



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Fifth Year
MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Cancelled
May 18, 2020
Wednesday, May 18, 2020

Bulletin No.4
Social Hour-11 A.M.

Big Sir Richard's Corner



A note from BIG Sir:

Well despite no physical contact I feel more connected globally than ever. I find myself walking more and seeing the same from the senior community in which I live. Being frugal has now become a top priority. I use to use the toilet paper like a spinning wheel on a slot machine now it's like turning a knob on a combination safe.

ZOOM-ZOOM...no not a Mazda commercial but a way we all now communicate with that said I want to thank Jerry Sabo for being the host as we held our Branch 59 BEC meeting for March this past Wednesday. Seeing and speaking with 11 of my board members meant a lot to all of us and the virtual meeting was well accepted.

Right now our lives are like a puzzle...be patient everything is coming together. Until we can all meet again be safe with social distancing and we all will get thru this pandemic together.

Best Regards,

Richard Henry

Message from Area Governor, John Haffner

'morning guys.....nothing special to report on a gloomy Saturday.....'just checking in.....'don't know what you're up to, but today I'm painting my storage shed.....rustoleum does wonders! This replaces what Darlene and I had planned...flying to Copenhagen today for a British Isles cruise.....oh well!

So, some Branches have incorporated Zoom into their monthly BEC meetings and on-line activities; it's a great way to communicate. If you haven't used it, give it a go. The SIR website now contains a Zoom tutorial. Installation is simple and it allows you to meet face to face via your friendly computer or hand held device. So, take that, corona virus!

Until we return to "normal" one thing is certain for SIR, please ensure that your BEC strictly adheres to the State insurance guideline.....no activities (none!) without the BEC voting approval and w/ a 30-day waiting period. Having survived the recent insurance crisis, compliance is key.

Despite the hiatus, don't forget that the 2021 Nominating Committee process doesn't go away. Ensure that the Branch has a succession plan for next year and beyond. We will get through this.

A reminder to keep a list of Branch birthdays, anniversaries, awards, etc. to announce when you do meet again.

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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
Cornd Beef and Meatloaf
Red Potatoes, and Vegetables
Chocolate Mousse

Cancelled



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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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
benefit corporation
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On April 15 the BEC held a video conference meeting via Zoom.

The meeting was hosted by Jerry Sabo and began at 10:30am. As BEC members logged into the meeting Jerry discussed how to use the Zoom software. Several sir's had computer issues but before long all present were using the software effectively. All BEC members were present except Arnold George.

Committee chairs also present were Jim Ulam, Harvey McAninch, Ed Guthrie and Jerry Sabo.

The February 19, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on April 10 was \$4,102.90. This includes \$3,000 contributed in 2018. This is considered our cash reserve. \$500 was paid to the Elk's lodge in February for our March meeting. This will apply toward rental of the lodge the next time we meet there. It was noted that our second quarter branch assessment has been paid.

Rick spoke with our caterer, Daniel, about halting our meetings until further notice. As of now Daniel's restaurant, Dina's, is still open and he plans to continue serving our meals once we begin meeting again.

Rob discussed filling out form 27 while we are not meeting. State SIR's has indicated where to add "corona virus" on the form to account for our missed meetings.

As Rob has taken the role of Membership

chairman, we are in need of a new Assistant Secretary. We have a couple Sir members in mind to speak with about taking this role.

Rick reported that a new contract with Elk's is ready to be signed.

Activities; Due to the need for social distancing and closures most activities have been cancelled. Harvey noted if we have to cancel the bowling tournament in June he will try to reschedule it on a later date. Jerry Sabo will hold the Cyber Geezer meeting next Tuesday via Zoom, Re; Zoom meeting software. He will send an email invite.

Publicity; Sammy questioned whether we should continue advertising in the Tri City Voice, spending \$42 per month. After a brief discussion a motion was made to continue the ad. The motion was seconded and passed.

Future editions of the Pathfinder was discussed. Jerry would like BEC and committee chairmen to help by supplying content. Rob commented about the importance of mailing printed copies to those members without computers. Will figure a way to print these.

The next edition of the SIR Happenings is scheduled to be sent out on May 1.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on May 20. Jerry suggested we hold another Zoom meeting and offered to set it up.

