



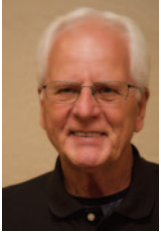
The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Fifth Year
MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

March 2020
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Bulletin No.3
Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Richard's Corner

Round one of the important town hall meetings was completed this past Thursday the 27th in Santa Clara—for Big and Little Sirs.

The meeting was conducted by our SIR State President Ed Benson. He covered topics like strategic direction, growth in membership, state activity comments, and 2020 updates. A plethora of valued information for the success and branch growth.

Branch 59 members: check out the new SIR Marketing Website...<https://www.wearesir.com/> a great site and tool for us, new guests and potential members for our branch.

Interesting to learn about the history of the tri -cities from our guest speaker last month, Newark Mayor Al Nagy.

Guys, our branch is growing! Welcome our newest member Charles Gebhardt and thank you Charles for already bringing in a first time guest. Our luncheon attendance for last month was 114 members which is 70% of our 162 total membership—great job.

Let us all look forward and attending our up and coming sweetheart luncheon on May 20th.

Best Regards,
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.



March Speaker John Hannon

Total Wine and More, is a family owned, privately held retail superstore selling wine and spirits.

Founded in 1991, it has 205 stores in 24 states. It employs 7,000 employees and features 8,000 wines, 3,000 spirits and 2,500 beers. Our speaker, John Hannon has been at the Fremont store since it opened 4 years ago. John was a Sergeant in the Marine Corp, practiced law for 30 years in Castro Valley, is a Certified Sommelier as well as a Certified Specialist of Wine, a French wine scholar and a Spirits professional at Total.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DASH

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Menu—Dina's Catering
Corned Beef and Meatloaf
Red Potatoes, and Vegetables
Chocolate Mousse



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, February 19, 2020

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Jim Ulam-Recruitment
Larry Lardie- Activities
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Sammy Lum-Publicity



The meeting was called to order at 9:34am by Big Sir Rick Henry.

All BEC members were present except director Bob Marshall.

The January 15, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The January 22 special meeting minutes were approved with the following corrections; I had stated that it is suggested each branch hold \$20 per member in reserve. Actually, it is suggested \$40 be held in reserve per member. I had stated the reason for the Elk's lodge collecting an extra \$100 to keep the bar open was for insurance purposes. Actually, this fee is imposed by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

John Haffner is planning to visit us in March. We will ask him to clarify the state's recommendation for holding monies in reserve.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Feb 19 was \$3,575.15.

Little Sir Larry Jett reported 10 members are celebrating birthdays this month. Also, our March speaker will be a Sommelier from Total Wines.

We expect 112 for lunch today. One new member joins us today; Charles Gebhardt. His membership was approved. Three returning guests are expected for orientation and two first time guests are expected to join us.

John Pesek, nominating chairman, is speaking with James Vermazen about taking the role of assistant treasurer.

Our completed 2019 audit has been distributed to the Treasurer, Secretary and Area Governor.

Big Sir Rick Henry announced interest in a new, or revived, activity - an easy walk/hiking group. He will chair this activity. Look for additional info soon.

The first 2020 Big Sir Town Hall meeting will be held on Feb 27 in Santa Clara. Rick Henry and Larry Jett are planning to attend.

Baseball; All SIR's are invited to attend a ball game on Sunday, June 7. Deadline for buying tickets is May 5. The cost is \$55 per ticket.

During a special meeting on January 22 the BEC decided to increase the monthly lunch cost to \$25. Reasons for the increase are outlined in PATHFINDER articles and explanation distributed at each table during the February meeting.

Rob Ingebretson, long-time social chair, is anxious to work with new volunteers to organize our May Sweetheart Luncheon. The theme will be Hawaiian Luau. Look forward to updates about this special event. Ticket sales will begin during our March meeting.

Recruitment; Jim Ulam - more activities means more possible membership. Feels we should participate in Fremont 4th of July parade.

