



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Forth Year

August 2019

Bulletin No.8

MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday August 21, 2019

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

Brother Sirs

Can you believe my two year term is coming to end shortly and it has been a pleasure to be your Big Sir. We are

having our annual Christmas party in December. Plans are under way for great entertainment and many door prizes. Please ask Bob Ingebretson for a gift letter to give to your favorite business to ask for a door prize.

The opening of the July meeting was started a little (a lot) differently. At the BEC meeting, I asked for dispensation of an earlier motion that had been voted on to have the lunch after the pledge. It was approved to allow Strawberry (a retired Shriner clown) to make a special presentation about how the national anthem was derived. Then Bob Benya led the Branch singing the National Anthem. Strawberry presented a video that a brother Shriner Clown (Red Skelton) did on his TV show about the Pledge Allegiance. You could have heard a pin drop. Lunch was served. I hope everyone enjoyed it, after all it was about our nation's birthday. Oh! Strawberry says he's back in retirement.

Keep me in your prayers.

Harvey



August Speaker—Mr. Nan Su

Born and raised in China, Mr. Nan Su came to the U.S. in 1989. Mr. Su has been serving as a news commentator for SOH International Chinese Radio Network and NTD International TV network since 2003, and has made many speeches at public events in the past decade on China-related topics.

Mr. Su currently is a Senior Reporter for The Epoch Times, a newspaper published in 35 countries and 23 languages.

In addition to his media work, Mr. Su has also been an activist for China's human rights. He was one of the coordinators of Human Rights Torch Relay in 2008 prior to Beijing Olympics Game. Starting from Athens, Human Rights Torch Relay spanned from July 2007 to July 2008, with stops at more than 140 cities around the world in order to raise international awareness of China's human rights situation. Mr. Su was instrumental in making San Jose as the first stop of the torch relay in North America.

Mr. Su has been married for 30 years, and currently lives with his wife and two daughters in San Jose, California.

His presentation "Wisdom and Humanity from Ancient Chinese Culture", is the continuation of the previous well-received program: The Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture, which was presented to and overwhelmingly welcomed by more than 250 organizations in Northern California.

This presentation reveals the ancient philosophies deeply rooted in the Chinese culture since its very beginning, and explains how traditional Chinese culture built based upon these philosophies.

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 Scallopini and Beef Stew
Noodles, Rice, Vegetables
Peach Cobbler Desert**



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, July 17, 2019

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Ron Brutvan-Membership
Sammy Lum-Publicity



The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch.

All officers and directors were present.

Harvey sought agreement from the BEC to begin today's meeting a bit early and delay our meal serving time until about 12:15 in order to show two short videos pertaining to the flag and our pledge of allegiance. A motion was made, seconded and passed. This is a special exception to our recent ruling to begin serving the meal immediately following the pledge.

The June 19 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on July 17 was \$5,569.06. Hugh discussed form 28 (Monthly cash report) to give the BEC a better understanding of how this form accounts for our finances.

The required New Member Quarterly Report was submitted to the Area Governor by Harvey. This, in effect, is a "State of Our Branch" report. The Little Sir will assist Big Sir in writing the October quarterly report as a training exercise.

Membership; Four new members are expected today. Their membership was motioned, seconded and approved. One guest is expected to join us and two are expected for orientation.

Harvey has offered to be our membership chairman next year. Ron Brutvan has agreed to remain chair through our November meeting. Ron has offered to assist Harvey in understanding the role and responsibilities. Suggestion; Harvey work with Ron in Sept

while Rick will be our acting Big Sir.

New membership attendance requirements were adopted by the State in March this year. They are listed as POLICY 25 in the SIR Manual as follows:

A member shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period, unless the Branch BEC has approved different attendance requirements.

A Branch may grant attendance relief to a member who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to prolonged illness, acting as a care giver to a family member or an extended absence from the Branch locale. A member who is granted attendance relief is still a member and subject to Branch Regulations.

Should a member miss three consecutive meetings without notifying the Branch, the Branch should contact the member to ascertain the reason and work with the member to remedy the situation.

