



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

January 2017

Bulletin No. 1

**NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 19, 2017 -Social Hour 11 AM**

## Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



Happy New Year, everyone! I would like to start the New Year off by submitting my formal resignation as Big Sir . . . effective December 21, 2017.. Yep, effective that date Branch 59 will be Big and Little Sir-less unless we get some fellows stepping forward to fill those and

other positions!

We did a bang-up job in 2016, inducting 22 new members to our ranks, unfortunately we also lost 22 members to various causes. We missed our goal of being up + 1 member for the year over the previous year. In 2013 we were down -16, in 2014 we were down - 16, and in 2015 we were down -10. The fact that we didn't lose any net members from the prior year is a trend we are striving to continue and improve!

We would like to add more co-ed activities this year, getting our ladies more involved with us and getting more members involved as well. Wine tasting should blossom from the current four or five couples to several more. Dining out, bocce ball, Mexican train (dominoes), movie review and book review meetings, picnics and bar-b-q's (in warmer weather), walking, hiking, co-ed nine-hole golf need leaders to step up and take charge.

We want to encourage our ladies to carry SIR cards and hand them out liberally to their lady friends whose husbands are not yet SIR members! We want to encourage everyone to bring in at least one new member this year, and have those new members also bring in a new member.

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## Vicki Nickolas January Speaker



The topic for this month's meeting will be "Hearing Loss, Hearing Aids and Better Communication." Our speaker will be Vicki Nickolas from the Livermore Costco Hearing Aid Center. Vicki graduated from Colorado State University in


1989 with a Bachelors Degree in Communication Disorders. She started her career providing hearing healthcare to the farmers and ranchers in the rural communities for seven years before moving to California. She worked at two private practices in San Jose before she took her current position as the manager and Senior Hearing Aid Dispenser at the Livermore Costco. She is a 16 year Costco employee and has over 25 years experience in the hearing health care field.

## Menu

**Beef Stroganoff and Chicken Chipotle--Noodles, rice and**

**Medley Vegetables. Cake for dessert.**

## 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](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)



## Branch 59

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Jim Ulam-Recruitment  
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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

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## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, November 17, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Big Sir Jim Ulam; the flag salute and roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted. All Officers and Directors were present except for Nat Lord and George Perry.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3656.66 on November 17, 2016.

Minutes of the October meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birthdays: Sammy Lum reported on the November celebrants. William Delucchi is the oldest at 93 and Bill Pruner is the youngest at 69.

Membership: Ron Brutvan reported that Ronald Matuszak, S. Gene Page and Joe Lucia will become new members today. Ron raised the question of how long a person could remain inactive, but further discussion was tabled to the next BEC meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Ulam led off the discussion of Form 27 by commenting that the good news is the 5 new members joined last month. However, we lost 8 and are now at a net minus 1 for the year. Good news is that we will have 3 new members today. He again emphasized the need to focus on recruiting more new members.

Ed Guthrie reported that member attendance for the October luncheon was 113, or 74% of active members, exceeding our goal of 70% attendance.

Art Winkley noted that we will have 7 members reach the age of 90 in 2017. Walt Oden, Tom Sherba, Art Winkley, Joe Markovich, Fred

Gotthardt, Stanley Lewis, and John Ockes. He offered to buy each a lunch for their birthday. Art also agreed to take over the position of Sunshine Chairman.

It was also noted that Forrest Lusher will be 100 in February.

The *Pathfinder* is now being mailed to 48 members each month. The current cost of printing, mailing and handling the *Pathfinder* is \$1.18 each. At least 18 persons receiving a hard copy have Email addresses. After much discussion, the following motion was passed:

"Members who have Email and wish to continue to receive a printed copy of the *Pathfinder* by USPS mail the charge for this service will be \$12 per year to cover printing, mailing and handling expenses."

