



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

June 2017

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, June 15, 2017 -Social Hour 11AM

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



Moving to the Elks Lodge
effective July 19th, changing
our meeting date to the **third**
Wednesday of the month,
instead of third Thursday, now
those are some big changes for
Branch 59!

I know everyone is going to love the new location, what with a first class bar, lots of windows and light, an improved audio/visual system, easy access from 880, improved storage for our lending library and no change in the price of lunch! What a great opportunity to impress guests and potential new members, not to mention improving our own enjoyment!

And, how about the new poker activity headed by Sirs Bob Marshall and Larry Jett?! Hopefully all you poker players will support the new group and participate in their monthly play at Jack's Restaurant and Bar.

Keep those new activities coming guys, we want to keep our fellow Sirs active and entertained "while making friends for life," to borrow a phrase from the SIR mission statement! I still think that float building is a potential great activity, and what about somebody(s) organizing a branch picnic/barbecue one of these days?! How about organizing a co-ed 9-hole golf league? How about a regular co-ed get together to play some Mexican Train dominoes?

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June Speaker Sir Art McGrath



Senior Master Sargent (Ret.) Arthur McGrath specialized in logistics and supply for his 26 ½ years of service in the United States Air Force. Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. he enlisted in 1953 during the Korean war and started his military service at Sampson Air Force base in Geneva, NY. He

has been stationed around the world as far east as Vietnam, north as Greenland, south as Texas and west as California. While on active duty at Scott Air Force base in 1978 he received his degree in management from Park College.

After retiring from the military in 1979 he was able to leverage his vast experience with supply and logistics to be offered a position in the aerospace industry and moved to the Bay Area of California. Arthur started his second career at Ford Aerospace and lasted through a purchase by Loral Space and Range and then a merger into Lockheed Martin where he retired in 1998.

The highlight of his U.S. Air Force career was his assignment in 1962 to Andrews Air Force Base in support of Air Force One. He will be proudly sharing stories of what it was like serving on that mission outfitting the President's plane during the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administrations. Sir Art joined SIR Branch 59 on 06/21/2001.

Menu

Beef Bourguignon/ Chicken in White Wine Sauce
Noodles, rice and Vegetable Medley
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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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
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retired men**



June 2017

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, April 20, 2017



Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Big Sir Jim Ulam; the flag salute and roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted. Absent were Assistant

Secretary Peter Angelides and Director Alan Weiner.

Treasurer's Report and BEC

Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3484.69 on April 20, 2017. Minutes of the March meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Ron Brutvan reported the great news that we will have 5 new members today.

NEW BUSINESS

The BEC unanimously approved the appointment of Sir John Pesek as a Director of Branch 59.

The wide-ranging discussion regarding our concern over recent negative actions by the Pavilion continued from our March meeting. To resolve the issue, Big Sir Jim Ulam appointed a committee of six members to investigate and compare several possible alternative meeting locations with the Pavilion. The committee will evaluate the pros, cons and cost of each location and develop a recommendation for BEC approval.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

May Birthdays

Charles Wilkins	93
Donald Henry	88
Joseph Montellano	84
Willard Wyman	84
Gene Page	83
Larry Goodman	81
Donald Allen	81
Gerald Rodrigues	78
Richard Holley	78
Roberto Morales	77
Ron Brutvan	76
Harvey McAninch	74
Terry Pearson	72
Henry Brown	70
Chip Koehler	63

June Birthdays

William Pereira	86
George Vlastelica	85
Tony Zeuli	84
William Briscoe	84
Willie Jackson	82
Ronald Matuszak	80
Alan Kenney	80
John Vennemeyer	80
Leroy Sayas	76
Jerry Sabo	75
Michael Lopez	68

Now you will be able to get Pathfinder issues at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc.
email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report – 04/20/2017

Members	110=72%
Guests	1
Visitors	1
Total	112
Excused	25
Unexcused	18

New Members (L to R)

Carlie Hoursworth, Chip Koehler, Tom McCaslin, Little SIR Harvey McAninch, Myron Ness and Jimmy Inocencio

New Members/Guests

New Member:

Member	Sponsor
#101 Tom McCaslin	Walter Oden
# 82 Carlie Houseworth	Doug Howd
# 43 Chip Koehler	Tom Blalock
#127 Myron Ness	Jim Ulam
#125 Jimmy Inocencio	Vic Okumura

Guests (1st time)	Sponsor
Daniel Camargo	Donel Spicer

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Return To Active

- 1) # 280 Gus Anastole to HLM Emeritus
- 2) #299 Louis Bufkin to HLM Emeritus

Changes

10 Lyle Kingery to HLM Emeritus

Tom Sherba

Heritage Estates
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Livermore, CA 94550
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Membership Report – 05/24/2017

Active Members	155
Inactive Members	21



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



Ten members of our Monday Sirs bowlers either drove or flew to Las Vegas to bowl in the United States Bowling Association National Open Bowling Tournament. We were led by the California State Bowling Committee Chairman, Sir Jerry Sabo.

