



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

**Forty-Forth Year**

**January 2019**

**Bulletin No.1**

**MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge**

**Wednesday January 16, 2019**

**Social Hour-11 A.M.**



## Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and I hope you had a great holiday season, and that your 2018 was a good year. I know some of you had some sadness in the year but I do certainly hope that 2019 will be a banner year for us all! As I look to 2019, I plan to have our

SIR Brothers to be comfort to those that have sadness and a place to get a good lunch, hear a good speaker and to be with a friend or find a new friend.

If you missed the Holiday Luncheon, the entertainment at the Christmas party with our ladies was outstanding with over 160 attending. The Devil Mountain Men's Barbershop Chorus was excellent. Our guitarist provided great music to dance to, with many of our brothers and their wife were out on the dance floor cutting a rag.

On a more serious note, our membership for the year was down with a net of -5. I am setting a goal for 2019 of having a net gain of +5, which means we have to increase by +10 to make up for 2018. What can you do to help? Follow the three suggestions for SIR:

1. Put the third Wednesday on your calendar and attend the luncheon (if you need transportation, call one of the numbers listed in the Pathfinder).
2. Volunteer: we need an Activities Chairperson and 2-4 men to help him. We also need backup directors (Assistant Directors, their job is attend BEC meetings and be able to fill in if needed).
3. Invite someone to the monthly meetings. Read the suggested Guidelines on Page 3 of this issue

I hope 2019 will be a healthy and prosperous Year for you Harvey McAninch, Big Sir



## Micky Ganitch—SURVIVOR

A Master Mason since 1969, Mickey Ganitch has been a member of Orinda's Masonic Lodge since 1992, and currently serves as its chaplain. He is also one of the few Pearl Harbor survivors remaining in America.

An Ohio farm boy who grew up driving a Ford Model T, he recalls his parents giving away a significant portion of the corn, potatoes and fruit they grew to hungry relatives during the Great Depression. He continues their goodness, helping with his church's pantry and serving Thanksgiving meals. He's been an usher for 46 years.

His hero's journey began before the Pearl attack even launched. "Germany was taking over so many countries. Japan was already expanding. I saw the handwriting on the wall," he said. He enlisted Jan. 16, 1941, joining the flagship of America's Pacific Fleet - the USS Pennsylvania. "We always had an admiral aboard."

That ship would have been one of Japan's first targets - save for serendipity. Propeller issues had forced the ship into dry dock. "We weren't in our normal place," he said.

Ganitch saw it all from the crow's nest. While readying for morning football practice ahead of a big game against the USS Arizona, the Pennsylvania's guns thundered. Clad in everything but helmet and spikes, he clambered up his ladder. One bomb missed him by just 45 feet.

He and two other Pearl survivors recently celebrated the return of Mount Diablo's beacon Oct. 22. The light was a guide for planes and ships from the time it was turned on by Charles Lindbergh in 1928 until the day after the Pearl attack. Lit each Dec. 7 since 1964 at the request of Pacific Fleet Admiral Nimitz, the beacon will shine again.



**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**  
**Beef Stroganoff and Jerusalem Chicken**  
**Noodles, Rice and Vegetables**  
**Cake**



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, November 21, 2018

## Branch 59 Officers

### Big Sir

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David Nelsen  
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Hugh Twomey  
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### Asst. Treasurer

Arnold George  
(510) 797-9524

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Bill Briscoe  
Jerry Halligan  
Larry Jett  
Larry Lardie  
Sammy Lum  
John Pesek

### RAMP

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



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 Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George, Little Sir Victor Okumura, and Director Alan Weiner.

### Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$4188.91 on November 21, 2018. The Treasurer's report and Minutes for the October meeting were approved. The 2019 Budget was approved which incorporates the inactive member change addressed in New Business below.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Membership:

Sir Carl Nordling reported that there will be no new members today. However, two second time guests are scheduled today. Three first time guests are also expected.

#### Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance is 104.

#### November Birthdays

Sir Lloyd Anderson is the oldest at 88 and Sir Bil Pruner is the youngest at 71.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was a decision reached regarding a disagreement over how an activity was being run. After an extended discussion at the BEC last month and consultation with the Area Governor and Region Director the following was decided:

Each Activity Chairman will make the rules for his activity. There can be no discrimination against an individual member's participation, but all participants must comply with the rules the Activity Chairman has established.

### NEW BUSINESS

There will be no "Inactive Member" status

after October 30, 2018. The reason for this is that Sons In Retirement, Inc. General Liability Insurance does not insure "inactive members" when they attend SIR sponsored activities. Members are required to attend at least 5 of the past 10 luncheons (Rule 100). Current inactive members will have to contact the Membership Chairman regarding their intention to return to member status before the January luncheon to remain a member of SIR. The BEC can, on a case by case basis, make exceptions for issues such as health.