This new requirement will be announced in the January *Pathfinder* and will be implemented for the February issue.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson



# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

## by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

### Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie**  
Attendance Chairman

#### Attendance Report – 11/17/2016

Members	(79%)121
Guests	1
Visitors	1
Total	123
Excused	17
Unexcused	17

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Melvin Nunes	92
Walt Oden	90
Joseph J. Jenó	87
John L. Cordeniz	87
Thomas M. Blalock	85
Walter Ulrich	83
Dominic A. Aiello	75
James T Cunningham	74
Bob W. Banfiel	72
Robert J. Marshall	69
Michael R. Burns	67
Victor R. Okumura	60

### Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan**  
Membership Chairman

#### Return to Active

No.27-Michael Lopez

#### New Address

No.103-Wilkins, Charles  
37179 Second St.  
Fremont, CA 94536-2835

#### Resigned

- 1) No.101-Sallee, Larry--Moved to Manteca
- 2) No. 229 - Mozzetti, Arnold

### New Members

#### New Members:

- 1) Ronald Matusak
- 2) Gene Page
- 3) Joe Lucia

#### Sponsor:

Jim Ulam  
Rob Ingebretson  
Jerry Robertson

### Birthday Report



**Sir Sammy Lum**  
Birthday Chairman



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Les Addison	85
Wayne Adams	83
Edgar A. Guthrie	81
Julian C. Vega	80
James T. Draughan	80
Frank H. Mulder	79
Carl E. Nordling	77
William A. Bauhofer	76
Frank P. Cordova	76
William John Williams	75
George P. Perry	72
A. James Ulam	71
Joseph L. Stanley	71
David P. Shideler	70
Michael A. Harper	63



New Members (L to R): Ronald Matusak, Joe Lucia , and Gene Page.

Now you will be able to get Pathfinder issues at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

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

# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by John Pesek



Happy New Year.

The first Monday of the New Year was the time for several of our regular bowlers to try out their new bowling balls that they got for Christmas. The scores they bowled sure look like they love their new bowling balls. The high scores were: Sir Roger Wallin 212, Sir Jerry Sabo 210, Sir Don Henry 208 and Sir Kasey Warner 203.

This is much better than the last few weeks of bowling last year. For the final six weeks of 2016 we only had four high games and no high series. Sir Frank Cordova 216, Sir Roger Wallin 203, Sir Donal Spicer 202 and Sir Rich Bowers 201.

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.



**Activities Chairman, Roger Wallin** is always looking for suggestions for new Activities. See Roger at the Activities table and sign up for interest groups --new activities! Roger is an avid bowler, and has many great ideas.

Happy New Year  
**2017**

## Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for the month of January 2017. We encourage your feedback and if you would like to add items of interest please do so via e-mail to me. This could include upcoming tournaments of interest, a well-played round of golf, etc.

We are branch 59, are a part of area 8 and area 8 is part of division 4. We would like to put your name in this column. If you play a round of golf and someone in your group plays well – a good shot, an eagle, good drive, etc. then shout it out. We can print it in this column.

Currently we have 39 members in SIR Branch 59 golf, and these 39 golfers play various times and places -- It would be nice if we could get one day a month when everyone could play together one course and one time. Could we do that? That could be a goal for 2017.

If you are reading this and would like to join us at SIR Branch 59 golf let me know please. We have several state events scheduled for 2017 and they include:

State and area meetings to discuss the 2017 schedule. Do you have inputs -- please let me know. A 2-day tournament called **Spring Time in Napa**. And it is at Eagle Vines GC and Chardonnay on April 24 and 25. This is an individual tournament held in Napa – a flier will be available in February. Ladies with a NCGA index are welcome. There are no hotel accommodations—either commute or make individual reservations. The entry form is at SIR State Golf.com. The rest of the schedule includes Team tournament in May – details will be out later. In June we will have the Reno scramble – 2 day tournament and stay at Atlantis Resort --June 19 – 22 – and play Red Hawk Lakes and Hills course.

In July we have the individual area qualifying. I will get more details later.

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## CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. **The January meeting will be held on January 31st 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](mailto: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!



Last month we spent more time discussing our new [SIRBRANCH59.ORG](http://SIRBRANCH59.ORG) website and how we will be posting to the web site. At this point, Sammy Lum will be in charge of the web site. We also continued our discussion regarding transferring data from an old to a newer computer.

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 Floor 510-656-9537**



## 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**

## News Briefs

### Did You Forget Your Coat?

Big Sir, Jim Ulam, found a navy blue coat with red fleecy lining after the November meeting. If this is your coat, please come up and claim it!

