



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Forth

MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday September 18, 2019

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Richard's Corner

When I became a Sir member in October of 2017, I had no idea I would hold down the position of Big Sir within two years.

With that said, we all must remember health and family comes first. We at Branch 59 wish the best of health to our former big Sir Harvey McAninch who resigned on August 21, 2019.

As Big Sir for our Branch 59 I will carry out my responsibilities to do the best of my ability and with the support from my rock-solid officers, directors and committee chairmen Branch 59 will grow as one.

The Birthday Table is back!!! September is a very busy month for birthdays. We will recognize 20 birthdays.

In closing let's all work together in sponsoring a new guest and hopefully they will become a member of Branch 59, and we will continue making friends for life.

Best Regards,
Your Big Sir Richard Henry

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.



September Speaker— Mr. Patrick Farrant, Mended Hearts Inc.

Born and lived first 17 years in a small town in Northern Ontario, Canada. In 1961, moved to Sacramento, graduated from high school and American River Community College. In 1966, graduated from San Jose State with a degree in marketing. Primary career was with a publisher of higher education, university level textbooks.

Major "heart event" in Feb 2005 (heart attack, triple bypass surgery followed by 8 stents.)

Became involved with heart patient support organization (Mended Hearts).

Served as Chapter Treasurer, Vice President, Chapter President, Assistant Regional Director, Western Regional Director, 2 terms as National Vice President, currently serving as National Executive Vice President.

Live in San Jose with wife of 50 years (Nancy). Have 2 adult children, 4 grandchildren. Hobbies include golf, and high altitude trout fishing in High Sierra...



Mended Hearts is a national and community-based non-profit organization that has been offering the gift of hope to heart disease patients, their families and caregivers. To offer this hope Mended Hearts provides a variety of programs.

Menu—Dina's Catering
Chicken Marsala and Pork Piccata
Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Vegetables, Salad & Roll
Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream



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, August 21, 2019

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Larry Lardie
Sammy Lum
John Pesek

RAMP

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



The meeting was called to order at 9:33am by acting Big Sir Rick Henry.

Harvey McAninch resigned as Big Sir effective Aug 21 due to health issues. We

wish Harvey a speedy recovery and look forward to his return. Rick will take the position of Big Sir through the end of the year.

All officers and directors were present except Larry Jett and Larry Lardie.

The July 17 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Aug 21 was \$5,443.94. A question was asked regarding funds carried over from 2018 categorized as a cash reserve fund, although they are included as part of the general fund balance. The treasurer offered this as an explanation;

Custodial Accounts. Branch treasuries have deposits that are not really income to the branch. Monies collected for luncheons are a good example as these funds are paid to the caterer within a short period of time. Another example is money collected for a ladies day event which is eventually paid out to various entities as event expenses. These are 2 good examples of Custodial funds. Branch treasuries frequently are the depository of Branch activities' funds which are also Custodial. At the end of an event like Ladies Day any surplus or deficit is then moved to an income or expense account.

With Rick Henry stepping into the role of Big Sir, we need a new Little Sir. Larry Jett offered to fill this position for the remainder of 2019. This was motioned, seconded and passed. This will leave Larry Jett's Director position open for the remainder of year.

We expect 112 for lunch today. This includes members and guests. New member, Russel Blowers will join us today. His membership was motioned, seconded and approved. Two returning guests are expected for orientation and six, first time guests are expected to join us. Two members were dropped for non-attendance; Noboru Ono and Stefan Jennings. Three members have resigned; Bill Delucchi, Chip Koehler and Laverl Tomlinson.

Rick Henry and Jerry Aguilar attended the SIR Annual Meeting held in Lincoln from Aug 18 - Aug 20. Rick voted on behalf of Branch 59 for Sir State Officers who will serve in 2020.

We will vote during our luncheon meeting today for Officers who will lead Branch 59 in 2020. They are: Big Sir, Richard Henry. Little Sir, Larry Jett. Secretary, Dave Nelsen. Assistant Secretary, Rob Ingebretson. Treasurer, Hugh Twomey. Assistant Treasurer, Arnold George. And for our Directors: Larry Lardie, Sammy Lum, John Pesek, Jim Ulam, Jerry Halligan and William Briscoe.

