



The Pathfinder

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MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday August 15, 2018

Social Hour-11 A.M.

Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts



July was a very important month for Branch 59. We had three (3) Sirs step up to help the branch out for taking the following positions for next year. Rick Henry has volunteered to be Little Sir. The position of Secretary for next year has had a volunteer (Dave Nelsen). He will receive guidance from our outgoing Secretary during the rest of this year. Nat Lord is being replaced by Bill Briscoe. Roger Wallin is relocating and Kasey Warner is stepping into his position as Director, and Activities Chairman. I want to thank Jerry Robertson, Peter Angelides, Nat Lord and Roger Wallin for their many years of excellent service to Branch 59.

We still have openings for Assistant Secretary, and three (3) Assistant Directors. You may get involved by contacting any of Branch Executive Committee (BEC) members.

The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not. Now this brings me to our next topic.

The caterer informed me at our June meeting that the cost of the meal would go up. We discussed this at our July Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting. The BEC decided to raise the price to twenty (20) dollars. The food price went into effect at our July meeting. The Price to SIR members go into effect at the August meeting.

Till next month:

Harvey McAninch, Big Sir



Rosemary Robles

SENIOR DRIVER OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

One way DMV shares information is through its DMV's Senior Ombudsman Program. If your business, community group, club, association or professional organization needs a speaker for an meeting or conference, our Senior Ombudsman Program can probably provide valuable senior guide for safe driving information.

Rosemary has been employed with Department of Motor Vehicles for 33 years. She is well versed in administrative law and is very familiar with DMV's reexamination and hearing procedures. As the Bay Area Community Outreach Senior Ombudsman, she assists senior drivers in resolving unfamiliar or complex licensing procedures. In addition to handling senior driving issues she networks with the Medical Community, Law Enforcement and Legal Community. She also promotes safe driving tips and DMV services via public speaking presentations and radio. Her bilingual skills are also put to good use among the Bay Area Hispanic community.

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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
Chicken Scallopini/ Beef Stew
Noodles, Rice, 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



SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, July 18, 2018

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Jim Ulam-Recruitment
Kasey Warner- 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



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Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch. After the pledge the roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted. All Officers and Directors were present except Little Sir Victor Okumura, Secretary Jerry Robinson, Asst. Secretary Peter Angelides, and Director Larry Lardie.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes

Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a balance of \$4,782.03 on July 20, 2018. Director Sir John Pesek read the minutes and were approved as read.

Big Sir Report

We have finished the slate of officers for 2019.

Big Sir – Victor Okumura

Little Sir – Richard Henry

Secretary – David Nelsen

Asst. Secretary –

Treasurer- Hugh Twomey

Asst. Treasurer – Arnold George

DIRECTORS – Larry Lardie, Sammy Lum, John Pesek, Kasey Warner, George Perry, and Bill Briscoe.

Little Sir Report

Carlie Houseworth (acting in place of Victor Okumura) gave us a brief introduction about our speakers for the day. **HEROES of '76** – National Sojourners, Inc. presenting **BUILDING THE FLAG**. We had a brief discussion regarding the problem of paying for three guest instead of our usual one. It was approved to pay for all three gentleman today. Carlie has requested that he introduce Birthday's and have the birthday boys tell us a little about their past history.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Membership

Sir Ron Brutvan reported we have two new members; #138- Jerry Halligan sponsored by Bill Brisco, and #139 Stefan Jennings sponsored by Harvey McAninch. Guests (2nd time) Orientation: Floyd Nesper sponsored by Bill Brisco and Guests (1st time) Jesse Mesa sponsored by John Pesek.

Activities

Our new Director Sir Kasey Warner has graciously stepped up to replace our departing Roger Wallin as Activities Chairman.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance will be 114.

Library

Richard Holley has volunteered to assist Jim Floor with the distribution of our books at each meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The caterer's increase in pricing has necessitated our increase from \$18 to \$20, for second time visitors to \$15, and for Ladies Days to \$25. This will be announced at our meeting today to the members.

To help to become better acquainted with our new members it was suggested by Sir Alan Weiner that the new members wear a Hawaiian lei around their neck so we can easily identify them. Sir Arnold George will purchase them.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Acting Secretary Rob Ingebretson



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman**

Attendance Report 7/18/2018

Members	105=68%
Guests	2
Visitors	4
Total	111
Excused	26
Unexcused	24



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

August Birthdays

Tom Sherba	91
Arthur Winkley	91
Gerald Robertson	86
Don Potestio	83
Robert Compton	81
Arnold George	79
Donal Spicer	76
Sheldon Schwartz	74
Douglas Howd	72
Ken Arora	71
Frank Steiner	71
David Nelsen	65



Sir Carlie Houseworth (and friend) help introduce the birthday celebrants for July. A few words were shared by Sir Gordon MacLeod, and Sir Rowland McNeil.

