



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

February 2017

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, February 16, 2017 -Social Hour 11AM

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



Jim's Thoughts

Well, we started off the "Year of the Rooster" with a bang! We finally got a Little Sir and he was so gung ho that he wanted to take over on the spot and he even brought along *his own* Little Sir!

Our new Little Sir, Harvey


McAnich, has vast experience as an officer and on board of directors for another branch, and was Big Sir at his previous branch. Victor Okurmura, the Little Sir in waiting, brings his youth and enthusiasm to our executive staff.

I signed on for a two-year hitch, so I still have 11 months to get the branch's R.A.M.P. (Recruitment, Activities, Member relations, and Publicity) committees really rolling before I *retire*. RAMP is the only way this branch can survive and reverse its trend of ever-decreasing membership and I am dedicated to making it work.

I know you will all help me by bringing in more guests and new members, by joining and/or starting new activities, by volunteering for committee work, and by bringing more positive recognition of our organization to the general public! I know you will step up when asked by our various committee chairman to help your branch survive and thrive!

We are roosters and this is our year!

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.

February Speaker

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei



Mayor Mei grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the Drexel University. Her diverse professional experience includes over 20 years in competitive analysis, product and channel

management, supply chain practices and serving as a worldwide sales operations controller. Most recently she led a global high-technology trade association representing industry leaders to develop best practices to advance intellectual property protection.

Since 1994 Mayor Mei and her family have proudly called Fremont home, choosing our city for its family-friendly environment. She began her local service participating on numerous school-related committees, including the Fremont Unified Pupil Overload Task Force, Ad Hoc Budget Developers Fee Task Force, Fremont Council PTA School Board Liaison, a PTA Unit President, a PTA Vice President of Membership and a School Site Council member.

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Menu

Beijing beef and Orange Chicken and

Chow mein, Fried Cake Rice, Green Beans.

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
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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

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SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, January 19, 2017



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.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3545.77 on January 19, 2017.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birthdays: Sammy Lum reported on the December and January celebrants. For December, Les Addison is the oldest at 85 and Michael Harper is the youngest at 63. For January, Melvin Nunes is the oldest at 92 and Victor Okumura is the youngest at 60.

Membership: Ron Brutvan reported that are no new members today. Two members have resigned.

NEW BUSINESS

Hugh Twomey was advised by the Newark Pavilion that the storage closet the Branch has been using needs to be emptied by tomorrow which is a serious problem for our book library. Fortunately, Hugh was able to resolve the issue by obtaining the Pavilion's agreement to move our books to a suitable cabinet.

The difficulty some members, especially new members, have in finding a place to sit at the luncheons was discussed. Many tables are often filled by friends who enjoy sitting together which is understandable. It was generally agreed that the most serious problem was making sure new members have a place to sit. Their sponsor should make sure that this

is taken care of during the first few visits. In addition, officers, directors, and other members need to assist anyone having difficulty locating a table.

The difficulty in getting members to step up and become Branch officers was discussed at length. Arnold George recommended encouraging new and younger members to attend a BEC meeting. In addition to getting an inside look at what makes SIR work, they would meet and get to know active members.

Jerry Sabo complemented Sammy Lum on the good work he is doing on the Branch website (sirbranch59.org) and encouraged all members to look at it.

Harvey McAninch volunteered to fill the vacant Little Sir position for this year. His offer was accepted with thanks.

Big Sir Jim Ulam commented that Branch 59 started and ended the year with the same number of members, however our goal was +1. He reemphasized the need to focus on recruiting new members. Area Governor Sir Rob Ingebretson stated that holding our own is not great, but every other Branch in his Area lost members last year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

Little Sir Harvey McAninch



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman**

Attendance Report – 1/19/2017

Members	(74%)112
Guests	5
Visitors	1
Total	118
Excused	19
Unexcused	22



**SIR Forest Lusher celebrates his 100th
Birthday on February 13th.
Happy Birthday Forrest!**

Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Resigned

- 1) No.212 Fred Ilg
- 2) No. 156 Phil Utic (Health)

Membership Report – 01/19/2017

Active Members	151
Inactive Members	21

Birthday Report



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

Guests

Guest	Sponsor:
1) Jeffrey Martin	Charlie Wilkins
2) Paul Pennely	Bill Briscoe
3) Myron Ness	Jim Ulam
4) Jimmy Inocencio	Vic Okumura

