



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-First Year

March 2016

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, March 17, 2016

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



Okay, enough of the "since I don't have a Little Sir" routine. No one has taken the hint for the past two months, and I doubt more than a handful of you read this column anyway, so I am giving up on receiving any volunteers from SIR Branch 59. Instead, I am just going to report on the demise of our group of retired men.

Here's the good news/bad news of our branch since I became your Big Sir:

The good news -- we have initiated four new members. Yay!

The bad news -- we have lost four old members. Boo!

The good news -- our luncheon attendance is slightly up from previous years. Yay!

The bad news -- this hasn't netted us more new members. Boo!

The good news -- we have some great ideas how to attract more new members. Yay!

The bad news -- we have no one to head up the committees needed to do it. Boo!

The good news -- we haven't even scratched the surface of potential activities. Yay!

The bad news -- we aren't getting any volunteers to chair any additional ones. Boo!

The good news -- our area is growing, as are potential new members. Yay!

The bad news -- we have no one to lead recruitment/publicity committees. Boo!

The good news -- **we know** we are a great group of guys. Yay!

The bad news -- no one **else** does. Boo!

Speaking of good news, bad news, even though we (really) do not have a Little Sir, Rob Ingebretson, and I have already lined up a great slate of speakers through August! A new Little Sir could walk into the position with $\frac{3}{4}$'s of his work already completed! Fortunately, working as a SIR Officer or Director is really pretty easy considering the careers from which we have all retired, and it is also a lot of fun!

Big growth places a premium on social and recreational places and activities, and I am glad to have SIR on my calendar to meet with and interact with good friends!

SPEAKER Dick Jones




Dick Jones was born and raised in a small town in northern California called Willits. After high school graduation he went into the Air Force for four years and spent almost the entire tour of duty in England. He then went to college in Oregon and finally started to work as a mechanical engineer in 1966. Since then he has had job titles like design engineer, production engineer, payload engineer and so on. He is a commercial pilot with multi-engine and instrument ratings and a photographer. He retired from Sandia National Laboratory in 2003 and has consulted for them since then. He continues his aerial photography business. He also talks to school kids about career choices.

He started R. J. Aerial Photo over 30 years ago because of his love for flying and photography. All the time he was flying, he kept seeing the beauty of California and decided he needed to capture what he could on film. His clients include most of the fast food companies and many real estate companies. Photographing sites for them takes him all around California and Nevada. He started with a Canon 35mm film camera and now use both medium and digital format cameras to get the higher quality for the large pictures. One of his favorite flights, which he does at least once a month, is over the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco down to Half Moon bay for clam chowder at Barbara's Fish Trap restaurant.

Dick will show Branch 59 aerial pictures he has taken and telling the story about them.

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MENU

Corned Beef and Garlic Chicken

Potatoes, Rice and Cabbage



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
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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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February 2016 Meeting Minutes

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

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers Present: Big Sir Jim Ulam, Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, Assistant Secretary Sir Jerry Robertson and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Officers Absent: None

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry.

Directors Absent:
Sir Jerry Sabo and Sir Alan Weiner

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the January 2016 Minutes as published in the Pathfinder.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported that as of February 18, 2016 the adjusted checkbook balance including petty cash came to \$4,015.17.

Little Sirs Report: Big Sir Jim Ulam filling in for the vacant Little Sir position, announced that today's speaker would be Walter Birkedahl, Dean of Arts and Social Sciences at Ohlone College. Dean Birkedahl will describe a variety of study/educational programs available to the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 125 including visitors and guests.

Membership: Using the new "PROCEDURE TO PROCESS GUEST TO NEW MEMBERSHIP" created by Sir Ron Brutvan and voted on and adopted by BEC, Sir Ron Brutvan reported that for the February 18 Meeting, there would be four (4) 1st time Guests (John Mikai, John Etherton, Steve Hitchen, Mitch Darnell), and two (2) 2nd time Guests Orientation (Bruce Hevelin, James

Draugham). Procedural details were given in the January 21 2016 BEC Minutes.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we are celebrating 15 Birthdays, ranging in age from 92 to 70.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake is still on the mend from major surgery. His appearance at the February 18 BEC Meeting bodes well for SIR golfers.

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 no dramatic change in activities the past month.

