



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Third Year

January 2018

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MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge-Wednesday-January 17, 2018-Social Hour 11AM



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

Fellow Sirs:

I am fortunate to be your branch's 43rd Big Sir joining a great group of men in leadership, THIRTEEN OF WHOM ARE ACTIVE IN OUR BRANCH! What a wealth of knowledge and experience to

provide advice to make my job easier. As some of you know this is not the first time I have been a Big Sir or Master of my masonic lodge. Almost all social organizations (Masons, Shriners, Elks, Moose, Odd Fellows) have been encountering declining membership. The good news is that Branch 59 has been actually holding its own with a growth of 1 new Sir last year (Thanks to Jim Ulam and Ramp Committee).

Part of my Big Sir training was to attend a session on RAMP, an acronym for Recruitment, Activities, Member relations, Publicity. You will be hearing officers discuss RAMP throughout the year. I'm asking all our branch members to give them your support if they ask for your assistance. **TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP THIS FAVORABLE DIRECTION OF OUR MEMBERSHIP.** RAMP will be included as a topic of discussion at all our Executive Board Meetings starting in January. **I WILL HAVE AN OPEN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FOR ANYONE THAT WANTS TO ATTEND.**

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January Speaker--Irene Obera

Irene Obera is an American track and field athlete, specializing in sprinting events. Over an extended career, she has set numerous world records and has won numerous world championships. She is currently a member of the W70 world record holding 4x100 metres relay

team. She also holds the current American record in the W60 and W75 100 metres and the W75 200 metres.

Obera found her way into the sport relatively late. In the amateur era, most athletes retired about the end of college when the life requirements to make money overrode the time commitment to become a great athlete. Obera attended Chico State College, playing field hockey, softball, and basketball. She graduated with a teaching credential in 1957. After graduation "I was at softball practice when a teammate told me she was a track champion," she recalls. "I thought to myself, 'If she is a champion, I know I can be one, too.' You might say I was a bit cocky." Obera ran in her first meet in 1958 and made the national championships in 1959 eventually running against the likes of Wilma Rudolph. She ran in the 1960 and 1968 Olympic Trials, the latter just a couple of months before her 35th birthday, running the 100 metres in 12.1 in the semifinals

She was featured in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" in the June 18, 1962, issue

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
Beef Stroganoff & Jerusalem Chicken
Noodles & Rice and Vegetables
Cake



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, November 15, 2017

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RAMP

Jim Ulam-Recruitment
Roger Wallin- Activities
Ron Brutvan-Membership
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

A Nonprofit
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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.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:
Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$2993.44 on November 15, 2017. That amount is well within the SIR state guidelines of \$20 per active member. Minutes of the October meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there will be no new members today, however we expect 2 potential members for orientation and 2 first time guests. Three terminations have been issued as required by Rule 100 (Required Attendance) 1 member moved out of CA, and 2 members went inactive.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance to be 120.

Birthdays

This month we are celebrating birthdays for 8 Sirs. William Delucchi is the oldest at 94 and Bill Pruner is the youngest at 70.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Ulam commented on Form 27 and the progress Branch 59 has made in recruiting new members. Keep up the good work!

However, with Rule 100 terminations, resignations, etc. membership is only up 2 year-to-date. 2018 Big Sir Harvey McAninch said his goal is to increase membership by 10% in 2018.

Big Sir Jim Ulam discussed the need to bring new members, especially the younger ones, into active participation in the operation of Branch 59. Little Sir Harvey McAninch's previous proposal of "Assistant Directors" is one approach that will be implemented next year. Harvey intends to utilize the form BA-1 (SIR BRANCH ASSESSMENT) to focus our efforts next year.

Jim Ulam was pleased to announce that Dave Shideler will be the new Golf Chairman.

There was considerable discussion regarding printing the branch roster next year. Most members preferred to retain current booklet format. The following motion was made and passed "Print 200 copies of the Branch Roster in booklet form – total cost not to exceed \$400."

