



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-First Year

July 2016

Bulletin No. 6

JULY Meeting has been CANCELLED

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



We have had some wonderful speakers this year, and our last one was no exception. What a great, on topic, presentation for a group of SIR retirees! His message was "find your passion" in reference to life after retirement.

He began his talk by giving us the leading cause of death for retirees, *loneliness*, and all that that word entails. Besides a lack of friends and

interaction with people, he cited a lack of identity and purpose in life when we cease our careers. He then launched into his message about finding one's passion by telling us all about his, and the many things to which he devotes his time.

I like to think that SIR, at least partially, supplies some of the requirements of life of which he spoke. Aren't we surrounded by lots of friends with whom we interact? Don't we have lots of activities to which we can devote our time? And, for a lot of us, don't we have lots of ways we can "give back" to our communities, and to "serve" others? There are lots of opportunities in SIR to serve and give back and embrace our passions by volunteering for committees, stepping up to serve as a director or officer, leading activities, bringing in new members, attending our meetings and activities and making new friends and socializing with fellow members!

According to our speaker, we are all better off as members of SIR, and similar organizations, that requires our participation and involvement. And, did you notice the glow on our speaker's face and the sheer delight he expressed when talking about his passions? The man was alive and vital, healthy, robust, enthusiastic, he was a living example of the message he was giving us!

After his talk I was thinking how much I appreciated being a contributing member of SIR and what fun, comradery, passion and personal service I enjoy with this organization and all of you! I feel I am on the right track for a successful retirement and I hope most of you share that feeling with me.

NO SPEAKER

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Newark Pavilion our scheduled monthly meeting for Thursday July 21st has to be cancelled. The Newark Pavilion has scheduled a HOLY GHOST FESTIVAL the entire week in which we would have our meeting. With all the problems inherent with trying to find another venue, rescheduling a speaker and notifying our caterer it seems that cancelling our meeting is the prudent thing to do. See you all at our next meeting Thursday August 18th.


Branch Executive Committee

JULY MEETING CANCELLED

MENU

No July Lunch

Win a Free Lunch

By finding ROLLIE —  — you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let Rollie Referee Dino Mostardi know where he is located in the **Pathfinder** after you buy your luncheon ticket.



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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Asst. Treasurer
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(510) 797-9524

Directors

Nat Lord
George Perry
Jerry Sabo
Alan Weiner

June 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Big Sir Jim Ulam; the flag salute and roll call of officers and directors was conducted.

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

Officers Absent: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry and Sir Al Weiner.

Directors Absent: Sir Jerry Sabo

Treasurer's Report Sir Arnold George reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a balance of \$3984.79 on June 16th; an increase of over \$200 from May.

Minutes of the April meeting and the Treasurer's report were accepted without change.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birthdays: Chairman Sammy Lum reported on May and June celebrants. Charles Wilkins is the oldest and Michael Lopez is the youngest.

Membership: Carl Nordling reported for Ron Brutvan (on vacation) that Jack Alt will become a new member at today's meeting. Jerry Ford will attend his second orientation. Two new guests today are Andrew Norris and Fred Barker. James Cunningham attended the April meeting, is still interested in SIR however can't make the June meeting. Amrik Johal has decided not to join SIR. Raymond Carlson #21 is going inactive. Wayne Adams is considering going inactive due to health concerns. Tom Federico has become active again.

Golf: Big Sir Jim Ulam, filling in for Bill Leake during his recovery, reported that the Golf activity has split into several groups playing at different times and locations. At the end of the BEC meeting Jim welcomed Bill back to his role as Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Ulam led off the discussion of Form 27 by commenting that we are doing great with 156 current members, more than our goal of 154. However, he emphasized the need to focus on recruiting more new members to make up for resignations and inevitable deaths. June Form 27 shows that Branch 59 picked up a net 4 members since January 1, 2016. 20 guests were welcomed through June.

Attendance for the June luncheon was 103, or 66% of active members, well behind our goal of 70% attendance. Hopefully this was a result of summer vacations.

