



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Forth Year

March 2019

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MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday March 20, 2019

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

"The mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events, while making new friends for life"

At the last Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meetings, We discussed ways to

improve our branch. We covered items of making The Luncheon better, getting new members, activities, and publicity. All of these items are covered in the state program called R.A.M.P. At the State Big & Little Sir town meeting we were taught this program is essential to keeping our branch healthy. We have this program with Jim Ulam, **R**ecruitment, Larry Lardie, **A**ctivities, Ron Brutvan, **M**embership, and Sammy Lum, **P**ublicity but they need your help. All of them all doing double jobs in the branch. Please call one of them and volunteer.

At the state town hall we were given a tool to help with membership. At the March meeting you will receive Three Business invitation cards. Put two in your wallet and give one to your wife and ask if she would pass the invite card to one of her friends that want their husband to be more social. Then talk to other men and pass the card to them. I'm hoping this action will turn our negative downward of membership around.

At our training session last year, I was told that the Big Sir has to be the RAH...RAH person of the branch. This doesn't come naturally to me, so here goes: RAH...RAH so let's get those cards out and bring a new person to the meeting.



Gisela Zebroski-Novelist

When WWII broke out in 1939 Gisela Zebroski's privileged childhood came to an abrupt end. The Soviet Union took over Latvia, the country of her birth. Her parents, destined for deportation, fled to Germany and settled in Poland.

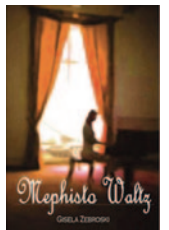
In 1945 the family fled again from the approaching Red Army. Her father had been drafted and was missing in action. Her mother and four siblings survived air raids and found safety in Austria.

In 1954 she immigrated to California where she married an American scientist who inspired her to go to college. She graduated with a degree in psychology and minors in creative writing, history and philosophy. Her two novels, THE BARONESS and MEPHISTO WALTZ, recount the world of her past.

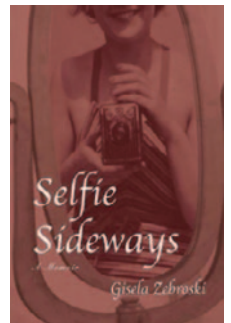
Her own story is a work in progress under the title of SELFIE SIDEWAYS.



"OUTSTANDING!! One of the best presentations this year. I'm a history lover, and I really enjoy hearing a very good story teller who personally experienced those events. Gisela makes it come alive."



Jim Veit, Little Sir, Sons in Retirement Branch #142 San Mateo



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
Corned Beef and Garlic Chicken
Red Potatoes and Vegetables
Chocolate Mousse



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, February 20, 2019

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RAMP

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



The Meeting was called to order at 10:01am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch and the roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted.

All Officers and Directors

were present except Director John Pesek.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$5321.11. It was noted that any surplus funds in custodial accounts are moved to the general fund at the end of each year. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Minutes of the January 16 meeting were approved. Minutes of the January 30 minutes were approved pending a correction to add Larry Jett as attending the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported there is one new member expected today, John Weed. Three 2nd time guests and five 1st time guests are expected today.

Publicity: Our newspaper ad is \$42 per month. After discussing its effectiveness and debating whether to cancel or continue, it was decided to continue with the ad. Sammy will revise so information is current.

Harvey mentioned tri-fold pamphlets are available on the sirinc web page for both men and women (for their men) as publicity

tools.

OLD BUSINESS

The Activities Chair is still unfilled. We discussed the responsibilities of this position. Jim Ulam mentioned the RAMP committees were doing what they are called to do, but suggested they could use some more help. Larry Lardie was nominated to chair the Activities Committee. His nomination was motioned, seconded and passed. This leaves only the Social Committee without a chairman.

May Sweetheart Luncheon - It was suggested we NOT hold a Sweetheart Luncheon this year, but instead hold a regular lunch meeting with speaker. We discussed what needs to happen to accomplish this. Rob will contact the caterer about the change and Carlie will find a speaker. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Our Area Governor, John Haffner, is visiting us today. He will be Awarding Don Thatcher a Senior Certificate during the lunch meeting.

