



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

November 2012

Bulletin No. 10

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, November 15, 2012

Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferenz



I have, for many years, been an Amateur Radio Operator. The other morning I was talking to a fellow in Brussels, Belgium. During the conversation we were discussing how we spent our leisure time. This man, Ivo by name, is also retired. We were both vocal about how nice it was to be able to spend lots of time communicating with fellow Hams all over the world. At one point

the subject of SIR came up and he was amazed that a large group of men were able to spend time together on a regular basis. Ivo thought that a group coming together for no purpose other than fellowship was quite unique. He mentioned he would talk to his retired friends about this and see if some kind of a group could be started.

What's the purposed of this story? It is just to tell you that what we have is something unique and even someone four thousand miles away and from a different background was interested in how a group like the SIR organization could function. Ivo was amazed that that many men get together on a monthly basis for lunch and conversation. He was further amazed when I told him the Organization had no particular purpose other than to honor retired men. So you see, gentlemen, it is as I have said for the last few months we are unique and there is something special about the SIR organization and its' members.

I would also like to remind you all that tickets are now on sale for the Christmas Fantasy event. Our Chairman for the event Sir Hugh Twomey has put in place some great entertainment and the caterer is planning a great menu for the day. Spouses and significant others should have a wonderful time.

We also need Door Prizes and ask that members do everything possible to help us secure prizes. A donor letter is available for people who need tax evidence.

Jim

Speaker Dr. Sam Jain by Big Sir Jim Ferenz

Dr. Sambhav (Sam) Jain graduated from University of Connecticut Dental School in 2000. He also has a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Connecticut. Dr. Jain received IV sedation training at Medical College of Georgia. He has been practicing for 12 years in California and Massachusetts. Dr. Jain was dental director at Community Health Center of Franklin County, MA. Also, he was awarded the health leadership award by Franklin County for his services to underserved population.



He was honored for his achievements in implant dentistry and was awarded the Fellowship & most recently the Mastership in International Congress of Oral Implantology (ICOI). Dr. Jain joined a select group of dentists from all over the world to receive recognition for this accomplishment. ICOI is world's largest implant organization and is recognized as premier dental organization.

The spacious implant center is equipped with the latest technology in office 3 Dimensional X-ray CAT scan Machine, Digital CAD/CAM system for computerized implant surgery and prosthesis preparation, Laser surgery, Microscope surgery. Dr. Jain states that most rewarding experience in implant dentistry is when he is able to rigidly fixate an ill-fitting loose complete denture with the help of five to six implants placed in patients jaw bone and entire treatment completed in one day and patients walking out being able to bite corn on the cob with full confidence. And this treatment transforms patient's life in one day.

MENU

Swiss Steak and Chicken Garlic

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



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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

A Nonprofit
public benefit
corporation for
retired men



Sir Peter Angelides October 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 R. Thomas and Assistant Treasurer Sir Vince Fernelius.

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

Directors absent: Sir Ed Thomas

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the September 2012 Report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$6188.17.

Secretary's Report: None.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker would be Brian Ancona, detective for the Fremont Police Department specializing in cases related to fraud.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance for today's luncheon at 142, including one new member and 2 visitors.

Membership: Sir Fred Gotthardt, reporting for Sir Ron Brutvan, placed into nomination Jamie Sandoz for Active Membership. Sir Fred also requested the approval for Sir Tony Martinez to return to Active Status and Sir Frank R Thomas moved to inactive status. The motion for acceptance of Jamie Sandoz and the change of status were made seconded and accepted.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we

are celebrating 15 October Birthdays ranging from ages 65 to 89. The Officers and Directors wish these men celebrating this day a very Happy Birthday.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that dues are now due for the NCGA membership – they remain at \$37.00 and should be made out to Sir Branch 59. Mail to address shown in the Golf Column. There is one more tournament that was held in October – the new schedule for 2013 is out in Oct Pathfinder and will be repeated in Nov Pathfinder.