Big Sir Jim Ulam implemented a R.A.M.P program (Recruitment, Activities, Membership and Publicity) to increase membership. Assignments are as Follows:

Recruitment: Jim Ulam and Alan Wiener

Activities: Roger Wallin and Jim Ploor

Membership: Ron Brutvan, Carl Nordling, and Fred Gotthardt

Publicity: Sammy Lum

Big Sir Jim Ulam announced that the SIR float decorations for the Fremont 4th of July parade are ready but we still need a pickup with 5th wheel towing capability or a conventional flatbed trailer. Note: a flatbed 4x8 trailer was offered during the luncheon.

The BEC members complemented Jim Ulam and John Skarpelos on the June 7th article in the Tri City Voice about Spencer Christian's presentation to SIR. Jim Ulam used the article to encourage BEC members to identify other great speakers. It was announced that Tim Kawakami of the Mercury News will be the speaker at the July meeting.

Big Sir Jim Ulam showed the large banner (more than 6 foot tall) that he purchased for SIR publicity and recruiting. He recommended that it be placed at various locations such as the Senior Center, Bowling alley, Driving Range, etc. Peter Angelides agreed to take it to the Senior Center and Sammy Lum agreed to take it to the golf Driving Range.

Rob Ingebretson volunteered to accept and coordinate information regarding sick or injured members since the Branch is without a Sunshine Committee Chairman.

Arnold George commented that the average age of SIR members is 78 and many are somewhat hard of hearing. He recommended that we emphasize to our speakers the need to speak louder and slower.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am

Jerry Robertson, Assistant Secretary.

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
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retired men



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie, and Sir Sammy Lum

Birthday Report



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	07/01/1923	93
Fred Cutter	07/09/1929	87
Gordon MacLeod	07/12/1930	86
Bernard Teague	07/14/1930	86
Dino Mostardi	07/27/1930	86
Ben Fernandez	07/02/1934	82
Rowland McNeil	07/24/1938	78
Wayne Meyer	07/13/1939	77
Gene Lim	07/04/1940	76
Robert Wallace	07/16/1943	73
James Lomax	07/01/1948	68



August Birthdays

Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	89
Arthur Winkley	08/25/1927	89
Gerald Robertson	08/29/1932	84
Don Potestio	08/31/1935	81
Arnold George	08/20/1939	77
R. (Skip) Mugford	08/29/1939	77
Roger Wallin	08/30/1940	76
Donal Spicer	08/19/1942	74
Sheldon Schwartz	08/10/1944	72
Douglas Howd	08/03/1946	70

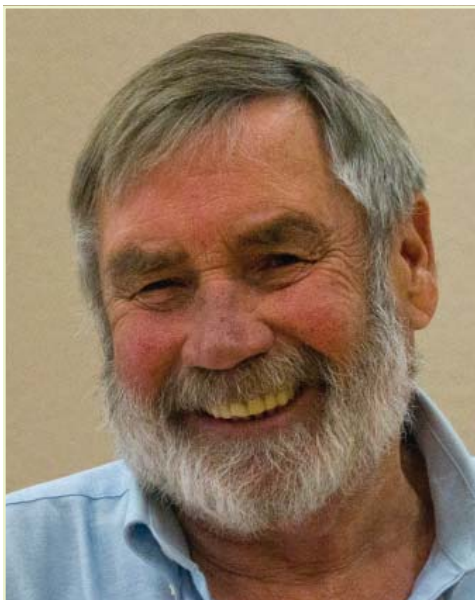
You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch Website:

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

New Members

John N. Alt

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Fremont, CA 94536-2626
510-552-0947
Email: epigene@comcast.net
Birthday: 2/10/1945
Spouse: Linda
Badge No. 55
Sponsor: Jim Ulam
Call me: Jack



Jack Alt



BRING IN A GUEST

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Jerry Ford
Andrew Norris
Fred Barker

Guest of:

Ron Brutvan
Victor Okumura
Donal Spicer

Visitors:

Craig Roberts

Speaker
Speaker Associate

Change of Status:

Tom Federico to Active
Raymond Carlson to Inactive

George Perry New email address
cmp2072@yahoo.com

Phillip Norris New address
3850 Walnut Avenue
Fremont CA 94538-2263

Membership Total

(as of June 2016)

157 — Active Members

18 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For June 2016)

Members 103
Guests 3
Visitors 2

Total = 108

32 excused 22 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by John Pesek



We have not had many bowlers going to tournaments since the last report.

