



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Forth Year

February 2019

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MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday February 20, 2019

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

I took a few moments to review my 2018 year. The world around us is changing rapidly. The message has been pretty consistent: as is the statewide SIR organization and certainly Branch 59. In order for us to keep up and be relevant, it's important to step back occasionally and think through the way Branch 59 "operates".

We collectively spent a lot of time and effort "thinking things through", and in the process identified several new initiatives:

- Improving new member integration into the branch
- Introducing potential members to SIR by first, inviting them as guests to activities that interest them.
- Balance needed changes for recruiting new members with meeting the needs of current members.
- Updating the website so that it is friendly and informative to visitors.
- Make it simple and easy to maintain web postings that are current and informative for our members.
- Place more emphasis on Lifelong Learning, in particular - Senior Health. • Support members who want to participate in community projects.
- Improve our community outreach activities. 2019 is an implementation year and will clearly involve changes.

They all are in keeping with our mission statement and will improve our lives.

I'm all-in for doing what I can to help to move us forward.

I deeply appreciate all your support and cooperation this year."

Harvey McAninch, Big Sir



Guest Speaker Chester Santos

is one of the world's foremost experts on memory training and has helped thousands of people around the world to realize the benefits of an improved memory and sharper mind. He's given memory improvement tips on CNN and PBS, trained employees at NASDAQ OMX and Credit Suisse, and has been a guest speaker at Berkeley and Harvard. While combining entertainment with education, Chester provides unique and interactive experiences that leave audiences amazed with the hidden power of their minds.

Chester has demonstrated all of the following for live audiences:

- Correctly named 200+ audience members after hearing each name only once.
- Memorized and perfectly recalled a 100+ digit sequence of numbers after looking at it for only five minutes.
- Memorized and recalled an entire deck of playing cards in less than 90 seconds.
- Perfect recall of all Kentucky Derby results since it started in the year 1875.
- Perfect recall of the entire United States Congress.

" After listening to Chester, I realized the possibilities. In a short span of time, 100's of students were using powerful memory techniques."

- Pukar Malla, President, Harvard Graduate Council - Harvard University

" Dear Chester, you knocked the socks off the members of the CEO Club of Boston with your outstanding presentation! Thanks again!"

- Fred W. Green, Chairman, Chief Executive Officers' Club of Boston

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
Roast Beef and Chicken Picatta
Rice, Red Potatoes and 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, January 16, 2018

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**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 by means of a short

introduction by each member. All Officers and Directors were present except Director Larry Jett and Director Larry Lardie.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$5469.79. It was mentioned that our reserve funds should equal \$20 per member. With our current membership at 152 we should have a minimum of \$3040 in reserve. The Treasurer's report and Minutes for the November meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there will be no new members today. However, two second time guests are scheduled today. Four first time guests are expected. Five visitors will also be joining us. Our goal is to increase our branch membership by 5 this year. One thought to help accomplish this is to encourage each member to bring a friend on the month of their birthday.

William Delucchi requested an attendance exemption. The request was MSP (motion - second - passed) by the BEC.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance is 115.

December Birthdays

Sir Les Addison is the oldest at 87 and Sir Michael Harper is the youngest at 65.

January Birthdays

Sir Melvin Nunes is the oldest at 94 and Sir Victor Okumura is the youngest at 62.

Audit Committee Chairman is Carl Nordling and assistant is Ron Brutvan. Nominating Committee Chair is John Pesek and assistant is Arnold George.

OLD BUSINESS

Caterer - Fernando's is an option to our current caterer. It was suggested someone sample his food, but he has no restaurant. A comment was made about the noise level from the kitchen interfering with members ability to hear the speaker. A suggestion was made to conduct a survey of members regarding the food, such as, quality, quantity, variety, etc. A suggestion was made to possibly pre-pay for lunch as we do for the Sweetheart and Holiday luncheons. Rob offered to investigate this option.

NEW BUSINESS

New rosters will be distributed today by the Attendance Committee. Members will receive their copy when they return their name tag. We need a volunteer to take the ACTIVITIES chairmanship. Jerry Halligan was asked to consider this role. We all need to participate in this recruitment effort.

