



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Third Year

September 2018

Bulletin No.8

MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday September 19, 2018

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

"In retirement, there's never enough time to do all the nothing you want."

With the kids going back to school, fall is a great time for retirees to travel. There are fewer crowds and often lower rates. Last chance to call Melissa Kreyes at Princess Cruises (800-901-1172 ext, 21733)

to go on a 15 day cruise to Hawaii with the Big Sir. The group rate is less than \$2500 (includes fees and tax) per person for a balcony cabin.

September also means the start of football season! Wear your favorite jersey of your team to the September Luncheon. Should I be a 49er or a Raider? The one with the most jerseys at the meeting! The following is out of the Readers Digest:

Football Talk My husband, a big-time sports fan, was watching a football game with our grandchildren. He had just turned 75 and was feeling a little wistful. "You know," he said to our grandson, Nick, "it's not easy getting old. I guess I'm in the fourth quarter now." "Don't worry, Grandpa," Nick said cheerily. "Maybe you'll go into overtime."

We are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way thru 2018 with only 3 more meetings to add new members.

In the August meeting a video was played from the State Vice President, Ed Benson. If you did not see it please do at:

<https://youtu.be/Z3u2rCOVpwc>

We offer great luncheon speakers and lots of fun activities for our membership. It is each members' obligation to help by bringing a guest to a luncheon and/or activity. A guest at a luncheon results in a new member most of the time.

Enough of the Ra! Ra!

Till next month:



Tom Blalock—BART Director

Thomas Blalock first joined the Board after his District 6 constituents elected him on November 8, 1994. Since then, voters re-elected him in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014 to represent Fremont, Hayward (partial), Newark, Union City and Unincorporated Alameda County (partial). (PS-Tom said he's not running for re-election)

His BART Board colleagues first chose him to serve as Vice President of the Board in 1999 and President of the Board in 2000. He also served as President from December 2008 through December 2009 and December 2014 through December 2015.

During his career, Director Blalock has laid claim to multiple major accomplishments, awards, and appointments. He is a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and in 1998 was President of ASCE's 6,000 member San Francisco Section. He received ASCE's "Harland Bartholomew Award" (a national award in Urban and Regional Planning) in 1985. Blalock is also a life member of the American Public Works Association (APWA). He received the "Samuel A. Greely Award" from APWA in 1991. In 1996, he chaired the City of Fremont's Downtown Planning Advisory Committee.

Director Blalock holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from San Jose State University and is a licensed Civil Engineer. He received the "Award of Distinction" from San Jose State University in May 2000.

In retirement, Director Blalock enjoys his time as a member of Sons in Retirement, the Fremont Kiwanis Club and the Fremont Chamber of Commerce.



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 Marsala/ Pork Piccata
Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Vegetables
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, August 15, 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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The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 John Pesek

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$4010.02 on August 15, 2018. The Treasurer's report and Minutes for the July meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that one new member is scheduled for installation today and one potential member is scheduled for orientation. He also advised that 11 members with unexcused absences are in violation of Rule 100 (members required to attend one-half of regular Branch meetings in previous 12 month). One member will be sent a rule 100 letter, the actions on the others are two resignations, three are going on inactive and the others state they want to remain active members and will attend the meetings. One member is still undecided as he needs someone to pick him up as he can't drive. There was also discussion regarding continuing to Email the Pathfinder to inactive members. BEC decision was to continue with the current practice.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance is 112.

Birthdays

For August Sir Jerry Robertson is the oldest at 86 and Sir David Nelsen is the youngest at 65.

OLD BUSINESS

The catering situation was discussed at length regarding food quality, nutrition and catering options. Decision was made to continue with the current agreement negotiated by Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey. Little Sir Victor Okumura was tasked with investigating menu options and report back at the next BEC.

NEW BUSINESS

The issue regarding members who are unable to attend lunches because of their inability to drive was discussed. It was agreed to draft a notice for possible insertion in the Pathfinder which would invite members who need transportation assistance to post their request.