Social: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that tickets are on sale starting today for the Christmas Fantasy Luncheon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

As a result of Secretary Frank R. Thomas requesting transfer to inactive status, the position of Secretary for 2013 became open. Big Sir Jim Ferez bravely volunteered to handle the job of Secretary for 2013. The BEC made a motion to accept Jim's offer. A second to the motion was made and the BEC accepted and voted unanimously to have Jim Ferez act as Secretary in 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Submitted by Assistant Secretary

Sir Peter Angelides

Roster to be Updated

Your Roster Chairman, Sir John Skarpelos and his assistant, Sir Fred Gotthardt are planning on updating the Roster to be published in January 2013. If you recently have acquired a new spouse, telephone number, mailing address, or Email address, please let Fred or John know about it. You can email changes that need to be made to Fred at:

fredg27@comcast.net or to John at john@mediaart.com.

If you don't have a computer, see Fred or John at the November Luncheon meeting, or mail the information to the address shown on page 8.

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	89
James Blood	11/14/1924	88
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	86
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	85
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	82
James Conard	11/02/1932	80
William Dark	11/07/1934	78
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	78
James Ploor	11/07/1935	77
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	74
Jamie Sandoz	11/30/1941	71
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	67
Bill Pruner	11/06/1947	65

New Members

Tony Martinez

4847 Piper Street
Fremont, CA 94538-2521
510-656-8315

Birthday: 1/26/1935

Spouse: Rochelle

Badge No. 273

Call me: Tony

Jamie L. Sandoz

4388 Nagle Way
Fremont, CA 94536-6827
510-797-5484

Email: buehlerguy007@comcast.net

Birthday: 11/30/1941

Spouse: Ardith

Badge No. 36

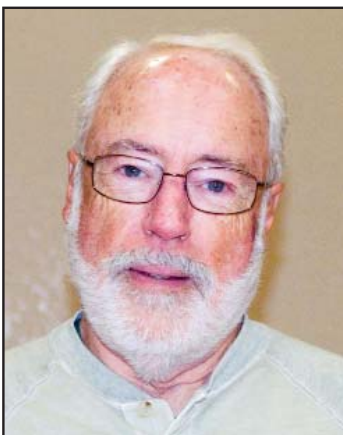
Sponsor: Alvin Dockter

Call me: Jamie

Tony Martinez



Jamie Sandoz



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

NONE

Guest of:

Visitors:

Brian Ancona Speaker
Dino Mostardi Inactive Member

Change of Status:

Frank R. Thomas to Inactive

Walt Fasolis new Email address
wfasolis@gmail.com

Dave Marymee new address
33883 Alvarado Niles Road #112
Union City, CA 94587
Phone 510-429-8606

Membership Total

(as of October 2012)

196 — Active Members

13 — Inactive Members

You can get this issue of
the Pathfinder or earlier
issues by going to the
Branch Website:

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

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For October 2012)

Members	140
Guests	0
Visitors	2
Total =	142
24 excused	33 unexcused

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Not a lot to say at the end of our bowling tournament year. Within the next month there should be a 2013 Calendar for bowling on our <http://sirinc.org/bowling> website. The calendar should be similar to the 2012 Calendar except for a few date changes.

None of our bowlers attended the Tahoe tournament this year, but evidently there were some problems with tournament payouts. It really is difficult to run a bowling tournament and figure out the prize distributions etc. I actually have posted the results on the web site referred to above, but in fact there will need to be major changes and the director is responsible for correcting both data and financial matters.

I hope to have something good to say about tournament results from Modesto and Concord—our last two tournaments of the year. Not much good to report from our trip to Brentwood.

Only Don Henry and Darrell Jewell are going to Modesto, but we have Frank Cordova, James Lawrence, John Pesek, Howard Elz and Miguel Ferras going to Concord. Jerry Sabo has been on the injury list and will either be bowling left handed or not bowling until some time in January due to hand problems. He has a tough time just sitting and watching everyone else have fun so will be going off to London and then Turkey until just before the next SIR meeting in November.