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MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman

Attendance Report 08/21/2019

Members	97=63%
Guests	8
Visitors	1
Total	106
Excused	37
Unexcused	24



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

September Birthdays

Joe Markovich	92
G. Austin Smith	90
Carlie Houseworth	88
Bill Stannard	88
Jim Harrison	83
Ned Rendell	81
John Trischetti	81
John Gates	80
Jerry Ford	79
Robert Ingebretson	79
Stan Peters	77
Victor Wong	77
Howard Elz	76
Andrew Lang	74
Richard Henry	73
Paul Pennelly	69
Carl Blincoe	67
J. Bruce Hevelin	66
Tom McCaslin	65
Sammy Lum	64

New Members/Guests

New Members

Russell Blowers	Larry Jett
Stan Hunt	Larry Jett
Gil Peters	Bill Briscoe

Guests (1st time)

Craig Rothbach	Ed Nelson
Jim Vermazen	Tri City Ad
Michael Huntzinger	Paul Pennelly
Randy Patterson	Tri City Ad
David Hunter	Jim Harrison
Greg Wilson	Tri City Ad



Newest member, Sir Russell Blowers is welcomed by Sir Dave Nelsen.



We were fortunate to have a large group of six guests last month, along with one new member.

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Membership Report 08/21/2019

<u>Members</u>	153
<u>Resigned:</u>	
# 43	Chip Koehler
# 39	Bill Delucchi
#108	Laverl Tomlinson
<u>Policy 25 (dropped):</u>	
#292	Noboru Ono
#139	Stephan Jennings

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 September, 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



Branch 59 did very well at Carson City tournament. We had two teams: Team 1 bowlers were Victor Okumura – 4th in singles, 2nd in all events, 1st in doubles (with Karen Okumura) 11th in all events, Ron Hamro – 8th in singles, 4th in doubles (with Jerry Sabo) 7th in all events. Team 2 bowlers were Miguel Ferras

10th in singles, 14th in all events, Larry Lardie – 16th in singles, Harvey McAninch, and Charles Bailey.

SIR Monday Bowlers – August 200 games:

Donal Spicer – 247 & 224

Ron Hamro – 215

Jimmy Inocencio - 205

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually 15 to 18 bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. There are 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 is \$15.00 for three games. We normally finish bowling before 3:00pm. Should you have any questions, feel free to let me know on Monday at Cloverleaf or contact me by phone or email



Two teams went to Carson City. Charles Bailey (Sunnyvale), Larry Lardie, Harvey McAninch, Miguel Ferras, Jerry Sabo, Victor Okumura, Karen Okumura, and Ron Hamro.

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 SIR Branch 59 golf group continues to meet every Tuesday. We alternate between Spring Valley in Milpitas and SkyWest in Hayward. We usually secure tee-times starting after 8:00am. Most recently we have had between 12 and 16 Sirs participate. All that are interested in

joining us should email me at Dpspanky@att.net and I will put you on the weekly notification list that is sent out every Tuesday afternoon for the following week. You respond to my email and I respond to your response so that you know you are on the “list”. I send out pairings on Sundays. Easy-peezy. I might add that Senior golf passes can be purchased at Spring Valley. \$290 for ten rounds. If you prefer a cart that is extra, but this saves you a few dollars every week. Skywest is still \$30 on Tuesdays with cart.

This September 19th is the Birthday of one of our long-time golfers, Austin Smith. Happy Birthday. Austin is 90! He is an inspiration to us all.

I would like to also welcome David Hunter to our golf group. He is reinstating his membership in our Branch.

I need to mention that (most) Branch 59 golfers are members of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA). We are Assn. #63 Club 278. We are also in the SIR State Golf (SSGC) in Division 4, Area 8. To be eligible for SIR tournament play you need to have a valid handicap. I would encourage all of our golfers to post your scores and keep your handicap current. More Golf information available at www.sirinc.org.

We need to address “**SLOW PLAY**”. We have danced around it for too long. We will try the one on one approach and see if that helps. Somebody has got to be the bad guy right!?



Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on September 24th 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 August meeting we discussed safe installation of Apps, and issues with installing web browser Extensions. More time was also spent discussing the Password Manager, LastPass.

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.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

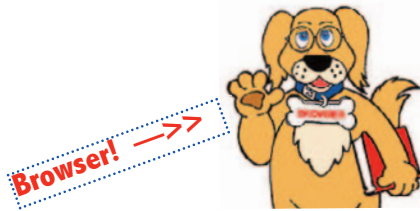
COUPLES DINING OUT

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 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:

**SIR
HAPPENINGS**

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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 September 23th

(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.



“So, which way up do the cards go?”



Sir Art Winkley is our SIR for the month of September. Art is possibly the friendliest and most sincere person that you will ever meet. At a young 92, he joined Branch 59 in October 1992.

