



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Third Year

November 2018

Bulletin No.10

MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday November 21, 2018

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

Fellow Sirs:

Aloha from Hawaii, Yes I am on a 15 day cruise on the Grand Princes. I will return just in time for our November meeting. I will try to make this short as I am going to an Art Auction soon.


The Thanksgiving Day holiday will soon be here and don't forget that the day before is our next meeting.

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Luncheon at the November meeting. It will be at the Elks Lodge 2121 in Fremont on December 19. Menu is: BEEF: Tri Tip Strip, CHICKEN: Cordon Bleu with Champagne sauce, FISH: Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce, VEGETARIAN: Eggplant Parmesan.

Next year Rob Ingebretson is stepping down from his long run as Social Chairman. We expect it will take several members to replace him. If you could help filling Rob's shoes I would really appreciate your help.

At our September BEC meeting I distributed a list of 30 members who were born in 1940 or later as potential candidates for positions as officers and committee chairmen. We are asking these members to become involved. We need an Assistant Secretary and someone to fill Rob's job as Social Chairman.

Big Sir Harvey

 **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.**



Sharene Gonzales

Senior Public Affairs Specialist

As a member of the Alameda County Water District's communications team, Sharene's responsibilities include assisting with ACWD's comprehensive communications program, community

relations and engagement, social media, and strategic planning. Her role provides support to various departments within the District to inform and educate the public on water conservation, water supply conditions, rates, emergency preparedness, and investments in infrastructure – most notably ACWD's extensive Main Renewal and Seismic Upgrade Program.

With more than 11 years' experience working in the public sector, Sharene finds working in the water industry most rewarding. Prior to joining ACWD, Sharene worked for the City of Stockton's Municipal Utilities Department where she was responsible for the communication and outreach of the City's water, wastewater and stormwater utilities. She also has experience working in both the non-profit and private sector.

Sharene is a graduate of the University of the Pacific with bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. She is a member of the California Association of Public Information Officials, and graduate of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Fremont program.

During her spare time, Sharene enjoys practicing yoga, taking daytrips, kayaking, binge watching true crime television shows, and is an Inferno Hot Pilates instructor.

Menu—Dina's Catering
Turkey Dinner and Ham
Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing and Mixed 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, October 17, 2018

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



The Meeting was called to order at 10:25 am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch and the roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted. All Officers and Directors were present except Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3,938.41 on October 17, 2018. The Treasurer's report and Minutes for the September meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there will be no new members today. However, a 2nd time guest is scheduled today. Two first time guests are also expected. One member is transferring to inactive status and one member is transferring back to active status.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance is 107.

October Birthdays

Sir Fred Gotthardt, Sir Stanley Lewis and Sir John Ockes are tied for the oldest at 91. Sir Fred Barker is the youngest at 74.

OLD BUSINESS

There was one response to the "Transportation Assistance Request" notice placed in the September Pathfinder.

NEW BUSINESS

Next year Sir Rob Ingebretson is stepping down from his long run as Social Chairman. We expect it will take several members to replace him. Sir Kasey Warner, Activities Chairman has transitioned to inactive status. Branch 59 needs to recruit replacements for those positions and for Assistant Secretary ASAP.

Sir Rob Ingebretson discussed the December 19th Christmas lunch plans and urged everyone to sign up. Charge will be \$50 per couple. That party, while always festive, will benefit from an anonymous member's donation of \$1000.

Big Sir Harvey emphasized the pressing need to recruit new members and asked everyone to bring a guest to the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 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**



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MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman

Attendance Report 10/17/2018

Members	111=74%
Guests	3
Visitors	2
Total	116
Excused	22
Unexcused	17

New Members/Guests

New Members

None

Guests (2 nd time)

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Guests (1st time)

Jim Omlid JD Smith
Bob Higday Larry Jett

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Change of Status

Inactive to Active
John Fondiller

To Inactive
Kasey Warner

Resigned
Bob Springer (Inactive)
Membership Report
10/17/2018

Active Members 150
Inactive Members 26

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

November Birthdays

Lloyd Anderson	88
Robert Boike	84
James Ploor	83
Donald Ehlers	80
Robert LoBue	74
Myron Ness	74
Bill Leake	73
Bill Pruner	71



October Birthday Boys!



