



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

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**NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, July 19, 2012**

## Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferenz



We are in the middle of the summer season and I hope you are all finding ways to enjoy this time of year. I always enjoy the summer with all of its related activities such as sailing, swimming, family BBQ's and lots of time working in the yard. I keep thinking about how lucky we are to live in the Tri City area. We have great people, wonderful weather and great support such as Fire,

Police, and Hospital and Medical personnel. This area is truly a wonderful place for an old guy to live.

The city reminds me of responsibility and that leads me to responsibility for our organization. SIR Branch 59 is us. We make it up and we are responsible for the success or failure of the organization. It is not just the Branch Executive Committee or the various other Committees it is all of us. I am very disappointed that not one of you is willing to step up to the Little Sir position. In order to make the job a little easier we have formed a Speakers Committee who would be chaired by the Little Sir and would be the guys who would get the speakers. This means the Little Sir would not have to do this by himself. I want you all to know if we do not fill the position, by 2014 you will have no leader at all. If this is what you want, so be it. I just thought a reminder might be of some use. Hopefully by the time you read this the problem will be solved and a Little Sir will be named and you can laugh at my concerns.

Your Social Committee is already starting to plan for the Christmas event. If any of you have ideas or suggestions for the event now is the time to bring them up. We want to make this event something to remember so you are all welcome to participate in the planning.

Well that is about it for now. Sorry for the negative comments but I am sincere in my concern for the future of the organization. If SIR is important to you give my comments some thought.

Best regards to all.

*Jim*

## Our Speaker George Vlastelica by Little Sir Skip Mugford

Long time educator and community volunteer George Vlastelica will be the speaker for the July luncheon meeting. George grew up in Washington State and graduated from Western Washington University. He did graduate work at U.C. Berkeley and San Jose State.



He will discuss the Selective Service System and the Korean War and how it changed the lives of so many people. George was drafted into the Army in 1951 and did 16 weeks of basic training at Camp Roberts. He was trained in all heavy weapons available to the infantry. After arriving in South Korea he was assigned to a heavy weapons company. The war was raging and the United Nations forces were not doing very well. China entered the war in the fall of 1950 and turned the tide even more. We were short on supplies and struggled until more countries sent troops. Eventually we won a few battles but paid a huge price in bodies. While the war was going on the American people had little knowledge of the terrible price being paid. After 37 months, an Armistice was signed. Both North and South Korea were totally destroyed and millions of lives were lost. North Korea is still a problem today.

George was wounded in battle and spent 90 days in a M.A.S.H. hospital where he was treated by Dr. Sammie Lee, the 1948 Olympic Diving Champion. They had a great time together.

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

### MENU

**BBQ Ribs, Chicken and Italian Sausages**  
Fruit salad, Potato salad, cut Corn and cob Corn and  
Corn bread, Beans, Green salad



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](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)



## Branch 59 Officers

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Jim Ferenz  
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Secretary  
Frank R. Thomas  
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(510) 797-3570

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Hugh Twomey  
(510) 796-5559

Asst. Treasurer  
Vince Fernelius  
(510) 489-0396

### Directors

Don Gillis  
Nat Lord  
George Perry  
Jerry Sabo  
Ed 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 Frank R. Thomas June 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, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey and Assistant Treasurer Vince Fernelius. Officers absent: None.

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

### MEETING MINUTES

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

### OFFICERS REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the June 2012 Report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$7,302.17.

**Secretary's Report:** None.

**Little Sir's Report:** Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker would be Dr. Gari Browning. He also indicated that he had speakers for the rest of the year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Attendance:** Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 141.

**Membership:** Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there were no new members and that five guests were expected.

**Birthdays:** Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 13 May Birthdays ranging from 62 to 92 and 11 June Birthdays ranging from 70 to 95. The Officers and Directors wished these men celebrating May and June a very Happy Birthday.

**Golf:** None.

**Bowling:** Sir Jerry Sabo reported that information will be in the up coming Pathfinder. He also reported that the Cybergeezers meetings were going to be

held in Niles for the summer.

**Social:** Social Chairman Sir Hugh Towmey thanked the following members for their help putting together May Luncheon: Sir Ron Ingebretson, Sir John Skarpelos, Sir Fred Gotthardt, Sir Ed Kurtz, Sir Don Gillis, Sir Skip Mugford, Sir Wayne Adams and Sir Jim Ploor.