2nd Time	Tom Blalock
Chip Koehler	

Now you will be able to get Pathfinder
issues at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Forrest Lusher	2/13/1917	100
Charles Linzey	2/24/1929	88
George Morariu	2/3/1929	88
Donald Thatcher	2/4/1929	88
Noboru Ono	2/5/1930	87
Walt Caeton	2/24/1932	85
Sal Lamagna	2/10/1935	82
George Prows	2/11/1935	82
Laverl Tomlinson	2/10/1937	80
Jacques Guertin	2/28/1939	78
Larry Jett	2/15/1940	77
Alan Weiner	2/10/1943	74
Bruce Roberts	2/4/1944	73
John Alt	2/10/1945	72
Ronald Hamro	2/14/1945	72
Stephen Francis	2/27/1946	71



**Sir Walt Oden presented with the Se-
nior Sir Award by Area 8 Governor,
Rob Ingebretson**



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

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by John Pesek



Branch 59 had four bowlers attend the first Northern California SIR's Bowling Tournament of the year at the Pacific Bowl in Stockton. Participating in the tournament were Sir Ron Hamro, Sir Miguel Ferras, Sir Don Henry, Sir John Pesek, Sir Victor Okumura and

Sir Harvey McAninch.

The only high score by a Branch 59 bowler was Sir Harvey McAninch with a 204.

Since last months Pathfinder we had some very good bowling scores. Sir Frank Cordova, 2002 and a 208, Sir Lew Heffron, 202, Sir Don Henry, 201, Sir Ron Hamro, 212, and Sir Rich Bowers, 205 and a wonderful 225.

If you cannot wait to see the new Branch 59 Little Sir, Sir Harvey McAninch, come to our Monday bowling as Sir Harvey will be there to greet you. We all welcomed Sir Larry Lardie, starting his first Monday afternoon bowling with us.

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually 12 to 16 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.



Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for the month of February 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 February meeting will be held on February 21st 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!



Last month were introduced to the new iPad Pro with the Apple pencil, and a few Apps that utilized the pencil were demonstrated. One of the Apps was a “Adult Coloring Book” and another a photo editing App that converted photos to B&W and then could be easily recolored to the original hues.

We also installed a new Solid State Drive (SSD) into SIR Charlie Wilkins’ PC. This required physical installation of the new drive and then we used a Cloning App called AOMEI. The App was able to clone a single partition onto another drive. Unfortunately as of this writing Jerry is still having problems booting the new drive. More to follow.

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 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
Activities:	Chairman	Roger Wallin
	Assistant	Jim Floor
Membership:	Chairman	Ron Brutvan
	Assistant	Fred Gotthardt
Publicity:	Chairman	Sammy Lum
	Assistant	Jim Ulam

BRANCH 59 Member Information

News Briefs

Storage Update

We now have our own storage locker on the Newark Pavillion site thanks to the donation of the locker by SIR Jim Floor, and the negotiations that took place via SIR Treasurer, Hugh Twomey. Note the appropriate celebration before the fact by Hugh in the photo collage.

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!). See Roger Wallin.

Honoring Our Senior Members

We have four more gentlemen in our branch who will become 90 years old in 2017, SIR will honor them each in due time.

A Thriving Branch Needs You

To keep our branch healthy and viable we need four things: **Enthusiasm, Participation, Volunteers and New Members.** SIR hopes you enjoy and enrich yourselves. SIR asks that you participate in activities or help start new ones. 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.

Continued from page 1--Mayor Lily Mei

Mayor Mei is proud to be a contributor to the growing success of Fremont's public education where she was elected twice as a School Board Trustee to the Fremont Unified School District serving from January 2008 to December 2014.

Mayor Mei embraces diverse recreational and cultural programs serving as a volunteer and leader supporting local scouting and sports programs. She is a board member/advisor of Citizens for Better Community, Music for Minors II South Bay Chinese Service Club, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group – Minority Women Leadership Day/Education Summit and American Association of University Women.

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In August we will have the team tournament. This will be on August 14 at the 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 15th 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

Laverl Tomlinson
Roger Wallin

Keep in Your Thoughts

James Lawrence
John Wong



Fellow Sir,
Copies of the 2017 SIR Branch 59 Roster Booklets were 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

January SIR Luncheon--photos by SIR Bruce Roberts



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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

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1977 Karl Heine*
1978 Harry Cooper*
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1983 Stephen Epler*
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