Big Sir Harvey proposed, with BEC approval, that 2019 Little Sir Richard Henry take on the R.A.M.P. coordinator responsibilities. He also directed Little Sir Victor Okumura to help Sirs in need of transportation to luncheons.

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 Howard Elz was approved to replace Sir Kasey Warner as Activities Chairman and R.A.M.P. Activities Chairman. Sir Larry Jet was approved to be a Director in 2019. Sir Jerry Halligan was approved as a Director and Sir Rob Ingebretson was approved as Assistant Secretary.

Sir Rob Ingebretson discussed the December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch plans and urged everyone to sign up ASAP. He also made a motion, which was approved, to have leis for potential members and new members attending luncheons. The purpose was to identify new comers so that current members would engage and welcome them.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 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 11/21/2018

Members	88=50%
Guests	5
Visitors	1
Total	94
Excused	37
Unexcused	25



**Sir Sammy Lum  
Birthday Chairman**

### December Birthdays

Les Addison	87
Bud Spalding	86
Edgar Guthrie	83
James Draughan	82
Carl Nordling	79
Fred Taliaferro	79
Bill Bauhofer	78
Frank Cordova	78
John Williams	77
George Perry	74
A. James Ulam	73
Joseph Stanley	73
David Shideler	72
Michael Harper	65

### January Birthdays

Melvin Nunes	94
Joseph Jenio	89
Thomas Blalock	87
Sterling Strickland	85
Walter Ulrich	85
Dominic Aiello	77
James Cunningham	76
Bob Banfiel	74
Robert Marshall	71
Michael Burns	69
Victor Okumura	62

Bring in a Guest  
We need new  
Members



## New Members/Guests

### New Members

None

### Guests (2 nd time)

Jim Omlid	JD Smith
Bob Higday	Larry Jett

### Guests (1st time)

Chuck Harrison	Larry Jett
Butch Legris	Larry Jett
John Weed	Harvey McAninch

## Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan  
Membership  
Chairman**

### Membership Report

11/21/2018

Active Members	150
Inactive Members	26

### Guests/Potential Members

*SIR Branch 59 is always looking for new members. When you invite a potential new member to a SIR Branch 59 luncheon to see what SIR is all about, here is the process:*

*When you plan to sponsor a potential member as a guest to a luncheon, inform the Attendance Chairman, Sir Ed Guthrie, (510) 659 0498 or [edguthrie@comcast.net](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net), preferably not later than a week prior to the luncheon your guest will attend.*

*Have your guest arrive between 11:00- 11:15. Meet your guest in the lobby so that we do not have to go looking for you. Escort your guest directly to the Membership Table. The Membership Committee will briefly explain what the SIR organization is all about. Since this is his first visit he will be asked to fill out a Membership Application which entitles him to a complimentary lunch. As his sponsor, have a seat for him at a lunch table, and introduce him to other members of Branch 59.*

*The Membership Chairman will contact the guest one or two weeks prior to his second visit to confirm that he is still interested in joining SIR and if so he will be asked to arrive by 11:00 am. He will be given a comprehensive orientation briefing. The Orientation Chairman will answer any questions he may have. He will receive a \$15.00 reduced fee lunch ticket at this visit. Have a seat for him at a lunch table, and introduce him to other members of Branch 59.*

*A week or two prior to the third visit, the Membership Chairman will call to confirm that the applicant wants to become a member of SIR Branch 59. If he desires to be a member, his request is presented to the Branch Executive Committee for final approval and is added to the Branch 59 roster. As a new member he will be introduced to the membership during the luncheon.*

*If at any time a potential member decides not to continue this process, their application will be shredded.*

Sir Ron Brutvan  
Membership Chairman

## TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Need transportation assistance to attend SIR luncheons?

Send your request to: [sirbranch59@gmail.com](mailto: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 we say goodbye to 2018 and the last SIR Bowling Tournament in Danville our Branch 59 bowlers put on a great show. In B division Singles Sir John Pesek came in first Place. In B Division Doubles Sir Victor Okumura and Elo Rudiger came in first place and Sir Larry Lardie and Sir Howard Elz

came in second. Sir Victor Okuruma placed first and Sir Larry Lardie placed fourth in B Division All Events.

We have had six weeks of bowling since our last Pathfinder in November 2018, with a whole bunch of abundant 200 games. Leading off with Sir Ron Hamro bowling a 619 series with games of 203, 235 and 181. Sir Larry Sallee had the high game in the six weeks, a 254. He also bowled games of 213 and 208. Sir Donal Spicer bowled games of 234, 227 & 227, Sir Gary Bennett bowled games of 227, 212 & 201, Sir Don Henry bowled games of 205, 202 & 201, Sir Jerry Sabo bowled games of 229 & 217, Sir Jimmy Inocencio 223, Sir Joe Stanley 220, Sir John Pesek 212, Sir Miguel Ferras 211, and Sir Frank Cordova 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](mailto:sirbranch59@gmail.com)**

### Golf Notes by Sir Dave Shideler



Happy New Year! SIR golf has survived another year! We will continue to play on Tuesday mornings at Spring Valley in Milpitas until March or April. The golf course at Spring Valley is more conducive to winter play. We plan on returning to Skywest when it dries out and we are able to utilize carts on a regular basis.

