Beans



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 Frank R. Thomas January Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Jim Ferenz called the meeting to order at 09:56 AM and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Jim Ferenz, Little Sir Skip Mugford, Secretary Sir Frank R. Thomas, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides and Assistant Treasurer Vince Fernelius. Officers absent: None. Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo and Sir Ed Thomas. Directors absent: Sir Don Gillis and Sir Roger Wallin.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the November Minutes as published in the Pathfinder.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Sir Ben Fernandez (2011 Treasurer), presented the income figures for the 2011 Christmas party and indicated that we had a net income of \$480.79. Sir Hugh Twomey (2012 Treasurer) reported that The December 31, 2011, total cash balance was \$8759.75. Adjusted for General Account payments, Custodial Account balances and Petty Cash set asides the January 19, 2012 General Account balance is \$6053.90. Sir Hugh further indicated the financials remain strong but indicated we needed to be watchful of spending.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Sir Frank R. Thomas stated he had nothing to report.

Little Sir's Report

Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker would be Dr. Jacques Guertin. When asked how he was doing with future speakers, he indicated he had February's speaker but was afraid the speaker might back out. He further indicated he was working on getting other speakers and the group also offered him several leads. He also stated that his job sure is a learning experience!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie projects the attendance at today's luncheon at 158.

Membership

Sir Fred Gotthardt presented for Sir

Ron Brutvan who was recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery. Two new members were proposed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the new members. The new members are: Henry Brown sponsored by Sir Jack Lindley and Myron Ness returning from Rule 100.

Birthdays

Sir Art Winkley reported that we are celebrating 15 December birthdays ranging from 87 to 66 and 10 January birthdays ranging from 87 to 70. The Officers and Directors wish these men a very Happy Birthday.

Golf

Sir Bill Leake reported that information and flyers will be handed out at the Meeting concerning 4 tournaments – Las Vegas (in March), Team Competition (May), Reno (2 sessions in June) and Solvang (1 session in September). The intent is to get more people signed up. We will be following up pep talks in upcoming meetings. We need new members who golf as we lost 10 golfers in the transition to 2012. Take a bow Forrest Lusher – Forrest turns 95 on February 13 and still plays golf and travels. Congratulations Forrest!

Bowling

Sir Jerry Sabo reported that the first State tournament was held on Tuesday, Jan 17th in Stockton.

Social

Big Sir Jim Ferenz commended all who had worked to make the Christmas Luncheon the success it was.

Sunshine

Sir Allen Sprague reported that it is with sadness that we report the passing of Inactive member Sir Manny Braga. It was also reported that Sir Ahmed Falsafi is recovering from Brain Surgery.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

The rental cost for the Hall for 2012 has been raised \$35.00. The Bar will be open from 11:00 AM to Noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.
Submitted by Secretary Frank R. Thomas

Frank R. Thomas

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

New Members

Henry Brown
2810 Arlington Place
Fremont, CA 94555
510-794-6576
Birthday: 5/7/1942
Spouse: Claudia
Badge No. 66
Sponsor: Jack Lindley
Call me: Henry

Henry Brown



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

February Birthdays

Forrest Lusher	02/13/1917	95
Robert McCall	02/25/1922	90
Harlan Werner	02/28/1922	90
Frank Borghi	02/22/1924	88
Frank Campos	02/15/1925	87
Francis Rose	02/28/1925	87
James Dunsford	02/12/1926	86
Charles Duncan	02/03/1928	84
Donald Thatcher	02/04/1929	83
Charles Linzey	02/24/1929	83
Noboru Ono	02/05/1930	82
Donald Gillis	02/06/1930	82
Bernard Thien	02/03/1931	81
Edward Shannon	02/01/1932	80
Walt Caeton	02/24/1932	80
Les Prestwood	02/17/1933	79
James Ferez	02/24/1934	78
Sal Lamagna	02/10/1935	77
Robert Edwards	02/19/1935	77
Robert Fuchslin	02/17/1938	74
Van Lewing	02/25/1938	74
Jürgen Habild	02/19/1943	69
Ronald Hamro	02/14/1945	67

