



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

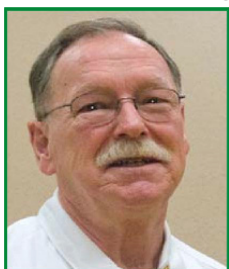
Forty-First Year

October 2016

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, October 20, 2016

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



September's speaker, the lady from Pixar, was very entertaining and kept everyone's attention throughout. This is yet another example of someone with lots and lots on her plate who is willing to give of her time to speak to a bunch of old retired guys.

We ask it of our speakers. We say "hey, how would you like to interrupt your busy life and spend a couple of hours entertaining a bunch of guys?!" And we expect, and usually find, that that someone says "sure, be happy to do it!" So we come and eat lunch and sit while some very busy person entertains us.

Yet, here the branch is with officer and committee vacancies, jobs that really need to be done, and no one says "sure, be happy to do it!" I think a lot of retired guys just want to be entertained and not really participate or offer to help or step forward when called upon.

We have needs in this branch, not just wants, and we are saying to you "hey, can you spare a couple of hours in your very busy week to help out a bunch of retired guys?" The responses we get include "I'm retired, I don't want to do any work," or "I'm already on too many other committees," or "I'm not the officer type," or "I've got plenty to do around the house, or yard."

Some of our members might even feel that it is an obligation just to attend a monthly luncheon and about all they care to give to our organization. That is so sad.

A few of our newer guys have been overheard saying that they "don't know anybody" maybe thinking this branch was going to be their gateway to instant friendships and instant fun and fulfillment. Sorry, things don't work that way. You have to put yourself out there, join activities, volunteer for committees, that's how you make friends and find fun.

(Continued Pg. 6--Jim Ulam)



Our Guest Speaker:

Rosemary Robles has been employed with Department of Motor Vehicles for 32 years. She is well versed in administrative law and is very familiar with DMV's reexamination and hearing procedures. As the Bay Area Community Outreach Senior Ombudsman, she assists senior drivers in resolving unfamiliar or complex licensing procedures. In addition to handling senior driving issues she networks with the Medical Community, Law Enforcement and Legal Community. She also promotes safe driving tips and DMV services via public speaking presentations and radio. Her bilingual skills are also put to good use among the Bay Area Hispanic community.

Her contact information is listed below.

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MENU

Pork Scaloppini and Chicken scaloppini Mashed Potato,
rice and long beans --Cake!

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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George Perry
Jerry Sabo
Alan Weiner

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Jim Ulam-Recruitment
Roger Wallin- Activities
Ron Brutvan-Membership
Sammy Lum-Publicity

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



SIR Branch 59 BEC Meeting, September 15, 2016

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,
Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, Assistant
Treasurer Sir Arnold George, Secretary Sir
Jerry Robertson, and Assistant Secretary
Sir Peter Angelides

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

Directors Absent: Sir Jerry Sabo

Treasurer's Report: Sir Hugh Twomey
reported that Branch finances are in good
shape with a balance of \$4216.45 on Sep-
tember 10th.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birthdays: Chairman Sammy Lum re-
ported on the September celebrants. Joe
Markovich is the oldest at 89 and Robert
Morten is the youngest at 59.

Membership: Ron Brutvan reported that
Fred Barker will become a new member.
Ronald Matusak will attend as a new
guest today. The five guests that will at-
tend orientation today are Joe Lucia, Bob
Marshal, Jim Cunningham, Ken Arora and
Ronald Pucci.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Ulam led off the discussion of
Form 27 by commenting that we are doing
OK with a plus 2 members year to date.
However, he again emphasized the need
to focus on recruiting more new members
to make up for resignations and inevitable
deaths. We mourn the loss of Tony Bruno
9/4/16 and Dennis Bowman 8/17/16.

Big Sir Jim Ulam commented on the need
of finding persons to fill the voids left by
John Skarpelos' death. Hugh Twomey
has taken over the branch data base and
Jerry Sabo is running the branch web
site. However, there is an urgent need to
find a person to take over publishing the
Pathfinder and a person to be the branch
photographer.

Bill Briscoe and make sure the Pathfinder
mailing list is working properly. He also
said attendance at the Reno golf outings is
down due, in part, to concern over several
thefts of clubs etc. from cars. Jim Ulam
commented on the golf activity has been
splintered into several groups. A monthly
golf tournament is being considered as a
branch activity.

Nat Lord didn't receive his Pathfinder by
USPS mail this month. There is a need
to check with Rob Ingebretson will check
with Bruce Roberts to see if he is willing to
take over the photography duties

Good news is that 26 guests were wel-
comed through August. Member atten-
dance for the August luncheon was 99,
or 64% of active members, well behind
our goal of 70% attendance. Nat Lord
expressed frustration with attendance at
the recent local bowling tournament. Of
the 38 attendees only 18 were from other
branches. Sammy Lum advised that the
Tri-City Voice ad is scheduled to print on
the second Tuesday of the month. We
intend to change the ad each month to list
the guest speaker for that month, but have
been missing the deadline for submitting
the changes. Normally the ad comes
out the week before our meeting and for
the most months that is true. However,
this month the second Tuesday and the
third Thursday happen to fall on the same
week.