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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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MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman

Attendance Report 2/19/2020

Members	114=70%
Guests	5
Visitors	1
Total	120



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

New Members/Guests

New Members

Charles Gebhardt Jerry Sabo

Guests (2nd time)

Bob Cooper Jim Ulam
Henry Romero Paul Pennelly

Guests (1st time)

Bill Laird Charles Gebhardt
Mike Marzano Larry Jett
Bob Hennessy Jim Ulam

Bring in a Guest
We welcome new
Members

Membership Report



Sir Rob Ingebretson
Membership
Chairman

Membership Report

2/19/2020

Members 162

Change of Status:

#139 Stefan Jennings Reinstated
78 John Mikel Reinstated

Lyle Kingery Passed Away 2/21/2020

March Birthdays

Lyle Kingery	94
Robert Benya	89
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	85
Howard Thompson	84
Richard Lightholder	82
Gary Bennett	81
Edward Nelson	80
John Prior	80
Gil Peters	79
Richard Bowers	78
Donald Lessard	73
James Green	65
Faz Binesh	62



*Newest member—
Charles Gebhardt*



At the February meeting, Branch 59 welcomed seven guests—flanked by Big Sir Richard and Little Sir Larry



*Librarian Jim Ploor
looking over some of the
books. Jim is turning over
his job to a new successor.*



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



Membership Chairman Rob Ingebretson welcoming guest Bill Laird, and reinstated member Stefan Jennings at the far left.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir Harvey McAninch



Sir Harvey has been recovering from a very serious collapsed lung episode, and has requested that some of the items from the February Pathfinder be repeated.

April is our annual trip to Carson City for a four day tournament April 13 thru the 16th. This is a team event. Please put together teams of four, and get back to Harvey soon so he 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 and 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.

Results from participation in our first two tournaments of the year have recently been received. At the Napa Tournament, Ruby Barker placed second in All-Events, and at the Concord Tournament, Miguel Ferras placed 5th in A Division Singles. Miguel also bowled well in Doubles, but not well enough to place in doubles or All-Events.

Several bowlers have had very nice games recently: Ruby Barker a 206, Don Henry a 225, Donal Spicer a 213 (604 series), Gary Bennett a 232, and Donal a 248 (602 Series).

In the past few months, three of our bowlers have lost their wives: John Pesek, Joe Stanley, and Jimmy Innocencio. Our prayers go out to these men and their families.

You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

Golf Notes by Sir Larry Lardie



For the month of February, we played golf on the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. On the 4th we had 15 players and the 11th, we had 11 players at Spring Valley. On the 18th we had 15 players at Monarch Bay Golf course, and the 25th, 10 players at SkyWest golf course.

It was good getting out in the fresh air and chasing the little white/ yellow/ orange ball through the brush, up the hills, in the sand traps and water hazards. I know I'm suppose to ask for rain to relieve our dry spell, but I love the sun, clear skies and warmer temperatures. It can rain any day of the week as long as its dry on Tuesday. SIR is having a Spring Fling in Napa Valley, April 20th & 21st. If anyone needs or want more information, let me know or visit the State Golf website at <https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/>

April

The Sir State Golf Committee would like to invite you to

"Spring Time in Napa"

A 2 DAY TOURNAMENT AT

Eagle Vines GC

NOTE: Due to a scheduling issue we will be playing Eagle Vines on Both Days!!!

APRIL 20th & 21st, 2020

LADIES WELCOME!

MEN PLAY

*LOW NET by Flight (foursome of choice) on Day 1
4 Person Team (computer picked) 2 BEST BALL on Day 2*

LADIES PLAY

Scramble (foursome of choice) on Day 1

4 Person Team (computer picked) 2 BEST BALLS on Day 2

Applications:

<https://www.sirinc2.org/golf2018/wp-content/uploads/Flyer-Rev-D.pdf>



Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on March 24th 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 “Cutting the Cord”. At our March meeting, we will again include Seniors of the Greater Niles Village, and

any Sir Member wanting information. We will discuss high speed internet services—what’s available, VOIP phone services, streaming devices such as Roku, Amazon Fire Stick, Apple TV, and finally streaming services such as Hulu, Sling TV, Philo, YouTube TV, and AT&T Now.