**Sunshine:** Sir Alan Sprague indicated that he had made some visits to incapacitated members and that he is always looking for contact leads.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

### NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Ferenz brought up two items for discussion. One had to do with the fact that we still have not been successful in getting a Little Sir for 2013. He offered up the idea that to make it easier to recruit a Little Sir, a Speaker Committee be formed which led to a motion being made and seconded. During the following discussion it was suggested that the Little Sir act as Chairman. As a start, Sir Don Gillis, Big Sir Jim Ferenz volunteered to be on the committee with more members to be added. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. The second item was the idea of forming a Social Subcommittee that would have the responsibility for Door Prize Activity. The function of this committee was to help ensure that Door Prize Activities were spread out through out the year for the May and December luncheons and not waiting to the last moment to find out where we stood concerning the Door Prizes. A motion was made and seconded with some discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. There will be more to follow on these two items.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Submitted by Secretary

*Sir 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

### July Birthdays

|                    |            |    |
|--------------------|------------|----|
| Gordon Thym        | 07/01/1923 | 89 |
| Valentino Pianetta | 07/14/1925 | 87 |
| Frank Thomas       | 07/21/1925 | 87 |
| Boyd McCaslin      | 07/24/1925 | 87 |
| Fred Cutter        | 07/09/1929 | 83 |
| Gordon MacLeod     | 07/12/1930 | 82 |
| Bernard Teague     | 07/14/1930 | 82 |
| Luciano Nausin     | 07/26/1930 | 82 |
| Ben Fernandez      | 07/02/1934 | 78 |
| Ronald Oliphant    | 07/14/1934 | 78 |
| Carl Shaner        | 07/30/1937 | 75 |
| Rowland McNeil     | 07/24/1938 | 74 |
| Ron Sternal        | 07/07/1939 | 73 |
| Wayne Meyer        | 07/13/1939 | 73 |
| Gene Lim           | 07/04/1940 | 72 |
| Bob Balan          | 07/18/1941 | 71 |
| Anthony Gross      | 07/15/1942 | 70 |



## New Members

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



## Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan  
Membership Chairman

### Guests:

### Guest of:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Neil Horner    | George Perry    |
| Harold Manley  | Ed Guthrie      |
| James Sandoz   | Alvin Doctor    |
| Larry Goodman  | Peter Angelides |
| Robert Wallace | Howie Thompson  |

### Visitors:

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Gari Browning | Speaker         |
| James Stedman | State President |

### Change of Status:

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Mark Doyle   | Died 5/30/2012  |
| Tom Sullivan | New Email Address<br>tms5044@gmail.com  |
| Calvin Lynch | New Address/Phone<br>2860 Country Drive, Apt 166<br>Fremont, CA 94536<br>510-797-7181 |

**Membership Total**  
(as of June 2012)

**199** — Active Members  
**11** — Inactive Members

## Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie  
Attendance Chairman

### Attendance Report

(For June 2012)

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Members        | 121          |
| Guests         | 5            |
| Visitors       | 2            |
| <b>Total =</b> | <b>128</b>   |
| 44 excused     | 33 unexcused |



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Branch Website:

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



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Turns out that both Dick Sofield (Branch 6) and Jerry Sabo both placed at the tournament in Pinole—at least they each received a small cash prize. Almost enough to pay for the gas it took to get to Pinole.

The six bowlers that went to the tournament in Sunnyvale on the 24th of June didn't fare too well either. We are hoping to do better at Napa at the end of July.

Upcoming tournaments include:

|         |                   |                |
|---------|-------------------|----------------|
| Sonora  | August 6, 9       | Mon, Thurs     |
| Reno    | August 20, 21, 22 | Mon, Tues, Wed |
| Fremont | Sept 9, 10        | Sun, Mon       |

We have at least five bowlers planning to go to the Reno tournament and we will join up with another six bowlers from Branch 6. At that tournament, we bowl team, singles and doubles. It is a lot of fun to bowl at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. That is the same location where the National Open Tournament is held on a regular basis. We will not attend the Nationals at Baton Rouge this coming year, but will plan to go again for two consecutive years at Reno in 2013 and 2014.

A few recent highlights include:

**Frank Cordova** bowled three great games of 233, 234, and 245 for a series total of 712 on June 18th. On that same day, another fine series of 173, 192, 222 (total 587) bowled by **Nat Lord**, and **Roger Wallin** followed with a series of 193, 170, 211.

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 have results. Area 8 Team Tournament** – Congratulations for the team from Branch 6 (Matthew/Harris/Medeiros/Colacicco) who won and will be going to Shadow Links Golf course (Brentwood) on August 13, 2012. The best that Branch 59 could do was place 3rd, (**Trischetti/Ilg/Leake/Briscoe**)

and we may be going to Shadowbrook as well. The 2nd place team from Branch 26 goes also and has two familiar names (**Keplinger/Becerra/Lewis/Main**). In total there were 14 teams in the tournament. **Sunol** hosted the tournament and it was a success. *Anyone have something significant happen on the course – like shoot your age?* Congratulations to **Forrest Lusher** (95) who shot his age twice on Sunol Cypress course – 95 one day and 90 June 25. **Way to go Forrest!!!**

**We have results from Reno** – Those from Branch 59 who participated were **John Trischetti, Terry Dalziel, Gary Bennett, Bill Leake, Forrest Lusher, Ben Fernandez (and wife Patty), Bill Briscoe, Tom Sherba, and Bob Balan**. And we had winners – **Terry** won \$170 (\$40 day 1, \$45 day 3, and \$85 for sweeps), **Briscoe** won \$120 (\$60 day 1 and \$60 day 2). **Forrest** won (\$133 (\$93 day 2 and \$40 sweeps), That is all the \$\$ winners. Everyone else had a good time. A long, long drive on day 3.