New Members/Guests

New Members
Jerry Halligan
Stefan Jennings

Sponsor
Bill Bauhofer
Harvey McAninch

Guests (2nd time)

Floyd Nesper Bill Briscoe

Guests (1st time)

Jesse Mesa John Pesek



Sir Jerry Halligan and Sir Stefan Jennings



Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Change of Status

Resigned
No. 291 Richard Anderson

Database Change
Howard Elz
email address
elzh663@gmail.com

Membership Report 7/18/2018

Active Members	155
Inactive Members	24

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



**Super Senior, Sir Gordon Thym
receiving award from Area
Governor, Sir John Haffner**



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek

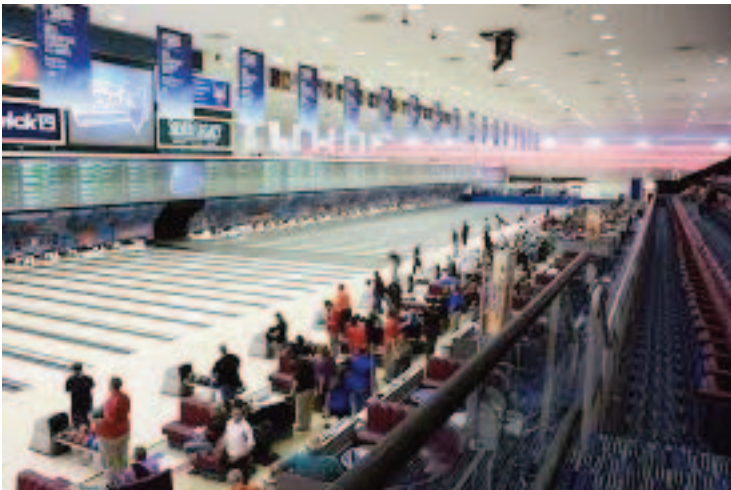


For the past few SIR Monday bowling, it seems that our branch 59 bowlers are coming out of hibernation. Sir Frank Cordova bowled the high game of the year with a 246. Sir Roger Wallin had games of 224 & 203, guest Jesse Mesa 208, Sir Gary Bennett 206 and Sir Miguel Ferras 202.

At the SIR Yuba City Bowling Tournament Sir Ron Hamro and Sir Jerry Sabo did very well and placed in the money.

Branch 59 will have two teams of four members each going to bowl at the National Bowling Center in Reno this month. Good Luck to all.

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.



National Bowling Stadium—Reno

You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

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

Golf Notes by Sir Dave Shideler



Well, it's already August and at this time don't really have a lot to report. We continue to play on Tuesdays alternating between Skywest in Hayward and Spring Valley in Milpitas. We generally start at 8:30 am. If you wish to join us email me at Dpspanky@att.net and I will add you to my email list.

Terry Dalziel has organized a Golf Tournament in honor of our friend, fellow golfer, and Past Big Sir Skip Mugford who passed away recently. The tournament will be held September 10, 2019 at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas. A lunch will be served at 12:00 followed by a Shotgun start at 1:30. A tree will be planted on the golf course in Skip's memory. This is open to all. Contact Terry by August 22nd if you wish to play.

There is currently no news about NCGA renewals but if you are not a SIR NCGA ASSN #63 Club #278 member and wish to join please let me know and I will get you signed up. It is an annual January through December membership and dues are not pro-rated. By the way, there are 32 Branch 59 members and significant others that belong.

Another "Senior Rule"

Rule 2.d.6 (b)

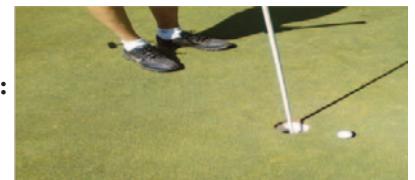
A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

And finally, a little nagging on posting your score and slow play.

Accept responsibility:

Recognize that slow play isn't just the other guy's fault.

Fairways and Greens,
Dave Shideler



A Sure Birdie Shot!



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

We usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on August 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 Topics for July included wireless printer troubleshooting, and shopping for a new printer. What features are desirable such as Airprint, ink consumption, and shopping suggestion. We also discussed the software QuarkXpress

Topics for August 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 One Note or Excel.

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 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 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 sheduled for August 27th
(FOURTH Monday of the month)

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Home of Sir Larry Jett *
8176 Fairway Court
Newark, CA 94560

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: Bring your own eats and drinks.

Roster: * Be advised that the monthly venue is subject
to change from time to time. Any interested players
who HAVE NOT previously signed up for the group
should notify the Poker Co-Chair via email
(hdog48@gmail.com) prior to attending a scheduled
game.

