



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Eighth Year

May 2013

Bulletin No. 5

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, May 16, 2013

"Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



There is a lot to talk about this month. Most of it is about Branch 59 declining membership and attendance at our monthly luncheons. The cold hard facts are as follows: Branch membership has fallen from 243 in 2010 to 183 today—and this includes the induction of 5 new members at the April meeting! Of the 183, 30 were luncheon no-shows who didn't bother to cancel, 27 did call and

cancel leaving a subtotal of 126. Counting guests/speakers etc. we had a paying membership of 114. With fixed costs this is causing us to dip into our reserve funds. Everyone should know that our break even point to continue to stay at The Pavilion is 100 paying members at the current rate. Your Officers and Directors are doing all in their power to keep Branch 59 financially viable, but we need your help!!!

It has been brought to our attention that some members aren't attending because they need a ride to and from the luncheon. Please check on your friends that may need a ride and lend them a helping hand so they may continue enjoying the camaraderie of "old" associates. Reach out to friends, neighbors and acquaintances and invite them to have lunch with us and, hopefully, join our ranks. With this in mind I would like to thank personally Sir George Perry for his unflagging efforts in promoting Sir and encouraging new membership. This Sir is truly tremendous in promoting our organization!!

A brainstorming session devoted to membership needs was held at my house on April 30th and attended by approximately 10 Officers and Directors along with Sir Fred Gotthardt and Sir John Skarpelos. It ran for over 2 hours with many suggestions presented. I will try to discuss several of these suggestions at the May Luncheon.

Sir Hugh Twomey has offered to put together a Power Point presentation of our Finances for the July luncheon. This will give him time to accumulate data from our June event.

My task now is to come up with a joke that's good enough to lift our spirits. *Skip*

Speaker Kevin Kyes by Little Sir Rob Ingebretson

With over 40 years experience in Financial Services, Kevin Kyes focus has been on portfolio safety and tax advantaged solutions for business owners, individuals and investors. Kevin graduated from San Jose State University in 1970 with a BA in Philosophy & Psychology. He either holds or has held licenses for: California Insurance, California Securities and California Real Estate.



Kevin will speak to us on Government Entitlement Programs.

Important Change

Sweetheart Lunch
has been rescheduled to
June 20, 2013

May 16, 2013 will be
a regular Branch Luncheon

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

MENU

Paella and Asturian style Beef
Potatoes bravas, Medley of 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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Nat Lord
George Perry
Jerry Sabo
Sheldon Schwartz
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 Jim Ferenz April Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Skip Mugford called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the group in the pledge of Allegiance. The BEC welcomed Area 8 Governor Sir Robert Aiello. Sir Robert joined us for the BEC meeting and our regular meeting.
ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Skip Mugford, Little Sir Rob Ingebretson, Secretary Sir James Ferenz, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Directors present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, and Sir Roger Wallin.
Directors absent: Sir Sheldon Schwartz and Sir Ed Thomas.

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that our current bank balance is \$5389.41 including the custodial accounts.

Little Sir Rob Ingebretson reported that our speaker today will be Mr. Mike Wirjadisastra. Mike's field is Insurance and Financial Services. He specializes in Group Benefits and Senior Protection against Long Term Care Costs. Mr. Wirjadisastra will speak on a current update on Health Care Reform and Medicare.

Area Governor:

Sir Robert Aiello, Area 8 Governor, spoke to us about the Survey forms he passed out at the previous meeting and about the Survivability Committee that will be available to help in developing Recruiting programs that will have a favorable effect on membership gains. This Service will be available on request from the Branch. Clearly membership loss and the need to recruit new members is a major problem in most branches.

Sir Bob also informed us that the assessment from the State will be increasing from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per member per quarter and also the state will also be charging for HLM's. This information invoked a serious negative reaction and a motion was made, seconded and passed that the Branch would write a letter to the State President telling him that in our opinion this increase was ill timed and a problem for the Branches who already are having concerns about meeting their obligations. The Big Sir asked the Secretary to work on the letter and have it ready for his review as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie projects today's luncheon at 124.

Membership

Sir Ron Brutvan proposed four new members. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the new members. They are: Sir Bill Palleschi sponsored by Sir Carl Nordling, Sir Alan Weiner sponsored by Sir Bill Pruner, Sir George Gates sponsored by Sir George Perry, and Sir John Prior sponsored by Sir Charles Wilkins. Sir Henry Brown was reinstated as a member.

Birthdays

Sir Art Winkley indicated we will celebrate nine birthdays this month ranging from 68 to 87. The Officers and Directors wish these men a very Happy Birthday.

Golf

Sir Bill Leake reports that results from the Napa Tournament will be shown in a future Pathfinder. We will announce a new tournament early next month. Sir Bill also thanks the members for speeding up their play at Sunol.

Bowling

Sir Jerry Sabo indicated that fewer and fewer people were attending Bowling Tournaments.