The **area 8 individual state qualifier** will be **August 22** at Boundary Oaks—**THIS IS A REVISED DATE – IT CHANGED FROM AUGUST 29** – the top 2 from each flight get a FREE ride to Laguna Seca October 22. We have 8 more openings. Finally, the last tournament of the year will be the **Solvang classic** September 9-13. There are openings for this tournament – see [www.sirstategolf/2012/schedule](http://www.sirstategolf/2012/schedule) or Bill Leake for details & a brochure. This is the only non-scrabble tournament of the year.

**Suggestion Box** – Do you have a suggestion to make golf more fun? Is there a reason you don't sign up for tournaments? Let me know. Better yet, 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 (3 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.

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

Thank you for reading this article.

*Bill Leake*



## CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Our **JULY** meeting will be held at the new location.  
**Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA**  
**Tuesday, July 24th from 1:30 to 3:30.**

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 roof top 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 GROTTTO 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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**OCTOBER 19, 2012**

### SIR DAY AT THE RACES

This is the day that Golden Gate Fields reserves for Sirs and all their friends with a special package that includes Valet parking, reserved seating, the Turf club buffet and all tax/tips for the food servers. We did this last year and had 23 in our group. Sign up early, bring your friends.

COST: \$29.00 per person

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

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**August 28-September7, 2013**

### SIR 55<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CRUISE TO ALASKA

Make your reservations now and you only need to put \$100.00 P.P. deposit for cabin, the earlier you sign up, the better selection you have. Dates for Cruise ship sale for reduced deposit are:

June 16-June 25

July 9-July 23

August 13-August 20

Prices P.P. range from \$1579 TO \$3300, Gratuities are included with a \$25.00 P.P. ship board credit, bottle of wine, gifts and a Alaskan Salmon Bake Excursion/w gold panning. Your deposit is refundable until final payment date of May 23, 2013.

CALL OR E-MAIL EMILE LASSALLE FOR MORE DETAILS FOR PRICING.

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# SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee

## *In Memoriam*

Sir Mark Doyle

The Sunshine Committee visited Fred Alfred on June 20th, at the Park Central Rehab at Parkmont Dr. and Mowry, locating Fred while he was vigorously excersizing to help him recover from heart valve surgery. He was in good spirits and welcomes visitors and calls.

## SIR BRANCH 59 ELECTION

The election for 2013 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon Meeting.

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for next year.

The nominees for Officers are:

|                     |                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Big Sir             | <b>Sir Skip Mugford</b>    |
| Little Sir          | -----                      |
| Secretary           | <b>Sir Frank R. Thomas</b> |
| Assistant Secretary | <b>Sir Peter Angelides</b> |
| Treasurer           | <b>Sir Hugh Twomey</b>     |
| Assistant Treasurer | <b>Sir Arnold George</b>   |

The nominees for Director are:

**Sir Don Gillis**  
**Sir Nat Lord**  
**Sir George Perry**  
**Sir Sheldon Schwartz**  
**Sir Ed Thomas**  
**Sir Roger Wallin**



You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.



## Winkley Awarded Honorary Life Membership



Sir Art Winkley was awarded an Honorary Life Membership by State President Jim Stedman at the June luncheon meeting. In the photo (l to r) Big Sir Jim Ferez, Art Winkley, Jim Stedman and Little Sir Skip Mugford.

Art Winkley joined Branch 59 twenty years ago. He became assistant Birthday Chairman shortly after joining. In 1999 he became Birthday Chairman. He calls each SIR member that is celebrating their birthdays during that month and invites them to sit at the birthday table. Each Sir receives a Birthday Greeting card and is recognized by the Big Sir through a list prepared by Art.

## Clark Redeker awarded President's Super Senior Certificate



Sir Clark Redeker (left) received the Super Senior State President's award for having attained the age of 95 — from State President Jim Stedman at last month's luncheon meeting. Big Sir Jim Ferez (center) assisted in making the presentation.



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#### **ATTENDANCE**

Ed Guthrie - **Chairman**  
Bill Pruner - Assistant  
Tom Sullivan - Assistant  
George Vlastelica - Assistant

#### **AUDIT**

Carl Nordling - **Chairman**  
Ben Fernandez - Assistant

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Art Winkley - **Chairman**  
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant

#### **BOWLING**

Frank Cordova - **Chairman**  
Jerry Sabo - Assistant

#### **BRIDGE GROUP**

Arnold George - **Chairman**

#### **CAPS & EMBLEMS**

Nat Lord - **Chairman**  
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#### **CHAPLAIN**

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#### **SPORTS**

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### **STATE OFFICERS**

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Richard Dettmer

#### **State Secretary**

Eckart Sellinger

#### **State Treasurer**

Michael Berry

#### **Director, Region 6**

Dean Steichen

#### **Governor, Area 8**

Don Graff

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Gus Anastole

Lyle Kingery

Nat Lord

David Marymee

#### **Honorary Life Members**

Louis Bufkin

Fred Gotthardt

John Skarpelos

Arthur Winkley

### **PATHFINDER DEADLINE**

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

### **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  
2011 Hugh Twomey

\*(deceased)