



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Fortieth Year

April 2015

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, April, 16, 2015

"More Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



Things are looking up for Branch 59 thanks to the swelling of our ranks by the addition of two (2) new members last month. A hearty welcome again to Sir J.D. Smith and Sir Victor Wong. We hope to add Brian Goodman to our membership next month. Congrats, also, to our newest Senior Sir Certificate recipients: Sir Mickey Rose, Sir Bud Farrell and Sir Alvin

Dockter. Hah—looks like the comedy fest is just dragging them in and keeping them healthy!! Keep them cards and letters and jokes a'comin fellow Sirs!!! Thanks to Sir George V for being such a good sport and letting me pick on him!!

Thanks, also, to Little Sir Jim Ulam for his efforts in obtaining excellent speakers for our enjoyment the first 3 months of this New Year. Keep up the good work, Sir Jim!!

Available seating problems were discussed in the BEC prior to the main luncheon. Because these still exist it is suggested that those seats reserved via name tag be vacated/tags removed at 11:30 AM. We all want to sit with our close friends, but some flexibility must be shown for late arrivals. Need your help on this y'all!!

Finally, don't forget to see me for letters to give to those Stores/Shopkeepers/Golf Courses who donate items for our Spring Fling in May. And don't forget to see Fred Gotthardt and Jim Ferenz to purchase tickets for the Ladies Day luncheon in May.

SPEAKER Rachel DiFranco By Little Sir Jim Ulam


Rachel DiFranco is Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Fremont, Rachel is responsible for implementing the City's Climate Action Plan goal of a 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2020.



Rachel is a Fremont native, having graduated from American High in 2001. She holds a BA in Global Studies from UC Santa Barbara and a Dual MA in International Affairs and Natural Resources & Sustainable Development from American University in Washington, DC and the United Nations mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica. In her Master's thesis "Suburban Sustainability: Rethinking the Community of Fremont, CA," she used her hometown of Fremont as a case study to discuss the need for sustainable re-development of the suburbs to reduce dependence on the automobile as a necessary greenhouse gas reduction strategy.

Beginning in 2009, Rachel worked for non-profits throughout Northern California to provide energy efficiency and renewable energy outreach, education, and project development to residential, commercial, and municipal properties. In 2013, she returned to Fremont, California to become the City of Fremont's first Sustainability Coordinator, a role dedicated to overseeing the implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan by identifying and implementing opportunities for emission reductions and promoting energy efficiency efforts in both the City's municipal operations and in the community-at-large.

Win a Free Lunch

By finding ROLLIE —  — you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let Rollie Referee Dino Mostard know where he is located in the **Pathfinder** after you buy your luncheon ticket. Sir Dino will be found at a table in the back left of the hall.

MENU

Honey Baked Ham and Breaded Fish
Au Gratin Potatoes, Rice and Vegetable Medley



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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March Meeting Minutes

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

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers Present: Big Sir Skip Mugford, Little Sir Jim Ulam, Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Assistant Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Officers absent: None.

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo and Sir Sheldon Schwartz.

Directors absent: None.

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported as of March 10, 2015 the adjusted checkbook balance was \$3905.90. Sir Hugh also suggested that we should consider a budget for the balance of 2015 and into future years.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Jim Ulam reported that today's speaker would be Dr Barry Shibuya, a Rheumatologist, who will speak to us about arthritis and osteoporosis and related autoimmune diseases. Sir Jim also mentioned that the saving of places at the tables is getting to be a problem. We need to find a way to make it work successfully. Sir Jim also asked the BEC to look into adding extra tables.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 127 including new members and guests.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we have two new members for acceptance today. They are: JD Smith sponsored by Sir Rob Ingebretson and Victor Wong sponsored by Sir Rob Ingebretson. A Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the new members.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 18 March Birthdays. The Birthdays this time includes two 90 year olds and two 92 year olds. The Officers and Directors wish these men a very happy

Birthday.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake indicates we have only one team for the Sunol Tournament where we usually have ten. The apparent lack of interest is becoming a concern. Further details about Golf may be found in the Pathfinder.

Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reports that the last Tournament was very successful and that 22 Bowlers participated. Bowling details may be found in the Pathfinder.

Sunshine: No Report

CyberGeezers: Nothing new to report.

Activities Committee: the new Activities Chairman Sir Roger Wallin reported the following data:

Signups for new activities Dining out 5 people, Wine tasting 2 people, Bridge 3 people, Giants Game 1 person, Investments 1 person and Hiking 1 person. The committee is exploring interest in Bocce Ball and Beer tasting.

OLD BUSINESS

Sir Skip Mugford is making arrangements to visit the Tri City Voice this month to look into a possible new advertisement. Sir Skip will report on the issue at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40AM

Submitted by Assistant Secretary

Sir Jim Ferenz

MARCH SPEAKER



Dr. Barry Shibuya speaking on Holistic Health in the Elderly.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

April Birthdays

Jack Lindley	04/09/1932	83
Kenneth Peterson	04/02/1934	81
Tom Federico	04/09/1934	81
Miguel Ferras	04/08/1937	78
William Anderson	04/08/1940	75
Theodore Bresler	04/30/1942	73
Larry Roberts	04/09/1945	70
John Parent	04/14/1946	69
Robert McCauley	04/19/1946	69
Larry Lardie	04/05/1949	66



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

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

SIR
HAPPENINGS

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

New Members

J. D. Smith

6149 Linford Terrace
Fremont, CA 94555-3621
510-794-4195
Email: jdsmith1564@yahoo.com
Birthday: 10/12/1942
Spouse: Pam
Badge No. 73
Sponsor: Rob Ingeretson
Call me: J.D.

Victor Wong

37854 Benchmark Court
Fremont, CA 94536-3844
510-790-1630
Email: vicbonwong@comcast.net
Birthday: 9/12/1942
Spouse: Bonnie
Badge No. 85
Sponsor: Rob Ingebretson
Call me: Victor



J.D. Smith



Victor Wong

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Larry Salle
James Lomax
Dan Potestio
Alan Zulman

Guest of:

Jerry Sabo
Joe Stanley
James Ploor
James Ulam

Visitors:

Dr. Barry Shibuya

Guest of:

Speaker

Change of Status:

NONE

Membership Total

(as of March 2015)

167 — Active Members

17 — Inactive Members

BRING IN A GUEST
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For March 2015)

Members	120
Guests	4
Visitors	1
Total =	125
22 excused	25 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



The official results came in from the Livermore Tournament. As expected, **Victor Okumura** and **Donal Spicer** were First in Division B Singles with a handicap total of 1633! (Second place was a 1440). Rich Bowers (Br 6) and **Frankie Cordova** placed Third in Division A Doubles. Division A Handicap Series had Donal (First), Rich (Second) and Jerry Sabo (Fifth). Division B Handicap had

Don Henry (Forth). All-Events had Donal and Victor both in First in their Division, Frankie (Fifth) and Jerry (Forth). A very successful day!

At the Concord Tournament, only newcomer, **Laverl Tomlinson** did exceptionally well. I will have more next time on this tournament. Other bowlers that attended included newcomer **Larry Sallee** and his wife Judi, Frankie, John Pesek, Don, Jerry, Roger **Wallin** (his first tournament as a recovered right hander), Lew Heffron, and Rich Bowers.

The "In-House" Chuck Pereira Memorial tournament was held on March 2nd. The Tournament was a whopping success thanks to **John Pesek**. Chuck's widow Dodie was amongst the bowlers, while many other family members came to watch. There were 24 bowlers signed up, and 20 bowlers shared a prize pot of over \$600. John has already received donations for next year's tournament, and many of Chuck's friends that didn't know about the tournament have expressed interest in attending. First place in the tournament went to Frankie Cordova, Second to **Ron Hamro**, and Third to Jerry. All had a great time.