Rob Ingebretson advised that planning
is well underway for our Christmas pro-
gram. The BEC approved up to \$300 for
Christmas entertainment. He also would
arrange for the Christmas lunch reserva-
tion form to be included with the October
Pathfinder. Bill Leake has agreed to
organize obtaining gifts from restaurants
and other businesses for the luncheon.
Rob also discussed activities at the other
branch luncheons he attends. He sug-
gested we all wear Hawaiian shirts at the
October lunch and our college or favorite
team shirts at the November lunch.

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MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

October Birthdays

Louis Alonzo	10/29/1936	80
Gene Anderson	10/10/1929	87
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	87
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	83
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	74
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	89
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	89
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	84
John Ockes	10/05/1927	89
Harry Pearson	10/19/1934	82
John Pesek III	10/19/1940	76
Jim Proffitt	10/19/1947	69
J. D. Smith	10/12/1942	74
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	81
John Etherton	10/09/1934	82



Now you will be able to get Pathfinder issues at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

New Members

New Members:
1) No.64-Fred Barker
Sponsor:
Donal Spicer



Fred Barker

Bring in a Guest
We need new Members



Happy Halloween!!!!

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests (2nd time) Orientation

Sponsor:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Joe Lucia | Jerry Robertson |
| 2) Bob Marshall | Tony Zeuli |
| 3) Jim Cunningham | Bruce Roberts |
| 4) Ken Arora | Jim Ulam |
| 5) Ronald Pucci | Jim Ulam |

Guests (1st time) Sponsor:

- | | |
|----------------------|----------|
| 1) Ronald R. Matusak | Jim Ulam |
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Change of Status

No.41-Dennis Bowman-
Died 8/17/2016

No.270-Tony Bruno-
Died-9/4/2016

Membership Report – 9/15/2016

155 – Active Members
18 – Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(9/15/2016)

Members 92 = 59%

Guests 6

Visitors 1

Total 99

35 excused / 29 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by John Pesek



Branch 59 sponsored a bowling tournament at the beginning of September for all SIR's branches. In the "A" Division Singles Sir Gary Bennett placed second and in the "B" Division Singles Sir Victor Okurmura placed first. In "B" Division Doubles Sir Ron Hamro and Sir John Pesek placed first and Sir Victor Okurmura and his wife Karen

placed second.

With Cloverleaf Family Bowl now looking more like a complete bowling facility after a summer of construction our Branch 59 members have started a new season. Leading the group is Sir Gary Bennett with games of 202 & 223 for a 616 series. Sir Miguel Ferras had sterling games of 209 & 214. Sir Roger Wallin bowled the high game so far of 224 and Sir Frank Cordova bowled a 211.

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 P. M.

B -Division STATE SIR BOWLING CHAMPIONS

Jim Ploor, Ron Hamro, Howard Elz and Miguel Ferras



Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for the month of October. We are winding down 2016 and looking 2017 right in the eye.

I have not had a chance to discuss my relationship with John Skarpeilos. Whenever I needed an idea on how to write something re golf – John was there. Whenever I had a question on proper grammar or if something made sense and not confusing -- John was there. John is at peace, and he is surely missed.

Dues – 2017 Dues will be due in mid-late October. Will advise amount in a separate e-mail.

The tentative SIR tournament schedule for 2017 is as follows: April 24 & 25 – springtime in Napa. This is a 2-day tournament at Eagle Vines and Chardonnay. Ladies are welcome. May: Area team qualifying. More info in March. June: Reno – a scramble event. We will stay at Atlantis resort. July: Individual qualifying. August: State team championship. The winners from the May tournament go for state championship. Play at Rancho Solano in Fairfield. September 18 & 19 – Fall Classic – held in Fresno -- 2 day tournament. October 16 and 17 – Individual state championships—16th open play and 17th championship & open play. Ladies welcome. More info on SIR state golf link – www.sirstategolf.com.

We have groups that play weekly individually. One meets early Mondays – early. Another at 9:00 Mondays & one group meets Wednesdays around 9. What would you think of having a monthly tournament/get together and combine all 3 groups and have 1 tournament? You may invite anyone else who is interested to play with us. Does this sound good? Give give me your feedback. In December we will have the Christmas social. This will be the 3rd Thursday in December and look for a flier for this in October. We will need door prizes. But most importantly we need attendees so consider joining us on December 15. Bring your wife, lady friend, male friend, or come solo. Please post your scores. Scores are updated the 15th and last day of each month and are on the internet. We need more members for SIRs and also SIR golf. You have friends – talk to them about joining us. Besides golf we have a whole lot of activities. If you are a member of SIR Branch 59 golf – Post! Please post your score. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake – 510-793-6561

Attn: SIR Branch 59 golfers -- Dues for 2017 are due before December 15, 2016. Make check payable to SIR Branch 59 Golf and mail to

**Bill Leake
PO Box 434
Fremont CA 94537**

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. **The October meeting will be held as usual on October 25th 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 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 met a week late this month. SIR Jerry Roberson had brought up a great topic--How do you transfer everything from an old computer to a new one? A lot of discussion followed regarding backup software, and hard drive cloning.

