



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

June 2012

Bulletin No. 5

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, June 21, 2012

Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferenz



Good day to my fellow SIR members. Another milestone has passed with the successful completion of our May Summer Fiesta. Thanks to the efforts of Sir Hugh Twomey and his Social Committee the event came off very well. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all the SIR Members who made the event successful. A special thanks to the members who solicited door prizes.

All the SIR members should be sure and say thanks when they use one of the businesses who donated to our event. We should also thank those members who personally donated prizes for the event.

Speaking of volunteers, the Nominating Committee is still in search of a member who is willing to step up and be the Little Sir for the year 2013. I have great faith that one of you is willing to be that man. Please give it some serious thought. Our membership continues to drop so we are requesting everyone to bring in new members. We give special thanks to Sir Bill Leake who got an article published in the Tri City Voice which we hope will give rise to some interest in the SIR Organization.

We celebrated the Memorial Day holiday at the end of May and we should all give special thanks to all of our members, past and present who put themselves in harms way from WWI and WWII to the present time. God Bless those who still serve and protect this Nation. We should say a prayer for all of the Wounded Warriors who gave so much.

Activities are the Life Blood of our Organization. Golf and Bowling are doing very well but we really need to do more. If any of you are interested in starting some new groups please contact our Activities Chairman Sir Rob Ingebretson. Last month I mentioned Ham Radio and there was no interest. How about sailing? Do we have any sailors in the group who may be interested in doing something?

On that Happy note I will close with the wish for a Belated Happy Memorial Day. God Bless America.

Jim

Our Speaker Gari Browning by Little Sir Skip Mugford

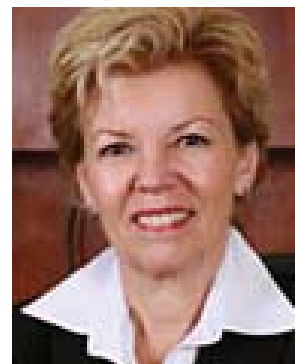
President and Superintendent of Ohlone Community College District, Gari Browning, will be the speaker for the June luncheon.

Dr. Browning grew up in the greater Los Angeles area, attended Cypress College, and earned a baccalaureate degree from UC Irvine and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from UCLA. She lived in the Dominican Republic, where she taught at the Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra and Hawaii, where she taught at the University of Hawaii.

Ohlone helps students learn and assists them to reach their educational goals. They offer a large selection of career and technical degrees designed to match the employer needs of our high technology region. They also feature an excellent transfer program.

Their programs prepare students for all UCs and CSUs and a large number of private universities in California and beyond. Ohlone transfer rate is one of the highest in the state, putting them at fifth out of 112 California Community Colleges. Students from Ohlone who transfer to a four-year university have a higher success rate than students who start there as freshmen.

Dr. Browning will up date us on how things are going at Ohlone Community College.



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

MENU

Paella and Beef a la Española
Potatoes bravas, Zucchini



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 April Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Jim Ferenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 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.

Officers absent: Assistant Treasurer Vince Fernelius.

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Ed Thomas, Sir Don Gillis and Sir Roger Wallin.

Directors absent: None.

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey presented the April 2012 Report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$5,844.10.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Frank R. Thomas stated that there had been unauthorized expenditures of SIRinc funds in the amount of about \$20,600. The person responsible for these expenditures was identified. Procedures were initiated to attempt recovery of these funds and to penalize this person.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker will be Walt Hlavacek.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 150.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there was one new member, Ed Nilsen (#105).

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 7 April Birthdays ranging from 70 to 86. He also indicated there had been a loss of 6 members having birthdays from April 2011 to April

2012. Officers and Directors wish men celebrating this month a Happy Birthday.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported the following: the first state tournament in April, in Las Vegas, was held April 22 thru 26. At this writing we do not have results. On Thursday, May 24, we have the area 8-team qualifier at Sunol. Results will be in the June Pathfinder. Our next tournament is June, in Reno. There is still room for both weeks; June 11-15 and June 18-22 and it will be fun. We still play every Monday at Sunol.

Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reported that information will be in the up coming Pathfinder. He also reported that he was trying to make the Cybergazers meeting interesting by discussing new technology.

