



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Forth Year
MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

October 2019
Wednesday October 16, 2019

Bulletin No.10
Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Richard's Corner

Hello Branch 59, hope all is well and looking forward to a strong finish with our final fourth quarter for the year. We are still running strong in membership at 154 members with our goal to bring in more potential members. On the other hand we really need to strive for better attendance at our luncheon meetings as the month of September showed us at 68%.

A huge congratulations goes out to Rob Ingebretson, on receiving the HLM award. We, at Branch 59 would like to thank Ed Benson for the presentation of the HLM award for Rob, with John Haffner and Bill Holly in the house.

Membersdon't miss out on this one.... as our speaker for the month of October, Mr. Carlo Facchino will be talking about his rowing adventures on the Arctic and Pacific Ocean.

Our Christmas luncheon is rapidly approaching and the tickets will be going on sale in October and November.

Football is in full swing so please do not fumble away the opportunity to bring in a guest to become a possible Sir member of Branch 59.

Your Big Sir,
Richard Henry



October Speaker Carlo Facchino.

Carlo Facchino was born and raised in San Jose, CA. He was introduced to the sport of rowing as a freshman at the University of California Davis. In

2016 Carlo competed in The Great Pacific Race as part of Team Uniting Nations. Carlo and his three crew mates set the Guinness Book of World Records for the fastest Pacific Ocean crossing from Monterey, CA to Honolulu, Hawaii. As part of the 2017 Polar Row crew, Carlo and his teammates set numerous Ocean Rowing World Records and achieved the northernmost latitude ever reached by a rowing boat.

During the summer of 2017 Carlo Facchino, along with the crew of the Polar Row set out from Tromsø, Norway and headed north into the Arctic Ocean. The crew of the Polar Row were the first ever recorded row to go from Norway to the Arctic Ocean archipelago known as Svalbard. Along the way the crew encountered Killer Whales, Walruses, Whales, Dolphins and lots of cold water. From Svalbard the crew continued north to the permanent Arctic Ice Sheet where they made a U-Turn

and headed south towards Iceland. Before reaching Iceland the crew had to navigate through dangerous ice drifts, battle Arctic storms and eventually stop on the remote volcanic island of Jan Mayen.



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 Red Enchilada, Chicken Enchilada
Rice, Chips, Dip, Beans, Salsa, and Salad
Dessert—Flan



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, September 18, 2019

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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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The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Big Sir Rick Henry.

All officers and directors were present.

Our Area Governor, John Haffner made a surprise visit to the BEC meeting today and will join us for lunch as well.

The August 21 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Sept 18 was \$5,198.48. It was suggested that the Holiday Luncheon be listed as a budget item so we know what's available for this event.

We expect 109 for lunch today. New members, William Palleschi and Zacharica Ploscaru will join us today. Their membership was motioned, seconded and approved. Six returning guests are expected for orientation.

20 members are celebrating birthdays this month.

14 bowlers met last Monday at Cloverleaf Bowl. Larry Lardie mentioned a new program that's been put into practice to encourage more consistent involvement; \$200 has been put up by Miguel Ferras which will be awarded to the member who shows up most often to the Monday Bowling group. Points will be tracked each week.

We are still in need of a Social Chairman for 2020. Rob has several members in mind to speak with about taking this role. Rob suggested a change to how the raffle is run during the Holiday Luncheon; Each guest would receive only one raffle ticket. This would speed the raffle process, minimize the number of wins by a single guest to one and maximize the number of winners.

A substitute Rollie Referee is needed for Oct. and Nov. as Dino Mostardi will be having shoulder surgery.

Fred Gotthardt, a Senior Honorary Life Member, has had some serious health issues recently. Fred has been instrumental in completing lots of computer work each month for our branch. He is involved with Membership, Pathfinder editing, Roster updates and our membership database. Jerry Sabo will form a team from the Cyber Geezers group to understand the tasks Fred does and ensure they continue to happen until Fred is able to resume them. Ron Brutvan will be completing Form 27 this month.

Regarding Publicity, Sammy commented we are still seeing guests who come in after seeing our ad in the Tri City Voice.

We discussed the ticket taking and plate distribution process. Where most agree this is a great task to give a new member each month, we think some simple instructions should be provided. Also, it would be helpful if someone would take the responsibility of finding a ticket taker each month and provide instruction. Arnold George offered to provide the BEC with a description of this process next month.

SIR of the Month; Rob Ingebretson was nominated to be highlighted in the October Pathfinder. Larry Jett will interview him. Larry volunteered to find and interview a SIR each month for this article.

