



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Fortieth Year

October 2015

Bulletin No. 9

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, October 15, 2015

"More Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



Branch 59 lost a dynamo last month with the passing of Sir Jim Ferenz, Past Big Sir and Past Area 8 Governor. We celebrate his life and his MANY valued contributions to SIR. He will be missed!!!

Branch 59 was represented in last month's 60th Anniversary Parade celebrating Newark Days. Three (3) cars, owned by Big Sir Skip Mugford, Sir Terry Dalziel and Sir Louis Alonzo,

with signage courtesy of Little Sir Jim Ulam were in the Parade on Saturday Sept. 19th. Little Sir Jim rode shotgun with Skip while Sir Dave Tanner rode shotgun with Terry. Sir Louis was left to wave to the cheering crowds by himself while successfully fending off hordes of adoring women. We all made contact with many senior men and handed out Branch 59 business cards along the entire route. Sir Mel Nunes was spotted in the crowd and waved vigorously (his check is in the mail)!

I'd like to thank Sir Jerry Sabo for his extraordinary efforts in "pushing" the You-Tube video of Frank Sinatra's "The House I Live In" up on the big screen. He really jumped through some technical hoops to get the job done. THANKS JERRY!!

We held a mini-rally last month near the entrance to the Pavilion. Four cars were shown—owned by Sirs Skip Mugford, Terry Dalziel, Louis Alonzo and Bill Anderson. It was well attended and appreciated to the point where several other members asked to participate, if we did it again in October. SO—we'll do it again (weather permitting) this month and invite any and all members to show off their "rides."

Sad to say but last month was the first in a very long time that NOT ONE GUEST/PROSPECTIVE MEMBER WAS PRESENTED at the Luncheon. New members are the life blood of our organization—we need the help of the general membership to assure the survival of our beloved Branch.

Finally many thanks to all for your voluntary donations to the "bucket." The money collected goes a long way in deferring monthly expenses!!

SPEAKER Carol Mayer By Little Sir Jim Ulam



Carol Mayer is a trained volunteer and graduate of the Tri-City Community Ambassador Program for Seniors (CAPS). CAPS is a nationally recognized, locally implemented program of the City of Fremont Human Services, The Community Ambassador Program for Seniors, through its volunteer community ambassadors, builds capacity to serve seniors in their own communities, in their own language, within their own cultural norms, and does so where seniors live, worship, socialize, and learn. The Ambassadors serve as a bridge between the formal network of social services and faith based and cultural communities. As an ambassador, Carol connects seniors with services within the tri-city area.


Her day job, when Carol isn't volunteering, is as a certified Project Manager for IBM.

MENU

**Spaghetti and Meat Balls
and/or**

**Chicken Scaloppini
Garlic Bread, Rice and Long Beans**

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.



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



Branch 59

Officers

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Skip Mugford
(510) 794-1184

Little Sir
Jim Ulam
(510) 797-9357

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(510) 797-3570

Asst. Secretary

Treasurer
Hugh Twomey
(510) 796-5559

Asst. Treasurer
Arnold George
(510) 797-9524

Directors
Nat Lord
George Perry
Jerry Sabo

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



SEPTEMBER Meeting Minutes

Big SIR Skip Mugford called the meeting to order and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of our departed SIR member, Assistant Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

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

Officers Absent: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey.

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

Directors Absent: Sir George Perry.

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George reported that as of September 16, 2015 there was an adjusted checkbook balance of \$3,390.90 and a petty cash balance of \$400.00.

Little Sirs Report: Little Sir Jim Ulam reported that today's speaker would be Officer Kenneth Kwok of the Fremont Police Department. Officer Kwok is currently assigned to the Financial Crimes Unit and has been a detective for the past year. Officer Kwok will speak to Branch 59 members about financial crimes against seniors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 115 including new members and guests.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we have five new members for today's luncheon. They are Sir Jim Proffitt (returning), Sirs Jay Wagner,

George Morariu, Earl Graves, Robert Fondiller sponsored by Sirs Tony Bruno, Skip Mugford, Jim Ulam and Rob Ingebretson

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated that we are celebrating 10 September Birthdays, ranging in age from 88 to 60.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that dues collection will begin in October for the 2016 golf year. Last year the dues were \$36. At this time we do not know what the amount will be. Once the amount is known, make out check to SIR Branch 59 and mail check to Sir Bill Leake.

Bowling: See Branch 59 Newsletter for latest news on bowling.

CyberGeezers: See Branch 59 Newsletter for the latest CyberGeezers news.

Activities Committee: Activities Chairman Sir Roger Wallin indicated that so far Dining, Wine Tasting, and Investments were the most popular activities. Other activities that got attention included Bridge, Giants/A's games, Beer Tasting, and Bocce Ball.

OLD BUSINESS

The assembled group decided against considering Acacia Creek as an alternative meeting place to our present location.