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson



Branch 59 R.A.M.P. Committee

Recruitment:	Chairman	Jim Ulam
	Assistant	Alan Weiner
Activities:	Chairman	Roger Wallin
	Assistant	Jim Ploor
Membership:	Chairman	Ron Brutvan
	Assistant	Carl Nordling
Publicity:	Chairman	Sammy Lum
	Assistant	Jim Ulam

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Art Winkley

In Our Prayers

Toni Zeuli	Died 1/2/2018
Nancy Thompson	Died
(Date unknown at press time-wife of Howie Thompson)	

Back on the Recovery List
Robert Benya

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report

New Members/Guests

Membership Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report 11/17/2017

Members	117=75 %
Guests	4
Visitors	2
Total	123
Excused	25
Unexcused	18



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

December Birthdays

Les Addison	86
Edgar Guthrie	82
James Draughan	81
Carl Nordling	78
William Bauhofer	77
Frank Cordova	77
William Williams	76
George Perry	73
A. James Ulam	72
Joseph Stanley	72
David Shideler	71
Michael Harper	64

January Birthdays

Melvin Nunes	93
Joseph Jeno	88
Thomas Blalock	86
Sterling Strickland	84
Walter Ulrich	84
Dominic Aiello	76
James Cunningham	75
Bob Banfiel	73
Robert Marshall	70
Michael Burns	68
Victor Okumura	61

New Members

None

Guest

Andy Lang
Ted Shively

Sponsor

Philip Keller
John Prior

Guests (2nd time)

Guests (1st time)

Bill Prevost	Stan Peters
Bob LoBue	Phil Keller

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Change of Status

Resigned

#218 James Putler	Moved to Florida
#107 Frank Mulder-	Drop rule 100
# 15 Stephen Francis	Drop rule 100
#111 Jim Proffitt	Drop rule 100

#6 Jack Lindley New email
JACKLINDLEY85@GMAIL.COM

To Inactive

47 Julian Vega
46 Sylan Farrell

Membership Report

11/17/2017

Active Members	155
Inactive Members	19



Installation of 2018 Officers and Directors-

Past Big Sir Jim Ulam, Big Sir Harvey McAninch, Little Sir Victor Okumura, Directors Jerry Sabo, Nat Lord, Sammy Lum, Assitant Secretary Peter Angeledis and Treasurer Hugh Twomey

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



At this writing we are on a three-week hiatus from bowling at our usual time due to the holidays falling on Mondays. We will return to action on January 8, 2018, with some of us sporting new bowling equipment that we hope will improve our bowling scores.

Branch 59 held the last SIR Bowling Tournament of the calendar year on December 3, 2017.

I am happy to report that several Branch 59 members finished in the money.

Sir Jim Ploor was the big winner finishing first in B Division singles and first in B division all-events with Sir Larry Lardie. Sir Miguel Ferras finished second in A Division singles and second in B Division doubles with guest Ruby Barker. Sir John Pesek finished first in A Division doubles with a partner from Branch 19 and Sir Victor Okumura finished third in B Division all-events. We had some very good scores to finish off 2017. Sir Gary Bennett 223, Sir Frank Cordova 228 & 216, Sir Kasey Warner 214, Sir Roger Wallin 212 & 212 & 202 & 202, Sir Jerry Sabo 210, Sir Jim Ploor 209, Sir Donal Spicer 203, Big Sir Harvey McAninch 202, and Sir Miguel Ferras 200.

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. Coffee is hot and free. The companionship is warm and abundant. 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.

Golf Notes by Sir Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for January 2018. We have a new golf chairman for branch 59 – Dave Shideler dpspany@att.net. I will be working with Dave for the next couple of months during the transition period. I will also assist Dave in writing this article for the Pathfinder.

For this column we need your help – Dave needs your help. Please report when someone does good – eagle, long drive, 10- below index in a round, etc.

The schedule for 2018 (can you believe it is 2018) is out. You can find it on SIRstategolf.com and the schedule is

January – division meetings

April 23 & 24 – spring time in Napa – tournament at Eagle Vines and Chardonnay

May – area team qualifying tournaments – more on that later

June 10 – 14 – Reno – stay at Atlantis and play 3 courses – ladies welcome

July – individual championship qualifying period

August – Division qualifying for individual tournament

September – Fall classic – Lincoln Hills Golf course

October 15 & 16 – individual championship (no course yet)

Please e-mail Dave when you do good, have a great shot, or any suggestions that you may have to make golf better.

Please visit the state golf -- web site – www.stategolf.com for more information.

Thank you

Bill Leake and Dave Shideler



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our first meeting of the year will be held on January 23rd 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. Topics for January may include VOIP telephone connections. Purchasing your own modem—not renting, and hopefully repair diagnosis for a laptop. (If anyone has such and item—bring it to the meeting)



Please send notices of Activities and/or news items to jlsabo3@comcast.net.

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 BROWSERS

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 scheduled for January 22nd
(**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.

You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:
sirbranch59@gmail.com



**Do you have new
Activity suggestions?**

Contact:
Sir Roger Wallin
Activities Coordinator

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Anyone interested in heading up a activity give me a call. I'm interested in what your thoughts are for new activities. Give me a call at 408.505.0727 and please leave a call back number with your name and phone number. Let's share our experiences and interests with the other 150+ active members in the branch.