The next tournaments are:

(State Tournament)

Sonora	May 4, 5, 6	Black Oak Casino
Pinole	June 3, 4	Pinole Valley Lanes
Paradise	June 16, 17	Tall Pines

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. 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 \$14.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M. Once again, lady friends of SIR bowlers are welcome to join us.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Welcome Robert Morten who joined SIR and also SIR NCGA.

We have several tournaments coming up – **Team qualifier at Sunol** – May 14. Fliers have been distributed. \$192 per team. This will be an 8:30 start. We need players. Winning team goes to championship at **Poppy Ridge** on August 10. Fliers are out there –

please consider signing up. **Reno** is our next tournament and we have 2 venues this year – Week 1: 6/15/15 thru 6/19/15, Week 2: 6/22/15 thru 6/26/15. Format for each week is different. Fliers were sent out March 1. We stay at the Atlantis and play three great courses. This tournament fills up very quickly so get your entry in now. Entries are also available on the web.

The division 4 individual qualifier will be held at **Franklin Canyon Golf course, Hercules**, on Wednesday Aug 19. Price is \$48 for green fee, cart and prizes. The fliers are out there and were at the last meeting. It is an 8:00 start and the top 2 finishers of each of the flight go to the state championship at **Poppy Hills** in Monterey October 28. Poppy Hills tournament Fliers will be available soon – Oct 27 will be open play and 28th will be championship tournament.

Major change – **Solvang has been replaced by Whitney Oaks in Rocklin** (September 14 & 15). This tournament will be similar to Napa – we do not provide the hotel but will have suggested places to stay. Ladies welcome. Fliers will be available soon.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (1-2 tee times early) and Tuesdays in the 8:00 timeframe. We play at Sunol – 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.

Personal note: After 12 years as golf chair for Branch 59 and area 8, I have decided to make a major change. At the end of the team tournament I will step down as area 8 chairman and will no longer set up nor manage future Area 8 and Branch 59 NCGA golf tournaments. I will still be associated with SIR and SIR golf – setting tee times, writing this column, managing NCGA handicap program, but will not participate in the management of future tournaments. If you would like to be involved and set up and manage the 2 tournaments that we have annually that would be good. Your understanding is appreciated.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday April 21st - 1:30 to 3:30 PM. We meet at Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA.** Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

March topics should evolved around Spreadsheet (Excel, Numbers etc.) graphs. Other topics are up in the air, or maybe in “cloud storage” or Windows 10. We had a very good turnout this past meeting but there is always room for more.

What is a Cyber Geezer? We are members of SIR Branch 59 and friends that want to keep up with technology. Topics are varied and usually generated by attendees.

If you have any technology topic that you would like included in our next session, please send the information to Jerry at jlsabo@sbcglobal.net. As mentioned previously, we have recently discussed such things as e-books and audio downloads using devices such as the Kindle, iPad or iPod, but other topics are most welcome. Also being discussed are operating systems such as Windows 10 and Mac Yosemite.

SIR members and friends/significant others are welcome, and we do have wireless access so bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet. Call Jerry Sabo – 510-790-3135 or 510-299-3736 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. **Sir Arnold George - 510-797-9524**

COUPLES WINE TASTING

All Sirs (singles, couples, friends) are invited to join us. This activity is in the planning stage so let your thoughts be known to:

Chairman **Sir Skip Mugford 510-794-1184**
or email **SMUGFORD86@COMCAST.NET**

AREA 8 TRAVEL

June 9, 2015

Graton Casino

A day at the Graton Casino. Depart Castro Valley 9 AM. Includes Casino Bonus Package of \$10 Slot Play or \$15 Match Play and \$5 Food Credit

Cost \$51.50 per person.

Includes Round trip Motorcoach transportation, Drive Gratuity and Four Hour Gaming Stop.

Contact Joe Guerrero at 510-326-4196.