Guests:

Guest of:

Ed Neilson	Clark Redeker
George Prows	Les Addison
Dick Sullivan	Jürgen Habild
Ken Temple	Fred Ilg
Ken Weiss	Ed Guthrie

Visitors:

Jacques Guertin	Speaker
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Change of Status:

Membership Total
(as of January 2012)

206 — Active Members
26 — Inactive Members



Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For January 2012)

Members	145
Guests	5
Visitors	1
Total =	151
26 excused	26 unexcused

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the Pathfinder or earlier
issues by going to the
Branch Website:

<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

The 2012 tournament season is now underway, and it seems as if we have too many tournaments coming up all of a sudden. At the Stockton tournament, **Don Henry** and **Jerry Sabo** did well in singles, but fell apart in doubles. Too early to tell if any prizes are due, but suspect that the two of them along with **Kasey Warner** and **Dick Sofield** (Branch 6) did well enough to place. We will be bowling in Napa at the Sonoma Tournament in a few days (Jan. 30th). Upcoming tournaments include:

Livermore	Feb 14, 15	Tue, Wed	Granada Bowl
Petaluma	Mar 5, 7	Mon, Wed	Boulevard Bowl
Concord	Mar 19, 21	Mon, Wed	Diablo Lanes

Two of our tournament bowlers, **Roger Wallin**, and **Chuck Pereira** (Branch 6) have been hampered by injury (Roger) and recent surgery (Chuck). Hope to have both bowlers back soon. Roger seemed to be ready to come back, but has been absent the past few weeks.

Recent highlights from our regular Monday bowling include a great series from **Nat Lord** (637) and another from **Gary Bennett** (602). Gary has held the highest bowling average so far this year. Evidently the trip he took to New Zealand did not damper his bowling skills.

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.

Branch 59 SIR members can join us at any time. I know there must be more bowlers out there. Branch 6 is a much smaller SIR Branch than Branch 59, yet our numbers seem to decrease while more and more Branch 6 bowlers are joining us. 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.

First – Take a **Bow Forrest Lusher**. You play golf about once a week, travel around the world, mow your own lawn – **and oh yea, you are 95 this month. Happy Birthday Forrest and Congratulations! Forrest Lusher –please take a bow**

At the January meeting I passed out fliers for 4 tournaments – Reno, Las Vegas, Solvang and the area 8 team tournaments. Let me know if you need one – I will try and bring some to the February meeting. **Thanks Dick, Fred, Wayne, Terry and John** for supplying those fliers. We handed them out last meeting and will do so next meeting. Let me know if you need one. Especially the team tournament... Congratulations **Skip Mugford** for being our Little SIR. Gentlemen, whatever Little Sir Skip needs from us golfers please help him out.

We have the schedule for 2012: Las Vegas – April 22 – 25. Reno (2 weeks this year) – week 1 June 11-15 and week 2 June 18-22. Call in to sign up for Reno is March 1. So far most of the 59 golfers will be going to Reno during week 2.... Solvang classic September 9-13. Team qualifying tournament on May 24 at Sunol. (See separate flier) with the team championship at Brentwood on August 6 (Shadow Lakes). Finally we will have the **area 8 individual state qualifier** August 29 at Boundary Oaks.

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

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? Call Bill Leake (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 SIR and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Our meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 28th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm** in the Fukaya A room at the Fremont Main Library. Note that this is one week later than usual.

Jerry will spend some time talking about "cutting and pasting" and show some of the features available using Microsoft One Note. He will also go over more with Excel and maybe Fractals.

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

APRIL 14th, 2012

BEACH BLANKET BABYLON IN SAN FRANCISCO

We will board our bus at 3:15pm in the parking lot for our trip to San Francisco to a fine Italian Dinner. After dinner we will most likely walk to the Beach Blanket Babylon Theater for the show. The reason for the walk is that it is only about a block away and parking in San Francisco is bad.