Social

Sir Rob Ingebretson indicated that plans were well under way for the June Hawaiian Delight event. The entertainment will astound you with Hula dancers and Hawaiian music. Sir Rob indicated that if we have a sell out he will personally demonstrate his Hawaiian dance skills. They still talk about him on Maui. Sir Fred Gotthardt and Sir Jim Ferenz will be selling tickets at the May meeting. Door prizes are really needed and anything the members do will be appreciated. Sir Rob has Merchant Letters available for anyone who needs them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to acquire a new Wireless Lapel Microphone system to improve sound quality for our members. The cost of this system is \$326.99. We will offer the old system for sale in order to try and recover some of the cost.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to drop the cost of the June event tickets from \$25.00 to \$22.50.

The issue was brought up that we, at this time, have no members who will volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. We need someone who will volunteer to be the Little Sir.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by Secretary

Sir James Ferenz

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	93
Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	89
Dragomir Dutina	05/26/1925	88
Dan Silva	05/06/1926	87
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	84
William Wessells	05/22/1931	82
Willard Wyman	05/23/1933	80
Larry Goodman	05/07/1936	77
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	77
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	74
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	74
Roberto Morales	05/13/1940	73
Ron Brutvan	05/21/1941	72
Jack Roach	05/25/1944	69
Bill Palleschi	05/17/1945	68
Terry Pearson	05/23/1945	68
Henry Brown	05/07/1947	66
Thomas Breen	05/24/1950	63



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Pathfinder or earlier issues by
going to the Branch Website:

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

New Members

George T. Gates

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408-529-5414
Email: georgegates@comcast.net
Birthday: 11/20/1944
Spouse: Gloria
Badge No. 107
Sponsor: George Perry
Call me: George

Bill Palleschi

36588 Montecito Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-2614
510-894-2520
Email: billpalleschi@gmail.com
Birthday: 5/17/1945
Spouse: Melissa
Badge No. 8
Sponsor: Carl Nordling
Call me: Bill

John D. Prior

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Fremont, CA 94536-7229
510-797-0964
Email: jmprior47@yahoo.com
Birthday: 3/16/1940
Spouse: Judy
Badge No. 26
Sponsor: Charlie Wilkens
Call me: John

Alan W. Weiner

5934 Bellflower Drive
Newark, CA 94560-4817
510-790-3669
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Birthday: 2/10/1943
Spouse: Phoebe
Badge No. 24
Sponsor: Bill Pruner
Call me: Alan

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Dennis Reed

Guest of:

Bill Leake

Visitors:

Mike Wirjadisastra Speaker
Robert Aiello Area 8 Governor
Tom Pratt Inactive Member
Orv Rasmussen Escorting
Jim Blood

Change of Status:

Cal Lynch to Inactive
James Dunsford resigned

Membership Total
(as of April 2013)

183 — Active Members
16 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For April 2013)

Members	122
Guests	1
Visitors	3
Total =	126
34 excused	30 unexcused



George Gates



Bill Palleschi



John Prior



Alan Weiner

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Only Lew Heffron from Branch 6 did well at the Petaluma tournament, but **Jerry Sabo** and Rich Bowers (Branch 6) placed highly at the Concord tournament. Jerry was first in singles, and second in all events bowling as a left-hander he rolled his best ever game and series.

The USBC Open tournament in Reno has come and gone. This year, the tournament had some significant rule changes that required several of the bowlers that attended be changed from the Classified Division to the Regular Division. Jerry was required to bowl in the Regular Division—bowlers with averages over 180, and consequently he will definitely not rank very highly. Several of the Branch 6 bowlers were able to bowl in the Classified Division, and should be in the money. Oh well there is always next year. We did have fun!

Some notable games that were rolled recently include: **Gary Bennett**-221, 223; **Frank Cordova**-210, 238; **Don Henry** 237, 222; and **Nat Lord**-223, 198.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

Pinole	Jun 5, 6	Wed, Thu	Pinole Valley
Paradise	Jun 18, 19	Tue, Wed	Tall Pines
Sunnyvale	Jun 30, Jul 1	Sun, Mon	Cambrian Bowling Alley

There is always room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. We do not bowl on teams when we bowl so if you miss occasionally we will miss you; but you are not letting down teammates nor charged any fees. Another Branch 6 bowler just joined our group last Monday.

The league is sanctioned or we would not be able to bowl in tournaments. That basically means that we each pay \$20.00 to the USBC (bowling congress). Most of our tournaments are commuter tournaments, and about one-third of our bowlers go to those tournaments.

Later in the year we have a SIR bowling tournament in Reno, where spent two or three nights in the casinos along with bowling.

We meet at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. 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.

Let's take a minute and acknowledge 3 golfers. Gordon MacLeod (index of 23.3) shot an 89 at Sunol. Let's see – $89 - 23.3 = 65.7$ net. Not bad. **Forrest Lusher** shot a 95 – And you say so what! That 95 happens to be 1 stroke below his age!

