



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

November 2017

Bulletin No.10

MEETING -Fremont Elks Lodge - Wednesday November 15, 2017 -Social Hour 11AM



Big Sir Jim Ulam's Thoughts

November is upon us already! My, how time flies!

I have been your Big Sir for almost two years and I have to honestly say that I have really, really enjoyed it and had a wonderful time! I have met and worked with a lot of great guys, have had lots of fun and laughs and I will miss standing up in front of you emceeing our monthly meetings!

I highly recommend that each of you become a part of the board of directors, become an officer or committee chairman, volunteer to help on a committee, and participate in activities because it is so much fun, so rewarding and a huge opportunity to meet and get to know fellow branch members and to contribute to this wonderful organization!

I promise that you will find the experience to be fun and enlightening, and you will feel the joy of contributing and being a big part of your Branch 59!

Thank you for allowing me the pleasure of serving and becoming one with you! I plan on continuing to volunteer and be vocal in this branch so you will continue to see a lot more of me through the coming years.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year to each and every one of you!

November Speakers Ameriprise Financial



Tom Fezler, CRPC®, CLTC®
Private Wealth Advisor,
Vice President

Tom's enjoyed 22 years of leadership and working with clients. He leads our investment group and specializes in portfolio construction and management strategies. He has been married to his wife, Kim, for 16 years and they have 3 children. He keeps busy with kid's activities, soccer, coaching and cooking.

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Erica's been with Ameriprise for 13 years as an advisor and a leader. She leads our financial planning group, specializing in collaborating with clients to develop a financial plan and strategies personalized for them. Erica and her husband, Greg, are from Kansas and love their Jayhawks, anything outdoors, wine, cooking and their little Chihuahuas.

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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--Dina's Catering

Turkey and Ham

Mashed Potato, Stuffing, Vegies, and Salad

Open Desserts



If you are not coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor
Don't forget to Call on the SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING - or earlier
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, October 18, 2017

Branch 59

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Sammy Lum-Publicity

Branch 59

Meets at Fremont Elks

38991 Farwell Drive,

Fremont CA on the 3rd

Wednesday of each month

10:00 AM

Executive Board Meeting

11AM Social Hour

12 Noon Lunch

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retired men**



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.

All Officers and Directors were present except for John Pesek and Jerry Sabo who were out of town.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$2987.66 on October 18, 2017. Minutes of the September meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we will have 2 new members today, 2 potential members returning for orientation and 2 first time guests. Unfortunately, Branch 59 has also experienced one death, one retirement and one resignation due to moving out of the area.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance to be 118.

Birthdays

This month we are celebrating birthdays for three Sirs who are 90 years young: Fred Gotthardt, John Ockes and Stanley Lewis.

NEW BUSINESS

Little Sir Harvey McAninch announced that Victor Okumura will serve as Little Sir next year.

Sir Carlie Houseworth has agreed to support Victor with recruiting of speakers.

Big Sir Jim Ulam commented on the progress Branch 59 has made in recruiting new members. We are up 5 year-to-date with 2 more coming in today. Keep up the good work! Area Governor Sir Rob Ingebretson added his congratulations. Our Branch 59 is the only branch in his area that is growing.

There was extensive discussion regarding the announcement in the October ***Pathfinder*** regarding the announcement "**you will be charged for the meal that you missed**" if you don't call or Email ahead of time to notify Sir Ed Guthrie. There was general agreement that, at a minimum, not calling ahead of time was inconsiderate. Most other branches already charge for meals missed without prior notification. Many pros and cons were presented during a lively discussion. Little Sir Harvey McAninch proposed that we relook at this issue early next year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.
Secretary Jerry Robertson



Sir Walt Oden bidding his farewell to Fremont

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report

New Members/Guests

Membership Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman**

Attendance Report 10/18/2017

Members	110=69 %
Guests	4
Visitors	1
Total	115
Excused	29
Unexcused	21

New Members:

Member

Sterling Strickland
Richard Henry

Sponsor

Bill Briscoe
Fred Barker

Guests (2nd time)

Frank Steiner
Fred Taliaferro

Ted Bresler
Al Kenney

Guests (1st time)

Andy Lang
Jerome Miller

Philip Keller
Harvey McAninch



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Change of Status

Return to Active

#285 Frankie Cordova

Resigned

120 James Conrad (Inactive)
#147 Walt Oden (Moved)

Deceased

#290 James Lawrence 10/10/2017

Other Database Changes

#296 Robert Springer -new email
ftblcoach21@comcast.net

Membership Report

10/18/2017

Active Members	160
Inactive Members	18



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

November Birthdays

William Delucchi	94
Lloyd Anderson	87
Robert Boike	83
James Ploor	82
Donald Ehlers	79
Myron Ness	73
Bill Leake	72
Bill Pruner	70

You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc.
email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com



New Members

**Sir Sterling Strickland (left)
Sir Richard Henry (below)**



Notice!

Individual Photos of Branch 59 Members
will be taken at the November SIR Meetings.
We plan to have an on-line photo album on
our website: <http://sirbranch59.org>



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



When autumn leaves start to fall the bowling scores go up. Wonderful bowling scores were registered by: Sir Frank Cordova 235, Sir Miguel Ferras 222 & 204, Sir Laverl Tomlinson 215 & 204, Sir Donal Spicer 215, Sir Ron Hamro 2017 & 205 and Roger Wallin 200.