Price for this trip will range between \$130.00 and \$140.00 depending on participation of members, friends and guests. Also we are trying to negotiate a lower rate for the bus to help lower the fare. We need more than 32 persons to make this trip a go. Please sign up A.S.A.P as the signup period is only about 30 days. This show production is always a sell-out.

COST: \$130-\$140 PER PERSON,
Escort Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463

September 28 to October 13, 2012 PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

This is a 15 night cruise aboard the ISLAND PRINCESS, San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Return flight home to San Francisco included. All transfers between airport, ship and pier and Driver/Porter gratuities included.

COST: \$2695 TO \$3385 plus insurance if selected.
Escort Lou Pagni, 510-276-5025.

June 15 to 21, 2012

AMERICAN QUEEN CRUISE NEW ORLEANS

Roundtrip airfare to New Orleans is included. Embark the American Queen in New Orleans. Visit the towns of St. Francisville, Baton Rouge, Oak Alley and then return to New Orleans.

COST: \$2679 to \$3905 plus insurance if selected.
Escort Lou Pagni, 510-276-5025.



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

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We need new Members**

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee

FRED ANDERSON is adjusting to a wheel chair life, with help of live-in caretaker. Sir Fred is “not ready to quit, wants to come to meetings.”

JOHN AUSTIN – Sir Gerald Hensel reports that Sir John is out of ICU of Washington Hospital but that wife Norma remains in ICU.

EDWARD BALDINI reports that he continues under chemo treatment for prostate cancer, with some days better than others. Sir Bill Briscoe keeps Sir Ed up-to-date with Branch 59. Sir Ed grew up in San Mateo, and came to Fremont in 1966 to teach at Washington Hi, James Logan, and then at Newark Memorial for decades. His wife Claire grew up in Niles.

RICHARD HOLMES has been released from intensive care at Washington Hospital. He is now at Fremont Care Facility (Sacramento and Mowry), where the Sunshine Committee visited and found Sir Richard is being treated, and eager to again attend Branch 59 meetings. Sir Richard shared some of his experience in the artillery, and that he met his wife Bernadette on a cruise who brought him to California. “Say hello to the guys.”

LYNN L. PURVIS left us on January 24th, at age 79. His smile will remain with us forever.

MANUEL SILVA says he is recovering from the surgery for tongue cancer, getting his sense of smell again, but the saliva/lymph glands are not working yet for which he is being treated. Sir Manuel is optimistic, things “look well”.

In Memoriam

Manual Braga
Clarence Dutra
Niels Nielsen
Lynn Purvis



Photo at left shows 17 year old Walt Fasolis at Boot Camp and above we have today's Walt.

The Walter Fasolis Story

Our own Sir Walter Fasolis was an eyewitness to history. Walt joined the Navy in 1943 when he was 17. He took boot training at the US Naval Station in Farragut, Idaho.

After boot camp he was assigned to the USS Red Oak, AK235. He boarded the ship in the Leyte Gulf, Philippine Islands where he served as a Coxswain. The Red Oak was an Ammo Provider Supply ship and supplied the battleships, destroyers and other ships stationed in the Gulf. He was aboard when the ship returned to Discovery Bay, Washington in October of 1945.

A side story from Walt: Before they left the Gulf the 16 inch shells were off loaded to a barge. The rest of the ammo aboard was dumped in the ocean as they made their way back to the states!!!

SUMMERTIME FIESTA



Trio Sol de America Mariachi Band.



EL Ballet Folklórico de James Logan High School.

Save the Date – May 17th “Summertime Fiesta”
Take your wife or a friend to lunch

The Sweetheart Luncheon is in its planning stage. The Social committee is in discussions with the caterer and has requested four meal choices: Beef Tri Tip, Fish Poached Salmon, Chicken Cordon-Blue and a Mexican Plate. The menu will be firmed up after the February meeting.

Trio Sol de America Mariachi Band will be entertaining during the Social Hour.

EL Ballet Folklórico de James Logan High School will be our entertainment after lunch.

Tickets will be sold at the March and April Luncheons.



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