



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Third Year

April 2018

Bulletin No.4

## MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge-Wednesday-April 18, 2018-Social Hour 11AM



### Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

My fellow Sirs:

I hope everyone had a wonderful  
**HAPPY EASTER!**

We have just finished our 1st Quarter for 2018, and I can report to you that our Branch 59 has exceeded expectations in the area of Luncheon Attendance, as well as being "on track" in New Members.


Don't forget about our Sweetheart Luncheon. You can buy your tickets in the back of the dining room or from Sir Rob Ingebretson. Contact Rob at 510 657-7828.

The mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events, while making friends for life.

There are essentially two ways to introduce potential members to SIR. One approach that continues to be successful is to invite them to one of our monthly luncheons, where they can be introduced to chairmen of activities of interest, meet some of our members, have friendly conversations over lunch and hear an excellent speaker. That often leads to bringing them to one of our activities, where decisions to join Branch 59 are often made.

### Big Sir Harvey Continued-- Page 6

#### 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 District Attorney Nancy O'Malley

Since joining the office as an attorney in 1984, O'Malley rose through the ranks to become Chief Assistant District Attorney from 1999 until her appointment to District Attorney in 2009. She has a formidable record, having prosecuted hundreds of felony

matters ranging from child sexual assault to domestic violence and murder.

DA O'Malley is a nationally recognized expert in issues involving violence against women, violence against persons with disabilities, and interpersonal violence including sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse, stalking, and human exploitation and trafficking. She serves in an office with a national reputation for excellence dating back to former District Attorney and United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren. DA O'Malley carries out this proud legacy as the first woman to serve as Alameda County's elected District Attorney, and as a leader known throughout California and the country for her innovation and vision.



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**Menu--Dina's Catering**  
**Hawaiian Pineapple Pork Loin**  
**Lasagna, Potatoes--Vegetables**  
**Cookies**



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, March 21, 2018

## Branch 59 Officers

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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**



Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch and the roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted. All Officers and Directors were present except Director Sir Alan Weiner.

## Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3421.97 on March 21, 2018. The Treasurer's report and Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that three new members are scheduled for installation today. A potential member is scheduled for orientation and five first-time guests are expected. One member has resigned, one was dropped and two became inactive.

### Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance of 116 was transmitted, as required, to the caterer one week ago.

### Birthdays

Sir Alvin Dockter is the oldest at 93 and Sir Donald Lessard is the youngest at 71.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Branch 59 Email Roster requested by SIR President Southern has been sent in. Form 64 has been signed by our caterer.

Big Sir Harvey McAninch strongly encouraged the Nominating Committee to expedite its efforts to find candidates for all officer, director and assistant director positions.

## NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Harvey McAninch commented on Form 27. Branch 59 membership is just barely keeping up with attrition even with the inflow of new members from the Elks. The need to bring new members, especially the younger ones, into active participation in the operation of Branch 59 was reemphasized.

Recruiting Chairman Sir Jim Ulam commented that, in addition to sponsored candidates, one new candidate applied in response to our newspaper ad. The use of the SIR business cards as valuable recruiting tool was encouraged. Also, the importance of sponsors making sure their candidates are introduced around and seated at a welcoming table was emphasized.

Big Sir Harvey McAninch recommended that new members be asked about their previous employment, hobbies, family etc. during the installation ceremony. The suggestion was welcomed and approved by the BEC.

Sir Rob Ingebretson gave a progress report on the Country Western theme May Sweetheart Luncheon and encouraged members to sign up asap.