It was suggested our photographer, Bruce Roberts, take photos of new members for our web site photo directory on the day they become members.

Officer training will be held on Friday, November 1 from 10:00am - 2:00pm in Walnut Creek.

Tickets for the Holiday Luncheon will go on sale during our Oct meeting. The cost for tickets will be \$25 each, \$50 per couple.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Our next BEC meeting will begin at 9:30am on October 16.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman

Attendance Report 09/18/2019

Members	104=68%
Guests	6
Visitors	4
Total	114

New Members/Guests

New Members

William Palleschi Returning
Zacharica Ploscaru Carlie Houseworth

Guests (2nd time)

Gil Peters	Bill Briscoe
David Hunter	Jim Harrison
Michael Huntzinger	Paul Pennelly
Randy Patterson	Tri City Ad
Jim Vermazen	Tri City Ad

Guests (1st time)

Katsumi Osumi Bill Briscoe

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Membership Report

09/17/2019

Members 154

Change of Status:

#37 Walter Ulrich	Passed Away
#75 Wen Shih	Attendance Relief



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

October Birthdays

Fred Gotthardt	92
Stanley Lewis	92
John Ockes	92
Peter Angelides	90
John Etherton	85
Harry Pearson	85
Hugh Twomey	84
Louis Alonzo	83
Gerald Aguilar	81
John Pesek III	79
Terry Dalziel	77
J. D. Smith	77
Fred Barker	75
Rob Perrill	72



Big Sir Richard with returning member Sir Bill Palleschi and new member Sir Zacharica Ploscaru .



State Big Sir Ed Benson presenting a surprised Sir Rob Ingebretson with a well deserved Honorary Life Membership.

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

ATTENTION:

The Birthday Table is Back

Here are several reasons why you should sit at the birthday table when it is your birthday month;

- * Meet new friends
 - * The birthday table gets to go to lunch first
 - * The birthday table is closest to the front so you have the best seat in the house
 - * We will announce your name and age---we will not make you say anything
 - * You will be eligible for a drawing for a prize if you are sitting at the birthday table
- So, in conclusion, if you have a birthday in October, we will see you at the BIRTHDAY TABLE. Just look for your name on a card at the table.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir Victor Okumura



We have quite a few bowlers competing in the “Miguel Ferras” in-house seasonal point tournament, but we keep hoping that more bowlers will show up.

The Brentwood tournament is coming up on October 15, and the

Modesto Tournament is next on Thursday, October 31st or November 1st. See me about this tournament.

Frankie Cordova was in Washington Hospital, but should be able to come back to bowling soon. It has also been great having John Pesek back in our group following his hip surgery. We also have had two new bowlers join our group that I would like to welcome: Carl Blincoe and Jim Green.

For some reason or other the lanes at Cloverleaf have been tough lately. Jimmy Innocencio had a 208 and Joe Stanley rolled a 211, but that was three weeks ago.

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 12:45pm. Bowling cost has just increased to \$16.00 for three games. We normally finish bowling before 3:00pm. Should you have any questions, feel free to let me know on Monday League. The new season just started.

Thank you!

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



SIR golfers continue to play at Skywest in Hayward and Spring Valley in Milpitas on alternating Tuesday mornings. The first tee-time is usually 8:15 am. If you wish to join us and get some exercise and also play a little golf email me at Dpspanky@attnet and I will add you to my list.

We are still looking for someone to step up as the new Golf Chairman. I will not be performing this function after the end of the year. If you are interested contact our Activities Chairman Larry Lardie.

NCGA dues will be solicited from our members as soon as they let me know the amount. Anyone interested in joining the Northern California Golf Association through SIRs should let me know. Establishing a handicap not only is required for SIR tournaments but is also a good yardstick for your personal use.

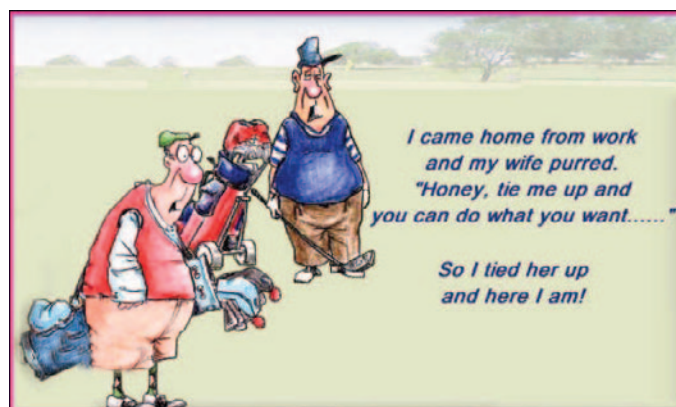
As always, additional information is available at SIR.org.

