



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

April 2017

Bulletin No.4

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, April 20, 2017 -Social Hour 11AM

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



I want our branch to build a parade float!

We created a rather large one last year, and I know we can do one this year, especially on a smaller scale. Sir Doug Howd has volunteered the use of his 6'

by 8' trailer, and I have banners and posters and a source for bunting, all we need are (1) a place to build it (2) some chicken wire and plywood (3) a few guys who can work with tools and fabricate, and voila! We have to get going on this right now, and I need **YOUR** help!

As a non-profit, **all volunteer**, social club, SIR branches absolutely rely on men who will step up when called upon. Your branch relies on men who want to participate, who want to have fun, who want to share in the comradery of this organization in order for it to survive and provide the experiences for which retired men have come together.

As has been said many times, "this organization doesn't run itself!" Without the help of all its members *any organization* is doomed to failure, and, so, I pose this question to you: do we even need SIR?

Maybe all of us would be happier and more satisfied in our retirement to just get together with a small handful of friends occasionally and not worry about anyone else.

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April Speaker Aisha Jasper



Aisha Jasper has been the Fremont Senior Center Manager for a little over a year now. She brings with her a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development with an option in Gerontology from Cal State East Bay. She has worked with

the 55 and older population since 1998. Prior to being hired by the City of Fremont, Aisha worked for On Lok as a Program Manager, Asera Care Hospice as a Community Relations Manager and was a Senior Center Supervisor for the City of Albany. Aisha lives in San Lorenzo where she has been married for 8 years and has two small boys. She looks forward to getting out into the community to promote the diverse array of services and classes that the senior center offers to adults 55 and older to help them live their best life!

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.

Menu

Hawaiian pineapple pork/Breaded Fish/Au gratin Potatoes, rice , medley vegetables
Cake for dessert.



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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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 Minutes, March 16, 2017



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. Absent were Little Sir

Harvey McAninch and Directors Jerry Sabo and George Perry.

Treasurer's Report: Sir

Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3300.58 on March 16, 2017. Minutes of the February meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Ron Brutvan reported that Paul Pennely will become a member today. Five guests are expected to return for orientation. Good news since we are down five members year to date including two members that have resigned since last month.

NEW BUSINESS

Sammy Lum reviewed the results of Part #1 of the SIR Branch 59 Survey. The activities highest rated for enjoyment were the social hour, lunch, and the speakers.

Big Sir Jim Ulam had prepared an extensive agenda for this BEC meeting however most items had to be rescheduled to a future meeting including Unexcused Absences Report, Procedures for Approval of Expenses, Nominating Committee, etc.

Instead there was wide ranging and lively discussion regarding the decision by the Pavilion to not allow us to hold future BEC meetings in their board room. This followed the Pavilion's decision to take away the closet we had been using to store books and other items. Another organization also had to give up their storage closet. These actions have cause uncertainty and concern.

Because of these issues Big Sir Jim Ulam appointed a committee to investigate, compare and report on possible alternative meeting locations. The committee consists of Jim Ulam, Arnold George, Rob Ingebretson and Fred Gotthardt.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

Sir Tom Blalock offers the following information:

How do I report a street light malfunction?

City street lights are maintained by the company Bear Electrical

Solutions. Report a street light malfunction online or by phone at 1(800) 462-3271.

<http://www.bear-electrical.com/street-light-information>

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report – 02/16/2017

Members	98 =66%
Guests	6
Visitors	1
Total	105
Excused	25
Unexcused	27

Birthday Report



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman



Jack Lindley	85
Tom Federico	83
Kenneth Peterson	83
Miguel Ferras	80
Ron Adamson	78
William Anderson	77
Theodore Bresler	75
Larry Roberts	72
Jay Wagner	72
Robert McCauley	71
Larry Lardie	68

Bring in a Guest
We need new Members

Guests

New Member:

Member
Paul Pennely

Sponsor
Bill Briscoe

Guests (1st time)

Dean Martin Harvey McAninch

Sponsor

Guests (2nd time)

- | | |
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| 1) Tom McCaslin | Walter Oden |
| 2) Carlie Houseworth | Doug Howd |
| 3) Roger Wedl | Alan Weiner |
| 4) Gary MuneKawa | Jim Ulam |
| 5) Jimmy Inocencio | Vic Okumura |



Big Sir Jim Ulam welcoming
newest member Paul Pennely



Introducing "Hooks Vlastelica".