Our Cloverleaf Bowl Monday Sirs bowling group cashed in for a lot of money in the Brentwood SIR Bowling Tournament last month. Receiving moolah were Sir Ron Hamro, Sir Frank Cordova, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Laverl Tomlinson and Sir Gary Bennett.

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.

Fremont SIR Bowlers were saddened to hear about the loss of long time bowler and friend, James Lawrence. James had battled illness for the past several years and could no longer bowl with us. Illness forced James to go Inactive as a SIR member. His wife Merrlyn performed several time for our group as a part of her dance group. James was also an avid golfer.

From the Wife of Sir James Conard--

Sir James Conard is unable to attend meetings any longer, so will miss the luncheon on the 18th. He will be retiring from SIRS. I want to thank you, as his wife, for all the enjoyment he had with SIRS over the years. I also want to thank you personally for the great times we had when you hosted the wives for luncheons. Our old group of four couples is not together anymore, as we have lost three SIRS and one of the wives. But, oh my, did we love the entertainment and meeting other wives and the "free book" club and everything else your organization offers. This is definitely a testimonial to SIRS.

Golf Notes by Sir Bill Leake



Welcome to the SIR Branch 59 golf newsletter for November, 2017. It is getting near to 2018 – can you believe it.

Major announcement – NCGA dues for 2018 have been increased to \$39.00. If you have not done so yet, please make checks payable to SIR Branch 59 and either bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537. Deadline is early December 2017. Most of you have sent in your dues. Thank you. As I announced at the September meeting, I am resigning as golf chairman for branch 59 and Area 15. The effective date is the end of this year. I will collect the dues for 2018 (due no later than early -December 2017) and will then someone else takes over.

When you complete a round of golf please post your score – good or bad.

Take a Bow – Richard Holley shot an eagle at Spring Valley. His first EAGLE ever. On hole 6 Richard shot a driver, a 3 wood and then a 9-iron and clunk – into the hole the ball went. Congratulations Richard. (he thought he lost the ball until he looked in the hole).

Please visit SIR state golf for the tournament schedule for 2018. To recap --

The schedule is as follows --

Spring time in Napa – 2 day tournament – ladies welcome

Team tournament in May

Reno in June

Individual qualifying in July

Team championship in August

Fall Classic in September

State championship in October

It has been a pleasure being golf chairman for 14 years. Hopefully someone will come forward and take over the reins.

Bill Leake – 510-917-1146 wml50@comcast.net

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our last meeting of the year will be held on **November 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 October meeting we discussed **VR** (Virtual Reality) and **AR** (Augmented Reality). An explanation of both technologies and both uTube videos and Apple iPod Apps were used to demonstrate these technologies.

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

READERS AND BROWERS

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

Sir James Floor 510-656-9537



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

All SIR (singles, couples, friends) are invited to join us. This activity is in the planning stage so let your thoughts be known to:

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"Dealers Lunch Bunch"

Next poker lunch sheduled for November 20th,
(**FOURTH** Monday of the month)

Time: 1pm to 4pm

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

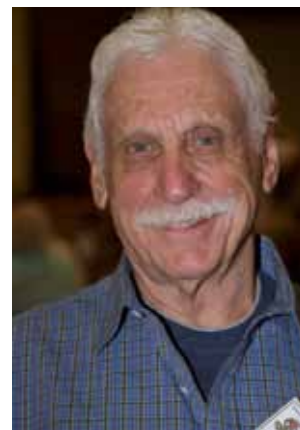
Buy-in and Game: \$10 buy-in with dime/quarter/half dollar/dollar chips; dime ante; half dollar maximum; each game around the table is dealer's choice.

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.

**Do you have new
Activity suggestions?**

Contact:
Sir Roger Wallin
Activities Coordinator



Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

We will have Dave Badilla providing his musical talents during our social hour and lunch so you will have the opportunity to do some dancing. Our special entertainment this year is THE DEVIL MOUNTAIN CHORUS (see picture) below.

Remember to purchase your tickets in advance (No tickets sold at door).

\$22.50 per person, \$45.00 per couple.

Make advance reservations at the November 15th meeting or by mail (Reservation form below)

Make Check Payable to SIR Branch 59

Mail to: **Rob Ingebretson, 48232 Cottonwood Street, Fremont, CA 94539**

Phone: (510) 657-7828

As always, I will be depending on our wonderful Sons In Retirement brothers to come through with some great door prizes. I will have merchant introduction letters available at the ticket table. I will also have table for ten forms available for those Sirs who wish to no-host a table.

Luncheon Wine Available

The Elks Lodge is pleased to offer their house wine for \$11.00 per bottle featuring; Merlot, Chardonnay, and White Zinfandel. They also offer a mini split for \$4.50. Other call wines are available at an increased price. If you wish to bring your own wine, there is a \$10.00 corkage fee.



Please Return This Reservation Form With Your Payment

Name _____

Badge Number _____

Guest Name _____

Entree Selection (Select one for each person)

_____ Salmon in a Buttery Picatta Sauce

_____ Chicken Cordon Bleu with a Creamy Garlic Sauce

_____ Tri Tip Roast with a Mushroom Sauce

Amount Enclosed \$ _____



Super Seniors

**Fred Gotthardt,
John Ockes
Stanley Lewis**



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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*
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1990 Lee Updegraff
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1993 LeRoy J. King*
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