The other members on his team were: Sir Miguel Ferras, Sir Lew Heffron, Sir Kasey Warner and Sir Larry Sallee. The members of the other team were: Sir Rich Bowers, Sir Donal Spicer, Sir Victor Okumura and his wife Karen and Sir John Pesek. The oil pattern on the lanes made bowling very difficult. As a result, none of our bowlers bowled a 200 game.

In the weeks leading up to the tournament we had some excellent bowling scores at our usual Monday bowling at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Sir Frank Cordova 225, 215 and 200, Sir Gary Bennett 223 and 201, Sir Jerry Sabo 221, 212 and 208, Sir Donal Spicer 214, Sir Joe Stanley 212, Sir Don Henry 212 and 202, Sir Lew Heffron 210 and 203, Sir John Pesek 207.

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.



Golf Notes by Sir Bill Leake



Welcome to the SIR Branch 59 golf newsletter for June, 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 15, division 4 of Sons in Retirement.

We play at various times and places. The most common courses are Spring Valley (Milpitas/San Jose) and SkyWest (Hayward).

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 – **Spring Time in Napa was a success.** However, not a big turnout from this side of the bay. On May 23 we completed the team tournament. It was held at Metropolitan and there was 1 team from Branch 59 – Meyer/Dalziel/Holley/Leake participated and finished. We hope for a better turnout next year.

In June we have our annual fun in Reno tournament – to be held at the Atlantis. We will have 2 rounds of golf and there is still room. We play at Redhawk Hills and Lake courses. For more information and to get entry forms go to our website 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 **June** meeting will be held on **June 20th** 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 April meeting we discussed the use of Microsoft Access—the Database program which is used by Branch 59 to maintain important membership data. Sir Fred Gotthardt demonstrated how he uses the Database to give information to all of the other committee members that require that information for their reports; for example the Birthday report, attendance reports and other valuable 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 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 Floor**

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Assistant **Fred Gotthardt**

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Assistant **Jim Ulam**

SUNSHINE REPORT by Art Winkley

On The Recovery List
James Lawrence

Keep in Your Thoughts
John Wong

BRANCH 59 Member Information

Continued from page 1--Big SIR Jim

SIR is all about entertaining activities for retired men which allows everyone the opportunity to meet, and get to know, other like-minded men for fellowship and friendship.

If Branch 59 isn't doing something that you'd like to do, then step right up, like Sir Bob and Sir Larry, and start a new activity!

See you all at our meeting, **Thursday, June 15, at the Newark Pavilion**, and THEN **Wednesday, July 19, at the Elks Lodge!**

News Briefs

SIR Branch 59 Is Moving!!

It is official! SIR Branch 59 is moving, effective July 19th, to the Fremont Elks Lodge #2121, located at 38991 Farwell Drive in Fremont!

Meetings will be the third WEDNESDAY of the month starting in July. The Elks Lodge is located a block from Mowry Avenue just off of Highway 880.

After getting turned out of our meeting room and our storage space reduced to almost nothing, your Board Executive Committee unanimously decided to look for another facility at which to hold our monthly branch meetings. After exploring all possible venues, the BEC unanimously decided that the Elks Lodge was the best choice.

The Elks is a beautiful meeting place with a complete bar, lots of light, a superior audio/visual system, adequate storage space, a separate meeting room for the BEC and a separate area to sign in guests and new members! And the best, and deciding, factor for your elected officers is the fact that our luncheon charge will remain at \$18!!

Be sure to tell all your fellow Sirs who may not have read this notice, or attended the June meeting at the Pavilion, that the Elks is our new meeting place and the third Wednesday is our new meeting date!

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>!

For Newark residents if your **street light** is out call the City of Newark at 510-578-4263, the pole should have a number on it, if not put down a street address that is by the pole.

PG &E does not handle Newark street lights.

First "Dealers Lunch Bunch"

Monthly Poker Lunch scheduled for July 25th, and on each **FOURTH** Tuesday of the month from then on.

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Jack's Restaurant and Bar, Lower Level, Newpark Mall (below Pieology)

Buy-in and Game: \$10 buy-in with dime/quarter/half dollar/dollar chips; dime ante; half dollar maximum; each game around the table is dealer's choice.

Food/Drinks: Order from Jack's Restaurant and Bar menu; \$7 to \$30; menu items; and typical beers, well, and specialty drinks.

Roster: Twenty member maximum. We will keep membership in the group open until we get twenty members (we are optimistic). We will then start a substitution list.



May Sweetheart Luncheon



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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
1991 Fred W. Fretter*
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1993 LeRoy J. King*
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1995 Clyde Killion*
1996 Bill Schwan*
1997 Nat Lord
1998 John Buchanan*
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2001 Bob Beam
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2007 Ted Bresler
2008 Richard Holley
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2010 Frank R. Thomas
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