



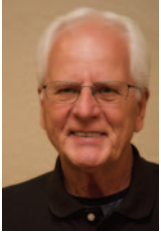
# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

**Forty-Fifth Year**  
**MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge**

**February 2020**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

**Bulletin No.2**  
**Social Hour-11 A.M.**



## Big Sir Richard's Corner

What's up Branch 59...Yes! a new year and decade.. 2020. With that said, let's hit the ground running with the mind set of branch growth. With a welcome for our

two new members Charles Ferguson and Katsumi Osumi and thank you sponsors Andy Lang and John Pesek. Know A Vet? was the topic at our January luncheon with the hub of information on the services for our Veterans and help accessing them, thank you Neil and Sarah for the great presentation.

Please keep in mind if you can't attend our monthly luncheons, call Ed Guthrie our attendance chairman with a reason why you can't attend so we can get a better lunch plate count... thank you.

Sure was nice to see 102 members....68%, 4 guests and 2 speakers for a total of 108 at our January luncheon. Sirs...our branch 59 is growing....159 members ...thank you sponsors, second- and first-time guests. Yes, you can be a sponsor. Need advice or direction feel free to speak with me or any BEC member. Let us grow together....enjoy together.

Best Regards,  
Your Big Sir:  
Richard Henry



## February Speaker Newark Mayor, Al Nagy

Al has been continuously on the City Council of Newark for 40 years next April. He was elected to Mayor in 2011, and has lived in Newark for 52 years and commuted to Menlo Park for 44 years as a project manager for SRI Intl. He is a Member At Large with the Washington Township Museum of Local History. If there is something that happened, or is happening, or about to happen in the Tri-cities area, Al will know about it.

His presentation might cover our valley from the early Indians, the pioneers whose names we see on the street signs and the industries that started here way back when, where was the growth from and where we might be heading.



**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**  
**Roast Beef and Chicken Piccata**  
**Green Salad, Red Potatoes, Rice and Vegetables**  
**Tapioca and Sugarless Jello**



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](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)



# SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, January 15, 2020

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Sammy Lum-Publicity

## 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 9:33am by Big Sir Rick Henry.

Directors Jerry Halligan and Jim Ulam were absent.

The November 20, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Jan 10 was \$4,137.79. An estimate of this years budget was presented by Hugh Twomey. We expect our income to be approximately \$25,125 and our expenses to be \$29,244. If these were actual year-end figures our account balance in December 2020 would be \$18. A motion was made to hold a special BEC meeting to discuss possible ways to generate additional revenue, which was seconded and passed. Rick will coordinate the timing of this meeting. We expect to recommend a solution to all members during our February luncheon.

Hugh indicated 2020 will be his last year serving as our branch treasurer. He nominated Larry Lardie to serve as treasurer beginning January 2021. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

We expect 117 for lunch today. Attendance chair, Ed Guthrie explained he uses 70% of our membership plus expected guests and speakers to estimate our lunch attendance. Two new members; Katsumi Osumi and Charles Ferguson will join us today. Their membership was approved. Two returning guests are expected for orientation and three first time guests are expected to join us.

2020 rosters have been printed. They will be distributed to members as name tags are returned following today's luncheon.

Committee Reports: Cybergeezers will be focusing on smart phone use during their meeting next Tuesday.

Harvey McAninch will be taking the role as bowling chairman for 2020.

Larry Lardie will be the chairman for the golf group.

John Pesek, nominating chairman, reported Jim Ulam will remain chairman of recruitment, leaving a director position open. John nominated Bob Marshall as director for 2020. Motion was made, seconded and passed by the BEC.

New lunch tickets have been made. They are laminated and quite large, making them easy to keep clean and difficult to lose or misplace.

A request was made to speak with our caterer Daniel, about serving a sugar free alternative desert for the many members who are diabetic or pre-diabetic.

Our audit for 2019 is complete and submitted to the audit committee for their approval.

Sammy Lum reported that 20 members receive the Pathfinder by mail each month. Only 3 of these members have email accounts. This was to help determine whether printing and mailing fees could possibly be reduced.