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

To Inactive

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| 1) No 59 | Joe Markovich -health |
| 2) No.14 | Robert Fondiller |

Resigned

- | | |
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| 1) No. 21 | Raymond Carlson |
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Changes

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|------------|--------------|
| 1) No. 265 | Gary Bennett |
|------------|--------------|
- GARBEN3@COMCAST.NET

Tom Sherba

Heritage Estates
850 East Stanley Blvd. #17
Livermore, CA 94550
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Membership Report – 03/16/2017

Active Members	148
Inactive Members	23

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

Now you will be able to get Pathfinder
issues at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>
Comments, photos for site etc.
email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by John Pesek

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



The newest member to our Monday SIR's Bowling, Carlie Houseworth bowled well above his average and won the prestigious 3rd Annual Chuck Pereira Memorial Bowling Tournament last month. Some notable scores in the tournament were bowled by:

Sir Larry Sallee 228, Sir Lew Heffron 226, Sir Ron Hamro 204, and Sir Jim Ploor 200.

We welcomed another new bowler, Sir Jimmy Inocencio to our Monday Bowling. Sir Jimmy bowled a 246 game in his first week bowling with us.

Other high games were: Sir Don Henry 237 & 203, Sir Harvey McAninch 222, Karen Okumura 220, Sir Jerry Sabo 218, 212 & 201, Sir Gary Bennett 204 and Sir John Pesek an even 200. Sir Dean Martin came very close to the magic 200 with a 198 game, way above his average.

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



Any Activity suggestions?
Contact:

SIR Roger Wallin
Activities Coordinator.



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for April, 2017. As stated earlier effective August 1 2017 I am resigning as golf chairman for SIR Branch 59. I will remain as a member of Branch 59. I have been chair for 12+ years and it is time to step down. Branch 59 is a part of area 8, division 4

of Sons in Retirement. Give us a shout – did you have a good game, sink a fantastic putt, pop out of a bunker and score a PAR, or anything else you want to brag about. This is the place to do it. Upcoming tournaments -- Our first tournament is around the corner -- April 24 and 25 -- **Spring Time in Napa** where we play at Eagle Vines GC and Chardonnay. It is an individual tournament. Details on the web. **Ladies with a NCGA index are welcome** -- but there are no hotel accommodations.

On May 23 we are having an area 8 **team tournament at Metropolitan**. It will be an 8:00 shotgun start— The winning team will qualify for the August 14 team championship at Rancho Solano golf course in Fairfield on August 14. . From Metropolitan we have Reno just around the corner. Stay at Atlantas and play at Redhawk Hills and Redhawk Lakes. For these tournaments the entry forms can be found at **SIR State Golf.com**.

Solvang (Fall Classic) has been canceled and replaced with **The Fall Classic** to be held in Fresno on September 18 & 19 **at Fig Garden and Dragon Fly golf course**. Finally, Oct 16 & 17 we have an individual tournament Oct 16 & 17 at Monterey Peninsula. One day open play and one day championship play. I will share the details once they are available.

Please post your scores. They are updated the 15th and last day of each month. We need more members for SIR and also SIR golf. You have friends – talk to them about joining us. Besides golf we have a whole lot of activities. 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 **April** meeting will be held on **April 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 jlsabo3@comcast.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!



