



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-First Year

November 2016

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

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



Jim's Thoughts

Wow! Can you believe it is almost Christmas, then New Year's, and "poof," 2016 is gone?

During my first year as your Big Sir I have stressed (I know, *over and over and over*) volunteerism, service to your branch and fellow Sirs, and recruitment. The recruitment has been fruitful, for which I thank you all!

The volunteerism has fallen on deaf ears.

The mission statement of SIR, Inc. is: ***Improve the lives of our members through fun activities while making friends for life.*** That is a very fine goal and would appear to be relatively easy, except that it requires the framework and structure of a thriving group to achieve it. And a thriving group means active participation of its members to sustain and maintain that group.

My administration has tried to emphasize to new and prospective members the four traits required to be a good Sir: You have to be friendly; you have to participate in activities; you have to volunteer your time as an officer, director, committee chairman or committee member; and, you have to perpetuate the branch by bringing in new members. You older (more than a year with SIR) members should also consider those traits as well.

To date we still do not have a volunteer to be Little Sir, nor anyone, other than current officers and directors, to fill those spots for subsequent years. I should not have to keep harping on the branch's need for guys to step forward. If you don't want to keep this branch going, then, I guess, we will just let it fade away. The fate of Branch 59 is up to you!

I have really enjoyed being your Big Sir this year and am looking forward to continuing that role in 2017! Happy Holidays to each and every one of you and Happy New Year, too!

I feel very blessed and thankful for the fellows I have met, the activities and comradery I have enjoyed and the good feeling of volunteering for the betterment of others. Thank you for those wonderful opportunities!



Tim Kawakami is a sports columnist for the San Jose Mercury News. In addition to his print column, he maintains a blog, communicates on Twitter, and has a podcast series. He was named the California Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association in 2013. He also appears regularly on television on Comcast SportsNet Bay Area.


Kawakami attended Northwestern University, where he got his start in sportswriting with the The Daily Northwestern. He interned at the Philadelphia Daily News, and became their beat writer for the Philadelphia Eagles in the late 1980s. He joined the Los Angeles Times in 1990 and covered the Los Angeles Rams before moving to boxing in 1993. While continuing to cover boxing, he began covering UCLA Bruins men's basketball in their national title season in 1994-95. He became the beat writer for the Los Angeles Lakers in 1998-99, covering the basketball team through the Shaquille O'Neal-Kobe Bryant era. Kawakami was interested in becoming a columnist, but the Times filled their opening with T. J. Simers. Kawakami left for the Mercury in the mid-2000s, writing a Page 2 column and later a regular column.

Menu

Turkey and Honey Baked Ham, Mashed potato and gravy,

Stuffing, Peas and carrots-- 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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Ron Brutvan-Membership
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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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SIR Branch 59 BEC Meeting, October 20, 2016

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Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Big Sir Jim Ulam; the flag salute and roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted. All Officers and Directors were present.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3708.10 on October 10th. Minutes of the June meeting and the Treasurer's report were accepted without change.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birthdays: Chairman Sammy Lum reported on the October celebrants. John Ockes is the oldest at 89 and Jim Proffitt is the youngest at 69.

Membership: Ron Brutvan reported that Jerry Ford, Bob Marshal, Jim Cunningham, Ken Arora and Ronald Pucci will become new members today. The two guests that are scheduled to attend orientation today are Ronald Matusak and Gene Page. He reported on the results of notifying members, by mail, of their required attendance (e.g. 3 consecutive unexcused absences, etc.) under Rule 100. Thus, 4 members went inactive and 4 members were terminated.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Ulam led off the discussion of Form 27 by commenting that the good news is the 5 new members who are joining today. However, he again emphasized the need to focus on recruiting more new members to make up for resignations and inevitable deaths.

Ed Guthrie reported that member attendance for the September luncheon was 92, or 59% of active members, well behind our goal of 70% attendance. There were 35 excused and 29 unexcused absences.

Rob Ingebretson stated that some branches require members pay for lunch for an unexcused absence. Sometimes there has been a problem in making sure that new members have a place to sit at luncheons. Sponsors need to address this responsibility in addition to helping them get acquainted during the social hour.

Rob Ingebretson advised that planning is well underway for our Christmas program. The BEC authorized Rob to spend what he considers reasonable for Christmas entertainment. Jerry Sabo requested that members look at the Branch 59 website (<http://www.sirbranch59.org/>) and provide to him items and photos for the site.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

Birthday Report



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

William Delucchi	11/05/1923	93
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	86
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	82
James Ploor	11/07/1935	81
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	78
Ronald Pucci	11/22/1939	77
John Wong	11/22/1940	76
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	71
Bill Pruner	11/06/1947	69



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report – 10/20/2016

Members	113 = 74%
Guests	4
Visitors	0
Total	117

New Members

New Members:

Sponsor:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1) No.41-Bob Marshall | Tony Zeuli |
| 2) No.75-Ron Pucci | Jim Ulam |
| 3) No.117-Jim Cunningham | Bruce Roberts |
| 4) No.92-Jerry Ford | Ron Brutvan |

Guests (2nd time) Orientation

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Ronald R. Matusak | Jim Ulam |
| 2) Gene Page | Rob Ingebretson |

Sponsor:

Guests (1st time)

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1) Stefan Jennings | Robert Allen |
| 2) Chip Koehler | Tom Blalock |

Sponsor:

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Rule 100

No.27-Michael Lopez
No.43-Robert Morten
No.56-Phillip Norris
No.82-David Priego

New Phone

No.226-Nat Lord –510-797-1704

To Inactive

No.8-Bill Palleschi
No.62-Norman Silveira
No.120-James Conard
No.153-Jack Roach

Membership Report – 10/20/2016

152 – Active Members
22 – Inactive Members

Now you will be able to get Pathfinder issues at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Shown Below

Jim Ulam, Big SIR, and new members: Bob Marshall, Jim Cunningham, Ken Arora, Ron Pucci and Jerry Ford



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by John Pesek



In the five weeks since the last report Sir Frank Cordova had five 200 games, Sir Gary Bennett had three 200 games, Sir Robert Wallin had two 200 games. Sirs Miguel Ferras, Ron Hamro & Don Henry each had one 200 game. Ruby Barker bowled a very nice 193 game, which was way over her average. Good bowling to all.

Last month in the Brentwood SIR Bowling Tournament, Sirs Gary Bennett, Frank Cordova, Miguel Ferras & Don Henry brought home some money for their excellent tournament bowling.

In the past couple weeks we welcomed Sir Stephan Jennings & Sir Joe Stanley to our Monday Bowling at Cloverleaf Family Bowl.

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. See you there.

Fellow Sir,

We will shortly be starting the process of producing the 2017 Roster booklet. If there has been any changes in your personal data during the year of 2016, for example home address, phone number, new email address or spouse/partner, please reply Fred Gotthardt or to Sir Hugh Twomey, data base chairman, at HUGHT22@COMCAST.NET. It is our aim to produce a roster with the most accurate data as possible.

Happy Thanksgiving,

The Roster committee

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for the month of November.

Effective May 2017 I will be resigning as SIR golf chairman, which includes writing this article, collecting NCGA dues, scheduling golf dates, etc. We need a replacement by early March 2017 to continue the program. Please – someone step forward.

The year 2016 is basically history and before we know it 2017 will be on the tee box. Dues for 2017 are now due if you want to continue to be a NCGA member. The amount remains at \$37.00 make check payable to Branch 59 and mail to

Bill Leake / PO Box 434 / Fremont 94537.

Are there any highlights that happened in 2016 for you? If so share them and we can put the information in the next newsletter. Eagle/hole in 1/ etc. If you are playing and meet up with another golfer from tri-city area ask them if they would like to join SIR Branch 59.

Schedule for 2017 – the 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 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. 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 793-6561

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. **The November meeting will be held on November 22nd 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!



Last month we spent a lot of time discussing the new SIRBRANC59.COM website and how we will be posting to the web site. Also discussed was HTML (web language) and what it looks like. Along with this was a discussion of how to post things to a web site. At this point, Sammy Lum and Larry Goodman will be in charge of the web site.

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.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

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**

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



**Bring in a
Guest
We need new
Members**

SIR Roger Wallin
Activities Coordinator.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

This is an 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.

Use Table Reservation form on the next page!

BRANCH 59



Table for 8 Reservation Request

Requested by Sir _____ Badge No. _____

List Each Guest's Name

Entree Choice*

1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____
4) _____	_____
5) _____	_____
6) _____	_____
7) _____	_____
8) _____	_____

* Enter an entrée choice- Beef, Chicken or Fish for each guest:
All entrée choices are \$22.50

BEEF: Tri Tip Strip with Light BBQ sauce
CHICKEN: Chicken Cordon Bleu with Champagne Gravy Sauce
FISH: Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce

If you plan to mail this request:

1) Enclose a check or checks in the total of \$180.00 made payable to:

SIR – Branch 59

2) Enclose a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope for delivery of tickets.

Send request to:

Sir Rob Ingebretson
48232 Cottonwood Street
Fremont, CA 94539-7606

Hawaiian Shirt Day Photos



SUNSHINE REPORT

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

In Memorium:

Gene Anderson



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Carl Nordling - Audio
Jerry Sabo - Video

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Carl Nordling - Chairman
Ron Brutvan - Assistant

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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
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1992 Lyle Kingery
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2005 Howard Thompson
2006 Les Addison
2007 Ted Bresler
2008 Richard Holley
2009 Don Gillis*
2010 Frank R. Thomas
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2012 James Ferenz*
2013 Skip Mugford
2014 Rob Ingebretson
2015 Skip Mugford

*(deceased)