NEW BUSINESS

The assembled group approved having Sir Skip Mugford along with several other SIR members with their classic cars take part in the Newark Days Parade, Saturday September 18, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Skip Mugford at 11:00 AM.

Minutes submitted by

Sir Peter Angelides
Branch 59 Secretary

In Memoriam
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

October Birthdays

John Ockes	10/05/1927	88
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	88
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	88
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	86
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	83
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	82
Harry Pearson	10/19/1934	81
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	80
Louis Alonzo	10/29/1936	79
John Pesek III	10/19/1940	75
J. D. Smith	10/12/1942	73
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	73
Jim Proffitt	10/19/1947	68

Happy Birthday



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

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

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

New Members

Robert Fondiller

179 Orden Court
Fremont, CA 94539
510-657-2339
Email: bfondiller@gmail.com
Birthday: 5/31/1946
Spouse: Pat
Badge No. 14
Sponsor: Rob Ingebretson
Call me: Bob

Earl W. Graves

34400A Mission Blvd. Apt 1222
Union City, CA 94587
510-894-0622
Email: egrav@att.com
Birthday: 7/28/1927
Spouse: Lucy
Badge No. 64
Sponsor: Jim Ulam
Call me: Whitey

George A. Morariu

6474 Normandy Drive
Newark, CA 94560-1131
510-797-8896
Email: morariu@pacbell.net
Birthday: 2/3/1929
Badge No. 100
Sponsor: Skip Mugford
Call me: George

Jay Wagner

35404 Collier Place
Fremont, CA 94536-
510-797-9922
Email: iwagner2@comcast.net
Birthday: 4/2/1945
Spouse: Randy
Badge No. 99
Sponsor: Tony Bruno
Call me: Jay

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: **Guest of:**
None

Visitors: **Guest of:**
Kenneth Kwok **Speaker**
Roger Baird **Br 32 San Jose**

Change of Status:

Harlan Werner **Resigned**
Arnold George **New Email**
flashfever@outlook.com

Membership Total

(as of September 2015)

161 — Active Members
21 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For September 2015)

Members	104
Guests	0
Visitors	2
Total =	106
37 excused	22 unexcused



Robert Fondiller



Earl Graves



George Morariu



Jay Wagner

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



The Fremont SIR Bowling Tournament was a moderate success this year. **John Pesek** took over the responsibility for the tournament along with **Roger Wallin, Frankie Cordova** and **Art Winkley**. They did a great job getting everything in place while Tournament Manager Jerry was returning from his trip to Africa. Moderate success because we could have had better attendance,

but the tournament was only held on one day this year. Prizewinners from our tournament included Harvey McAninch, Donal Spicer, Howard Elz, Miguel Ferras, Roger Wallin, Frankie Cordova, Elena Bryant, and Jerry Sabo. Special thanks to our Treasurer, Hugh Twomey, for promptly paying the bills and having the prize checks prepared almost immediately. By the way, there were only 58 bowlers at our tournament, and ten out of fourteen of our bowlers did well.

We had eight bowlers from Branches 59 and 6 that attended the Reno Tournament in August. Results are posted on the sirinc.org/bowling website, but Jerry did not attend the tournament and even though there were some good scores; not a great turnout in the prize category.

Upcoming tournaments for the remainder of 2015 include the following:

Brentwood 2014 Oct 13, 15	Tue, Thu	Harvest Park
Modesto 2014 Nov 6, 7	Thu, Fri	McHenry Bowl
Concord 2014 Nov 18, 19	Tue, Wed	Clayton Bowl

We always have room for more bowlers in our group.

Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you can't make it. 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.

Now would be a great time to join our bowling group, because we have just begun a new bowling season. USBC dues are a one-time assessment of \$20 per year, and we just paid our dues at the end of September. Come by and check it all out.



Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We are winding down 2015 and 2016 is right around the corner.

While we did not have any winners in the state qualifier held at Franklyn Canyon golf course, the open play championship was played October 27 at Poppy Hills. Did you play? Let us know how you did and how you liked the course.

The schedule for 2016 has been released and we will share this with Branch 59 in the November newsletter. It will basically be the same as it was in 2015 but only the dates will be different. Look for information in the November newsletter or check out SIR golf website at www.golf.sirinc2.org/. If you have ideas on how to get more interest in the state schedule let me know and I will share it with the state golf committee.

For those golfers that play well – do you want to be recognized? We can do that – just send to me a note and let me know how you did on your round – where you played and what you are bragging about – and it will be put into the column. Space available. Want to try it?

I looked at the results from Whitney Oaks in Rocklin. The tournament was held Sep 14 and 15 and this tournament replaced Solvang. Unfortunately I did not see anyone from Branch 59 so I assume no one participated.