A quote from the Babe;

“It took me seventeen years to get 3,000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course”: Babe Ruth

Fairways and Greens,

Dave Shideler





Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on October 22th at our **new location**—**Niles Discovery Church**, 36600 Niles Boulevard, Fremont, CA.

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 September meeting we primarily discussed our Branch 59 dilemma—Sir Fred Gotthardt will very likely be unable to continue with his major contributions to our Branch. We need helpers to take up some of his tasks. Fred is still unable to have visitors, and is still having difficulty breathing.

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.

During our October meeting we will likely be making some plans to help the Greater Niles Village.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

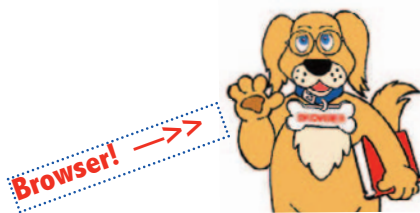
COUPLES DINING OUT

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 —**JIMULAM@GMAIL.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**

SIR Happenings is published 4 time a year—the next issue will be published for November 2019. Deadline for submitting articles is October 15th. 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.

“Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Next poker lunch scheduled for October 21st

(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.





Are you SIRious?

Born in Canton South Dakota in 1940 but barely had his first birthday when his Dad heard of the steady war-effort pay at Kaiser's shipyard in Richmond CA. and the Ingebretson's moved to the Bay Area. After the war came a move closer to the new family income source at the

Fremont GM assembly plant. Rob was enrolled in the brand new Arroyo High School in San Lorenzo where he showed much talent on the baseball field; so much so that he was offered scholarships at Cal Berkeley and Stanford. ROTC was inspected but baseball was more attractive and he became a Cal Bear after lettering 3 years in Varsity baseball.

With his new BS degree awarded in 1963 and a major interest in a Cal coed that was taken by the fact that she didn't have to do all the talking (!), marriage was but a year away. Her name was Gig: a "name" long before it became an "economy". Rob found a job at Mission S.J. High as a coach and teacher of ninth grade science. Following came a masters in counseling to guide 7th and 8th graders at Horner Jr. High. This teaching, counseling, and coaching career lasted for 35 years,

enough time to father 3 children and be grandpa to 5 grandkids.

A SIR since 2004, his "SIR's hats are many. Recently accepting the Membership Chairman, he was Sgt. at Arms, Director, Activities and Social chairs, Little/Big Sir, and Area Governor. Last month he was awarded Honorary Life Member, an honor shared with a single digit percentage of SIR members. His best decisions? Marrying Gig which through her example, made the decision to follow Christ. Less important, but a serious part of his life, is the game where you knock a little ball off a big ball. AVID GOLFER? Yep.

A life lesson well learned from his Dad, is never miss work and always be early and the first one there. In addition to volunteering weekly at Meals on Wheels, Rob truly enjoys visits to baseball's Spring Training each year. When asked what the perfect job would be for him as the upcoming octogenarian he will be, answer was "Greeter at Walmart."

Editor's note: This will be a regular column. Should you volunteer to be spotlighted, seek out **Little Sir Larry Jett**. If you don't he will come looking for you.



The September birthday "boys"



Birthday drawing winner, Andrew Lang

It pays to stay 'till the meetings end!



Good for the heart—in moderation!





Patrick Farrant, Vice President of The Mended Hearts, Inc. gave a very informative talk, but unfortunately was unable to complete his talk due to the medical emergency situation involving Sir Ben Fernandez. (Ben is OK)



Area Governor Sir John Haffner, and Region 5 Director Sir Bill Holly along with surprise visitor, Big Sir Ed Benson attended our September meeting.

Christmas Luncheon ***Wednesday, December 18th*** ***(TAKE YOUR WIFE OR FRIEND TO LUNCH)***

Holiday luncheon tickets

Fellow Sirs,

Sir Rob Ingebretson will be selling tickets for the December Holiday Luncheon, at the back of the hall, 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 Roast

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 _____

Guest Name _____

Number in Party ____ x \$25.00 = _____

Make out check to SIR Branch 59.

Check # _____ or Cash Amount _____ Ticket # _____

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

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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.