



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Fifth Year

MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

January 2020

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Bulletin No.1

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Richard's Corner

In the last few months of 2019 serving as Big Sir gave me a much clearer and better understanding on how our branch 59 should be run. I truly thank and appreciate all the support from our BEC officers our directors and committee members for being the back bone of our branch.

Membership is so important for success—thank you to all our members for coming out to the luncheons and enjoying the food and our guest speakers.

If you missed our Christmas party you missed a real nice time...Great food and entertainment with music from the fine voice of David Badilla followed up by the singing from the ladies with the Harmony Fusion Chorus .Oh yeslive and on stage.... Santa Baby was in the house.....our very own Carlie Houseworth.Thank you Rob and his wife Gig and their assistants for their efforts to make this event a memorable one.

The year of 2019 is coming to a close and looking forward to a successful and ever growing SIR Branch 59. See all of you at the BEC meeting and luncheon on the 15th of January....Yes....2020

Happy New Year to All:

Big Sir
Richard Henry



January Speaker Neil Lichtman.

Founder of "Know A Vet?"

A hub of information on services for veterans and help accessing them including EVERY Federal, State, and Local veterans resource, by ZIP. Your Little Sir did not realize he was eligible for VA benefits for 50 years. Know A Vet wants to shower every conceivable benefit on a veteran including many benefits you will not find from the VA publications. If you are not a veteran, Neil wants to hear from you or someone you know who is in order to spread the evangelism of the services big or little. When you leave the meeting, you will be well prepared to help his non-profit get the many many benefits available to our service men and women out to them.



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 Stroganoff and Jerusalem Chicken
Noodles, Rice and Vegetables
Cake**



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, 2020

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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



A Nonprofit public
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The meeting was called to order at 9:35am by Big Sir Rick Henry.

All officers and directors were present.

The October 16 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Nov 20 was \$4,672.77. Although our account is healthy it was noted that our income each month is less than our expenses. This will need to be addressed by increasing the lunch fee or possibly incorporating an annual membership fee. This discussion was tabled until our January meeting. The state organization suggests branches hold \$20 per member in reserve. At our current membership of 159 this would be \$3,180.

We expect 112 for lunch today. 3 new members; Stan Hunt, Randy Patterson and Craig Rothbach will join us today. Their membership was approved. Two returning guests are expected for orientation and two first time guests are expected to join us. Membership chair Ron Brutvan reported our branch net membership this year has grown by 9 as of this month.

9 members are celebrating birthdays this month.

Committee Reports: Cybergazers will be focusing on smart phone use during their next meeting or two.

Harvey McAninch will be taking up the role as bowling tournament director.

As membership chairman starting January Ron Ingebretson has asked for assistance, in particular with computer operation, to complete the many tasks which Fred Gotthardt performed each month.

Larry Lardie reported 9 members participated in golf this week and often draws 12 or 14 players. We need a new golf chairman beginning in January as

Dave Shideler is retiring from that position.

Today will be our first time playing Bocce Ball. We will charge \$10 per player and see how many participate. Our cost to use the court is \$100.

Holiday Luncheon: We all agreed to change the way we run the raffle this year. Each guest will receive one raffle ticket at no cost. As each prize is selected a winning ticket will be drawn. This will speed the process considerably. Musician Dave Padilla will perform for us again, as well as Harmony Fusion Chorus, an award-winning women's a cappella barbershop show chorus.

Rick spoke with Daniel, our caterer, and reports he will not increase our lunch price next year. He does anticipate a \$1 increase beginning November 2020. He is anxious to continue serving us and willing to act on our suggestions for improvements.

The nomination chair, John Pesek, noted that all board positions are filled for 2020 and 2021.

Sammy Lum offered to determine how many members receive the Pathfinder by mail each month and which of these have an email account. This is in interest of reducing the cost of printing and mailing fees. This was tabled till the next meeting.

Rick reported that John Haffner will remain Governor of Area 15 in 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46am.