The issue of a last-minute cancellation by a speaker was discussed. The BEC believes that, with minimal notice, several current members could step in to fill the void.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson



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

## Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie  
Attendance  
Chairman**

Attendance Report 3/21/2018

Members	111=72%
Guests	6
Visitors	1
Total	118
Excused	31
Unexcused	17



**Sir Sammy Lum  
Birthday Chairman**

## April Birthdays

Jack Lindley	86
Tom Federico	84
Lewis Heffron	84
Kenneth Peterson	84
Miguel Ferras	81
Ken Brunskill	79
William Anderson	78
Theodore Bresler	76
Larry Roberts	73
Jay Wagner	73
Robert McCauley	72
Philip Keller	70
Larry Lardie	69
Wen Shih	67



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

## New Members/Guests

### New Members

Ted Shively  
Robert Compton  
Carl Blincoe

### Sponsor

John Prior  
Bill Briscoe  
Sammy Lum

### Guests (2nd time)

Wayne Smith      Alan Kenney

### Guests (1st time)

Jay Kossler      Jim Ulam  
Bud Spalding      Bob Doherty  
Jim Nelson      Walt Ulrich  
Tom Marrin      Walt Ulrich  
Stefan Jennings      Harvey McAninch

## Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan  
Membership  
Chairman**

### Change of Status

#### To Inactive

# 90      George Vlastelica  
# 86      Ron Adamson

#### Resigned

#241      S. Edward Barnes  
(Health)

### Membership Report 3/21/2018

Active Members      155  
Inactive Members      22



**Big Sir Harvey (4 times) with Sir Ted Shively (top left), Sir Robert Compton (top right), Sir Carl Blincoe (bottom right) and Transfer from Branch 6, Sir Kasey Warner (bottom left)**





# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



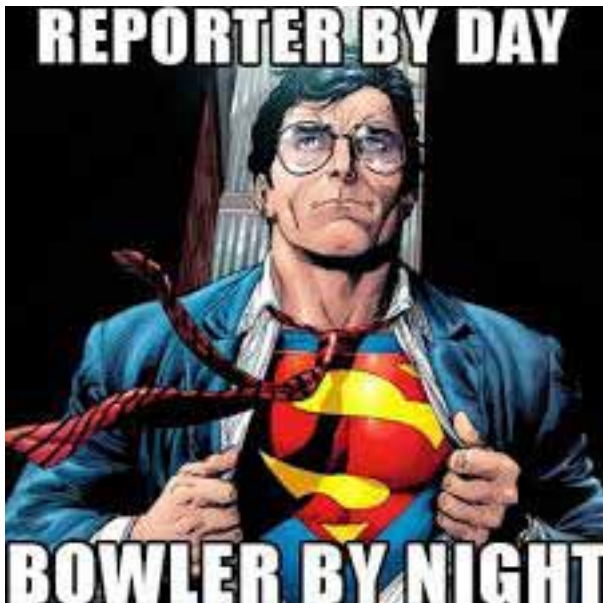
On March 5, 2018, Branch 59 Monday Bowling hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chuck Pereira Bowling Tournament at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. We had 28 bowlers come out to honor Sir Chuck Pereira with many of the bowlers adding to the prize fund. With this year's tournament being the fourth tournament, we have had four different winners. This year Sir Donal Spicer was the top bowler

bowling a scratch series of 621, with games of 192, 214 & a 215. Last year's winner Sir Carlie Houseworth came in second. Other top scores were, Sir Frank Cordova 211 & Sir Gary Bennett 205.

After the tournament we returned to our wonderful regular Monday bowling. High scores were made by Sir Gary Bennett 221, 205, 201, Guest Stefan Jennings 213, and Sir Don Henry 204. Special mention must be given to Guest Stefan Jennings as his 213 game was 82 pins over his average.

Look out you regular high score bowlers Stefan is bowling better and better.

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually 15 to 18 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 \$15 to bowl 3 games. We normally finish before 3:00 P. M.



## Golf Notes by Sir Dave Shideler



The SIR area Team qualifying Golf tournament will be held May 21, 2018 at Metropolitan Golf Course in Oakland. Teams that qualify will continue to the State team tournament to be held at Rancho Solano GC in Fairfield on August 13, 2018.