### Activity Leaders Needed

**Branch 59 needs you** to organize and lead one of the following activities: co-ed bocce ball, co-ed nine-hole golf, co-ed wine tasting, co-ed walking, co-ed hiking, co-ed dining out, co-ed movie reviewing, co-ed book reviewing, co-ed Mexican train dominoes. Let's get active with our spouses and/or girlfriends (though not at the same time!).

### Honoring Our Senior Members

Special recognition awards coming this year: We have five gentlemen in our branch who will become 90 years old in 2017, and one who will be 100! This is quite an accomplishment and SIR will honor them each in due time.

### A Thriving Branch Needs

To keep our branch healthy and viable we need four things: **Enthusiasm, Participation, Volunteers and New Members.** SIR asks that you enjoy and enrich yourselves. SIR asks that you participate in activities that are fun for you (or you can start a new activity). SIR is an all-volunteer organization, so you are expected to volunteer. We are all charged with perpetuating our branch by bringing in new members.

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Just like our politicians are always fund raising, Sirs should always be recruiting new members and new activities!

I have appointed Sir Dick Holley to be our parade float chairman and he will be rounding up a crew to start work on 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Newark Days (in September) floats to represent Branch 59 and spread the word about SIR.

Before I head out the door I want this branch to become larger, more vibrant and more active! Retirement doesn't mean you stop doing things, it means you start doing more fun things! After all, retirement is not for sissies or the faint of heart, it's a time to become more active!

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In August we will have the team tournament. This will be on August 14 and at Rancho Solano golf course in Fairfield. Branch 59 had 1 entry last year. Solvang has been canceled and is 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. I will share the details once they are available. Please post your scores. They are updated the 15<sup>th</sup> and last day of each month. 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. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake 793-6561

## SUNSHINE REPORT by Art Winkley

### On The Recovery List

William Anderson

John Wong

### *In Memoriam*

#### *Fellow Sirs Lost in 2016*

Sir Thomas Ahern

Sir Frank Borghi

Sir Dennis Bowman

Sir Anthony Bruno

Sir John Skarpelos

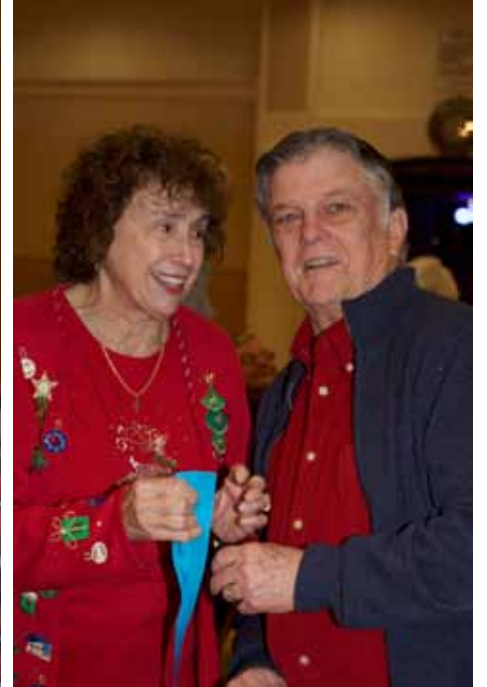
Sir David Tanner

Fellow Sir,

Copies of the 2017 SIR Branch 59 Roster Booklets will be distributed at the January luncheon. We may just distribute addition/correction sheets each year because the cost of publishing each booklet has soared to \$3.00 plus tax. We have only printed 185 of the booklets so don't lose them.

The Roster committee

<<November-Team Day>> <<December-Christmas Party>>



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Lyle Kingery  
Nat Lord

#### Honorary Life Member

Arthur Winkley

### 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  
1993 LeRoy J. King\*  
1994 George Hubach\*  
1995 Clyde Killion\*  
1996 Bill Schwan\*  
1997 Nat Lord  
1998 John Buchanan\*  
1999 Art Lampert\*  
2000 Harry Heyen\*  
2001 Bob Beam  
2002 Rollin Cunningham\*  
2003 Don Henry  
2004 Tom Sherba  
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  
2016 Jim Ulam  
\*(deceased)

### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the  
*Pathfinder* will be Thursday a week  
after the monthly luncheon meeting.