Our next BEC meeting will begin at 9:30am on January 15, 2020.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman

Attendance Report 11/20/2019

Members	122=77%
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Total	125

New Members/Guests

New Members

Stan Hunt	Larry Jett
Randy Patterson	Jim Ulam
Craig Rothbach	Dave Nelson

Guests (2nd time)

Katsumi Osumi	John Pesek
Charles Gebhardt	Jerry Sabo

Greg Wilson

Guests (1st time)

Henry Romero	Paul Pennelly
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Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Membership Report

11/20/2019

Members 159

Change of Status:

#78 Stanley Lewis Passed Away



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

December Birthdays

Bud Spalding	87
Edgar Guthrie	84
Julian Vega	83
James Draughan	83
Carl Nording	80
Fred Taliaferro	80
William Bauhofer	79
Frank Cordova	79
William Williams	78
Russell Blowers	76
George Perry	75
James Ulam	74
Joseph Stanley	74
David Shideler	73



January Birthdays

Melvin Nunes	95
Joseph Jeno	90
Thomas Blalock	88
Sterling Strickland	86
Dominic Aiello	78
James Cunningham	77
Bob Banfiel	75
David Hunter	73
Robert Marshall	72
Michael Burns	70
Michael Huntzinger	69
Victor Okumura	63

Bring in a Guest
We welcome new Members

Sir Randy Patterson(L) and Sir Craig Rothbach (R) with Little Sir Larry Jett



Sir Stan Hunt (L) with Big Sir Rich Henry



Guest speaker Elizabeth Giarrantana



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

Veterans Day Flag Ceremony with (L to R) Jim Green, Ed Guthrie, Nat Lord, Carlisle Houseworth, and Howard Elz.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir Harvey McAninch



We had six bowlers at the Modesto Tournament. Victor Okumura was third in singles B division, and second in all events.

There were eight bowlers at Clayton Valley tournament in Concord, Harvey McAninch placed fifth in singles and Ruby Barker was just 7 pins from being in the money in All Events.

We sent eight bowlers to Danville tournament. We will then have no more tournaments this year. Harvey placed first in singles, B Division, and first in All Events. Harvey and his partner Charles Bailey also placed first in doubles. *(This information was added by the editor.)*

Top scores (over 200) recently were turned in November and December by Gary Bennett, Miguel Ferras, and Ron Hamro.

Looking ahead into 2020, the following tournaments are scheduled:

January 21, 22 in Napa. February 12 in Livermore. February 17, 18, and March 17 in Concord 17. Our travels to Carson City will be thru April 13-16. Please plan on attending these events.

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.



"I don't care where they came from. It's that distant rumble that worries me."

Bowling cost is \$16.00 for three games. We normally finish bowling before 3:00pm.

Welcome to our newest bowler—Paul Pennelly.

Prayers for Barbara Pesek, John's wife who passed away December 21st.

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Golf Notes by Sir Larry Lardie

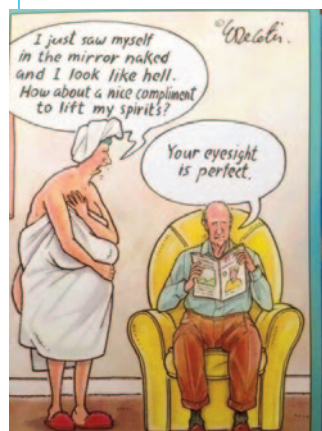


Happy New Year. It is now 2020, A new year of golfing, enjoying the links, and improving your game. Dave Shideler is stepping down and I will be taking over scheduling weekly golf games.

We had 7 players at Spring Valley Monday, December 30. A beautiful day. The sun was shining, the course was green, and we all had a great day. We plan on playing Spring Valley every Tuesday for the next month due to course conditions at other courses. If anyone has some course suggestions, please let me know.

Reminder to all SIR Branch 59 NCGA golfers. NCGA renewals are going to be sent in. If you have not submitted your \$39 to Dave Shideler, please do so now.

Larry Lardie





Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on January 21st 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.



We are presenting special sessions, as needed, devoted to the use of “Smart Phones”. At our January 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” and your significant other 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

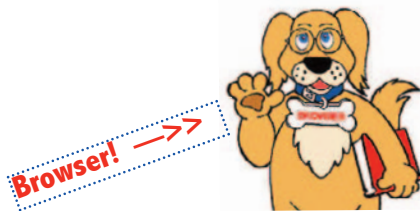
COUPLES DINING OUT

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:



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

“Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Next poker lunch scheduled for January 20th

(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.

