



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

October 2012

Bulletin No. 9

**NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, October 18, 2012**

## Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferenz



I was thinking about a subject for my Jottings and Community Service came to mind. Several of our members volunteer for many community activities. We have volunteers for the Police Department, Meals on Wheels, and the Library. We have men who are Docents on the Hornet and the Red Oak Victory. These men put in countless hours to help the community put its' best foot forward.

I had the honor a few weeks ago to have dinner with a group of volunteers, many of whom are SIR members, who Sheppard 10,000 fourth grade students thru Old Mission San Jose here in Fremont. Many of you know that historic old Mission San Jose is one of 21 California Missions that run from Marin County to San Diego. The Mission here in Fremont was founded in 1797 and has very interesting grounds and a really fine Museum.

My point is that volunteerism is one of the many things that our members do for the Community. In the case of the Old Mission 10,000 students a year plus many other visitors get a first hand view of the history and culture of life as it was then. In these days of financial stress the Police Department, Library, Hospitals, Museums, Old people, and many other institutions could not survive without volunteers.

I thought it would be a good thing to make the members aware of the work our members do for the Community and its' people. We should all take a few moments to thank the members who volunteer for these and many other venues that I have not mentioned.

I also want to mention that we are still in need of a Little Sir. What does it take for one of you to step up and take a Leadership roll in this fine organization? You all have opinions and complaints so why not help make the Organization better.

We continue to see new members coming in but we still need more.

Thanks for the privilege of being your Big Sir.

*Jim*

## Speaker Brian Ancona by Sir Sheldon Schwartz

Detective Brian Ancona was hired in 1984 by the Fremont Police Department as a Police Tech Trainee and was assigned to the Jail. He worked 2½ years in the jail before becoming a police officer. His assignments have been Patrol, School Resource Officer, and Detective as of 2002. He was then assigned to the General Assignment Unit as a Burglary Detective investigating commercial, residential, and auto burglaries. One year into this assignment he was asked to take a position with a Federal task force referred to as R.E.A.C.T or Rapid Enforcement Allied Computer Team. His primary assignment with R.E.A.C.T was to investigate Identity Theft. This assignment lasted one year before being called back to Fremont Police Department to take a position as a Financial Crimes Investigator.



In July 2005 Brian became the Semi-Permanent Fraud Investigator for the Fremont Police Department. Through training and experience he has been recognized as an Identity Theft Investigation Specialist. As an added assignment he has been assigned to a task force with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to investigate money laundering.

The purpose of his presentation to Sons In Retirement is to inform the members of a variety of Fraud. Fraud such as Lottery and Sweepstakes scams, Internet scams, home repair scams and several others scams of interest to the retired community.

## MENU

**Pork Scaloppini and Chicken Scaloppini**

Pasta Alfredo, Pasta Mostachelli and Long 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](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)



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### 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

A Nonprofit  
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retired men



# Sir Peter Angelides September Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Jim Ferez called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ROLL CALL BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Jim Ferez, Little Sir Skip Mugford, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, and Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey.

Officers absent: Secretary Sir Frank Thomas and Assistant Treasurer Sir Vince Fernelius.

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

## MEETING MINUTES

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

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey presented the August 2012 Report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$6430.58.

**Secretary's Report:** None.

**Little Sir's Report:** Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker would be Bill Henneberry. He also indicated that the speakers for the rest of the year looked good.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Attendance:** Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 130.

**Membership:** Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there is one new member, Robert Kammerer, 2 guests, and 2 visitors.

**Birthdays:** Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 14 September Birthdays ranging from ages 67 to 87. The Officers and Directors wish these men celebrating this day a very Happy Birthday.

**Golf:** Two tournaments just finished: the site qualifier for Division 4 and Solvang. Results will be in the Pathfinder article. There will be changes next year for

tournaments - more information in the Pathfinder golf column. Dues will be coming up soon.

**Bowling:** None.

**Social:** Sir Don Gillis, Chairmanship of the new Social Subcommittee that will have the responsibility for Door Prize Activity, indicated that he would be calling an initial meeting soon.

**Sunshine:** None

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Submitted by Assistant Secretary

*Sir Peter Angelides*

## OPEN TABLE

"Reserved Seats," have been informally made at monthly luncheons.

Now a table will be reserved for members that do not have a seat saved in their name. Please find seats available at other tables first.

Only after other tables are fully occupied, the "Open Table," should be used. The "Open Table" will be identified by the sign shown below.

Thank you.