Social: Social Chairman Sir Hugh Towmeyer reported that preparations for the up coming May Luncheon were moving along. He indicated that Sir Ed Kurtz was waiting for ticket sales to increase and that we were still lacking door prizes at which time Sir Bill Leake indicated that he had 12 door prizes for the occasion.

Sunshine: Sir Alan Sprague asked that if anyone had any Sunshine leads, to please let him know and he would be happy to make contact.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There is no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS: There is no New Business.

The meeting was
adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Submitted by Secretary

Sir Frank R. Thomas



Tri City Voice Article

Bill Leake's article on SIR was published in the May 25, 2012 issue on page 42. Check it out by going to:

<http://www.tricityvoice.com/>

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

May Birthdays

David Marymee	05/18/1920	92
Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	88
Dragomir Dutina	05/26/1925	87
Dan Silva	05/06/1926	86
Richard Ahern	05/26/1926	86
Fred Anderson	05/03/1927	85
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	83
William Wessells	05/22/1931	81
Willard Wyman	05/23/1933	79
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	76
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	73
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	73
Roberto Morales	05/13/1940	72
Ron Brutvan	05/21/1941	71
Jack Roach	05/25/1944	68
Terry Pearson	05/23/1945	67
Henry Brown	05/07/1947	65
Thomas Breen	05/24/1950	62

New Members

Ed N. Nilsen
5329 Edgewater Drive
Newark, CA 94560-1946
510-797-7267
Email: enilsen76@aol.com
Birthday: 8/24/1945
Spouse: Edith
Badge No. 105
Sponsor: Clark Redeker
Call me: Ed

Ed Nilsen



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

None

Visitors:

Walter Hlavacek Speaker

Guest of:

Change of Status:

Dino Mostardi to Inactive

Robert Edwards Resigned

Henry Brown Birthdate Correction
May 7, 1947

Membership Total

(as of April 2012)

200 — Active Members
11 — Inactive Members

June Birthdays

Clark Redeker	06/20/1917	95
Walter Fasolis	06/09/1925	87
Louis Bufkin	06/21/1927	85
Mark Doyle	06/08/1929	83
Fred Alfred	06/12/1929	83
Phil Utic	06/24/1929	83
William Pereira	06/27/1931	81
Marty Enriquez	06/10/1932	80
George Vlastelica	06/28/1932	80
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	79
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	79
Darrell Jewell	06/19/1936	76
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	75
John Vennemeyer	06/19/1937	75
Frank Thomas	06/15/1940	72
Jerry Sabo	06/02/1942	70

**Welcome
New
Member
Ed Nilsen**

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

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For April 2012)

Members	147
Guests	0
Visitors	1
Total =	148
33 excused	23 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

Neither Branch 59 nor Branch 6 did too well at the State Bowling Tournament in Pinole as far as teams went, but **Don Henry** and **Roger Wallin** took 1st place in the B Division doubles category. This was quite an accomplishment considering there were 43 doubles pairs in that division. Lew Heffron and Chuck Pereira took 7th place in that category. Roger, Chuck, and Don also placed 6th, 12th, and 14th respectively in the All Events category. We did not have any bowlers in the A division except for Jerry Sabo and Frank Cordova—neither of which even made it into the top half of the competition. Many of are going back to Pinole for a tournament on June 6 so we hope to do better.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Paradise	Jun 19, 20	Tue, Wed
Sunnyvale	Jun 24, 25	Sun, Mon
Yuba City	Jul 16, 17	Mon, Tue
Napa	July 30, 31	Mon, Tue

The Black Oak Casino Tournament of August 6th and 9th is now an official part of our tournament schedule. Last year, **John Pesek** and Jerry attended that tournament and are likely to go again.

A few recent highlights include: Continued great bowling from Roger Wallin (see above), a great 214 game and 547 series from **Les Prestwood**, continued improvement from Chuck Pereira (Branch 6) following his surgery. Frank Cordova seems to be getting out of his slump. Actually, Frank has bowled very well considering the health problems he has been having. Roger Wallin, **James Lawrence**, Jerry Sabo and our friend Elena have formed a summer league team. Once you get the bowling bug it is difficult to stop.