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MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman**

Attendance Report 01/16/2019

Members	115=76%
Guests	6
Visitors	5
Total	126
Excused	15
Unexcused	23



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

February Birthdays

Forrest Lusher	102
Donald Thatcher	90
Noboru Ono	89
Walt Caeton	87
Sal Lamagna	84
George Prows	84
Laverl Tomlinson	82
Larry Jett	79
Alan Weiner	76
Bruce Roberts	75
Ronald Hamro	74
Stephen Francis	73

*Some of the January
Birthday Boys*



New Members/Guests

New Members

None

Guests (2nd time)

Keith Legris Larry Jett
John Weed Harvey McAninch

Guests (1st time)

Jerry Aguilar Richard Henry
Loren Lookabill Andrew Lang
Tyler Harvey Austin Smith
Fred Kassman Harvey McAninch



Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Membership Report

01/16/2019

Members 152
Relief Granted:
No. 39 Willaim Delucchi

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

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



After a three week lay-off due to the holidays Branch 59 bowlers got off to a very slow start to the new year. Last month we had only four 200 scores with two weeks of no 200 scores. Sir Don Henry 204, 201 Sir Frank Cordova 224 and Sir Ron Hamro 200 were the best of all of us.

The good news is that we welcome a new bowler, Sir Rick Henry, to our growing legion of Monday bowlers.

The next SIR bowling tournament is in close by Livermore, at Granada Bowl, on February 12 & 13, 2019. We need to have a good representation of Branch 59 bowlers to participate. Get your partners and let Sir John Pesek know.

All the SIR bowlers in the state want to thank Sir Jerry Sabo for his dedication for serving as the State Bowling Chairman. Sir Jerry's term has just ended in which he skillfully guided a revision of the by-laws, overhauled the design of the tournament application form to make it universal for all the SIR Bowling Tournaments and filling out and sending the application electronically and advance the use of the SIR Tournament Average rather the USBC average.

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 is already February and we continue to play or attempt to play every Tuesday at Spring Valley in Milpitas. I have been away and wanted to thank Jim Ulam for filling in getting the tee-times and making the weekly arrangements.

Although there doesn't seem to be a lot of interest in the major SIR golf activities there is a SIR NCGA Member - Guest Open Tournament, "Spring Time in Napa Valley" at the Eagle Vines and Chardonnay Golf Courses Monday, April 15th and Tuesday, April 16th 2019. You can get additional information by downloading the flyer on www.sirinc.org then click on Golf and then go to the State Golf website.

Once again, if you are interested in joining our Tuesday Branch 59 golf group contact me at Dpspanky@att.net and I will add you to my email list.



Fairways and Greens,

Sir Dave Shideler

GOLF RULE # 4:
Yell "fore"
Shoot six
Write down five



Special Technophobe Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on February 26th at Fremont Congregational Church (now UCC Fremont), 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 focused on the newcomer to Technology. Once again, 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 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 scheduled for February 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.

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We are still in need of a volunteer to take the role of SOCIAL chairman.

The Sweetheart Luncheon is scheduled to take place on May 15. The possibility of putting on a barbecue was discussed. Bill Briscoe offered to investigate how we might do this here at the Elks Lodge, including cost, catering, potluck and other logistics. An anonymous donation of \$1,000 has been made toward this event.

The Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 18. It was suggested that we consider offering door prizes during either the Sweetheart or Holiday luncheon, but not both. The thought being that merchants may become reluctant if asked for donations too often.

A membership fee was briefly discussed. We will consider this during future BEC meetings. There will not be a membership fee imposed this year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

“THE MISSION OF SIR IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS, WHILE MAKING NEW FRIENDS FOR LIFE”



Cyber Geezer Group waiting for Technophobes!!

MEMBERSHIP Q & A

02-01-2019

Question and Answers:

What is the difference between the following?

- 1) Guest
- 2) Returning Guest or (2nd Time Guest)
- 3) Visitor
- 4) Guest Speaker

Guest - A person who has never been a Sir and is interested in joining Sir and is being sponsored by a Sir member. The guest will be asked to fill out a Membership Application and he will receive a complementary lunch. A person responding to the Tri City News recruitment advertisement is a guest whose sponsor is the Recruitment Chairman Sir Jim Ulam.

Returning Guest or 2nd Time Guest - A person who has filled out an application and is returning for the second time to receive orientation.

He will qualify to receive lunch at a reduced fee, currently \$15.00

Visitor - A person who is invited by a Sir member to attend the luncheon but is not interested in joining SIR. He will be charged a full fee for his lunch. An example is a person or relative from out of the area.

Guest Speakers are invited visitors and they receive a complementary lunch.

Membership Dues

Does SIR charge membership dues?

SIR Branch 59 has not charged membership dues in the past and there are no plans to charge dues in 2019.

However if situations change in the future, the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) can decide to charge membership dues. Many SIR Branches charge dues in order to meet expenses. Fundraising events are not allowed by SIR. *Contributions are always welcomed.*

Membership Chairman

Sir Ron Brutvan

You might have missed another great speaker last month. Pearl Harbor Survivor Micky Ganitch was our 99 year old guest! His story is also available on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/JlvcrKuodNk>



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*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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