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:

1. 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.
3. 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.
5. 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**

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READERS AND BROWERS

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

Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537



BRANCH 59 NEWS

Jim Ulam (Cont)

Yes, you are retired, and you do deserve lots of R & R, but this organization was founded on the belief that retired men “needed something to do” rather than just sit on a couch and watch TV. SIR has always been endorsed by wives and girlfriends because it gets their men out of the house occasionally and gives their men “something to do.”

The branch needs a Little Sir, a nominating committee chairman, additional directors, a publicity chairman, additional activity leaders, a publisher for our monthly Pathfinder, a data records chairman, guys to work on parade floats, guys to place brochures and banners, guys to be back-ups for membership duties, etc.

I am still waiting to hear “sure, be happy to do it!”

BEC Minutes -From Pg. 2

There was a lively discussion by everybody at the BEC meeting over Rule 13 (SIR shall not support, promote, endorse, or act to benefit any other entity). An example was the discussion regarding Meals on Wheels. There are a number of members of Branch 59 who also volunteer as, for example, drivers for Meals on Wheels. A luncheon presentation by a Meals on Wheels representative to inform the branch about the food services that are available to the seniors including Branch members could violate Rule 13. Strict interpretation of Rule 13 would seem to prohibit Branch members from even talking about their positive experiences from participating in Meals on Wheels or other personal volunteer activities even at the lunch table. Past speakers that provided information on services that could benefit both Branch 59 members and the community at large include Life Elder Care, Ohlone College programs available to the public, Veterans Death Benefits, Tri-City Community Ambassador program and CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community). There is a real conflict between informing BEC members of services and/or opportunities available to them as individuals, staying within Rule 13 and ensuring protection under SIR insurance policies. “As a suggestion, perhaps we should include the following editorial comment during the introduction of the speaker:

The views presented are those of the speaker and SIR does not, by policy, support or endorse any other entity.” Of course this would also need to be made clear to the speaker in advance.

The BEC agreed that this issue should be discussed during the Regional SIR Officer training programs later this year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

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 15th for a wonderful Christmas Party. Our caterer will again provide us with his culinary magic around his delicious Beef, Chicken and Fish entrees. As always, we depend on our SIR Branch 59 brothers to come through with some great door prizes. I will have available a merchant solicitation / introduction letter you may use to obtain a door prize from our generous area merchants. 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.



Letters to the Editor

Hi All,

The key to “worthy causes” is that SIR does not support any nor do we solicit participation in any. Now if a guy wants to talk about Meals on Wheels at the lunch table with his friends, that’s OK as long as the friends feel it’s OK. If you have a presenter at the luncheon, make it very clear to him/her what SIR’s position is, and tell them they are not to solicit in any way.

Should someone come up after and ask how he might become involved, that’s a one on one thing between him and the speaker. Should someone ask that from the floor during the question period, the answer is to refer him to the speaker after the meeting.

Please let me know if there are any more questions, and I’ll do my best to answer them. When I took on Project 2016, I was a believer that the worthy causes position was one that should be changed. After gathering input and talking to some SIR leaders I really respect I came away believing that our current policy is absolutely correct.

Frankly, I believe SIR is a worthy cause in itself. If a guy wants to volunteer for another, why wouldn’t that energy be better used by his SIR branch?

Best,

Ed Benson
SIR Branch 8
Project 2016 Chairman

TRAVEL REPORT

October 2016

The Holidays are Blooming in the Valley on November 29th, to the McHenry Mansion, Hilmar Cheese for Lunch and the Duarte Farms down in the Valley.

I have booked this trip for 30 paid people, cost per person is \$92.00 but if I get 40 people each person will get a refund of \$15.00, final cost for 40 people then will be only \$77.00.

I need for all that wish to go to sign up ASAP, I have only 30 days to complete the trip or to cancel, so get your neighbors, friends or relatives to join us.

Talk to Rob Ingebretson for more info.

Send to Emile Lassalle @ 19574 Stanton Ave., Castro Valley, 94546 (510.538.7463)



SUNSHINE REPORT

This may sound familiar, but since we have no Sunshine Chairman--there is nothing available to report.

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU ARE TO WEAR YOUR BEST HAWAIIAN SHIRT TO OUR OCTOBER LUNCHEON.

Thanks,

Rob Ingebretson



RESERVE A TABLE FOR CHRISTMAS
The form to reserve a table for 8 for our Holiday Luncheon will be available at the October and November luncheons.

Sir Rob Ingebretson, Social Chairman



Don't Forget To Vote on November 8th



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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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John Pesek - Chairman

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Nat Lord - Chairman

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Fred Ilg - Assistant

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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*
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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1997 Nat Lord
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2004 Tom Sherba
2005 Howard Thompson
2006 Les Addison
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2008 Richard Holley
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2010 Frank R. Thomas
2011 Hugh Twomey
2012 James Ferenz*
2013 Skip Mugford
2014 Rob Ingebretson
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*(deceased)