



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

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## MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge-Wednesday-February 21, 2018-Social Hour 11AM




### Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

Hello everyone, and happy February to you all! Just a reminder, it's that month again Sirs...so be ready to lavish your lady with a special dinner, candy and flowers for Valentine's Day on the 14th!

The Chinese New Year has been associated with the Chinese Zodiac since the Spring Autumn Period (771 to 476 BC). 2018 is the year of the Dog. Strengths of people born in the year of the Dog are courage, loyalty, and responsibility. Weaknesses are said to be stubbornness and sensitivity. Celebrities born in the year of the Dog are Winston Churchill, Benjamin Franklin, Jane Goodall, and Uma Thurman.

I was unable to be at the January meeting because I was on a cruise to Mexico. While on my travels I got an idea to put together a joint cruise with Acacia Creek and Branch 59 Sirs. I am calling it "The Big Sir Cruise". I have setup this cruise with Princess Cruises to Hawaii for 15 days out of San Francisco and returns there (no flights). It will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October till the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. Booking will be directly with Princess Travel. If you would like to party with THE BIG Sir contact: Melissa Kreyres @ 1-800-901-1172 ext. 64115, The booking is called Acacia Creek/SIRs, Booking Number HWC-Q7H, Voyage A831. Let's have some FUN together.

### 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.



### Guest Speaker Penny Vittoria

Penny Vittoria is the Successful Aging Coach at Acacia Creek Senior Living Community. Since 2011 she has worked to implement Successful Aging philosophies into the culture of Acacia Creek and in 2016 she led the Acacia Creek Leadership Team in achieving

certification as a Center for Successful Aging. Her 26 years of experience working in Senior Living and Adult Education, as well as her own successful aging journey have given her the tools to support both residents and team members in living their best life.

Penny is a graduate of Mills College with a degree in Women's Studies and a focus on Anthropology. As an adult education teacher, she developed brain fitness curriculum. She is certified as a Life Coach by Coach Training Alliance.

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**Menu--Dina's Catering**  
**Roast Beef & Chicken Pecatta**  
**Rice, Red Potatoes and Vegetables**  
**Tapioca**



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](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)



# SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, January 17, 2018

## Branch 59 Officers

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## RAMP

Jim Ulam-Recruitment  
Roger Wallin- Activities  
Ron Brutvan-Membership  
Sammy Lum-Publicity



except Big Sir Harvey McAninch who was on vacation.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:  
Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3601.98 on January 17, 2018. The Treasurer's report and Minutes of the November meeting and were approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there will be four new members today. A potential member is scheduled for orientation and a first-time guest is expected. Two members have gone inactive and unfortunately two members have passed away.

### Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance to be 117.

### Birthdays

This month we will be celebrating birthdays for both December and January. Sir Melvin Nunes is the oldest at 93 and Little Sir Victor Okumura is the youngest at 61.

## NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Ulam commented on Form 27 and the progress made in recruiting new members. Branch 59 membership was up 4 members during the past year. Keep up the good work! However, the need to bring new members, especially the younger ones, into active participation in the operation of Branch 59 was reemphasized.

Sir Rob Ingebretson was complimented on organizing a Holiday Lunch that was both a great social and financial success.

Sir Nat Lord moved that Branch 59 purchase 12 hats for \$120 to hand out as awards during future meetings – motion passed.

Sir Jerry Sabo brought the 2018 Rosters to the BEC meeting. An outstanding job by Jerry and Sir Fred Gotthardt that was accomplished well under budget.

The SIR State Rules Committee is undertaking an update of the SIR RULE MANUAL. For anyone not familiar with that document, it contains 959 rules and hundreds of Bylaws and Guidelines spread over 147 pages. The document contains valuable liability protection, contracting requirements, procedures, guidelines, etc. Sir Jim Johnson, SIR State Rules Committee Chairman, has been tasked with improving and simplifying the rules manual. Can this important document be improved and simplified – certainly. However, I admire Sir Johnson for undertaking a task which will be challenging, time consuming and at times frustrating.