Harvey and Rick attended the Big Sir/Little Sir town hall meeting held Feb 12. Harvey met someone with a great survey for general membership which he would like to bring to our branch. He spoke about a new SIR emblem developed by the state board where "SONS IN

**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 02/20/2019

Members	109=73%
Guests	7
Visitors	2
Total	118
Excused	21
Unexcused	22



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

March Birthdays

Lyle Kingery	93
Robert Benya	88
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	84
Howard Thompson	83
Richard Lightholder	81
Gary Bennett	80
John Prior	79
Richard Bowers	77
Donald Lessard	72
Ted Shively	63

New Members/Guests

New Members

None

Guests (2nd time)

Gerald Aguilar Richard Henry

Guests (1st time)

Fax Binesh	Jerry Halligan
Charles Peeler	Jim Ulam
Stan Hunt	Larry Jett
Alvin Rogers	Alan Weiner
Rob Perrill	Jim Ulam
Fred Kassman	Harvey McAninch



Beginning in March a new format for celebrating the birthdays will begin. Instead of the birthday table, members with birthdays during the month will sit where they would like. They will be asked to stand when their name and age is announced then one LOUD "clap" will be given by the remaining members. A big round of applause and singing Happy Birthday will follow after all the birthdays have been announced.

Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Membership Report

02/20/2019

Members 150

Resigned:

No. 54	Vincent Fernelius (Health)
No. 227	Les Addison (Health)

Database Changes:

Richard Henry:

Phone number 7819 to 7817

Victor Okumura: email address

victorokamura13@gmail.com

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



Another Birthday celebration for 102 year old. Forerest Lusher who was born on Feb. 13, 1917. Until recently he was an active golfer—from what I understand, a very good one!



**Area Governor, John Haffner
presenting Super Senior award
to 90 year old Donald Thatcher**

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

Thanks to our past Big Sir Jim Ulam for donating a case of wine for our monthly wine give away at the end of our meeting.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



In the month of February our branch 59 bowlers have improved their averages and have bowled some high scores, especially in SIR Bowling Tournaments.

In the SIR Livermore Bowling Tournament, Sir Donal Spicer captured first place in the A

Division Singles by bowling 226 /215/211 for an outstanding 652 series. Sir Ron Hamro placed second the B Division Singles, missing first place by one pin. Sir Ron bowled 212/206/201 for a 619 series and came in third place in B Division All Events. Also, good games were bowled by Sir Miguel Ferras 212 and Sir Jerry Sabo 209.

Top scores in February: Sir Joe Stanley 221 and 208, Sir Jerry Sabo 205, Sir Don Henry 204, Sir Jimmy Inocencio 203, Sir Gary Bennett 203, Sir Ron Hamro 202 and guest Judi Sallee 201.

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.

By the way, we welcome female guests to our league. We also welcome male potential SIR members, but they must eventually join our organization in order to bowl. Guests are usually welcome to attend one tournament.

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 already March and we are still dodging the cold, wet, and wind, not to mention the mud and "CART PATH ONLY" that many of our group avoid by staying home.

Warmer weather will be here soon!

We have been playing at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas,

although a bit more expensive, is

usually playable most of the time. You can buy a "Senior 10 play pass" for \$290.00 This will save you at least \$5.00 per outing. If you choose to rent a cart it is an additional \$15.00. As soon as SkyWest in Hayward dries out enough to utilize carts on a regular basis we will return to alternate weekly play.

All Sirs are invited to join us on Tuesdays. If you wish to be added to my email list, contact me at Dpspanky@att.net.

2019 brings us new rules to follow, this is just two of them.

Putting with Flagstick in the Hole

Q. May I putt with the flagstick in?

A. Yes, there is no penalty for leaving the flagstick in. You may do this from anywhere on the golf course including when your ball is on the putting green (see Rule 13.2a).

How to Drop a Ball

Q. How do I drop a ball?

A. You must drop a ball in the "right way," which means that you drop it from knee height, you don't influence how the ball will come to rest (such as by spinning the ball), and your ball doesn't touch your body or equipment before it hits the ground (see Rule 14.3b).

Fairways and greens—Dave



Technophobe Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on March 26th at UCC Fremont 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.