Mayor Alan Nagy of Newark will be our guest speaker in February. He will tell us about the fascinating history of the Tri-City area.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Our next BEC meeting will begin at 9:30am on February 19, 2020.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

**See Page 6—**  
**Minutes from Special Meeting.**



*Sir Bud Pearson flashing the "new" lunch ticket.*

## MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

### Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie**  
**Attendance**  
**Chairman**

#### Attendance Report 1/15/2020

Members	102=64%
Guests	4
Visitors	2
Total	108

### New Members/Guests

#### New Members

Charles Ferguson      Andy Lang  
Katsumi Osumi      John Pesek

#### Guests (2nd time)

Charles Gebhardt      Jerry Sabo

#### Guests (1st time)

Bob Cooper      Jim Ulam  
Michael Soto      Bill Pruner  
Calvin Pembleton      Jim Ulam

### Membership Report



**Sir Rob Ingebretson**  
**Membership**  
**Chairman**

#### Membership Report

1/15/2020

Members 160

Change of Status:

#170 Mel Nunes Passed Away 1/8/2020



**Sir Sammy Lum**  
**Birthday Chairman**

### February Birthdays

Forrest Lusher	103
Donald Thatcher	91
Walt Caeton	88
Sal Lamagna	85
George Prows	85
Larry Jett	80
Alan Weiner	77
Bruce Roberts	76
Ronald Hamro	75
Stephen Francis	74

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



*Newest members of Branch 59, Katsumi Osumi and Charles Ferguson*



*Bob Benya continues to lead us in song and historical perspective of our musical heritage. (L)*



*Little Sir Larry Jett presents our guest speaker Neil Lichtman from Know A Vet with a plaque. (Below)  
<https://www.knowavet.org/>*



*A casual glance at our birthday table with 26 birthdays in December and January. Mel Nunes had a January birthday—He would have been 96.*

### TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Need transportation assistance to attend SIR luncheons?

Send your request to: [sirbranch59@gmail.com](mailto: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 Sir Harvey McAninch



A new feature has been added to our weekly bowling league. On the first Monday of the month, the first bowler to pick up a split will win \$10. Baby splits do not count.

We had six bowlers at the Napa Tournament, and had a great time, but were not able to get into the top scores. We are taking signups for the Clayton Valley tournaments. Two tournaments will be at Concord on Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup> and another on Tuesday and Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

April is our annual trip to Carson City for a four day tournament April 13 thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a team event. Please put together teams of four, and get back to me so I can get the dates you want to bowl.

May is the SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT in Modesto on Wednesday and Thursday May 13, 14. This is a doubles and team event. Plan to go win the state trophy.

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, and an optional competitive side pot for \$1. We normally finish bowling before 3:00pm.



**You can get your Pathfinder at:**

**<http://sirbranch59.org>**

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:

**[sirbranch59@gmail.com](mailto:sirbranch59@gmail.com)**

### Golf Notes by Sir Larry Lardie



For this year, we have played on the 7th and 14th of January with 7 to 8 brave souls showing up and tempting the elements. At the time of this writing, tee times have been made for

January 21st and will be made for every Tuesdays in the near future. Weather is always a factor. We love sunny, dry, warm weather, but at this time of year if we can get 2 of 3, we are happy.

On Tuesday, January 14, it was a typical winter day. We started with clearing skies, then it softly rained for 3 holes, then clear skies and sunshine for the remaining 15 holes. Spring Valley was cart path only and muddy in spots as you might imagine with the rain. We had 7 golfers who all claimed to have had a great time and looking forward to the next game. Gotta love it.

Larry





## Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on February 25th 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 another special session; devoted to the use of "Smart Phones". At our February meeting, we will again 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

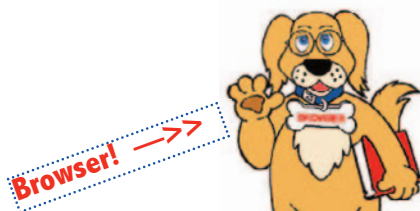
### COUPLES DINING OUT

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 May 2020. Deadline for submitting articles is April 15th.*

*You can find past issues on our website:*

*[sirbranch59.org](http://sirbranch59.org).*

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**You should have received your 2020 Roster complete with member photos at the January meeting. Don't forget to pick up your roster if you missed out!**

### "Dealers Lunch Bunch"

Next poker lunch scheduled for February 24th

(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](mailto:hdog48@gmail.com)) prior to attending a sched-

## Can't Put a Name to a Face?

Visit our branch website at

**[www.sirbranch59.org](http://www.sirbranch59.org)**

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

**A special BEC meeting was held on January 22, 2020 at the home of Larry Jett.** Its Purpose was to discuss our 2020 budget in detail and possible ways to generate additional revenue.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Big Sir Rick Henry. All members were present except Sammy Lum.