We had a great Christmas luncheon in December thanks to Rob Ingebretson and his wife Gig for heading it up.

Our 2018 leaders were also inaugurated. Our new Little Sir, Victor Okumura was there with his wife Karen. I'm looking forward for him to grow into a strong leader of Branch 59. I want to thank our past Big Sir filling in for me in January as my wife and I will be on a cruise to Mexico.

News Items

SIR License Plate Frames

If you purchased a SIR License Plate Frame they will be available for distribution at our January luncheon. See Sir Rob Ingebretson to pick up your purchase.

New Rosters Available in January

The 2018 SIR Branch 59 Roster will be handed out after the January meeting.



The Devil Mountain Chorus provided wonderful entertainment for the Christmas Luncheon.

December Holiday Luncheon

A big thank you to all that attended our annual Holiday Luncheon and contributed to the door prizes, you helped to make our luncheon a huge success. Hope you all are looking forward to our Sweetheart Luncheon in May 2018.

We want to recognize all the merchants that donated door prizes to our December Holiday Luncheon. When you visit any of these merchants, take time to thank the manager for supporting our organization.

The merchants that donated are:

SPIN-A-YARN STEAKHOUSE
MARKET BROILER RESTAURANT
SWEET TOMATOES
ORCHARD SUPPLY HARDWARE
STRIZZI'S RESTAURANT
TRADER JOE'S
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CABRILLO CAFE
SUPER STATION CAR WASH
MASSIMO'S RESTAURANT
CLOVERLEAF FAMILY BOWL
SAFEWAY
BLACK BEAR DINER
McIVOR'S HARDWARE
COUNTRY WAY RESTAURANT
C.ARNOLD CONSTRUCTION
STEVENSON TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE
ERIK'S DELI CAFE
OLIVE GARDEN
CAT'S AUTO REPAIR

Sir Rob Ingebretson
Social Chairman



Photo of our Photographer Bruce Roberts and Guest



Join **SIR Branch # 26** for a
Beautiful day in Sacramento
Lunch and River Cruise
Thursday – April 5, 2018

Experience the era of Mark Twain and steamboats on the Sacramento River. Enjoy a beautiful day in Sacramento's Old Town aboard the Delta King Steamboat and the Hornblower Yacht. Your day will begin aboard the docked Delta King for a delicious hosted lunch. The Delta Queen Steamboat, has a rich and diverse history over the past century. From luxury passenger ship to floating naval hospital, to docked hotel, the Delta Queen is a historic piece of Americana. Following lunch, you will walk to the neighboring ramp and board the Hornblower Yacht for a one hour narrated historic Sacramento River cruise. A fun and relaxing day you won't want to miss!

Depart: 10:00 am **Return:** 5:45 pm
Castro Valley – 3848 Castro Valley Blvd., Rite Aid Pharmacy

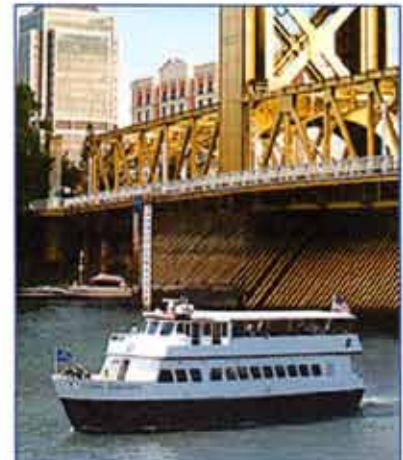
Cost per Person: \$ 110.00

Cost Includes: * Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation
* Hosted lunch aboard the Delta King Steamboat * Historic
Sacramento River Cruise on a Hornblower Yacht * Driver's Gratuity

For Reservations Contact: Bruce Krevey @ (510) 530-0704

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SIR Branch # 26 **Detach & Return** **Sacramento River Cruise / April 5, 2018**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please select one entrée:

Guest One: ☐ Roasted Champagne Chicken ☐ Grilled Salmon ☐ Braised Short Ribs ☐ Wild Mushroom Risotto

Guest Two: ☐ Roasted Champagne Chicken ☐ Grilled Salmon ☐ Braised Short Ribs ☐ Wild Mushroom Risotto

All meals include coffee or iced tea and dessert

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January 2017

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Jerry Sabo - Video

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Art Winkley - Assistant

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John Pesek - Chairman

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Nat Lord - Chairman

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2014 Rob Ingebretson
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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.