But at Pinole Sir Larry Sallee bowled a wonderful 246 and at Yuba Sir Jerry Sabo bowled a 214.

Not a lot happening with tournament action this past month (June). Eight of us bowled at Pinole where Larry

Sallee and Frankie Cordova rolled decent series in singles, and then Frank again bowling well in doubles. The other six didn't fare too well. Formal results are still not available, but I suspect that Frankie should be up in the standings. A few bowlers are planning to go to the Yuba City Tournament but that number is still tentative.

On the local front, Larry Sallee continues to roll great games—his last three series scores were 656, 635, and 623. Jerry Sabo is the only bowler that has rolled a 600+ (650) series in the past three weeks. His series could have been much better had he not dropped the second game by 100 pins. Other good games were rolled by Frankie with series scores of 584 and 565; Roger Wallin with a 583, and Don Henry with a 553. We were happy to see John Wong back bowling, and are hoping that he can keep bowling for a long time to come.

At our local Cloverleaf Monday Bowling good scores were rolled by Sir Frank Cordova 208 and 233, Larry Sallee 233, 200, 223 for a 656 series and Sir Kasey Warner 201.



Upcoming tournaments:

Reno	AUG-Mon 15, Tue 16, Wed 17	Reno Bowling Stadium
Sonora	AUG-Mon 29, Tue 30	Black Oak Casino

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 P.M. 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 59 golf newsletter for the month of July. We are at the halfway point of this calendar and SIR year.

We have at least 3 groups that play regularly since Sunol was closed (you remember Sunol do you not). One group meets Mondays early, one group meets Mondays at 9, and one group meets Wednesdays. For the Monday "late" group contact me or Jim Ulam. For the Wednesday group contact me as well. Are there any other groups out there that meet on a regular basis at a regular course (not part 9 course)?

Reno is completed. We had **Forrest Lusher, Terry Dalziel and Gary Bennett**. Thank you for representing Branch 59. The Reno tournament used to sell out in less than 24 hours – that was for 3 groups – a total of 300+ golfers. Now we barely get 100 golfers to commit to 3 days of golf in beautiful Reno Nevada.

Please post your scores. Please remember your NCGA number (you need it to post) – you will not be given a new one every year. Scores are updated the 15th and last day of each month and are on the internet.

We completed the May Branch 59 social May 19 and what a success it was. **Rob Ingebretson** was the chairman and several gifts

were donated and awarded as door prizes. Thank you all who donated – which included several golfers. There will be another social in December so please consider attending with your spouse, significant other, or come solo.

Upcoming tournament: Individual open play and state championship – Oct. 17 open play and Oct 18 championship play. Location = Laguna Seca Golf Course. Sounds like fun! Old news – Any word out there of what they will do with that vacant weedy lot they called Sunol golf course.

Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf. You have friends – talk to them about joining us.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake – 510-793-6561



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. The **July meeting will be held as usual on July 26th at Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA.** Just show up and you will be a member of our group. The meeting time is from 1:30 to about 3:30 P.M.

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. Just attempting to keep up-to-date with changes in technology!



We had a good turnout for our June. Much of our time was spent discussing the iPad and some “tricks” to use on this device. We also discussed more uses of Excel, such as using existing templates to set up a home budget or downloading things like bank statements and importing them into Excel for verifying bank charges and deposits.

Jerry is always looking for new topics to discuss, 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. Please send an email to Jerry if you want to get on the mailing list for reminders and follow up data.

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WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

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**



Branch 59

R.A.M.P. Committee Chairmen

Recruitment:	Chairman	Jim Ulam
	Assistant	Alan Weiner
Activities:	Chairman	Roger Wallin
	Assistant	Jim Floor
Membership:	Chairman	Ron Brutvan
	Assistant	Fred Gotthardt
Publicity:	Chairman	Sammy Lum
	Assistant	Jim Ulam

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 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





New member Sir Jack Alt (right) is introduced to the Branch 59 members at the June Luncheon by Big Sir Jim Ulam.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Sir **LARRY LARDIE**, best known to the SIR golf group, was involved in a motorcycle accident in Michigan and was seriously injured with broken arms and legs and will be out of commission for several weeks. He was returning from the big motorcycle trek to Washington, D.C. in early June when a motorist ran a red light and Larry hit them broadside while on his bike. He is recuperating at his sister's home in Michigan. Address is: 1600 Lardie Road, Traverse City, MI 49696