During the March meeting we discussed the use of Microsoft Access—a Database program which is used by our Branch 59 to maintain important membership data. We also demonstrated how Excel could also be used as a database and the Excel data placed into a mail merge document such as MS Word. Software such as the free LibreOffice could also do the same thing.

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 Sir Arnold George - 510-797-9524**

COUPLES DINING OUT

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READERS AND BROWERS

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

Sir James Floor 510-656-9537



Please send News Items or Notices of Activities to jlsabo3@comcast.net so I can better fill this space next month.

Thanks,
Jerry



Branch 59

R.A.M.P. Committee Chairmen

Recruitment: Chairman **Jim Ulam**
Assistant **Alan Weiner**

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Assistant **Jim Floor**

Membership: Chairman **Ron Brutvan**
Assistant **Fred Gotthardt**

Publicity: Chairman **Sammy Lum**
Assistant **Jim Ulam**



BRANCH 59 Member Information

Continued from page 1--Big SIR Jim

Maybe the idea of providing activities and meeting venues for large groups of men and trying to enhance retired life is outdated? Maybe we are all just too busy with other things to devote even a few hours to a group of old retired guys? Maybe trying to entertain and keep active a large group of retired guys is a hopeless cause?

Our recent member survey indicated that the majority of this branch prefers the pre-lunch social hour above all else. Maybe trying to do anything more is just spinning our wheels?

News Briefs

Unexcused Absences

Branch 59 continues to have 15 to 25 members who forget to phone in when they will not be attending a regular monthly meeting. Some branches charge the “unexcused” member the price of a lunch, other branches levy a “fine” and others strictly adhere to the SIR policy of deleting members who habitually fail to call in if they are not going to attend a meeting.

Please be courteous to our caterer and your fellow members! If you are not coming, or if you are bringing a guest or visitor, call on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier – to: Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net !

Visit Our Website

If you missed an issue of your monthly Pathfinder, or you are referring a potential new member, or want to review past Pathfinders, or see photos or stories of interest, **remember to visit** the Branch 59 website at <http://sirbranch59.org> !

SUNSHINE REPORT by Art Winkley

On The Recovery List

Walt Oden and spouse Norma

Keep in Your Thoughts

James Lawrence

John Wong

To SIR Branch 59 Members:

We are asking all members to complete a two part survey to better improve your SIR experience. Please click on the link below to start part #1 of the survey. After we have collected all the surveys for part #1, we will send out a second link for part #2. In advance, thank you for taking the time to help make your branch the best it can be. Click on the link below to begin part #1 of the Branch 59 survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S5HTKKR>

Big SIR Jim Ulam



**Why We
Stayed 'til The
End of The
Meeting!!**



Save the Date-May 18th "Hawaiian Delight"

Take your wife or a friend to lunch

THE SWEETHEART LUNCHEON

The Three Meal Choices are:

BEEF

Hawaiian Tri-Tip in a Pineapple Sauce

CHICKEN

Hawaiian Chicken in a Orange Sauce

FISH

Salmon in a Tropical Mango Sauce

Music will be provided by Dave Padilla. An accomplished singer and guitarist.



We will also be entertained by an Hawaiian Hula Group.

Tickets will be sold at the April Luncheon

SWEETHEART LUNCHEON TICKETS

Hi Fellow Sirs

Sir Rob Ingebretson and his wife will be selling tickets for the May 18th Sweetheart Luncheon at the April branch luncheons.

We will be located right behind where you pick up your badge and will be selling tickets from 11:00 to 11:55 am. Forms to reserve a table for 8 will be available.

We ask that if you are paying by check make it out to

SIR Branch 59

Prices for tickets are as follows:

1 = \$22.50; 2 = \$45.00

reserved table for 8 = \$180.00

With the theme of the luncheon Being

"HAWAIIAN DELIGHT"

it is time to get out those Hawaiian shirts and Muumuus.



Aloha,

Rob and Gig Ingebretson

Some of your "SUPER SIRs"



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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*
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1992 Lyle Kingery
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