*Sir Hugh Twomey*



## OPEN TABLE

**Do Not  
Reserve Seats**

**Thank You**

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

## Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley  
Birthday Chairman

### October Birthdays

Calvin Lynch	10/13/1923	89
John Ockes	10/05/1927	85
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	85
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	85
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	83
Henry Scherer, Jr.	10/10/1931	81
Harold Anderson	10/01/1932	80
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	80
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	79
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	77
Bill Roberts	10/27/1935	77
John Pesek III	10/19/1940	72
Robert Teglia	10/10/1942	70
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	70
Jim Proffitt	10/19/1947	65

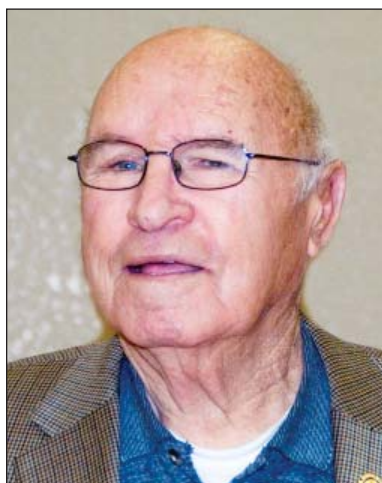


## New Members

**Robert L. Kammerer**  
2937 Bruce Drive  
Fremont, CA 94539-5009  
510-651-9048  
Birthday: 1/9/1932  
Badge No. 9  
Sponsor: Herbert Muellerleile  
Call me: Bob

## Welcome New Member

Bob Kammerer



## Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan  
Membership Chairman

### Guests:

Ross Heinz  
Wade Walker

### Guest of:

Skip Mugford  
Doug Howd

### Visitors:

Bill Henneberry  
Tony Martinez

Speaker  
Inactive Member

### Change of Status:

None

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

**195 — Active Members**  
**13 — Inactive Members**



Sir Rob Ingebretson on the left shows Sir Nat Lord an interesting book that he found in the Branch 59 Library.

## Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie  
Attendance Chairman

### Attendance Report

(For September 2012)

Members	135
Guests	2
Visitors	2
<b>Total =</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>34 excused</b>	<b>26 unexcused</b>

You can get this issue of 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 actual bowling league season just started at Cloverleaf, so we will begin accumulating averages for the April "book" averages. Only four more tournaments to attend this year, and the new bowling calendar will be out for the 2013-year.

We just received a few prizes from the Reno tournament: **Jerry Sabo**, **Roger Wallin**, guest Nob Iwasa, and Kasey Warner (Br. #60) all placed. At our own Fremont Tournament, **Wayne Adams**, **Don Henry**, **Frankie Cordova** and doubles partner Marlene Chang all won prizes along with Kasey and Rich Bowers from Branch 6. Our tournament was successful—ran very smoothly with special thanks to **James Lawrence**, Frankie, **Nat Lord**, **John Pesek**, **Art Winkley**, and **Roger Wallin**. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Art is no longer bowling, but is our #1 supporter and hardest worker. I know that we all look forward to seeing Art on Mondays, and again, without his help our tournament would be lacking. We had a total of 81 bowlers this year, and received a number of compliments from those that attended. I want to also thank **Hugh Twomey**, our illustrious Branch 59 Treasurer for promptly paying our bills and issuing checks to tournament winners.

Hopefully I will have tournament success to report next month. Nat Lord, Darrell Jewell, Don Henry and John Pesek are attending the Citrus Heights (Sacramento) tournament on October 2nd, and a number of the Branch 59 bowlers will be going to Brentwood on October 16th.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Modesto	Nov 7,9	Wed, Fri	McHenry Bowl
Concord	Nov 13,14	Tue, Wed	Clayton Bowl

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..**

Take a bow – Congratulations **Fred Ilg**. Fred shot a 79 at Sunol. With his 18 index it nets a 61 (79-18 = 61) Take a bow **Fred Ilg**.

We have results from Solvang. There were only 2 golfers from Branch 59 – and they were both winners.

**Forrest Lusher** finished 4th in day 1 and won \$20 total. **Bill Leake** was 2nd place ctp (day 1–\$30); 5th day 2 (scramble) and won \$27, and was 5th in sweeps (\$40). We would have had more but due to illness and out of town we just had 2.

We have results from the state individual qualifier – **Dave Tanner** and **Bob Balen** both participate but did not qualify to go to **Laguna Seca**.