I looked at Rules 90-94 that cover the issue “inactive members” and decided that, for Branch 59, those Rules are compatible with our practices. All BEC members were requested to input to me any changes that they believe are needed. The input Sir Johnson needs is “rule number, why the change is needed, and recommended wording.” Input from Branch 59 BEC members must be sent to Sir Johnson before the end of January.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

**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**

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

## Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie**  
**Attendance Chairman**

Attendance Report 1/17/2018

Members	107=69 %
Guests	2
Visitors	1
Total	110
Excused	23
Unexcused	29

## New Members/Guests

### New Members

Andy Lang  
Frank Steiner  
Fred Taliaferro  
Stever Francis

### Sponsor

Philip Keller  
Ted Bresler  
Alan Kenney  
Returning

### Guests (2nd time)

Bob LoBue Phillip Keller

### Guests (1st time)

Carl Blincoe Sammy Lum

## Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan**  
**Membership Chairman**

### Change of Status

#### To Inactive

# 14 Robert Fondiller  
# 3 Robert Morales

#### Deceased

# 30 Tony Zeuli  
1/2/2018  
# 102 Charles Wilkins -1/13/2018

### Membership Report

1/17/2018

Active Members 155  
Inactive Members 21

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

## February Birthdays

Forrest Lusher	101
George Morariu	89
Donald Thatcher	89
Charles Linzey	89
Noboru Ono	88
Walt Caeton	86
Sal Lamagna	83
George Prows	83
Laverl Tomlinson	81
Jacques Guertin	79
Larry Jett	78
Alan Weiner	75
Bruce Roberts	74
Ronald Hamro	73
Stephen Francis	72

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



*Our Newest Members (Left to Right) Frank Steiner, Fred Taliaferro, and Andy Lang.*



**Have you found your photo on our website?**  
**If it's not there make sure you get your photo**  
**taken by our photographer, Bruce Roberts.**



# 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 SIR bowling group cashed in for a lot of money in the Modesto SIR Bowling Tournament last November. Receiving moolah were Sir Ron Hamro, Sir Frank Cordova, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Laverl Tomlinson and Sir Gary Bennett. We just recently received our results.

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.

Our small group of four bowlers went to the first tournament of the year in Stockton. Sir Roger Wallin hadn't bowled in a tournament for nearly two years, but ended up placing 6th in singles, first in B division doubles along with Sir Jerry Sabo, and second in All-Events with Jerry placing fifth. In addition, Sir Victor Okumura placed forth in singles.

We also had four bowlers going to the Napa tournament, but results have not been posted.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

## Golf Notes by Sir Dave Shideler



Hello, this is my first solo article for the Pathfinder as your new Golf Chairman. First, on behalf of all of the SIR Branch 59 Golfers let me thank Sir Bill Leake for doing a great job as our Golf Chairman for the last 14 years. These days that is a very long time to do ANYTHING!.

All Sirs and their guests (hopefully potential members) are welcome to participate in SIR Golf. The main group plays Tuesday mornings at about 8:30 with a splinter group that plays earlier at either Spring Valley in Milpitas or Skywest in Hayward. Sir Rob Ingebretson leads a group that plays on various courses on Thursdays. If you are not receiving emails from either of us and wish to play let us know at [Dpspanky@att.net](mailto:Dpspanky@att.net) (Dave) or [Robingy@comcast.net](mailto:Robingy@comcast.net) (Rob)

The weather lately has been good to the Tuesday group and not so good with the Thursday group. They have been enjoying some great lunches in lieu of staying home on rainouts. I found that the most hated words among all of our golfers is "CART PATH ONLY!" Well, it's already February and warmer weather will be here soon. Then, of course, it will be "TOO HOT" to play.

More next month with info on SIR State Golf activities. By the way, the SIR State golf manual is 21 pages. You can explore the Golf pages at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org). We are Club #63-278-1 SIR Area 8, Division 4.