I continue to email all of the golfers weekly with opportunities to play so if you aren't getting them let me know by emailing [Dpspanky@att.net](mailto:Dpspanky@att.net) and you will be added to my list.....And, if you are getting my emails and don't want them you can let me know that also!

The SIR website is [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org). You can then click on the Golf icon then State Golf Website for information on upcoming organized tournaments. The Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) website is <https://ncga.org>. On this website you can review the golf rules updates among many other interesting golf topics. We have 24 golfers that have renewed their NCGA Branch 59 membership for 2019.

I would like to welcome Sir Julian Vega back to our group after a long battle with back problems. Another Sir expected to return soon is Bill Briscoe who had recent surgery. Sir J.D. Smith will be having another knee replacement surgery in January so we would like to wish him a speedy recovery as well as Gordon MacLeod.

Another etiquette learning, Please watch your "SHADOW"

Fairways and Greens,

Sir Dave Shideler



### **Special Technophobe Meeting**

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on January 22nd 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.

Beginning at our January meeting, we will focus on the newcomer to Technology. Please bring any item that you are wanting to learn more about such as a new smart phone, tablet (such as iPad, Galaxy, Fire or Surface—whatever), or maybe a new laptop computer or if you don't have any of these devices and want to learn more just show up.

The plan is to have several such gadgets at the meeting and several of the Cybergeezers will be available to help answer questions and help any Technophobes or reluctant technology users dispell their fears.

The meeting will be dedicated to newcomers.

## **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 scheduled for January 28th

(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](mailto: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](http://sirbranch59.org) website.

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

# **The State SIR Manual has been updated.**

Effective January 2019 there are changes pertaining to Membership and Attendance that you should be aware of.

## **Membership:**

**Inactive Member:** The "inactive member" status has been deleted from the SIR Manual as of October 30, 2018.

This means that we are all a SIR Member.

The terms INACTIVE & ACTIVE will no longer be used.

The reason for this change is that Sons In Retirement, Inc. General Liability Insurance does not insure "inactive members" at attendance at any SIR sponsored activity.

## **Attendance Requirement-Rule 100:**

With this change, the January Branch 59 Attendance Record has been updated and will reflect a fresh start for all members.

As a Member of Branch 59 you are required to attend at least five out of ten Monthly Luncheon Meetings, or you will be subject to termination from SIR Branch 59 membership.

If a member is in violation of the Attendance Rule 100, the member shall be notified by the Membership Committee by telephone and/or in writing.

The Branch Executive Committee may grant a member attendance relief who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to a prolonged illness, acting as a caregiver to a family member or companion, or for an extended absence from the branch locale.

A member that is granted attendance relief is still considered a member and subject to Branch rules.

If you cannot attend a scheduled meeting, or if you are sponsoring a potential member, call the Branch Attendance Chairman one week before the meeting so that we can insure that we have the proper amount of food and adequate seating arrangements.

Attendance Chairman

Sir Ed Guthrie

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Membership Chairman

Sir Ron Brutvan

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**TO BE  
OR  
NOT TO BE...  
A SIR MEMBER**

## Our Christmas Luncheon

I want to thank all of my SIR brothers and their wives for the success of our annual Christmas Luncheon.

We had over 30 door prizes, many were from our Tri City Merchants that our listed below. Please visit these merchants and thank them for supporting our organization. Several of the door prizes were beautiful gift baskets, wine, and creations from our own members and their wives.

The music of DAVE BADILLA, during our social hour and lunch, provided a chance to dance and socialize with our friends sitting around their table. The entertainment by THE DEVIL MOUNTAIN CHORUS put a beautiful finishing touch to our program.

Here is a list of the Tri City Merchants that donated gifts;

MIKI BISTRO	BOGIES PET GROOMING
FREMONT FORD	MASSIMO'S
ERICK'S DELI	STEVENSON TIRE
OLIVE GARDEN	BED, BATH, AND BEYOND
BREAK YOUR FAST RESTAURANT	BRONCO BILLY'S PIZZA
NILES ICE CREAM SWEET AND EATS	BLACK BEAR DINER
COUNTRY WAY RESTAURANT	LEXUS OF FREMONT
SPIN A YARN STEAKHOUSE	HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS
TRADER JOES	HOME DEPOT
STRIZZIS	CLOVERLEAF BOWLING
LAZY DOG RESTAURANT	SIMPLY THAI
SWEET TOMATOES	

Thanks Again,

Sir Rob Ingebretson

Social Chairman











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**January 2019**

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2018 Harvey McAninch

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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.