In Memoriam

Ralph Knight

Herbert Risser

2017 Slate of Officers and Directors

Big Sir—Jim Ulam
 Little Sir—Rob Ingebretson
 Secretary—Jerry Robertson
 Assistant Secretary—Peter Angelides
 Treasurer—Hugh Twomey
 Assistant Treasurer—Arnold George
 Directors:
 Sammy Lum,
 Nat Lord,
 George Perry,
 Jerry Sabo,
 Alan Weiner

Letters to the Editor

Editor

Great newsletter. Best in all of SIR. Branch 8 may have a longer one but no other newsletter has the class that yours has.

Dwight Sale
 Past President

Hi Jim and John,

I just read the (June) issue of *The Pathfinder*, and I want to congratulate the two of you for a darn fine job. Jim, I thought your Big Sir article was particularly appropriate, and I'm going to send it around the region. Also, "build a float?" What an undertaking, but It will sure get the word out. My suggestion is to show the audience how active a Sir is. Please make use of our new slogan, "Make Friends for Life." That's really what SIR is all about.

Please keep me in the loop as things progress. It's clear that Branch 59 is in good hands. However, I understand that you have trouble getting volunteers. If you have a minute, give me a call and I'll provide you with my perspective on the issue.

Thanks for being Sirs!
 Ed Benson
 Region 6 Director

My Dear SIR Brothers

If you ordered a POLO SHIRT with our SIR logo at our last meeting in June would you please bring a check to our next meeting on Thursday July 21st made out to me Robert Ingebretson and I will give you your shirt. If you ordered a Large or Extra Large the cost is \$22.00 if you ordered a XXL the cost is \$25.00.

Thanks,
 Rob Ingebretson

July 4th Parade Float

We did it!!

Thanks to the efforts of Skip Mugford, Dave Tanner, Julian Vega, Bill Stannard, Leroy Sayas, Jim Ulam, and a lovely lady from the City of Newark, we put together the first ever SIR Fourth of July float which was seen by thousands (maybe hundreds?) of people who lined the streets in Fremont on July 4th!

Thanks to Mike Sherman (Skip's nephew-in-law) we were lent a flatbed trailer, and with Bill's pickup truck and 5th wheel tow attachment, we had our base vehicle. Dave's contact with The City of Newark, Laurie Gebhard, lent us some float pieces and advised us on how to put things together. Then Skip, Dave, Leroy, Julian and Jim cleaned up the flatbed and decorated it with banners, garlands, fringe, and a giant firecracker, and Bill drove our creation along the parade route. Bill Leake came by to take some photos and to pass out brochures and cards and lend moral support.

Of course, the crowds went wild when they saw the SIR float, men cheered, women threw undergarments, children danced and sang and hundreds of potential new members came up asking for our brochures and promising to join our ranks. Photographs were taken, news articles written, and adoring women asked for the opportunity to take selfies with us and our glorious float!

Next up the Newark Days parade in September, where our float committee promises bigger and better things for the SIR Branch 59 entry!



Cathy and Arnie Mozzetti were watching the parade when they were photographed by Jim Sakane, Fremont Bulletin Photographer. Arnie took the photo of the Sons In Retirement Branch 59 float shown below.



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Ed Guthrie - **Chairman**
Bill Pruner - Assistant
Larry Goodman - Assistant
John Williams - Assistant

AUDIO-VISUAL

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

AUDIT

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

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Art Winkley - Assistant

BOWLING

John Pesek - **Chairman**
- Assistant

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- Assistant

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Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

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Fred Ilg - Assistant

LIBRARIAN

James Ploor - **Chairman**
Roger Wallin - Assistant

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant
Carl Nordling - Assistant

NOMINATING

- **Chairman**
- Assistant

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

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SPORTS

Bill Leake - **Chairman**
Nat Lord - Assistant

SUNSHINE

- **Chairman**

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John Skarpelos

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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*
1990 Lee Updegraff
1991 Fred W. Fretter*
1992 Lyle Kingery
1993 LeRoy J. King*
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*(deceased)