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 BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



As the new bowling season has gotten underway our Branch 59 Bowlers have taken the challenge with some very fine bowling scores. Leading the way is Sir Larry Sallee bowling the new seasons high game and high series. Sir Larry had games of 225, 236 & 212 for a grand total of 673 or an average of 224 for three

games. Other high games were: Sir Donal Spicer 223 & a 204, Sir Laverl Tomlinson 221 & 205, Sir Nathaniel Lord 218 & 204, Sir Victor Okumura 222, Sir Jerry Sabo 211, Sir Don Henry 204, Sir Harvey McAninch 202 and Sir Frank Cordova 202.

In the Sirs Brentwood Bowling Tournament last month several of our Branch 59 Bowlers placed in the money. Sir Miguel Ferras placed 9th in the A Division Singles with three games over his average. Ruby Barker, wife of Sir Fred Barker placed 4th in B Division Singles. In B Division Doubles the team of Sir Miguel Ferras & Sir Rich Bowers placed 1st and the team of John Pesek & Sir Frank Cordova placed 3rd. In B Division All Events Sir Rich Bowers placed 3rd and Sir Frank Cordova placed 4th. High scores in the tournament were: Sir Frank Cordova 234 & 203, Sir Rich Bowers 211 & Sir Miguel Ferras 202.

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



I would like to invite all Sirs to participate in our golf program. I recently spoke with a fellow Sir about joining our group. He said he hadn't played in years and wasn't very good. Let me assure you and all Sirs that the objective of SIR activities is to get out, stay active, and have fun. Exercise is key to remaining healthy. You can walk

over 5 miles in the 4 ½ hours!. We cater to all skill levels. Most of the golfers will offer tips if you ask. Again, please email Dpspanky@att.net if you wish to join our Tuesday group. We play every Tuesday all year alternating between Skywest in Hayward and Spring Valley in Milpitas usually starting at 8:30am. Is there any interest in playing a 9-hole course on a different day and location?

A reminder to all existing SIR Branch 59 golfers that the 2019 NCGA annual dues of \$39 is now due. NCGA dues is not prorated so it is always good to join at the beginning of the year. Let me know if you wish to join.

A member asked that I write on golf etiquette and the first tidbit is:

Don't step on your partners line!

One of the cardinal sins on the green is stepping directly on the putting line of your playing partner. Most golf shoes have spikes on the bottom, and even if they don't, regular shoes can make a slight indentation on the green, possibly causing your partner's putt to go off line. Your best bet is to walk all the way around your partner's ball instead of walking through and on his line. If you absolutely must cross the ball's path, take a wide stride over it and get your partner's permission before doing so. Even a simple nod will do.

Fairways and Greens

Dave Shideler





Cyber Geezer Meeting

We usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on November 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

During the October session, we discussed email attachments, and using the photo databases Lightroom and Adobe Elements and various issues. Topics for November have yet to be determined at this writing, but suspect there will be more discussion regarding Password Managers cell phone apps, and photo related items such as Adobe Lightroom.

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 BROWERS

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 November 26th

(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.



Assemblyman Bill Quirk was our guest speaker for October. Bill also happens to hold a PhD in Astrophysics. He is the only “scientist” serving in the California Legislature, and continues to use his expertise on energy and climate to better our lives.



Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 19th, 2018

TAKE YOUR WIFE OR FRIEND TO LUNCH

Holiday luncheon tickets



Fellow Sir,

Sir Rob Ingebretson and his wife Gig will be selling tickets for the December Holiday Luncheon at both the October and November luncheons. Forms for a table of 10 will be available. We ask that if you are paying by check that you make it out in advance and payable to SIR Branch 59.

Luncheon Entres --- \$25/person, \$50/couple



BEEF:

Tri Tip Strip

CHICKEN:

Cordon Bleu with Champagne sauce

FISH:

Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce

VEGETARIAN:

Eggplant Parmesan

******Please fill out form below and bring to next luncheon******

Your Name _____ Partner's

Name _____

Number in Party ____ X \$25.00 = _____ Make out check to SIR Branch 59.

Check # _____ or Cash Amount _____

Indicate Entrée Choices: BEEF ____ CHICKEN ____ FISH ____ VEG. ____



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2015 Skip Mugford*

2016 Jim Ulam

2017 Jim Ulam

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PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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