Little Sir Victor Okumura withdrew his nomination for Big Sir in 2019 due to out of state family issues. A lively discussion of the 2019 officer slate ensued. As a result, Big Sir Harvey McAninch agreed to serve again in 2019 and a slate of officers for 2019 was accepted for presentation to the membership for a vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman**

Attendance Report 8/15/2018

Members	101=67%
Guests	1
Visitors	1
Total	103
Excused	30
Unexcused	25



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

September Birthdays

Joe Markovich	91
G. Austin Smith	89
Carlie Houseworth	87
Bill Stannard	87
Vincent Fernelius	85
Jim Harrison	82
Ned Rendell	80
John Trischetti	80
Jerry Ford	78
Robert Ingebretson	78
Victor Wong	76
Howard Elz	75
Andrew Lang	73
Richard Henry	72
Paul Pennelly	68
Carl Blincoe	66
J. Bruce Hevelin	65
Tom McCaslin	64
Sammy Lum	63



New Members/Guests

New Members
Floyd Nesper

Sponsor
Bill Briscoe

Guests (2nd time)

Jesse Mesa

John Pesek



**New Member—
Sir Floyd Nesper**

Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Change of Status

Rule 100

No. 100 George Morariu

To Inactive

No. 12	Jacques Guertin
No. 27	Michael Lopez
No. 115	Alvin Dockter

Resigned

No. 76 Leroy Sayas (Health)

Deceased

Sir Louis Bufkin 8/14/2018
Lou was an Honorary Life Member.

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

Membership Report 8/15/2018

Active Members	150
Inactive Members	27

Article 7 - Inactive Members

http://www.sirinc.org/MemInfo/manual/ManualEdition_20180612_20180718.pdf

RULE 90. A member who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to prolonged illness, acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion, or an extended absence from the Branch locale, may be moved from active to inactive status at his request with approval of the Branch Executive Committee. A review of the member's status should be completed after 6 months. (Revised 6/10/08) (Revised 6/12/2018)

RULE 90.1 (Deleted 11/16/04)

RULE 91. An inactive member may be a one-time guest at a regular monthly luncheon meeting or an in lieu function such as a special luncheon, dinner or picnic, but cannot be a guest in any other SIR activity. When he does attend such a function, he should be pressed to become reinstated to active membership. He shall have no other rights or privileges of membership except to receive the Branch bulletin. (Revised 6/10/08)

RULE 92. Upon his request, an inactive member may be reinstated to active status by the Branch Executive Committee. (Revised 6/10/08)

RULE 93. (Deleted 6/10/08)

RULE 94. An inactive member may be requested to make a voluntary contribution to assist in defraying the cost of the Branch bulletin.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



Please note: There was not any bowling on September 3, 2018 due to a Labor Day Bowling Tournament at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. We will be starting a new USBC bowling year when we return on September 10, 2018. As we are a USBC Bowling League, each of us will have to renew our yearly bowling fee to the USBC. The next time you bowl you can pay me the \$25 fee. (cash or a check made out to USBC)

Last month, at the huge SIR Bowling Tournament in Reno, Nevada, the # 1 bowling team from Branch 59, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Larry Sallee, Sir Miguel Ferras, and Sir Gary Bennett, came in 6th place out of 33 teams bowling in Division One. Gary Bennett, 209 & 211, Larry Sallee 226, & Jerry Sabo 222, bowled great scores.

In Singles, Division One, Larry placed 3rd out of 103 bowlers. Sir Larry had a 709 series (a 236 average per game), with games of 257, 232 & 230.

In Doubles, Division One, the team of Gary and Miguel placed 4th out of 67 teams. Gary bowled a great 209 while the team of Jerry and Larry placed 8th out of 67 teams. Larry had a 640 series with games of 233, 205 & 202.

In All Events Division One, Larry placed 2nd out of 100 bowlers. In All Events Division Two, Jerry placed 9th, Gary placed 15th, and Miguel placed 20th out of 100 bowlers.

Back home at Cloverleaf Family Bowl, last month very good scores were bowled by Sir Larry Sallee who bowled a season high series of 694 with games of 185, 235, and a season high single game of 276. Sir Frank Cordova 203 & 202, Sir Ron Hamro 208, and Sir Don Henry 207. We welcome with open arms a new bowler Sir Bill Anderson.

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.

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



It's September and the Schools are in session and with that is the traffic. Sirs don't get involved with traffic much unless it's traveling to or from the golf course!

