



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

March 2017

Bulletin No.3

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

Jim's Thoughtsby Big Sir Jim Ulam



My first 100-year-old birthday party was quite a thrill! Congratulations to Forrest Lusher on achieving that memorable landmark!

I think the new mayor of Fremont is a very credible speaker and will serve the city well going

forward with the challenges of increasing growth and all of its related problems. Thank you, Mayor Mei, for taking time to talk to us in February!

Branch 59 has received the paperwork from the city of Fremont for participation in this year's **Fourth of July parade**. I know we have a lot of members who are creative and handy with tools and construction that really should commit to making sure that SIR has an entry again this year! **Call or email me to sign up right now!**

We had a pretty good membership turnover last year, bringing in as many new members as the number of members we lost. This year we have a net loss of four members through February which is **not** the direction we want to be going! We need a constant flow of new guests and new members to keep our branch going strong, so please **make recruiting an everyday thought** as you all enjoy your retirements! Remind your wives and lady friends to talk up SIR as well! Keep your SIR cards on you at all times and pass them out every chance you get!

Bill Leake is "retiring" as golf chairman in August after serving for 13 years. Bill is owed a big round of applause for all of his efforts in behalf of SIR golf!


Continued on Page 6--Big SIR Jim

March Speaker Barbara Telford-Ishida



Barbara Telford-Ishida is the adult services librarian at Newark Library where she plans adult programming and maintains the adult book and media collections. She hails from Edmonton, Canada and did her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of Alberta there after living for a year in Vancouver, British Columbia. Her Masters degree in Politics is from the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and her Masters of Library and Information Services is from San Jose State University. Before becoming a librarian, Barbara worked as a researcher for the Alberta Legislature. She moved to the Bay Area in 1980 to attend Berkeley. After marrying her husband, a native Californian whom she met in Europe, Barbara remained here. She and her husband live in Castro Valley. Barbara enjoys gardening, needle arts, reading and travel. She and her husband have vacationed in Japan, China and many places in Western Europe and North America. Later this year they will visit Eastern Europe.

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

Corned beef and garlic Chicken
Potatoes/carrots, rice, cabbage
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

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SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, February 16, 2017



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 \$3604.65 on February 16, 2017. Minutes of the January meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birthdays: Sammy Lum reported on the February celebrants. Forrest Lusher is the oldest at 100 and Stephen Francis is the youngest at 71. Regional Director Sir Ed Benson will present Sir Forrest Lusher the "Century SIR Certificate" and a special birthday celebration will be held during lunch in honor of this occasion.

Membership: Ron Brutvan reported that will be no new members today. However, three guests are expected to return for orientation. Two members have resigned.

Golf

Bill Leake announced that he will be resigning as Chairman of the Golf Committee on August 1st. We need a golf player to step up and take over the responsibilities Bill has had for 12 years.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that during today's luncheon Area Governor Sir Rob Ingebretson will conduct the installation of Harvey McAninch as our new Little Sir.

BEC meeting attendees congratulated and thanked Harvey for accepting this responsibility.

Arnold George pointed out the need to encourage members, especially new members, to become involved in the operation of Branch 59. One suggestion was to remind and encourage members to attend the BEC meetings (held before the luncheon at 10 am). This would provide an opportunity to both learn about Branch operations and to become acquainted with BEC participants.

The problem some new members have in finding a place to sit at luncheons was discussed and several options were offered for consideration at a later BEC meeting.

Members need to be reminded that if you are not able to attend a lunch you need to notify Ed Guthrie in advance. For most lunches about 20 members fail to do so. Many other Branches require those members to pay for the missed lunch. Sirs Guthrie and Gotthardt were asked if they could produce a chart showing the unexcused members from this February luncheon and their history of attendance. They replied that the data requested will be ready for the March BEC meeting.

All members are encouraged to look at the Branch website (sirbranch59.org) and take advantage of the extensive information Sammy Lum has uploaded including *Pathfinders*, pictures, etc.

