



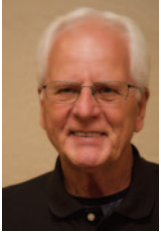
The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Forth Year
MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

November 2019
Wednesday November 20, 2019

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



Big Sir Richard's Corner

Hello to all our Sir members at branch 59 thank you guys for the real nice turn out for our October luncheon. I just want to say you could almost hear a pin drop while

our guest speaker Carlo was giving his presentation on his rowing adventures.

A huge thank you goes out to Sir Ron, Sir Jerry and Sir Sammy for all they did to retrieve and store the much needed information from Sir Gotthardt's computer. Rest in peace Fred: our branch is going to miss you.

The festive holidays are approaching, so be sure to see Rob for tickets to our Christmas Luncheon as they are now on sale thru December and be sure to purchase a ticket for your partner.

The growth of our branch is holding firm at 154 members with 107 members attending our October luncheon. Thank you all. A warm welcome to our 3 new members: David Hunter, Gill Peters and Jim Vermazen and thank you sponsors.

Autumn is marching on—even the scarecrows are wearing DEAD LEAVES.

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.



November Speaker Elizabeth Giarratana.

When Elizabeth Giarratana's husband died in 2014 after a 52 year marriage, she set out on a solo journey around the US.

She will share with us the year long road trip, how she prepared for it, and how the journey changed her life. Those of you who can relate to being a widower may be inspired by her talk.



These drawing winners have absolutely nothing to do with the speaker, but I hated to leave them out.



Menu—Dina's Catering
Turkey and Ham (Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing)
Mixed Vegetables, and Green Salad
Pumpkin Pie w/Whipped 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, October 16, 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 9:32am by Big Sir Rick Henry.

All officers and directors were present.

The September 18 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Oct 16 was \$5,012.87. It was noted that our annual assessment was paid earlier this month. Also, an outline of the holiday luncheon budget was included in the report; Expected income of \$4,000 and expense of \$5,000.

We expect 114 for lunch today. 4 new members; David Hunter, Gill Peters, Jim Vermazen and Mike Huntzinger will join us today. Their membership was approved. Three returning guests are expected for orientation and five first time guests are expected to join us.

Membership chair Ron Brutvan reported our branch net membership this year has grown by 7 as of this month.

13 members are celebrating birthdays this month.

Activities: 12 - 15 members are participating in bowling each week at Cloverleaf Bowl. 12 - 15 golfers regularly meet as well. BOCCE BALL anyone? following our Nov 20 luncheon we will be playing on the Elk's new court. No need to sign up, just join others after lunch and play this easy to learn game. Jerry Halligan reported on an interesting wine tasting opportunity. More news about this

soon, I hope.

Art Winkley, our Sunshine chairman, made calls to Ben Fernandez, Jim Harrison, Fred Gotthardt, Bob Doherty and Stan Lewis to check on their health.

Rick passed on comments from our area governor John Haffner following his visit with us last month; He spoke of how much he enjoyed our BEC meeting and the luncheon, adding that he has no worries about Branch 59.

George Perry will be our Rollie Referee today and in November as Dino Mostardi will be recovering from shoulder surgery.

Jerry Sabo, Ron Brutvan and Sammy Lum have accounted for the many tasks Fred Gotthardt performed on a regular basis for our branch. They will be looking for several volunteers to do these monthly tasks on a regular basis.

Officer training will be held on Friday, November 1 in Walnut Creek. Rick Henry, Rob Ingebretson, Hugh Twomey and Larry Jett will be attending.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.

Our next BEC meeting will begin at 9:30am on November 20.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman**

Attendance Report 10/16/2019

Members	107=68%
Guests	4
Visitors	1
Total	112

New Members/Guests

New Members

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

Guests (2nd time)

Chick Ferguson
Craig Rothbach
Greg Wilson

Guests (1st time)

Charles Gebhardt Jerry Sabo

Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Membership Report
10/16/2019

<u>Members</u>	156
<u>Change of Status:</u>	
#52 Don Roach	Resigned
#11 Fred Gotthardt	Passed Away



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

November Birthdays

Lloyd Anderson	89
Robert Boike	85
James Floor	84
Donald Ehlers	81
Robert LoBue	75
Myron Ness	75
Bill Leake	74
Bill Pruner	72
Tyler Harvey	41



New members (L-R) Michael Huntzinger, Jim Vermazen, Gil Peters, and David Hunter with Big Sir Richard Henry.



A Special 90th Birthday celebration to Sir Peter Angelides



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



Sir Tom McCaslin giving Big Sir Richard a quick lesson on public speaking!

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 Jerry Sabo

Victor Okumura has too many things on his plate right now so I am posting the bowling report this month.

Gary Bennett and Carlie Houseworth both placed at the Brentwood tournament. Gary took 3rd on singles, and Carlie took 8th. This was one of Carlie's first away tournaments. Gary also placed 8th in All-Events.

We had six bowlers at the Modesto Tournament, and are sending eight bowlers to Clayton Valley. We will then have one more tournament this year in Concord. At the Citrus Heights Tournament in October, Harvey McAninch had a field day. Harvey placed 3rd in singles, 1st in doubles with Jerry, and 1st in All-Events. Not only that, Harvey won all four brackets that he competed in!