We keep hoping that newcomers will show up to our meeting. If you have a laptop that is not working well bring it along to see if upgrading is worthwhile. If you are interested in obtaining a laptop, Jerry has a few very good laptops for sale at his refurbishing cost. An older Dell laptop with Windows 7 for \$75, a couple of excellent Macbook laptops for \$125 and \$200.

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 March 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 March 25th

(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.

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

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.

February 21, 2019

To: All Invitees to the Town Hall Meeting

Re: Promised Items

Fellow SIR Leaders,

Well, and the end of our Town Hall Meeting I promised to get the following information into your hands shortly. Well, a bit of life got in the way, so here it is now – a little late.

The Town Hall link with all the slides is on <https://sirinc.org/MemInfo/TownHall20190212/>

If you need to get to it and don't have the link above handy, go to sirinc.org. On the left hand side, click on the Member's Information button. Once in the Member's Information section, go to Branch Officer Training Information in the middle column and click on the Town Hall Big Sir Mtg 2//12/19 link. It will take you to the Town Hall Meeting page.

The Town Hall Meeting page also has links to the SIR Introductory Video we recommended that you place on your Branch website to quickly inform visitors of what SIR is about.

There is also a link to the second video, What Can a Member Do? This is the video that explains the four Member Expectations. We recommend that you show this video at an upcoming luncheon. Those in attendance at the Town Hall meeting felt that it could improve volunteerism and members bringing guests.

These videos can also be linked directly from YouTube. The direct links are:

- SIR Introduction <https://youtu.be/IA2GnBpuwfg>
- What Can A Member Do <https://youtu.be/yi2jSeTjfkI>

At the Town Hall, Stu Williams, our Growth and Membership Chairman, spoke about raffles, and promised to get complete compliance information on the sirinc.org website. That has been done, and it can be found at <https://sirinc.org/MemInfo/RaffleInstructions.pdf>. Again, it's on the Member's Information page under the “How To Information” section.

For all of you who took the time to attend the Town Hall, thank you. I hope you found it interesting, useful and a bit of fun. The feedback I have received has been quite positive, and we'll do it again next year. For those of you who were unable or didn't want to attend, check with Sirs who did. I think you'll find that you missed something worthwhile. Hopefully, next year...

Best regards,

Ed Benson, State President



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RETIREMENT” has been replaced with “SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN”. John explained how and why this change came about; New means to market SIR, assist in recruiting and depicts SIR’s current message: We provide a range of activities for men of all ages. He reiterated that non-retired men are welcome to join SIR, as long as they meet the requirements of membership.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

Since all of us are SIR Leaders, I thought that Branch 59 members might want to get more information regarding the First Town Hall Meeting that was held recently. Check out the hyperlinks for more information. Editor

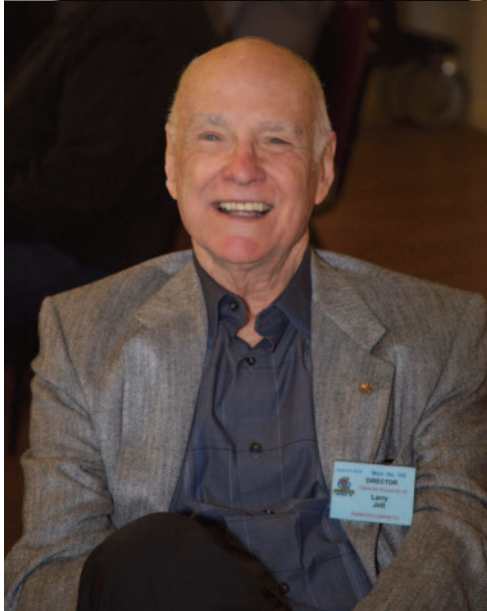
The new SIR logos reflect the social aspect of our organization rather than the “retired”. The logos below may be new to most of you!



For more information, see President Ed Benson’s Town Hall meeting letter above, and use one of the web links underlined. Find out more about the new logos!



Little Sir Richard Henry presents a certificate of appreciation to our guest speaker Chester Santos—“Expert in Memory Training”



*Director
Larry Jett just
enjoying the
day.*



Area 15 Governor John Haffner presents Big Sir Harvey with certificate from Derek Southern



I'm really sorry that I had to miss this last meeting. I just don't really know how to caption these two photos. Rob, what were you thinking? By the way, SIR members that were there still remember some remarkable details.



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*(deceased)

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