Following a discussion of Policy 25 we moved, seconded and approved the following: We will abide by Policy 25 as written. Additionally, any attendance relief will be reviewed periodically.

Larry Lardie asked for advice regarding the activity survey results. Responses were; Forming activities with other branches to increase numbers, i.e. RV travel or other group travel. A new activity requires a chairman. Members interested in a new activity need to meet and establish who might chair the group. A new group will need to determine how their finances will work. Keeping them independent from the branch treasury, as many current activities do, would be advised for simplicity.

Activities; There was a misunderstanding when it was reported last month that Gary

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Branch 59 Meets at Fremont Elks
38991 Farwell Drive,
Fremont CA on the 3rd
Wednesday of each
month
9:30 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 07/17/2019

Members	106=68%
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Total	110
Excused	35
Unexcused	17

New Members/Guests

New Members

Tyler Harvey	G. Austin Smith
James Green	Paul Pennelly
Donald Roach	Nat Lord
Robert Lovell	Harvey McAninch

Guests (2nd time)

Russ Blowers	Larry Jett
Zacharia Ploscaru	Charlie Houseworth

Guests (1st time)

Gil Peters	Bill Briscoe
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Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Membership Report

07/17/2019

<u>Members</u>	157
<u>Resigned:</u>	
<u>Deceased:</u>	



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

August Birthdays

Tom Sherba	92
Arthur Winkley	92
Gerald Robertson	87
Don Potestio	84
Donald Roach	84
Robert Higday	83
Robert Compton	82
Arnold George	80
Donal Spicer	77
Douglas Howd	73
Frederick Kaseman	73
John Weed	73
Ken Arora	72
Frank Steiner	72
David Nelsen	66



Newest members: L-R Sir Donald Roach, Sir Robert Lovell, Sir James Green



Open Mic participants-Sir Tom Blalock and unidentified guest



Sir Fred Kaseman above became a new member in June.

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



Little Sir Richard Henry presents drawing winners Andy Anderson at left and Terry Pearson at right with their prizes.



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir Victor Okumura



My name is Victor Okumura, I will be replacing John Pesek as Bowling Chairman for Branch 59 beginning August 2019. I will be handling the bowling tournaments for Branch 59 SIR, and will be informing you on tournament results. Also, I will give

updates on monthly basis regarding high scores and series including new members in the Pathfinder.

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 penalty if you can't make it. Free coffee will be served. Come join the fun with us. We meet at Cloverleaf Family Bowl and start bowling practice at 12:45 pm. Bowling cost is \$15.00 for three games. We normally finish bowling before 3:00pm. Should you have any questions, feel free to let me know. Thank you!

Victor

Like most of us, Victor doesn't want to talk about his bowling, but at the State Tourney he took first in doubles with Gary Bennett; at Pacheco, 1st in singles and 2nd in All Events; at Yuba City, 3rd in singles, and 1st in AE.

Victor, Harvey McAninch, Ron Hamro, Miguel Ferras, Larry Lardie and Jerry Sabo will be bowling in Carson City on the 12th. Wish them luck. Editorial Staff



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



The boomerang! Back in the saddle. Well, we thought we had my replacement lined up. Threw it against the wall and didn't stick. SIR Branch 59 golf will continue.

Nothing should change going forward. We will be playing at Spring Valley one week and Skywest the next,

usually starting around 8:30am on Tuesdays. Tee-times need to be made 9 days in advance for Spring Valley and two weeks in advance for Skywest. Generally we can have 16 golfers on any given week. If we want more than 16 players we need to schedule with the course tournament directors. If you are interested in joining our golf group, email me at Dpspanky@att.net.

Once again, we need to address "Pace of Play", Google "pace of play golf" and get some ideas how to speed up your play. It's not that difficult!

Fairways and Greens,

Dave





Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on August 27th at UCC Fremont Church, 38255 Blacow Road, **Fremont, CA**. (Note—we may change

locations but will announce any change) Just show up and you will be a member of our group. The meeting time is from 1:30 to about 2:30 PM.