July 28, 2015

Sacramento Underground Tour

A day in Sacramento. Round-trip motorcoach transportation,

Admission to the Sacramento History Museum, Guided Sacramento Underground History Tour, Hosted Lunch onboard the Delta King. Depart Castro Valley 8:30 AM.

Cost \$103 per person.

Contact John Hagebusch 510-200-9103.



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COUPLES DINING OUT

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READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Sir James Floor 510-656-9537



Branch 59 News



Three members of Branch 59 received their State Senior Sir awards. Shown (L to R) Big Sir Skip Mugford, Sir Mickey Rose, Sir Sylvan Farrell, Sir Alvin Dockter and Little Sir Jim Ulam.



New members Victor Wong and J.D. Smith receive their Membership Certificates from Little Sir Jim Ulam (L) and Big Sir Skip Mugford (R).



Sir John Pesek (L) receives his free lunch ticket from Rollie Referee Sir Dino Mostardi.

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

JIM PROFFITT: Sir Jim is in therapy after knee replacement in March.

BOB WALLACE: Sir Bob suffered an injury playing golf—eager to play golf again. Hopes to make the next Branch 59 luncheon meeting.

JOHN WILLIAMS: Sir John's wife, Faye, told Sunshine that John has been home from the hospital since March 25th. The heart surgery went fine, he is healing one-step-at-a time.

CHARLES WILKINS: Sir Charlie is doing fine with a walker, hopes to get back to Branch 59 meeting in April.



Sir Les Addison, wearing his Irish hat, is applauding the speaker at the March Luncheon.

"SPRINGTIME MAGIC"

SAVE THE DATE – MAY 21, 2015



The entertainment will include a magic show featuring Dan Chan the Magic Man and his assistant Kat Chan.



Set aside – May 21st for the Sweetheart Luncheon and "SPRINGTIME MAGIC"

Take your wife or your significant other or just yourself.

This year's theme is "Springtime Magic" and tickets will be on sale at this month's meeting. Once again the price will be the same as last year, \$22.50 per person or \$45.00 a couple.

You will enjoy this festive time of good food, outstanding decorations, professional entertainment, and outstanding door prizes.

You might want to purchase a table for eight. That is a great way to enjoy the lunch and program together with friends. Forms will be available at the March luncheon or on Branch 59's website:
<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>.

The menu is a choice of Tri Tip Roast in a light BBQ sauce, Chicken Cordon Blue with Champagne Gravy Sauce, or Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce prepared by our outstanding chef, Juan Aguilar.

Remember: Sir Fred Gotthardt and Sir Jim Ferenz will be selling tickets at the April Luncheon.

Rob Ingebretson
Social Committee Chairman



Beef:	Tri Tip Strip with Light BBQ sauce
Chicken:	Chicken Cordon Bleu with Champagne Gravy Sauce
Fish:	Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce

Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the April Luncheon

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 May 14th

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

No refunds after May 14th.

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 Luncheon and also on the Branch Website.

<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/TABLEREQUESTFORM-20150310e.pdf>

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ACTIVITIES

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James Ploor - Assistant

ATTENDANCE

Ed Guthrie - **Chairman**
Bill Pruner - Assistant
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant
John Williams - Assistant

AUDIO-VISUAL

Carl Nordling - **Audio**
Jerry Sabo - **Video**

AUDIT

Carl Nordling - **Chairman**
Ron Brutvan - Assistant

BIRTHDAYS

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

BOWLING

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

CAPS & EMBLEMS

Nat Lord - **Chairman**
Dino Mostardi - Assistant

CHAPLAIN

Howard Thompson - **Chairman**
Ted Bresler - Assistant

CIRCULATION

Bill Briscoe - **Chairman**
Fred Ilg - Assistant

COUPLES DINING OUT

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

CYBERGEEZERS

Jerry Sabo - **Chairman**

GOLF

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

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Fred Gotthardt - 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.

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