Art is one of the Branch's two Honorary Life Members—a position of recognition requiring long time SIR

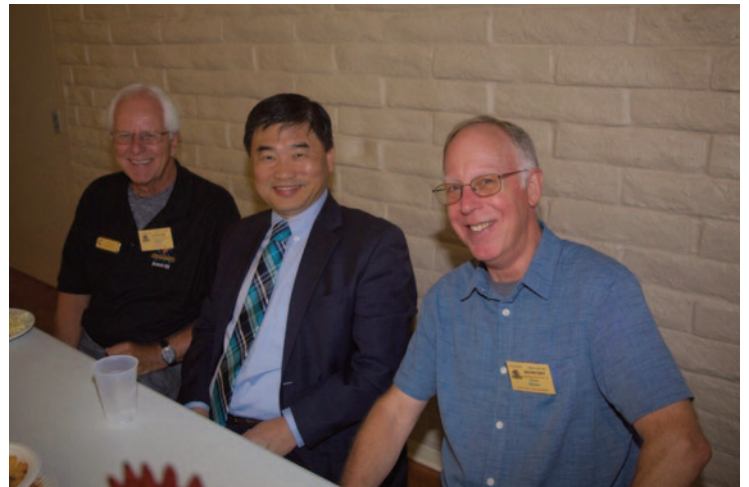
Membership and service.

Art has always been extremely active. For example, he continues to come to our Monday bowling sessions and keep track of the bowlers and their stats, even though he is no longer able to bowl. Whenever someone needs assistance, Art is there. He is now in helping with the Activities table.

Art also helps out with Birthdays, and is our Sunshine Chairman.

BRANCH 59 OFFICERS FOR 2020

Big Sir	Richard Henry
Little Sir	Larry Jett
Secretary	David Nelsen
Assistant Secretary	Rob Ingebretson
Treasurer	Hugh Twomey
Assistant Treasurer	Arnold George
Director	Larry Lardie
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Mr. Nan Su presented Branch 59 members with some understanding of the Chinese Culture from a historic perspective. How the ancient philosophies are deeply rooted in the culture.



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A request was made to consider re-establishing the birthday table. After a lengthy discussion we agreed to bring the question to the membership during our meeting today. We will bring this subject up again next month.

Our next BEC meeting will begin at 9:30am on Sept 18.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



It still pays off to stick around to the end of the meeting.

Welcome back Director John Pesek after his first round of hip surgeries.

Still no bowling for awhile.



Annual Christmas Luncheon

*This is to remind you to mark your calendar for Wednesday December 18th. Good food, music, entertainment, and prizes. The price will be the same as last year, \$25 per person, \$50 per couple. The entrees will again be Beef, Chicken, Salmon, and Vegetarian. I will again have Table For Ten forms, as well as Solicitation Letters to get prizes from our merchants. Make your check out to **SIR Branch 59**. I will start selling tickets at our October and November meetings.*

*Rob Ingebretson
Social Chairman*

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ACTIVITIES

Larry Lardie- Chairman
James Ploor - Assistant

ATTENDANCE

Ed Guthrie - Chairman
Bill Leake- Assistant
John Williams - Assistant
Bruce Hevelin - Assistant

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Carl Nordling - Audio
Jerry Sabo - Video

AUDIT

Carl Nordling - Chairman
Ron Brutvan - Assistant

BIRTHDAYS

Sammy Lum - Chairman
Art Winkley - Assistant

BOWLING

Victor Okumura - Chairman

BRIDGE

Arnold George-Chairman

CAPS & EMBLEMS

Nat Lord - Chairman

CHAPLAINS

Howard Thompson
Ted Bresler

CIRCULATION

Bill Briscoe - Chairman
Sterling Strickland - Assistant

COUPLES DINING OUT

Jim Ulam - Chairman

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Joe Stanley- Chairman
CYBERGEEZERS

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Jerry Sabo - Chairman
Hugh Twomey - Manager
Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

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Dave Shideler - Chairman

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant
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Arthur Winkley

PAST BIG Sirs

1976 Peter Clark*

1977 Karl Heine*

1978 Harry Cooper*

1979 Kenneth Foster*

1980 Larry Varblow*

1981 Guido Milano*

1982 Alex Fulton*

1983 Stephen Epler*

1984 George Herman*

1985 Ray Crosby*

1986 Loran Coburn*

1987 Robert Davis*

1988 Robert Klindt*

1989 Martin Annen*

1990 Lee Updegraff

1991 Fred W. Fretter*

1992 Lyle Kingery

1993 LeRoy J. King*

1994 George Hubach*

1995 Clyde Killion*

1996 Bill Schwan*

1997 Nat Lord

1998 John Buchanan*

1999 Art Lampert*

2000 Harry Heyen*

2001 Bob Beam

2002 Rollin Cunningham*

2003 Don Henry

2004 Tom Sherba

2005 Howard Thompson

2006 Les Addison

2007 Ted Bresler

2008 Richard Holley

2009 Don Gillis*

2010 Frank R. Thomas

2011 Hugh Twomey

2012 James Ferenz*

2013 Skip Mugford*

2014 Rob Ingebretson

2015 Skip Mugford*

2016 Jim Ulam

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2018 Harvey McAninch

*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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