During our June meeting we discussed various web browsers such as Chrome, Edge, Safari and the latest web browser by Mozilla—Firefox Quantum. Unfortunately we had to cancel the July meeting.

We are especially anxious to help out newcomers and other Cyber Geezers with technology. Anything from using a Smart Phone, Tablet, New TV, internet connections, working with digital photos, music, video, or shopping for such a device including Mac, Google, or PC products.

SIR Happenings is published 4 time a year—the next issue will be published for November 2019.

You can find past issues on our website: sirbranch59.org. Send news and questions to:



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Please send notices of Activities and/or news items to jlsabo3@comcast.net. SIR Happenings deadline—October 15th.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

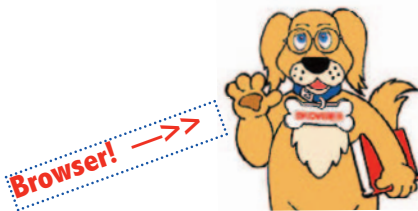
COUPLES DINING OUT

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**

READERS AND BROWERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read. Sir James Ploor 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**

“Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Next poker lunch scheduled for August 26th

(Monday following monthly SIR Luncheon)

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.

Sir Nat Lord with sponsee, Sir Donald Roach



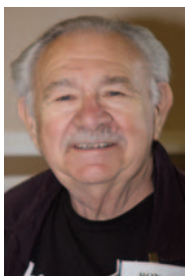


Attention:

It's time to mark your calendar for the yearly Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon.

It will be held on Wednesday December 18th. It promises to be a party you will thoroughly enjoy.

Sir Rob Ingebretson



Sir Ron Brutvan joined SIR Branch 59 in October 2004 during the time the branch was meeting at Swiss Park. In October of 2006 he became an assistant to the Membership Chairman, Sir Ed Bingle. Sir Ed developed health problems and had to retire in December. Sir Ron then accepted the [Membership Chairmanship](#) responsibility from Big Sir Ted Bresler in January 2007, the month the branch moved to the Newark Pavilion. He is now completing 12 years as the Membership Chairman and is going to retire in November.

We "Thank You" Sir Ron for a "Job Well Done"

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SIRtainly Good News

by Larry Jett.
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Spotlight on Sir Mel Nunes



Mel Nunes was truly a "Recreation Department Pioneer." He and his team "invented" a recreation program for the brand new City of Newark. As time passed, Mel evolved

the program to satisfy current needs and requests of Newark residents. He also experimented with new ideas along the way. One of the greatest challenges Mel faced was when Proposition 13 passed in 1978. Because of the drastic cuts to Newark's revenue, there was a short time period when we had NO recreation program. In the wake of Proposition 13, Mel and his team reinvented the recreation program economics, making the department truly self-sufficient! And that insightful dynamic continues until this very day! Thanks to the addition of the Silliman Center, and many other elements, the City of Newark recreation program is one of the finest in the State of California!



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Bennett would chair the golfers, he will not. Dave Shideler will carry out the chairman duties until a replacement can be found. Larry Lardie will work on recruiting a new golf chairman. Wine tasting chairman is currently traveling. Another event will be organized upon his return. Arnold indicated the bridge group has experienced low attendance recently.

Jerry Sabo brought a directory from another branch which includes member's photos. This was passed around as an example. He will be sharing additional data including cost estimates as he investigates further.

Input for the Pathfinder is requested by the Wednesday following our monthly meeting. It was suggested we feature Ron Brutvan as the highlighted SIR member in the August

edition of Pathfinder.

Harvey printed the new SIR advertisement data on 100 bi-fold brochures he purchased for display at the bowling alley and other events.

We reviewed and agreed on the menu proposed for August. It was noted that some members attend the monthly meetings and choose not to eat the meal. In these cases there is a \$5 charge. **It is very important that these members call Ed Guthrie prior to the lunch so we have an accurate account of the number of meals needed.**

Our next BEC meeting will begin at 9:30am on Aug 21.



An open mike meeting with Sir Harvey as the festive "clown" doing a Red Skelton routine, lots of Patriotic apparel, and a guest speaker Tammy Duran from Meals on Wheels



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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.