We have had good participation in our Tuesday golf dates lately. On Tuesday, August 28th we had 12 at Spring Valley. Terry Dalziel shot his "best ever" 77 witnessed by Vic Wong and attested by

Bob Fondiller. A 77 with a 20 handicap is just about a "net 57" Congratulations!

We will continue to alternate play between Skywest in Hayward and Spring Valley in Milpitas.

By the time this is published we will have participated in the Skip Mugford Memorial Golf tournament on September 10th at Spring Valley. A Big Thank-you to Terry Dalziel for organizing and hosting this tournament in Skip's memory. A beautiful Redwood tree has already been planted close to the Redwood tree that was planted in memory of Dave Tanner between the 7th and 8th fairways.

Golf humor

Two golfers are ready to play on the 15th tee as a funeral cortege passes by.

The first player stops, doffs his cap, and bows his head as the cortege passes.

"That was a really nice thing to do," the second golfer says. "It's good to see there is still some respect in the world."

"Well, it's only right," the first golfer replies. "I was married to her for 35 years."

Fairways and Greens,

Sir Dave Shideler



There's a set of clubs just like mine



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

We usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on September 25th 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. During the August session, we discussed pdf files. What are pdf files, how to create them, how to convert them back to text documents. Discussion included html files vs documents vs pdf files.

Topics for September 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. Topic suggestions are always welcome as stated above.

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 September 24th
(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.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Need transportation assistance to attend SIR luncheons?

Send your request to: sirbranch59@gmail.com

Include your name, phone number, street name and nearest cross street for potential driver's information



Sir Sammy Lum, webmaster and media specialist with Sir Jerry Sabo, media helper and Pathfinder editor.



Sir Carlie Houseworth visiting with DMV Ombudsman, Rosemary Robles



From Sir Victor goes the spoils!



Looks like a group of golfers to me.....



More friends that you should meet—even past area Governor, Sir Rob Ingebretson



BRANCH 59 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

BIG SIR	Harvey McAninch
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	Larry Jett
DIRECTOR	William Briscoe

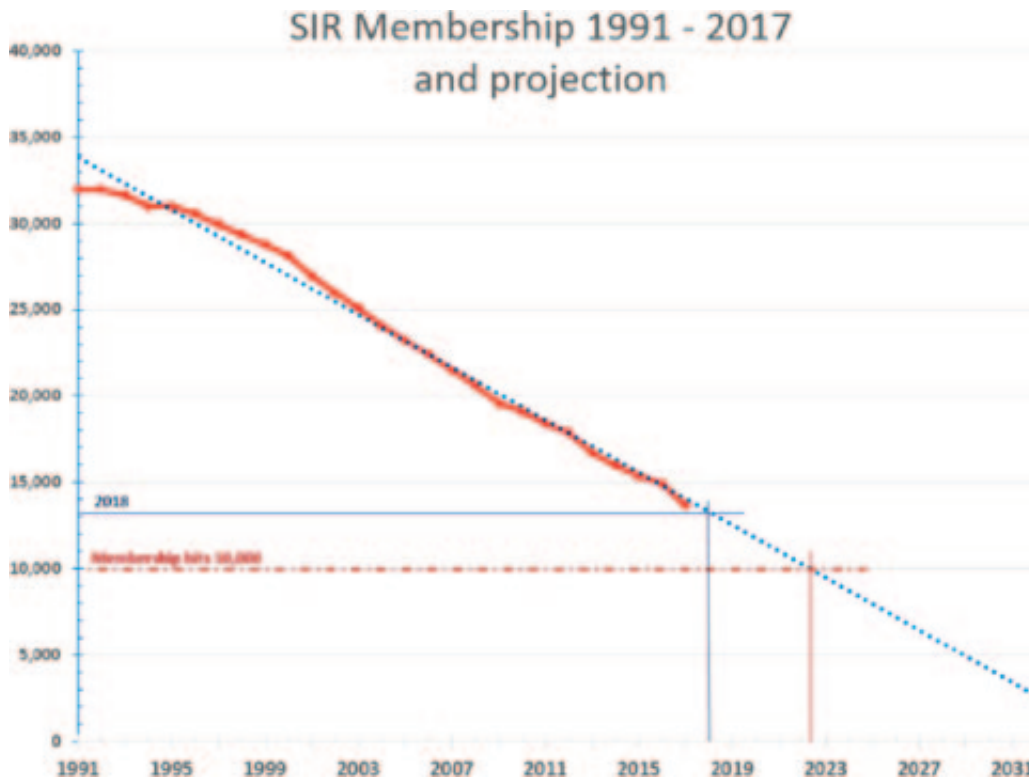
During our last meeting we watched the brief video done by Sir Ed Benson (referred to by Big Sir Harvey). The information below was distributed to most SIR members via email from SIR President Derek Southern. I think there is a lot that we can do to change the trend. Once again, **GET INVOLVED**. Don't just watch the show, join the cast.