Help! It would be great if photos taken at other SIR
activities besides our luncheons could be sent to Sir Jerry
Sabo for inclusion in the Pathfinder. I know that many
activities are going on such as the poker group activity. I
really appreciated having those photos for the
Pathfinder, and I know that Sir Sammy Lum would
appreciate more photos and stories for our
sirbranch59.org website.

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

BRANCH 59 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

BIG SIR	Victor Okumura
LITTLE SIR	Richard Henry
SECRETARY	David Nelsen
ASST. SECRETARY	
TREASURER	Hugh Twomey
ASST. TREASURER	Arnold George
DIRECTOR	Larry Lardie
DIRECTOR	Sammy Lum
DIRECTOR	John Pesek
DIRECTOR	Kasey Warner
DIRECTOR	George Perry
DIRECTOR	William Briscoe



The Building of the flag presentation by the National Sojourners, Inc. was enjoyed by all at the July luncheon.





**Sir Tom Sherba has been busy! Hope he is here for his birthday this month.
(Tom is seated at the right)**

At 89, John Van Arsdale thought his traveling days were over. "But this trip was to be an exception," said daughter Cindy Jones. "He was elated, and very proud to be able to go." The trip that lured Van Arsdale into travelling again was offered by Honor Flight Bay Area (HFBA), a nonprofit that provides veterans with free trips to tour Washington, D.C., memorials dedicated to their service and the wars in which they fought.

"Visiting the memorials brought back memories of war times, mainly of the Korean War when I served, but also World War II and the Vietnam War," said Van Arsdale, an Army veteran. "Everywhere we went we were recognized and thanked for our service by the public."

Van Arsdale was one of four residents of Heritage Estates, a Livermore senior-living community, who received an Honor Flight on April 8-10.

Coming up is an informational presentation about future Honor Flights. It will be held at Heritage Estates, 900 East Stanley Blvd., on June 6, the 74th anniversary of the Normandy landings in France, commonly known as D-Day. The public is invited to the free presentation, which begins at 3:15 p.m.

"The atmosphere of the Honor Flight trip was very upbeat and positive, but conversely somber at the war memorials," said Navy veteran Tom Sherba, 90. "It felt inspiring at the Lincoln Memorial, sad and somber at the Vietnam Memorial, and a little ghostly at the Korean War Memorial with that feeling you get when someone's watching you - sensing their presence, yet unseen."

Honor Flight tour stops include the National WWII Memorial, United States Navy Memorial, Air Force Memorial, United States Marine Corps War Memorial, Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, National Museum of American History, and Arlington National Cemetery.

"It was a moving experience to witness the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery," said Sherba. "I'm really glad I went on the Honor Flight. It was patriotic, and gave me hope for the future of this great country."

The cost for veterans is free, and includes airfare, transportation, food and lodging. Each HFBA includes around 25 Bay Area veterans and their guardians, partner volunteers who attend to the veterans' needs and pay their own way (around \$1,000).

"It was priceless, just priceless," said David Van Arsdale, who accompanied his father. "We saw time stand still. Seeing the faces and names of the men and women who gave their lives so that we as Americans may live in peace and have freedom was impactful to me. Every American owes it to themselves, to each other, and to our children to go see for themselves." Veteran Neno Aiello, 89, served in the Army during the Korean War. After hearing about HFBA, he said, "I wondered if this might be a good time for me to claim my first veteran's benefit ever. Honor Flights are for the veterans, to give them the opportunity to go back in time to honor their fallen comrades. Honor Flight is making a difference in the lives of our veterans, giving them the recognition, honor and respect they might not have a chance to feel otherwise."

Veterans are flown on a first-come, first-served basis, although top priority is given to WWII veterans and those with terminal illnesses, followed by Korean and Vietnam War veterans who served stateside or overseas.

Army veteran Carl Malotte, 87, was fighting in the Korean War when, "I was shot by a sniper in my right shoulder and the bullet came out my left lower back," he said. "The bullet passed through me without hitting any vital organs. I was airlifted to Okinawa, and upon my discharge from the hospital I was awarded the Purple Heart and sent home." Malotte went on to serve 14 years in the Air Force.

"Seeing the memorials made me proud to have served my country," he said. "My favorite part of the trip was the welcome we got everywhere we went- our arrival at the airport in Baltimore, clapping and cheering at various locations in D.C., and the welcome home we got at the San Francisco airport. That was something I will never forget." Each of the veterans expressed gratitude for Honor Flight Bay Area for making the trip possible. It was a sentiment echoed by the veterans' family members.

"Dad loved seeing the historical sights," said Jones. "I thank him and every veteran who served in the armed services of the United States. They have kept us safe, and allowed us to live the free life we do today."

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2008 Richard Holley

2009 Don Gillis*

2010 Frank R. Thomas

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2015 Skip Mugford*

2016 Jim Ulam

2017 Jim Ulam

*(deceased)

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will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly
scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.