After reviewing Form 27, Big Sir Jim Ulam again reemphasized the need to recruit more members"

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report – 02/16/2017

Members	(74%)110
Guests	7
Visitors	1
Total	118
Excused	20
Unexcused	21

Birthday Report



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman



Sylvan Farrell	92
Alvin Dockter	92
Lyle Kingery	91
Robert Benya	86
Sam Mitchell	85
Nathaniel Lord, Jr	82
Howard Thompson	81
S. Edward Barnes	81
Richard Lightholder	79
Gary Bennett	78
John Prior	77

Now you will be able to get Pathfinder issues at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc.
email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

Guests

Guests (1st time)

1) Tom McCaslin	Sponsor Walter Oden
2) Carlie Houseworth	Doug Howd
3) Roger Wedl	Alan Weiner
4) Gary Munekawa	Jim Ulam

Guests (2nd time)

1) Paul Pennely	Bill Briscoe
2) Myron Ness	Jim Ulam
3) Wen Shih	Ed Guthrie



*Memories of
Forrest's 100th Birthday*

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

To Inactive

1) No.80 John Cordinez

Resigned

1) No.282 Wayne Adams

Membership Report – 02/16/2017

Active Members	149
Inactive Members	22

Bring in a Guest
We need new Members



**Decagenarian
Forrest Lusher** demonstrates his famous golf swing to recently installed Little **Sir Harvey McAninch**

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by John Pesek



Branch 59 bowlers are getting ready for the 3rd Annual Chuck Pereira Bowling Tournament by bowling many high scores since the last edition of the Pathfinder.

Sir Frank Cordova continues his hot streak with games of 216, 215 and 214, Sir Donal Spicer 246 and a series of 635, Sir Miguel Ferras 206, Sir Jerry Sabo 202, Sir Don Henry 201, Harvey Mcaninch, 201, and Sir Ron Hamro 200.

We welcomed new SIR bowler Sir Carlie Houseworth to our Monday bowling. Carlie bowls a mean game for a 85 year old. We also welcomed back Sir Laverl Tomlinson back to bowling from surgery.

There will be 34 bowlers for the 3rd Annual Chuck Pereira Bowling Tournament. Results of the tournament will be in the next Pathfinder.

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.



Any Activity suggestions?
Contact:

SIR Roger Wallin
Activities Coordinator.



Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for March. We are a part of area 8, division 4. We would like your comments--upcoming tournaments, a well-played round of golf, etc. If you find a course that is dry shout it out. Let us know when you do well and we will print your name and help shout it out.

Get an eagle? Make a long putt? .

At branch 59 we have 39 members in the branch and we play various times & places. Could we meet one day a month so everyone could play together??

Our first tournament is next month -- 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. . For these tournaments the entry forms can be found at **SIR State Golf.com**. In addition to the team tournament, we have the Reno Scramble (details are out on the web.) In July we have the individual area qualifying. Details pending. 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 **March** meeting will be held on **March 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!



During the February meeting we went more into depth about cloning a hard drive—the why and how of cloning. We also discussed the issues that evolved when SIR Charlie Wilkins had a new SSD hard drive installed into his computer and the old drive needed to be cloned in order to have all of his PC programs, documents, photos and everything else mirrored to the new drive.

SIR Sammy Lum spent time highlighting some of the new features on the sirbranch59.org website. Sammy also gave a lot of information about the Survey Monkey survey that all of us are requested to fill out. See page 6 of this Pathfinder for more information.

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

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Assistant **Jim Ulam**

Don't Forget to wear Green to the Next Luncheon

Happy
St. Patrick's Day

BRANCH 59 Member Information

Continued from page 1--Big SIR Jim

Now, who will step forward and lead our golfing members to even bigger and better things?! We **need one of you golfers to accept the challenge!**

We have **three big SIR banners** that need to be placed in prominent places for potential new members to see!

The banners are vertical, about six feet tall by three feet wide, complete with stands, and extoll the many positives of becoming a SIR. The banners have spent a few weeks at the Fremont main library and the bowling alley and the senior center. If anyone has additional spots where these can be placed please call or email Sir Arnold George, or me, and Arnold will deliver and set up at the site!

News Briefs

Big Sir Has Your Coat

Big Sir, Jim Ulam, has become the recipient of all the coats that members leave at our monthly meetings. He now has a nice chocolate microfiber coat, two coats with *AT&T Pebble Beach* emblems, and a silver windbreaker along with its stuff bag. Please call or email him to claim these items. Thank you!

Unexcused Absences

Branch 59 continues to have 15 to 20 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 sirbranch59.org !

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

SIR Carl Nordling discussing issues with Branch 59 guest--Fremont Mayor Lily Mei



SUNSHINE REPORT by Art Winkley

On The Recovery List

Walt Oden (Broken leg)

Roger Wallin (Sholder surgery)

Joe Markovich (Heart Bypass surgery)

Gene Page (Broken arm)

Keep in Your Thoughts

James Lawrence

John Wong

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 March and April Luncheons

SWEETHEART LUNCHEON TICKETS

Hi Fellow Sirs

Sir Rob Ingebretson and his wife will be selling tickets for the May 18th Sweetheart Luncheon at both the March and 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



Fremont Mayor Mei with her "Certificate of Appreciation" and gift bottle of wine!

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

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1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
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