Dave Shideler  
[Dpspanky@att.net](mailto:Dpspanky@att.net)

## CYBERGEEZER MEETING

**Cyber Geezers**—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on February 27th 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](mailto:jlsabo3@comcast.net) Topics from January included VOIP telephone connections. Purchasing your own modem--not renting, Password Manager providers and repair diagnosis for a laptop.

Topics for February have yet to be determined at this writing, but suspect there will be more discussion regarding Password Managers such as LastPass. The system was demonstrated, and Sir members at the meeting were very interested.

**Please send notices of Activities and/or news items to [jlsabo3@comcast.net](mailto:jlsabo3@comcast.net).**

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

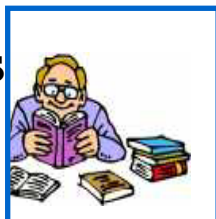
### COUPLES WINE TASTING

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 Joe Stanley 510-487-7751 or email --JOESTAN@MAC.COM**

### READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read. Sir James Ploor 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 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 Jim Ulam 510-797-9357 or email [TIME4GOLF@SNAKEBITE.COM](mailto:TIME4GOLF@SNAKEBITE.COM)

### “Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Next poker lunch sheduled for February 26th (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](mailto:sirbranch59@gmail.com)



**Do you have new Activity suggestions?**

Contact:  
Sir Roger Wallin  
Activities Coordinator

## News Items

### Bocce Ball

Limber up those bocce arms because we are going to be forming teams (hopefully this year!) to play on the soon-to-be-built Elks Lodge courts!

Elks Lodge is planning on putting in bocce courts this year and we have been invited to use them during week days! Maybe we can persuade them to open the bar, too, so SIR Branch 59 can have a rollicking good time pitching bocce with each other!

Stay tuned for further details and keep those arms limber.



**World Record holder--sprinter Irene Obara  
flanked by past Big Sir Jim Ulam and Little Sir Victor Okumura.**



## *Memories From The Christmas Luncheon*



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### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND ASSISTANTS

#### ACTIVITIES

Roger Wallin - Chairman

James Ploor - Assistant

#### ATTENDANCE

Ed Guthrie - Chairman

Bill Pruner - Assistant

Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant

John Williams - Assistant

#### AUDIO-VISUAL

Carl Nordling - Audio

Jerry Sabo - Video

#### AUDIT

Carl Nordling - Chairman

Ron Brutvan - Assistant

#### BIRTHDAYS

Sammy Lum - Chairman

Art Winkley - Assistant

#### BOWLING

John Pesek - Chairman

#### CAPS & EMBLEMS

Nat Lord - Chairman

#### CHAPLAINS

Howard Thompson

Ted Bresler

#### CIRCULATION

Bill Briscoe - Chairman

#### COUPLES DINING OUT

Skip Mugford - Chairman

#### COUPLES WINE TASTING

Skip Mugford - Chairman

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Jerry Sabo - Chairman

#### GOLF

Dave Shideler - Chairman

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

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Members

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Nat Lord

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Hugh Twomey

Arthur Winkley

### 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\*

1992 Lyle Kingery

1993 LeRoy J. King\*

1994 George Hubach\*

1995 Clyde Killion\*

1996 Bill Schwan\*

1997 Nat Lord

1998 John Buchanan\*

1999 Art Lampert\*

2000 Harry Heyen\*

2001 Bob Beam

2002 Rollin Cunningham\*

2003 Don Henry

2004 Tom Sherba

2005 Howard Thompson

2006 Les Addison

2007 Ted Bresler

2008 Richard Holley

2009 Don Gillis\*

2010 Frank R. Thomas

2011 Hugh Twomey

2012 James Ferenz\*

2013 Skip Mugford

2014 Rob Ingebretson

2015 Skip Mugford

2016 Jim Ulam

2017 Jim Ulam

\*(deceased)

### **PATHFINDER DEADLINE**

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