**NCGA Dues** – It is now October and we are collecting NCGA dues for 2013 – they will remain at \$37. **Make checks out to SIR Branch 59 and mail to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537. Deadline is December 15, 2012.**

We have the schedule for 2013 and **there will be changes** – **Spring Fling in the desert** – **Wigwam Resort** in Phoenix area will replace Las Vegas and be held April 21-25. More details to follow.

**Reno** – 2 weeks – June 10-14 and June 17-21 – to be held at the Atlantis in Reno (not Circus Circus).

**August 12** – state team tournament is at **Stevenson Ranch**. **Solvang** – September 15-19. In Solvang and is the only tournament which has 2 man best ball Individual play. **Individual championship** is October 21 & 22 – at Laguna Seca.

For more information about the 2013 schedule, go to [www.sirstategolf.com/schedule](http://www.sirstategolf.com/schedule). And to stay abreast with SIR state activities – visit [www.sirstategolf.com](http://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 (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

Cybergeezers—we meet on the first Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon, our normal time.

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday, October 23rd - 1:30 to 3:30 PM**

### Location

**Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA**

What is a Cybergeezer? We are members of SIR Branch 59 that wants to keep up with technology. Topics are varied and usually generated by attendees. For example, at our last meeting we discussed free Internet based web sites that distribute movies and TV programs for viewing. We discussed “cloud storage” and a home version of a cloud called a NAS box. We also spent a great deal of time using an iPad, learning a bit about Apps, downloading an App for TV 7, played with Garage Band, and saw how photos could be edited using iPhoto.



Next month's topics might include nearly anything from using Excel, creating a PowerPoint presentation, upgrading a computer, how to set up a home entertainment center, shopping on-line, downloading a book to a Kindle or and audio book from the library, or whatever else comes up. SIR members and friends are welcome, and we have wireless access so bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet. We are able to use the Niles Church thanks to Carl Nordling.

**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**



## Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

**Emile Lassalle**

**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**

**DECEMBER 9, 2012**

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

This is a stage show at the American Conservatory Theater. Arrive at Swiss Louis Restaurant on Pier 39 for a hosted holiday dinner.

**COST: \$139.00 P.P.**

(You must send a stamped self-address envelope for your tickets to be mailed to you.)

**ESCORTS Joe Guerrero 510-841-2876 and**

**Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463**

**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.**

**elassalle@earthlink.net or phone 510-538-7463**

**Call Travel Chairman Emile Lassalle  
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### READERS AND BROWSERS

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**Wayne Adams 510-797-7611**



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

# SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee

**SIR GENE LIM:** Had cataract surgery both eyes. On Oct 3rd he says he can see without glasses for the first time since age 12.

**SIR CLARK REDECKER:** Sir Clark reports he is "all healed" and will make the October meeting to celebrate his 95th!!!

**SIR FRANK D THOMAS:** Sir Frank's wife, Virginia, passed away on September 25th. Sir Frank was contacted by Sunshine, and is understandably grieving.

**DOUG EADS:** Doug resigned in 2011, as he was no longer able to attend meetings. Sunshine visited Doug in late September, confined to hospital bed in front room at home. In cheerful spirits. Branch 59 will recall Doug's music playing with Sir Ed Guthrie.

Save the Date – December 20th "Christmas Fantasy"  
Take your wife or a friend to lunch

The Sweetheart Luncheon has firmed up. The Social committee working with the caterer has chosen three meal choices: Beef – Tri Tip Roast Beef, Chicken – Chicken Cordon-Bleu and Fish – Talapia Mandarin.

Dixie Dominos' Band will be our entertainment after lunch.

Tickets will be sold at the October and November Luncheons.

Your Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_ Partners's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets will also be sold at the October Luncheon

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**

Indicate Meal Choice & No:

Beef: \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_

Fish: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket orders must be received by December 13th

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

No refunds after December 13th.

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.



## Branch 59 Social Hour Activities



Big Sir Jim Ferenz pleading with Sir Terry Pearson to run for Little Sir. In the background Sir Bob Walter and Sir Alvin Dockter chatting about something.

In the photo on the right (left to right) Sir Frank Borghi, Sir Ted Bresler, Sir Mel Nunes and Sir Ken Peterson discussing the state of affairs.



In the photo on the left, Sir Bob Springer and speaker Bob Henneberry (center) reminisce about their days playing football at USF with Sir Arnie Mozzetti (right).

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**October 2012**

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

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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\*  
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2008 Richard Holley  
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2011 Hugh Twomey

\*(deceased)