SIR NCGA golf dues are payable beginning October 1. They will remain at \$37.00. Make check out to Branch 59 and mail it to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 9537. If you are not a current SIR NCGA member but are a member of Branch 59 I believe the dues remain at \$37.00. If there is a problem I will let you know once I get your check. Mail checks to:

Bill Leake
PO Box 434
Fremont CA 94537

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (1-2 tee times early) and Tuesday—2 tee times – in the 7:30 timeframe. We play at Sunol – call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE. You do not need to be a SIR NCGA member to play but we would like to keep the times open to only SIR members.

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

Cyber Geezers—we meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday October 20th - 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.

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 jsabo@sbcglobal.net. We have previously discussed such things as e-books and audio downloads using devices such as the Kindle, iPad or iPhone, but other topics are most welcome.

As I write this, I am anxious to be at the September meeting to be held next week (The deadline for this article is prior to our meeting). Master Cyber Geezer, Fred Gotthardt has volunteered to present the group with his findings regarding Windows 10. I suspect that this same topic will again be reviewed at our October meeting, because this operating system has many features that blend both Windows 7 and Windows 8. Since a PC generally lasts only about five years, Windows 7 users will likely need a new computer, and computer users that purchased Windows 8 had little good to report. In other words, it's very likely that many SIR members will want to learn Windows 10.



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

“Tracks and Suds” Thursday, February 4, 2016

Your day will begin at the Western Railway Museum for a docent lead Car House tour and a one hour train ride aboard a Historic Electric Rail Car. At the conclusion of your tour you will board the motor coach and head to lunch at Cast Iron Bar and Grill in Suisun City. After lunch it's off to Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser Brewery in Fairfield. During your tour you will observe the art of brewing as you follow the making of Budweiser through the 7 Steps of the Brewing Process. At the beginning of the tour, you will have an opportunity to taste some of the quality beers brewed at the facility in the Budweiser Hospitality Room. As your tour concludes your will also have a chance to sample some more “Suds” in your souvenir glass. This Tracks and Suds day is one you will not want to miss.



Depart: 8:45 am Return: 6:00 pm

3848 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley

Cost Per Person:

\$ 96.00 with 30 paid guests / \$78.00 with 40 paid guests

Cost Includes:

- Round Trip Motor coach Transportation
- Hosted Lunch ~ Tour and Tasting @ Budweiser Brewery
- Tour and Train Ride @ Western Railway Museum

Contact: Emile Lassalle @ (510) 538-7463

Make Checks Payable to: SIR Branch 26

Mail Checks to:

Emile Lassalle,
19574 Stanton Ave.,
Castro Valley, CA 94546-3235

COUPLES DINING OUT

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

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READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537



Branch 59 News



Four new members are introduced to Branch 59 at the September luncheon. From left to right: Big Sir Skip Mugford, Sir George Morariu, Sir Robert Fondiller, Area Governor Sir Rob Ingebretson, Sir Jay Wagner, Sir Tony Bruno, Sir Earl Graves and Little Sir Jim Ulam.



SEPTEMBER SPEAKER



Above Big Sir getting his Jag ready for the Newark Days parade with Sir Terry Dalziel. At the Parade Skip's daughter was cheering her Dad on with a Sons In Retirement sign.

Officer Kenneth Kwok spoke to us on financial crimes against seniors. Prior to the talk we were entertained by Frank Sinatra who sang "The House I live in."

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

This is an early reminder to all of our members that our Christmas Luncheon is right around the corner. Save the date **THURSDAY DECEMBER 17th** for a wonderful Christmas Party.

We will be entertained by Rudy Ramos and his acoustic guitar during the social hour and as we eat lunch. After our lunch we will be entertained by "What the Dickens?" a Christmas caroling group.



Our caterer will again provide us with his culinary magic around his wonderful Salmon, Beef, and Chicken entrees.

As always, we depend on our wonderful Sons In Retirement brothers to come through with some great door prizes. I will make available a merchant introduction letter you may use to obtain a door prize

from our generous area merchants.

You will be updated on progress in next month's Pathfinder. This event is for our ladies or significant other and we will also provide for our single members so there is no reason that everyone cannot have a great time.



Sir Rob Ingebretson
Social Chairman



RESERVE A TABLE FOR CHRISTMAS

Hi Fellow Sirs, The form to reserve a table for 8 for our Holiday Luncheon will be available at this coming October luncheon. This will give those Sirs who wish to no-host a table for 8 an extra month to arrange for their guests. A fillable request form is also available on the Branch 59 web-site. We will start selling tickets for our Holiday Luncheon in October.

Cheers, Fred Gotthardt
Ticket 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 October/November 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**

Ticket orders must be received by December 10th

Indicate Meal Choice & No:

Beef: _____

Chicken: _____

Fish: _____

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

No refunds after December 10th.

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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James Ploor - Assistant

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Bill Pruner - Assistant
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John Williams - Assistant

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

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Ron Brutvan - Assistant

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

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Nat Lord - **Chairman**
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COUPLES DINING OUT

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

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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*
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1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
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