Editorial—Sir Jerry Sabo

During the August meeting, I struck up a conversation with our next, Little Sir, Richard Henry and shared with him a bit about my story as a Sir member.

I told him that when I first joined in 2004, since I was brought in by Sir Charlie Wilkins (deceased), I ended up sitting with Charlie, John Sommers (Palo Alto), and Tom DeHart (deceased) all members of my church. Basically I didn't visit with too many other members of Branch 59. I tried Cyber Geezers, but somehow felt out of place. Anyway, I decided to become a softball player instead and resigned from Branch 59. After a few minor injuries in softball, I decided to try SIR one more time except with a different attitude. I intentionally sat with Sir Members that I did not know, I started attending Cyber Geezer meetings to listen and not interject my opinions, and then decided to take on the position of Bowling Tournament Manager for Fremont. All of a sudden, SIR became an integral part of my life. I got involved, and now have many friends at Branch 59 and all over the State. I think that Sir Richard already knew what I was trying to say. He joined Branch 59 in October of 2017 and is going to be our next Little Sir.

What's the point? The more involved you are in the process, the more you will receive and enjoy the Fellowship in SIR.



This trend has been recognized for many years, but nothing that has been tried has made any difference. A major problem has been that each new Leadership team has tried something different, but none of the ideas have been continued for long enough to see if they work!

Continuity is one of my objectives, so I am promoting the RAMP concept which was introduced around 2 years ago. I will encourage the next President to continue promoting RAMP so with 2 more years of attention it stands a better chance of succeeding!

I believe the RAMP concept, actively implemented, can help declining branches become growth branches, and will strengthen growth branches by making them more resilient.

Sir Derek Southern

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Bill Pruner - Assistant
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant
John Williams - Assistant

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Carl Nordling - Audio
Jerry Sabo - Video

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Carl Nordling - Chairman
Ron Brutvan - Assistant

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Sammy Lum - Chairman
Art Winkley - Assistant

BOWLING

John Pesek - Chairman

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Nat Lord - Chairman

CHAPLAINS

Howard Thompson
Ted Bresler

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Bill Briscoe - Chairman

COUPLES DINING OUT

Jim Ulam - Chairman

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Joe Stanley - Chairman

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PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark*	1998 John Buchanan*
1977 Karl Heine*	1999 Art Lampert*
1978 Harry Cooper*	2000 Harry Heyen*
1979 Kenneth Foster*	2001 Bob Beam
1980 Larry Varblow*	2002 Rollin Cunningham*
1981 Guido Milano*	2003 Don Henry
1982 Alex Fulton*	2004 Tom Sherba
1983 Stephen Epler*	2005 Howard Thompson
1984 George Herman*	2006 Les Addison
1985 Ray Crosby*	2007 Ted Bresler
1986 Loran Coburn*	2008 Richard Holley
1987 Robert Davis*	2009 Don Gillis*
1988 Robert Klindt*	2010 Frank R. Thomas
1989 Martin Annen*	2011 Hugh Twomey
1990 Lee Updegraff	2012 James Ferenz*
1991 Fred W. Fretter*	2013 Skip Mugford*
1992 Lyle Kingery	2014 Rob Ingebretson
1993 LeRoy J. King*	2015 Skip Mugford*
1994 George Hubach*	2016 Jim Ulam
1995 Clyde Killion*	2017 Jim Ulam
1996 Bill Schwan*	*(deceased)
1997 Nat Lord	

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.