Teams are composed of four active NCGA SIR Branch 59 golfers with a valid handicap. Each team will have a A player with a handicap of 0 – 17, a B player 17.1 – 22.0, a C player 22.1 – 27.0 and a D player 27.1 – 36.4. Players can “play up”.

Other upcoming tournaments include Spring Time in Napa, April 23-24 at Eagle Vines and Chardonnay courses. Visit [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) and the golf link for all of the upcoming golf activities.

Our local golfers continue to play on Tuesdays at either Spring Valley in Milpitas or Skywest in Hayward. I will be looking at other courses as we continue on into the year. Some suggestions include Redwood Canyon, Las Positas, and San Ramon. I would also value input to stimulate more interest in the upcoming team tournament. In 2016 we fielded three teams and in 2017 only one.

Please post your scores <http://ncga.org/memberarea/post-a-score/>

*\*A very bad golfer is playing at a new course and he is having a very bad day. He is on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and he sees a lake. He says to his caddie, “I think I’m going to go drown myself in that lake”. The caddie says, “I don’t think you can, you can’t keep your head down that long”*

Fairways and Greens”

Dave Shideler



## CYBERGEEZER MEETING

**Cyber Geezers**—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on April 24th 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 for March included continued discussion of password management App LastPass. We also went thru many of the suggested steps for backing up a computer: cloning a disk and locating/restoring files (where the files are stored in the computer)

Topics for April have yet to be determined at this writing, but suspect there will be more discussion regarding Password Managers such as LastPass and perhaps another look at Excel.

**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**

## “Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Next poker lunch scheduled for April 23rd (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

### Big Sir Harvey -- from Page 1

The second approach is to lead with activities. We are an activity centered organization, with a rich menu of venues for meeting new friends and having fun. All our activities are made up of sociable groups where our members are pursuing their favorite pastimes. Almost all of them are small groups where it is easy to meet and make new friends.

#### New - Travel Information

I am working on putting together a travel activity. This activity will be working with other branches to have great trips to choose from.

Reminder: Trips organized by Sons in Retirement (SIR) are available not only to SIR members and their spouses, but also to guests of SIR members and widows of SIR members.

Till next month:

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### The SADDLE CATS

*Music for our Western Jamboree*

*Save the date –Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sweetheart Luncheon*

### WESTERN JAMBOREE

*I will be selling tickets to our May Sweetheart Luncheon at both the MARCH and APRIL luncheons. I will be located in the back of the dining area. Forms to reserve a table for 10 will be available. I ask that if you are paying by check that you have it made out in advance and payable to SIR BRANCH 59. The price for the tickets are; \$22.50/person or \$45.00/couple. The menu will be;*

**BEEF** – Tri Tip Roast with a mushroom sauce  
**POULTRY** – Chicken Keiv in a light champagne sauce

**FISH** – Salmon with a light garlic lemon sauce

**VEGETARIAN** – Eggplant Parmesan

*So get out those cowboy hats, levis, and bandanas...*

**NO GUNS PLEASE !!!**

*Your Host,  
Sir Rob Ingebreton*

*\* Please return the reservation\**

*\* form with your payment \**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Badge # \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Entrée Selection (if different, select one for each person)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tri Tip Roast
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Keiv
- \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan

OR Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Amount \_\_\_\_\_







**Sir Carlie Houseworth, Captain Steven Promes FFD and Little Sir Victor Okumura**



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# FIRST CLASS MAIL

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**April 2018**

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND ASSISTANTS

#### ACTIVITIES

Roger Wallin - Chairman

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#### ATTENDANCE

Ed Guthrie - Chairman

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Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant

John Williams - Assistant

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#### 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

Jim Ulam - Chairman

#### COUPLES WINE TASTING

Joe Stanley - Chairman

#### CYBERGEEZERS

Jerry Sabo - Chairman

#### GOLF

Dave Shideler - Chairman

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Members

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Nat Lord

Honorary Life Member

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 Wednesday, a week after the  
monthly luncheon meeting.