

The Path finder Branch Number 59

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, August 18, 2016

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



July was a weird month. We were basking in the glow of the big article about SIR in the Tri-City Voice and the fact our branch is **up four members this year**, and scrambling to get our float ready for the Fremont Fourth of July parade when, out of the blue, we were hit with news that the Newark Pavilion had torpedoed our July 21 meeting. Wow! That hit like a ton of bricks!

We thought we had some great momentum going in promoting SIR and capitalizing on some great speakers and the publicity they bring when the rug got pulled out from under us. More scrambling ensued on both the float and finding a place, or date, to meet and having to tell our celebrity speaker he was cancelled. Things looked pretty grim.

We did get the SIR float into the parade and handed out a bunch of brochures and got the SIR name in front of a bunch of people! That was a good thing!

Our speaker told us maybe he could still make it in September or October! That was a good thing!

Your board of directors did discuss alternative meeting sights and/or dates and decided it would be too much confusion and hassle for Branch 59 members to make any changes at such a late date, so we simply cancelled our July meeting. That was, probably, a smart thing.

Sirs Arnold George, Peter Angelides and Sammy Lum got our SIR banners placed at the Fremont senior center, the Fremont main library and Cloverleaf Bowling Alley! Those were great things!

Now our officers and directors have to have a negotiation with Newark Pavilion execs to iron out if we are going to continue meeting there or move to another venue. That is a necessity.

Finally, our officers and directors are trying to build on the momentum, began in June and July, for bringing in new members and continuing that movement throughout the year! As always, I am asking **every member** to help in promoting SIR, bring in new members, support and participate in our activities, and volunteer your time and energy when requested.

Let's keep this train on the track and moving full speed ahead!

SPEAKER Sherri Plaza

Sherri Plaza is the Outreach and Marketing Coordinator for LIFE ElderCare, ensuring that the good work of LIFE is shared throughout the community. Prior to LIFE ElderCare she was the Development and Marketing Manager at SAVE. She worked in IT at Hewlett Packard. Sherri also serves on the Board of StarStruck Theatre, and teaches yoga and senior fitness classes in Fremont.



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 August 18th 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

MENU

Swiss Steak and Chicken Parmesan Mashed Potato, Rice and Medley of Vegetables

Win a Free Lunch

By finding **ROLLIE** — $\sqrt[4]{}$ — 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 <u>not</u> coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor <u>Don't forget to Call</u> on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email <u>edguthrie@comcast.net</u>



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Jim Ulam-**R**ecruitment Roger Wallin- **A**ctivities Ron Brutvan-**M**embership Sammy Lum-**P**ublicity

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



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

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> 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

<u>Birthdays</u>: 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.

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

07/01/1923	93
07/09/1929	87
07/12/1930	86
07/14/1930	86
07/27/1930	86
07/02/1934	82
07/24/1938	78
07/13/1939	77
07/04/1940	76
07/16/1943	73
07/01/1948	68
	07/09/1929 07/12/1930 07/14/1930 07/27/1930 07/02/1934 07/02/1938 07/13/1939 07/04/1940 07/16/1943



August Birthdays

Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	89
Tom Gnorba	00/00/102/	00
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

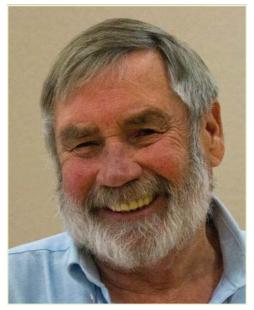
John N. Alt

895 Posada Way Fremont, CA 94536-2626

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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: Guest of:

Jerry Ford Ron Brutvan
Andrew Norris Victor Okumura
Fred Barker 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



The Branch 59 group of bowlers has had a busy summer this year. Not so much as going to tournaments but a lot of fun and good bowling at our home bowling establishment.

One of the big events every year is bowling at the National Bowling Center in Reno, Nevada.

Branch 59 is sending two

teams (of 4 bowlers each) this year. They will bowl the week of our next meeting. I will report about their spectacular scores next month.

Locally, some wonderful series (three games total) scores were recorded by Sir Don Henry with a 661, Sir Jerry Sabo with a 650, and Sir Larry Sallee with a 623 series. Individual high games were rolled by Sir Jerry Sabo with a 244 and Sir Roger Wallin with a 219.

We expect that Sir Larry Sallee, Sir Jerry Sabo and Sir Don Henry to bowl high scores but when much lower average bowlers bowl well like Sir Ron Hamro with a 208 game and Sir Jim Ploor with a 205 game it must be noted.

If you wish to bowl with us please check with the

Cloverleaf Bowling Center, 510-656-4411, as they are going to go under renovations (repairing the leaky roof) but do not know when they will close (they think maybe for two weeks) starting August 15, 2016.



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 59 golf newsletter for the month of August. July flew by so fast I don't even remember what happened at the luncheon...........What luncheon?

We have a state tournament coming up – August 17 at Laguna Seca open (ladies are welcome to join us) and August 18 is championship play for those who



qualified in the area tournaments. See the SIR website for more details.