OLD BUSINESS :

Big Sir Jim Ulam reported that the Branch 59 Treasury Audit was completed and passed by the Audit committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

The effectiveness of TRI-CITY- VOICE advertising came into question. Sir Harvey McAninch Past Big Sir of Branch 62 (Sunnyvale) claimed passing out fliers gets better results. It was then decided to run the Tri-City ads through June to make a final judgement. New candidates will be tracked to see if their interest was based on the ad. In addition it was decided to try to get free publicity with a news article in the TRI-CITY VOICE announcing the speaker for next luncheon. New candidates will be tracked to see if their interest was based on the ad.

Sir Peter Angelides said AAUW has a booklet showing how their Fremont Branch went from near disbandment to presently a successful and thriving organization. He will share the booklet with SIR by the March BEC Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Jim Ulam at 11:00 AM

Minutes submitted by
Sir Peter Angelides
Branch 59 Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

March Birthdays

Norman Silveira	03/19/1923	93
Sylvan Farrell	03/07/1925	91
Alvin Dockter	03/17/1925	91
Lyle Kingery	03/17/1926	90
Arnold Mozzetti	03/25/1929	87
Robert Benya	03/19/1931	85
Sam Mitchell	03/04/1932	84
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	03/26/1935	81
Gerald Hensel Jr.	03/09/1936	80
Howard Thompson	03/22/1936	80
S. Edward Barnes	03/26/1936	80
Richard Lightholder	03/29/1938	78
Gary Bennett	03/21/1939	77
David Tanner	03/12/1940	76
John Prior	03/16/1940	76

New Members

**No New
Members In
February**

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: Guest of:

Jim Draugham Rob Ingebretson
Bruce Hevelin Jim Ulam

John Mikal Bill Briscoe
John Etherton Jim Ulam
Steve Hitchen Rob Ingebretson
Mitch Darnell Arnold George

Visitors:
Walter Birkedahl Speaker

Change of Status:
Frank R. Thomas Resigned
Thomas Ahern died 1/13/2016

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For February 2016)

Members 118
Guests 6
Visitors 1
Total = 125
19 excused 17 unexcused

Membership Total

(as of February 2016)

153 — Active Members
16 — Inactive Members



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

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Website:

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I WANT YOU
TO BRING IN
A GUEST

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by John Pesek



Since my last column, the Monday Branch 59 SIR Bowling Group has participated in two Northern California SIR Bowling Tournaments.

We had a sensational performance from our group in the Napa Tournament. **Gary Bennett** placed third in singles with a high game of 211. **Don Henry** placed fourth in singles with a high game of 205. **John Wong** placed fifth in

singles. In all events I was lucky and placed fourth and **Don Henry**, again, placed sixth.

Not so hot in the Livermore Tournament. But **Harvey McAninch** and **Victor Okumura** Placed second in doubles and **Victor** placed fifth in all events.

At our regular Monday bowling **Larry Sallee** bowled a fantastic 700 series for three games with games of 205, 237, and a 258. Other notable scores were bowled by **Miguel Ferras**, 229, **Don Henry**, 223 and **Gary Bennett** had a 649 series with games of 223, 190, & 236.

The Second Annual Chuck Pereira Memorial Bowling Tournament was held at our own Cloverleaf Bowl on March 7, 2016. Results will be in next months Pathfinder.

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually 15 to 20 bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you can't make it. We meet at the Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 PM. The cost is \$14 to bowl 3 games. We normally finish before 3:00 PM.



John Pesek



Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Sir Branch golf newsletter column.

We have a new member to SIIR Branch 59 NCGA – Please welcome **Robert Wallace** – both to SIR and also SIR golf. If you know other members who would like to join SIR NCGA let me know please. **Welcome Robert.**

Take a bow – yes, this time it is **Gary Bennett**. Gary shot his first eagle in his life – the course was Callippe – the hole was the par 4 8th hole..Drive and second shot—up hill shot – and boom right in the hole. Congratulations Gary for your FIRST eagle.

I returned to the SIR meeting last month and I must say the greeting that everyone gave me was overwhelming. Thank you for all the members who wished me well. I am doing well and will be back playing golf in about 1-2 months. I had a major operation in January and am still in the recovery role. Even though I am not playing right now golf does go on.