After the Napa tournament we still have eight more to attend this year, including our own and the "NEW" tournament at South Lake Tahoe and the tournament in Reno. Never a dull moment!

You don't have to bowl in tournaments to 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 on Monday 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 had a very good time at last month's sweetheart luncheon. Congratulations to all the winners who won golf prizes from Sunol – 4 rounds of golf for 2 plus lessons from Rich. So far I have been alerted to 1 winner for the golf (Howie) and no one for the lessons. **Please take the time to thank Sunol for donating 4 rounds of golf for 2 plus lessons from Rich.** We played the team tournament at Sunol May 24 but at this writing I do not have results. I do know that the top team will be eligible to compete in the state championship August 13 at Shadow Lakes in Brentwood on August 13. We have 2 "take a bow" this month – **Wayne Meyer** in early April shot a 76 – 11.7 index = 64.3 net. **Gary Bennett** = Sunol = 88 - 23.7 index = 64.3 – same score – **would you believe!** We had our first state tournament – Las Vegas. **Terry Dalziel** was the one rep from Branch 59 – and won money – sort of. Terry placed 2nd on day 2, 3rd on day 3, and won his \$40 buy in back. There was very little participation, unfortunately.

We have the schedule for the balance of 2012 – **Reno** (2 weeks this year) – week 1 June 11-15 & week 2 June 18-22. Are you going week 1 or 2? The **area 8 individual state qualifier** August 22 at Boundary Oaks—**THIS IS A REVISED DATE – IT CHANGED FROM AUGUST 29 TO AUGUST 22.**--the top 2 from each flight get a FREE ride to Laguna Seca (not Poppy Hills) October 22. And finally we have the **Solvang classic** September 9-13.

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.

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.

Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Our JUNE meeting will be held at a new location.
Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA
Tuesday, June 26th from 1:30 to 4:00.

Jerry could not book a room at the Fremont Main Library or the Newark Library because of their children's programs. Carl Nordling found this new place.

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

August 16, 2012

UP ON THE ROOF

This is a day trip to San Francisco to view the beautiful rooftop gardens of the tall buildings. The gardens and views of the city are fantastic from all these buildings. We will have a local guide who will explain each building and will escort us on this trip. Hosted lunch at POMPEI'S GROTTO on Fisherman's Wharf. Please read the flyer for more details. Space is limited so sign up ASAP so you are not disappointed.

COST: \$68.00 per person

ESCORTS: Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463 and Joe Guerrero, 510-841-2876

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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.

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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

Bring in a Guest
We need new Members

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee

In Memoriam

Sir Robert Heiney

Nat Lord awarded Senior HLM

Branch 59 Big Sir Jim Ferenz (on the left) presented Sir Nat Lord with a Senior HLM during the April luncheon meeting. Sir Nat is presently a Director and has been Big Sir, Little Sir, Assistant Treasurer and Membership Chairman.



Don't forget to Thank Them

By Bill Leake

Did you attend the Sweetheart luncheon on Thursday May 17? If you did (or even if you did not) take some time to thank some of our local businesses that donated tax deductible donations for our door prizes. These companies include:

- **Sunol Golf** course
- **Chilis Restaurant** (Hub)
- **Safeway** (Hub)
- **Trader Joes** (Hub)
- **Jack's Brewing** (Hub)
- **Dale Hardware**
- **Art Winkley** (who could not attend but purchased and donated gift certificates to Raleys)

A simple thank you can go a long way. Be sure to ask for the manager of the store and tell them that you are from Sons in Retirement Branch 59, representing the tri-city area.



SUMMERTIME FIESTA



Big Sir Jim Ferenz welcomes
Sirs and their guests.



Ladies at the Summertime Fiesta included (L to R)
Margaret Kingery, Esther Stabell and Betty Dutina.



Social Chairman Hugh Twomey
and Mary enjoying the Fiesta.

EL Ballet Folklórico de James Logan High School.



Ken and Carmen Peterson listening to the Trio Sol de
America Mariachi Band.



Bill and Pat Anderson and Ron and Dianna Hamro
entertained by the Mariachi Band.



Dan Tanner, Howie Thompson, Skip Mugford and
Rob Ingebretson acting up.

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after the monthly luncheon meeting.