As stated earlier, we have at least 3 groups who play on a weekly basis -- One group meets Mondays early, one group meets Mondays at 9, and one group meets Wednesdays. Let me know if you would like more information. Are there any other groups out there that meet on a regular basis at a regular course (not part 9 course)?

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** was the chair and several gifts were donated and given 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.

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.

Bíll Leake - 510-793-6561

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. The **August** meeting will be held as usual on **August 23rd** 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 PM.

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 ilsabo@

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 July meeting. Again, a lot of time was spent discussing the iPad and some "tricks" to use on this device. We also discussed unwanted adware and other PC infections, and methods for removal. Anti-virus does not usually pick up adware that PC users inadvertently (accidently) install themselves. ADWCleaner and Malaware Bytes downloads were discussed. We also ventured to UTube for "how to" and other video solutions and information. Great meeting with a lot of questions and answers.

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.

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

SIR Golf Tournaments for the year 2016

By Bill Leake

This year in 2016 SIR state golf had several tournaments. They included:

- Springtime in Napa which was held mid-April. It was a success. Is there any way that you think this tournament could be improved? Maybe schedule the tournament on the other side of the Bay, but then we would need to find someone to be in charge of it
- 2. Area team qualifying tournaments held May 1 through June. The winners of each of the areas (we in Branch 59 are part of area 8) go to the team championship tournament in early August.
- Reno at one time there were 3 sessions at Reno. This
 year there was only 1. Can you think of a way to make
 this tournament more attractive to get more participation
 from the golfers from SIR not necessarily from Branch
 59 but all of the branches
- 4. SIR team championship to be held August 8 at Poppy Ridge. This is the winners from (2) above.
- Individual championship to be held at Laguna Seca

 one day dedicated to open play and one day dedicated to the championship from individual qualifying tournaments which were held the month of July.

Is there anything on this list that you would like more information on so we can get you actively involved in participating? Is it the price, the location, or some other factor? Please let me know.

We have several groups that play at various courses and times every week. Would you be interested if we could gather the golfers together and choose 1 course to play once a month just so everyone could get together. For the other 3 weeks you would continue with your own personal groups.

Thank you for your participation and as always we are always looking for more golfers for Branch 59 golf, area 8 golf, and SIR state golf.

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 Ploor 510-656-9537

BRANCH 59 NEWS

SUNSHINE REPORT

LES ADDISON fell and broke his fibula and is in a cast. He's not supposed to put any weight on his leg for 6 weeks.

TONY BRUNO's health prevents him from leaving home and he cannot attend luncheon meetings. His condition is permanent and sadly requires him go inactive. He would welcome prayers and support from his fellow Sirs.

FRED GOTTHARDT recently received a Pacemaker. everything went well.

LARRY LARDIE is improving from the motorcycle accident he suffered this summer in Michigan. It is a long road to recovery for him, but he is making steady progress. He had an appointment with the leg surgeon and was told that his leg is healing nicely. He was very happy to hear that he can begin to put some weight (40-50 lbs.) on his leg. This is good news since he won't be coming home until he can walk (even with assistance). Despite all this, he still wants to ride his motorcycle again. Of course, in order to do that, he will need almost a complete recovery since his leg and wrist are critical to being able to ride. Larry said "no more long, cross country rides, only fairly local. I care more about being able to golf than ride a motorcycle." But if he can ride, he will be able to golf. His left wrist is still in a cast. He will visit the hand surgeon to x-ray the wrist and see how it's healing and decide whether or not it will need surgery (they might need to put a pin in it). He will definitely need another surgery to repair the failed artery bypass that was performed the night of the accident, but will probably be done when he gets home.

Larry continues to be optimistic and positive and can't wait to get home.

JOSEPH MONTELLANO is having major surgery and will not be able to attend luncheons for two or three months or until he gets a release from the Doctor.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Your request for "input" should be thought provoking. As a member of Branch 59 from February 2000, I appreciate our monthly meetings. I like the Newark Pavilion, the caterer, and serving as treasurer. I am not a proponent of change. I do not play golf, I am not a bowler. I do attend "Ladies Day Luncheons."

Retention of our membership and attracting new members is linked to the continuing change in the "Tri-Cities." Other "Branches" benefit from the population of retirees movement away from the "Tri-Cities." Branch 59 could benefit from your request for new ideas.

Best Regards,

Hugh Twomey - Treasurer

2017 Slate of Officers and Directors

The election for 2016 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon Meeting.

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for next year.

The nominees for **OFFICERS** are:

Big Sir-Jim Ulam
Little Sir-Rob Ingebretson
Secretary-Jerry Robertson
Assistant Secretary-Peter Angelides
Treasurer-Hugh Twomey
Assistant Treasurer-Arnold George

The nominees for **DIRECTOR** are:

Sammy Lum, Nat Lord, George Perry, Jerry Sabo, Alan Weiner Open

You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.



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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BOWLING

John Pesek - Chairman - Assistant

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1985 Ray Crosby' 1986 Loran Coburn*

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