Top scores recently were turned in by Miguel Ferras with a 220 and a 200, Jerry Sabo, a 215, and Donal Spicer a 205. Miguel also leads our in house tournament with 34 points followed at a distant 2nd by Rich Bowers with 17, and Jimmy Innocencio with 16. The drama continues.

We welcome back Frankie Cordova from a long bowling absence.

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, and Birthday cake on the first Monday of the month. We meet at Cloverleaf Family Bowl and start bowling practice at 12:45pm. Bowling cost is \$16.00 for three games. We normally finish bowling before 3:00pm.



"That makes 3 strikes in a row, Francine ... too bad it wasn't in your lane."

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



Attention SIR Branch 59 NCGA golfers! It's time to get your renewal checks in. The cost is the same this year, \$39. Please make your checks payable to SIR Branch 59 and either pay me in person or send to me at 4619 Jean Ct. Union City, CA.

94587. Also if you wish to join the

NCGA please contact me, and I can get you set up. I would hope that we can have this little chore done before the end of the year.

We continue to play Tuesday mornings at either Skywest in Hayward or Spring Valley in Milpitas. We usually have between 13 and 16 golfers out there. We haven't had much rain yet but when it starts Skywest will put the "Cart Path only" rule in effect and we will be playing Spring Valley a lot more as it drains well.

Please check www.golf.sirinc2.org for additional golf information.

Fairways and Greens,

Sir Dave Shideler



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Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on November 26th 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 1:00 to about 2:30 PM.

During the October meeting we discussed terms such as Megabyte, Gigabyte, Terabyte and Pentabyte, and the fact that a Smart Phone is actually a very small but powerful computer.

We are preparing to give a special session or several sessions, as needed, devoted to the use of “Smart Phones”. At our November meeting, we will include Seniors of the Greater Niles Village, and any Sir Member wanting information and help with these “Smart Phones” Bring your “Smart Phone” to our next Cyber Geezer meeting to learn more about your “phone” and get hands on help. You may discover many features of these phones that were unknown to you. Everyone is welcome.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

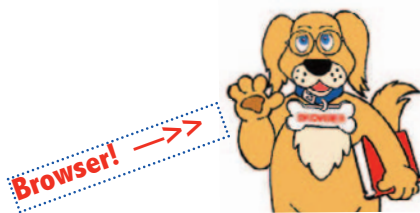
COUPLES DINING OUT

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 February 2020. Deadline for submitting articles is January 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—November 15th.

“Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Next poker lunch scheduled for November 25th

(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.

At the November meeting, we will recognize Veteran's Day with the displaying of all the military flags and a short clip to watch on the service branches.

Rob was reading the November Newsletter from a branch in Moraga and they have asked their members, if they served in the military, to wear their uniform to the November meeting in celebration of Veteran's Day. If it still fits.....what do you guys think of this??



Are you SIRious?

The multi-talented and gregarious SIR Robert (Bob) Marshall entered life in Oakland, CA very early in 1948 and has pretty much stayed in the Bay Area since. Oh, there were a few years in the Marine Corp as a dental technician assigned to a base in Portsmouth VA.

After mustering out Bob returned to the Golden State and doesn't plan to leave it again. Studying Business Administration and Urban Planning at Chabot and San Jose State University lead to a 40 year long career as a professional real estate appraiser capped by retirement from Fremont Bank as their Senior Real Estate Appraiser in 2017. Being retired allowed him to join SIRS where he will soon have a Director status.

Bob started appraising early as he was able to determine that a high school coed named Laurie was graduating from San Leandro High in 1968 and would make a fine mate. They have been married 51 years and settled down in Newark in 1972. Their three children graduated from Newark Memorial and dispersed to Camas WA, Seal Beach CA, and 6 blocks away in Newark. The grandkids count is 6 boys and 2 girls.

The city fathers of Newark found a good use for Bob's talents and elected him to a 27 year term as Planning Commissioner and they appointed him to City Councilman for 4 years. Bob was active in the Newarks of the World and visited many of them.

Current or past offices of President, Director, Board, or Chair duties include these organizations: Fremont Symphony, Toastmasters, Optimist Club, St. Edwards School Board, CYO, Jaycees, Newark Chamber of Commerce, Lake Area Residents Association.

Memberships have included Rotary, High School Booster Club, Library League, Knights of Columbus, Newark Soccer Club and Moose Lodge.

Bob and his son Scott, a licensed contractor in Newark, coach CYO basketball at St Edwards and Bob is a volunteer at the Candlelighter's Ghost House. Although

the E-Ticket Band has been disbanded, Bob was the lead singer, trombonist, percussionist, and guitarist for 25 years. Big parts of his life now revolve around his grandchildren and a big following of Fantasy Football. Bob would be available for coaching any of you in this hobby. He holds court at the Elks bar on the third Wednesday of each month from 11 am until lunch at noon. His coaching fee is some of their Johnny Walker Black Label. He co-hosts SIRS Poker



Senior President's awards to (L/R) Fred Cutter and Austin Smith

Can't Put a Name to a Face?

Visit our branch website at

www.sirbranch59.org

Click on the Member Gallery tab on the website and then enter the password: SIR59



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 the November luncheon. 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 Entrees --- \$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.