We have really had a lot of absences during the past few weeks due to illness, injury and the like and welcome new bowlers. You don't even have to be a good bowler to join us. We have bowlers that average all through the range from about 110 to 185, and in fact Roger Wallin—one of our best bowlers didn't really start bowling until about 5 years ago. His average has gone from somewhere around 125 to about 175. Not all of our bowlers go to tournaments, but those that attend a tournament usually keep going to other tournaments. Our Branch hosts one of the tournaments—usually in August or September, and that will be posted on the new calendar when it is published.

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.

This will be the last column for 2012. Hope your golf year was good and that 2013 brings you lots of birdies. Speaking of birdies, **Joe Stanley** – take a bow. Joe shot a 79 on cypress. So, 79-15.5 index = 63.5 net. **Joe Staley** – take a bow.

As published in October, we have the schedule for 2013--and **there will be changes – Spring Fling in 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 at Stevinson Ranch. Sometime in August – Division 4 state individual qualifier at Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch – that means that we will not have the qualifier at Boundary Oaks.

Solvang – September 15-19. Solvang is the only tournament which has 2 man best ball. **Individual championship** October 21 & 22 – at Laguna Seca.

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

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to improve SIRS 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 SIRs and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article. Happy Holidays and I look forward to being your golf chair again next year.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

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

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 20th - 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 and friends that wants to keep up with technology. Topics are varied and usually generated by attendees. For example, at our last meeting we discussed the new Mac OS "Mountain Lion", and then looked at a few uTube videos previewing Windows 8.

Next month's topics will include Jerry's adventure installing the new Windows 8 operating system on his laptop. We will then look at the similarities and differences in the new PC operating system from Microsoft as compared to Windows 7. Would it be wise to perform an upgrade??

SIR members and friends are welcome, and we do 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

READERS AND BROWERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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



ROYAL RECRUIT

6 FURLONGS 1:12.96 PURSE \$15,000

SIR BRANCH 26



Sons In Retirement was at Golden Gate Fields in October. Branch 59 member John Ockes is shown is on the right. Others (L to R) are Bob Aiello, 2013 Area 8 Governor, Larry Vittoria, Branch 26, Jockey John Kerwin, Franzis Marshall (guest of Ockes) and Emile Lassalle, Area 8 Travel Chairman.

August 28-September 7, 2013

SIR 55TH 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
for more information 510-538-7463**

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee



LITTLE SIR SKIP MUGFORD: Had left knee replacement and five days later he was racing around with his custom walker.

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 November Luncheons.

Your Name & No. _____ Partners’s Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the November 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 in Photos



Above Sir Dave Priego on the saxophone is entertaining the Branch 59 membership along with Sir Ed Guthrie during the October Luncheon.

Below Sir Sheldon Schwartz (on the right) is assisting speaker Brian Ancona setup for his presentation at the October Luncheon.

In the photo below (Left to Right) Sir Drag Dutina is helping Sir Ed Kurtz sell tickets for the Christmas Fantasy to Sir Alan Kenney.



2013 SECRETARY



Retiring Big Sir James Ferenz has volunteered to be Secretary in 2013 after it was learned that Sir Frank R. Thomas has requested transfer to Inactive Status.

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ACTIVITIES

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Bill Pruner - Assistant
Tom Sullivan - Assistant
George Vlastelica - Assistant

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

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Jerry Sabo - Assistant

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Arnold George - **Chairman**

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Fred Ilg - Assistant

CYBERGEEZERS

Jerry Sabo - **Chairman**

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Bill Leake - **Chairman**
Fred Ilg - Assistant

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Carl Nordling - Assistant

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Frank R. Thomas - Assistant
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Jim Ferenz - Assistant
Ed Kurtz - Assistant
Don Gillis - **Chairman**
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Frank Campos

SPORTS

Nat Lord

SUNSHINE

Allen Sprague - **Chairman**
Dave Marymee - Assistant

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Don Gillis - **Chairman**
Bruno Orsetti - Assistant

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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*
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1992 Lyle Kingery
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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)