Cost comparisons and actual cable cutter experience.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

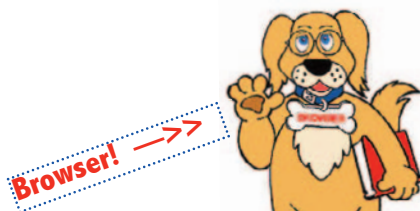
COUPLES DINING OUT

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.

Send news and questions to:

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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 March 23rd

(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 sched-

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**

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Advertising; We continue to gain membership through our ad in the Tri-City-Voice, second Tuesday of each month.

We are seeking a few volunteers; Librarian: To put out books prior to our meetings and put in storage following. Jim Ploor has done this since 2010.

Sunshine Chair: To connect with members dealing with life issues and communicating them to the BEC and/or membership. Audit Committee Assistant: Assist in the annual audit of our branch finances and membership.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52am.

Our next BEC meeting will begin at 9:30am on March 18, 2020.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

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~~ \$40 per member in reserve. At our current membership this would be ~~\$3,180~~ \$6,360.

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.~~ This is for fees imposed by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

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.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:16pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



It's a LUAU party

Wednesday May 20, 2020

Hawaian dancers and Music

Women should wear appropriate hawaian garb

Men should wear there best hawaian shirt

Food entrees

***Tri-tip roast with a Pineapple mango sauce**

***Rosemary chicken with a orange-maple glaze**

***Teriyaki glazed salmon**

Make check out to SIR BRANCH 59

\$30.00 per person / \$60.00 per couple

Tickets on sale at our March meeting

Table for ten forms will be available



Are you SIRious? by Sir Larry Jett
Current BEC Director and future 2021 Treasurer Larry Lardie began his life's story in 1949 in Traverse City, Michigan, the cultural and social center of Michigan's "True North". His graduations included Traverse City

High School, Northwestern Michigan College and Northern Michigan University. Other Addresses were Marquette MI, Detroit MI, and then to Sunnyvale and Fremont.

As an internal auditor, Larry made a career of examining, verifying and certifying vast amount of facts, figures and data. Far more than a "bean counter", he audited and managed for a real estate investment group, Fleming Foods, Viking Freight, and finally Safeway Corp. which owns great amounts of property, products, produce and manufacturing facilities as well as one of the largest trucking fleets in the USA. Along the way, he earned the distinctive title of Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Fraud Examiner. Other branches of SIR may have CIA members, but they probably can't talk about their past. Larry hung up his auditor's green eye shade in 2014 and Jim Ulam sponsored Larry into SIR. He has since found golf and bowling great sports.

When queried about hobbies/special interest, motorcycles loomed large and still does. Your interviewer neglected to ask Larry if he owned "Black leather chaps, black leather jacket, black leather vest with an eagle on the back and steel toes boots." But you can. He drove his 2002 Indian Chief Roadmaster all through middle America in 2005 visiting CO, WY, MT, and UT including bike mecca Sturgis SD, running up 2500 miles and coming close decking a bear. He then added a 2005 Harley Davison Road Glide and made some long-distance trips including three times on the motorcycle event called Run For The all, which is a coast to coast (LA to DC) with 3,000 veterans and supporters (like Larry). The ride is in formation (side to side and close together) through torrential rains,

tornadoes, cold and sweltering heat. He has a ton of details about each trip. The return from DC, Larry was on his own but consisted of traveling up to Michigan to visit family, then heading west across WI, MN, MT, UT and up to Canada visiting Banff, Whistler Mountain, and Vancouver Island, and down through WA, OR and home.

Larry also enjoys international travels. He has been to Belize, New Zealand/Australia, down the Danube from Prague to Budapest, and just last year to Greece and Turkey. Future trips will include the British Isle, Russia and Finland (where his roots are).



A very congenial group of Branch 59 golfers!



Newark Mayor Alan Nagy is presented with a plaque and a bottle of wine as a small token of appreciation for his wonderful presentation highlighting the history of Washington Township.

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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*

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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

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2016 Jim Ulam

2017 Jim Ulam

2018 Harvey McAninch

2019 Harvey McAninch

2019 Richard Henry

*(deceased)

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