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www.sirbranch59.org

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON REVIEW

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those that had a hand in making our annual Christmas Luncheon a success.

First of all, Daniel and his staff did a wonderful job with the food preparation and service. The dessert, individual servings of Tiramisu, was fabulous and provided by Fremont Retirement Community and served up by Cynthia Miller, the sales manager.

The beautiful centerpieces were made by Tom Blalock's wife Gail and her assistants Jim Cunningham's wife Katie and Bob Doherty's wife Lauren.

The table cloth, napkins, and glasses were put out by Camille and Vickie who are part of the Elk's Lodge clerical staff.

I want to thank all those members that donated a personal gift to the many that were raffled off. A special thanks for the efforts of both Sir Bill Anderson and Sir Bill Leake who contributed multiple gifts obtained from our generous merchants. The following is a list of the merchants that contributed to the success of our raffle; Country Way Restaurant, Lexus of Fremont, Olive Garden Restaurant, Spin-A-Yarn Steak House, Strizzi's Restaurant, Harbor Freight Tools, Home Depot, Trader Joe's, Bill's Café, Cloverleaf Bowling, Fremont Ford, Dorso's Automotive, Bogie's Dog Grooming, Lowe's, Dale Hardware, Stevenson Tire, Massimo's Restaurant, and Erik's Deli Café. If you ever get a chance to visit any of these merchants tell them how much you appreciated their donation that contributed to the success of our luncheon.

Finally, the entertainment which made the party special, was provided by Dave Badilla and his guitar. His music entertained us during our social hour and while we were eating. Many couples took the opportunity to dance to his fine music. After we finished eating we were entertained by 15 lovely ladies referred to as The Harmony Fusion Chorus. Their harmony to the many Christmas songs they sang was delightful. One of our members, Sir Carlie Houseworth was fussed over on stage by all the ladies. I am sure Carlie will not soon forget the experience.

Your Social Chairman,
Sir Rob Ingebretson



Are you SIRious? By Sir Larry Jett



SIR Robert (Bob) Higday was born 5 years prior to the start of WWII in Seattle. Attended Foster High School in Tukwila WA, a little south-west of his birth city which was named after Chief Si'ahl, chief of the Suquamish tribe. Further education was gleaned from Olympic JC and University of WA

backed by San Jose State and Cal State Hayward. Seven years in the Air Force Reserves are included in the education mix. Previous residences include, Bremerton, Fremont, Castro Valley, and Ben Loman before hunkering down in Newark for the duration. Head count of children numbers four with three grandchildren.

Married to Judy, formerly a Kiwi but now a US citizen. and this couple are well known for their well planned house and pool parties in their comfortable Newark home. They are busy with frequent travel plans and investment in Rotary and Optimist Clubs. Also heavily involved in the CHVA, Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association, which celebrates older vehicles including tours and dining out. A Sir that appreciate older cars might want to chat up Bob or your Little Sir for details

of this wonderful bunch of folks adventuring in their 30+ year old wheels. SIR could be a sub-set activity amongst them.

Using an manufacturing engineering background, Bob earned paychecks at Kenworth Trucks, Ford Motor Co, Osbourne Computers, and Lockheed which pointed the way for his retirement avocations in old cars (Fords of course) and Apple computer activities. Leadership skills have been honed in the CHVA as a National Director, as president of the 850 member Silicon Valley Chapter of International Facility Management Association, board member and past president of the Optimist Club of Newark and any other group or association that has room for a cheerful, clever gent with plenty to add to any group. When asked if he had a famous friend, Bob named Ed Brill, former VP of Product Management at IBM, this going back a long time.

Sir Higday has always enjoyed traditional jazz, has a bocce court in his backyard and whips up a tasty margarita at the slightest indication of need of his guests. Life's lessons learned at his father's knee? "A place for everything and everything in it's place" as well as "If it is worth doing, then it is worth doing right". larrywjett@gmail.com



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1980 Larry Varblow*

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