We have activities scheduled for SIR state through this year. They are as follows:

Spring time in Napa – April 18 and 19 – entry form are on the web. Men, day 1 low net at Eagle Vines, day 2 at Chardonnay -- 2 man team, 4 man best ball. For ladies reverse courses. Both shotgun starts at 9:00 am.

Reno 2016 – week 1 June 13-17 and week 2 June 20-24. Stay at Atlantis Hotel. Play Somerset day 1, Red Hawk day 2, and Lakeridge day 3. Format will be scramble.

Solvang is back and we will be playing there for the Fall Classic. The dates are September 18-21. It has always been a fun tournament so please consider joining us.

There will be team tournaments in May. If there is interest within Branch 59 area 8 then maybe we can get a team. Last year it was very difficult to get a complete team for Branch 59.

Old news – Sunol is closed. It is a big empty field now. We have been playing at Spring Valley and would like to invite you to join us. Also, if you like to play a certain course and it is not listed then let Jim or me know. If you would like to join us then please call Jim Ulam (510-797-9357) and you are in. Just that easy. The group plays Mondays weather permitting. We are also looking at other courses – San Jose Muni, Los Positas to name a few.

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?

Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. **The March meeting will be held as usual on March 22nd 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 jlsabo@sbcglobal.net. We have previously discussed such things as e-books and audio downloads using devices such as the Kindle, iPad or iPhone, home Wi-Fi systems, cloud storage, Windows 10, Mac OSX and using software such as Excel. More of the previous or most any new topic is welcomed.



We had a good turnout for our February meeting and spent quite a bit of time discussing Windows 10. So far it appears that everyone is happy with the switch to Windows 10. Jerry also demonstrated his take on the QNAP Network Access Storage—a NAS box that give the homeowner there own personal “cloud” storage.

Jerry has no specific plans for our next meeting and as stated above, welcomes any input. One option that is always a possibility is Excel, another might be setting up a “blog”. Please send in any and all suggestions or questions prior to our meeting. If you have a question, there are at least five others in the meeting that would likely have the same question

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**
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Sir Ed Guthrie

Membership:

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Sir Ron Brutvan

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WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

COUPLES DINING OUT

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READERS AND BROWSERS

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share, take books home to read.

Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537



Save the Date May 19th for the Sweetheart Luncheon

As soon as we get a Social Chairman you will hear the rest of the story.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Thank you so much for all of your good thoughts, prayers, visits calls, emails and cards. I can't begin to tell you how much they were all appreciated and picked me up a lot. I am happy to report that I am now home and that my rehab is going as well as can be expected. My daughter, Dianne, flew up from San Diego for a week to help out and has been a tremendous help. Please keep me in your prayers and I will keep you posted. Again, my wholehearted THANK YOU!!

Walt Oden

In Memoriam

Tom Ahern

Herb Epstein

Marty Enriquez

FEBRUARY SPEAKER



Dean Walter Birkedahl reviewed the Ohlone Arts programs available to the public.

BRANCH 59 NEW ACTIVITIES

SIR DAY AT THE COLISEUM OAKLAND A'S VS ANGELS JUNE 18, 2016 SATURDAY, 1PM

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George Dimi, a member of Branch 26 in Oakland, is trying to coordinate a trip on June 18, 2016 to the Coliseum to watch the Oakland A's play the L.A. Angels. He said that he has around 15 guys from his branch that want to go and was wondering if there are any guys from the other branches that might like to join the group. He was thinking about having everyone meet at some brewery and then take the chartered bus to the game.

If you would like to be a part of the SIR group that will be attending the Oakland Athletics vs Los Angeles Angels game on Saturday June 18th would you let our Big Sir Jim Ulam know by giving him a check for \$32. More info to follow as the date gets closer.



9-HOLE CO-ED GOLF PROPOSED

One of our sister branches has asked if we have any Branch 59 guys interested in joining a 9-hole golf league which includes wives, girlfriends. Sign up at the activities table if you are interested. Play will be at the Mission Hills course in Hayward.

RV/MOTORHOME GROUP PROPOSED

Anyone interested in getting into a SIR RV/Motorhome group please sign up at the activities table. SIR state has appointed a chairman and they are asking for branch interest. Details will be found at the activity table.

Thanks!
Jim Ulam

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Larry Goodman - Assistant
John Williams - Assistant

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Jerry Sabo - **Video**

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- Assistant

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- Assistant

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Ted Bresler

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