And **Howard Ells** – Howard regularly plays golf on Mondays with the group, has lunch, and then bowls at 1:00 at Cloverleaf. WOW!! I get tired thinking about it. **Gentlemen – take a bow!**

Thank you for speeding up play at Sunol. We had the **Spring Fling** in Napa in April -- we will have the results in the July Pathfinder (there will not be a Pathfinder in June). The men played individual the first day and 4 man team 2 man best ball on day 2, while the ladies played best ball both days. Thursday May 23 we had the area 8 team event at Sunol. I will have results in the July Pathfinder. The winning 1-2 teams from this tournament go to the state championship on August 12 at Stevinson Ranch. In June we will have **Reno** – 2 weeks – **June 10-14** and **June 17-21** – to be held at the Atlantis in Reno (not Circus Circus). We will have results in the July Pathfinder as well. **Did you sign up?** For the division 4 state qualifier **we dropped Boundary Oaks** and replaced it **with Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch.** The date is August 22. Look for an announcement this month. We will once again take the first 26+ paid entries to go to Lone Tree. We will not have a pre-qual. There may be a waiting list if the demand is there. The top 2 golfers from each of the 7 flights will get a **free ride** to the state championship on Oct 21 **at Laguna Seca.** Open play will be October 22 – also at Laguna Seca.

Finally, **Solvang** – September 15-19. Solvang (along with the Spring Fling) is a 4-man team, 2 man best ball tournament

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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.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

Location:

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

Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

During our last meeting, the Seagate Wireless storage device was demonstrated. This device is capable of streaming movies to three iPad, iPhone, Android tables, or some Kindle devices simultaneously. Three different HD movies—also music, photos etc. could also be accessed on up to eight devices. Some discussion of Blu-Ray ripping software took place. The Intuos 5 tablet by Wacom was also demonstrated as a replacement for a mouse, and for drawing, photo editing and so forth. Finally, we revisited the use of Dragon Naturally Speaking—voice recognition software and the use of software to create on-line pdf forms, and software that converts a pdf file to a MS Word document.

If you have any technology topic that you would like included in our next session, please send the information to Jerry – jlsabo@sbcglobal.net. So far the only topics that he has come up with involve the Intuos5 Tablet and the Seagate Wireless Plus storage devices. The Wireless Plus is another “cloud” device.

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. Call Sir Jerry Sabo – **510-790-3135** if you have other questions.

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.

Sir Arnold George - 510-797-9524

READERS AND BROWERS

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

Sir 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.

Sir Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Sir Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Emile Lassalle



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.

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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.

Silva Receives President's Award



Sir Mal Silva (left) is shown accepting the Senior Sir President's Award from Area 8 Governor Bob Aiello.



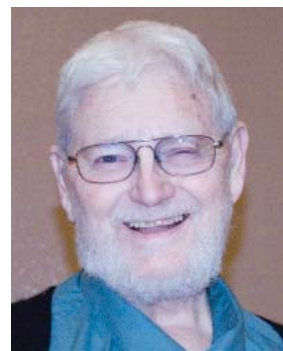
Below in the left photo Area 8 Governor discusses the Survivability Committee availability to help in developing Recruiting programs. In the right photo below Big Sir Skip Mugford listens attentively.



Sir Fred Gotthardt (left) and Sir Jim Ferenz happily selling tickets for the Sweetheart Luncheon in June.

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Allen Sprague

CHARLES DUNCAN: Sir Charles' son said his father is sharp mentally but is physically "in a bad way," and is being moved from rehab at Park Central. I will call to check if and when Sir Charles can be visited.



Allen Sprague

Save the Date – June 20th “Hawaiian Delight”

Take your wife or a friend to lunch

THE SWEETHEART LUNCHEON

The Social committee working with the caterer has chosen three meal choices:

Beef

Hawaiian Tri-Tip in a Pineapple Sauce,

Chicken

Hawaiian Chicken in Orange Sauce and

Fish

Salmon in a Tropical Mango Sauce.

Ka Nalu,
a bay area based Hawaiian band which is rooted in true traditional Hawaiian music, will be our entertainment after lunch.



Tickets will be sold at the April and May Luncheons.

SWEETHEART LUNCHEON TICKETS

Hi Fellow Sirs,

Sir Fred Gotthardt and Sir Jim Ferenz will be selling tickets for the June Sweetheart Luncheon at both the April and May Branch luncheons.

We will be located to the left of where you pick up your badges between the hours of 10:30 to 11:55. Forms to reserve a table for 8 will be available.

We ask that if you are paying by check that you have it made out in advance and payable to **SIR Branch 59.**

Prices for tickets are as follows:

1= \$22.50; 2= \$45.00; 3= \$ 67.50; 4= \$90.00
and a reserved table for 8 = \$180.00.

The theme of the luncheon is “*Hawaiian Delight.*” So get out those Muumuus and Hawaiian shirts.

Aloha,

Fred and Jim

P.S. Use the form below if you want to mail in your check.



Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the April and May Luncheons

Number in Party _____ x **\$22.50** per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**
and mail to: **Sir Fred Gotthardt, 38353 Farwell Drive, Fremont, CA 94536**

Indicate Meal Choice & No:

Beef:

Chicken:

Fish:

Ticket orders must be received by June 13th

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

No refunds after June 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 April and May Luncheons and also on the Branch Website.

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Copy deadline for the next issue of the
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after the monthly luncheon meeting.

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1976 Peter Clark*
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1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
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*(deceased)