With our current budget our account balance at the end of the year is projected to be close to zero. The state organization suggests each branch hold \$20 per member in reserve. At our current membership this would be \$3,180.

A new, additional expense was added to the budget; \$100 per meeting will be collected by the Elk's lodge in order to keep the bar open. This is for insurance purposes and pertains to a new state regulation.

Following a lengthy discussion weighing the merits of raising the price of our meal tickets or incorporating an annual fee, a motion was made to increase the meal ticket to \$25 beginning at our March luncheon. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was then made to increase the May Sweetheart Luncheon and the December Holiday luncheon tickets to \$30 each. This motion was seconded and passed.

A revised budget will be prepared and copies made to distribute to all tables during the February luncheon. Rick will briefly explain the new lunch cost during the meeting and several officers will be available following the meeting to discuss the new budget in detail with anyone interested. The new budget will also be explained in the March Pathfinder.

Dave Nelson, Secretary

Meeting was adjourned at 2:16pm.

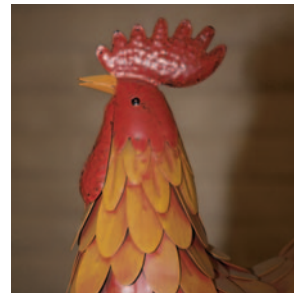
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*New member  
orientation given by  
Alan Weiner*



*Door prize winners, Jim Vermazen and Randy Patterson.*



*Rollie drawing winner  
Jerry Ford with Big Sir  
Rich Henry and Rollie  
(Above)*



*Birthday drawing  
winners  
Fred Taliaferro (Top)  
and  
Jim Cunningham (R)*



## Are you SIRious? by Sir Larry Jett



If your interviewer still used bottled ink to write about Sir Ned Rendell, he'd need a fresh bottle of Shaeffer Script ink soon. The Book of Rendell would list 2 names, 2 colleges, 3 children, 6 great grandchildren, 3 fields of business experiences, 7 hobbies and travels to many foreign countries including Finland, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Panama, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey, and several countries where the steering wheel is on the right such as England, New Zealand, Australia and Ireland. Just for some beach time, Ned has a string of Kauai lists extending longer then 20 years. Travel for 2020 will encompass the Canadian Maritime Provinces to see places where his parents and grandparents were born and raised. Newfoundland to Victoria BC. There are more but running low on ink.

Arthur Edward Rendell (Ned) took his first breath in Pasadena in 1938 and graduated from Bishop Union High School in Bishop CA. which is a few hundred miles north of LA. The high school's signature is "Be responsible, use good judgement, have character and show respect" I have known Ned from ROMEO's (huh? ask him) and from church for years, and these school precepts were well learned by him. Additional life's lessons from his parents and siblings Ned credits for his character were honesty, diplomacy, manners, integrity, critical thinking, truthfulness, and sound reasoning.

Colleges were Chico State for engineering and USF for management, both which were important in careers involving banking, engineering, technology and computer science. Other domestic zip codes were in Sacramento, Concord, Walnut Creek, and Fremont.

Ned and wife Phyllis combined their children and grandchildren into a Rendell consortium as a result of Ned getting a phone call from Phyllis, whom he had never met, wondering if he would be able to drive her to a night meeting of a grief-recovery-group in San Mateo? It is well that he said yes, because she later said yes, and they have been married 15 years this April.

When the American Express travel card is cooling down, Ned makes home and travel movies, still photography, videography vehicle restoration, wood working, gardening and genealogy, reading and politics. Some of the restorations include 1959 Alfa Romeo, 1968 Pontiac, English Austin, and a Studebaker plus several Chevrolets. Taking things apart and repairing of this diverse group was satisfactory use of spare time. He was

invited into SIR by Jack Lindley and Rob Ingebretson which looks like a ROMEO lateral to me.



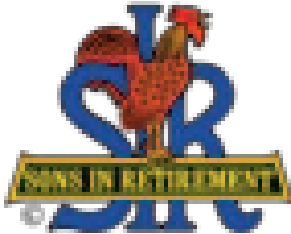
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1977 Karl Heine\*  
1978 Harry Cooper\*  
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1982 Alex Fulton\*  
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2007 Ted Bresler  
2008 Richard Holley  
2009 Don Gillis\*  
2010 Frank R. Thomas  
2011 Hugh Twomey  
2012 James Ferenz\*  
2013 Skip Mugford\*  
2014 Rob Ingebretson  
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2016 Jim Ulam  
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2018 Harvey McAninch  
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2019 Richard Henry  
\*(deceased)

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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.