We adjourned the meeting at 12:02pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE (No Report)

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

April Birthdays

Tom Federico	86
Kenneth Peterson	86
Miguel Ferras	83
Ken Brunskill	81
William Anderson	80
Theodore Bresler	78
Larry Roberts	75
Jay Wagner	75
Robert McCauley	74
Philip Keller	72
Larry Lardie	71
James Vermazen	71
Loren Lookabill	70
Wen Shih	69
Randy Patterson	66

May Birthdays

Donald Henry	91
Stanley Hunt	87
Joseph Montellano	87
Willard Wyman	87
Donald Allen	84
Larry Goodman	84
Robert Lovell	83
Richard Holley	81
Gerald Rodrigues	81
Ron Brutvan	79
Harvey McAninch	77
Jerry Halligan	75
William Palleschi	75
Terry Pearson	75
Henry Brown	73
Zacharia Ploscaru	71
Kevin Hurley	69



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

Sunshine Report—Sir Art Winkley



Jim Harrison - suffered a very serious stroke in March and has made a remarkable recovery as he rests at home.

Carlie Houseworth - Has had a difficult time with his body getting enough oxygen. He now wears a portable oxygen tank and is doing much better.

Editor's Note-During the past two months, Art has called me at least twice to see how everything was going. He also reported that he has called many if not all Branch 59 members to see if everything was OK. We are sad to announce that two of our long time members, Lyle "Pat" Kingery and Tom Sherba passed away. Some information about Tom is on this page. Pat Kingery will be highlighted on page 7.

Tom Sherba 4-22-2020

Sir,
It is with a sad heart that I inform you that dad passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22nd in his apartment at Heritage Estates in Livermore. He was comfortable and at peace. Please let all his fellow Sirs know how much he appreciated receiving their good wishes. He looks forward to seeing them again at the big golf course in the sky.

A celebration with family and friends will be planned to honor Tom when it is possible to do so.

Thank you,
Yvette

Tom was Big Sir in 2004 and later served as Area Governor. We will miss his smiling face, and forever a great attitude.



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir Harvey McAninch



Monday bowling, and our Branch 59 Tournament scheduled for June 23rd has been cancelled until the BEC approves the re-start of activities.

Because of insurance limitations, no SIR sponsored activity can take place without such approval.

Cancelled

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Finally, SIR will lose membership due to the pandemic. Membership, retention and recruiting during the summer is crucial for our continuing success.

By month-end we should have a bit more clarity as to how social distancing will rule our lives. In the meantime, I really need a haircut!

Stay healthy. Best! John H.

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

SIR golf activity April 2020



During this time of Coronavirus and social distancing, all SIRs activities have been cancelled for now. We will continue as soon as possible. This means that once the

golf courses are reopened (and when the BEC approves the re-opening of activities) I will schedule tee times and let everyone know. I have not heard of any time estimate of when that may happen.

I also have not heard of or know of any restrictions or requirements that may be imposed on social gathering, distancing, or wearing masks once courses are reopened. We will just have to wait and see. Until then, stay safe, healthy, and as active as possible.

Larry Lardie



"Kenny would like to use his sandbox!"



Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on May 26th via Zoom, I will send out instructions via email prior to the actual meeting. The meeting time is from 1:00 to about 2:30 PM.

We presented another special session; devoted to “Cutting the Cord”. At our May 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. No specific topic has been scheduled. Should we rename our group?



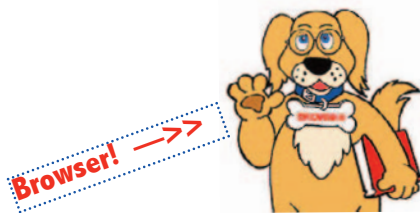
OTHER ACTIVITIES

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 August 2020. Deadline for submitting articles is July 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 May 23rd

(Monday following monthly SIR Luncheon)

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Home of Sir Larry Jett *
8176 Fairway Court
Newport, 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**



Reported sighting of LITTLE SIR

Should any of you encounter any of my three children, please don't let them know that Dear Old Dad has removed his ankle bracelet and escaped from house arrest for brief visits outside their ancestral home. Necessity items such as coffee, wine, and lunch meat require desperate measures in desperate times and I am up to it. One big box store for 'spirits' would not let me in their door until one customer exited. Our postponed lunch speaker for March, Total Wine, in contrast, was wide open, accommodating, and very happy to see buyers. Just letting you know even though they don't sell coffee or lunch meat. Extra reason for the trip? Total is next door to Costco where gasoline is \$2.39 a gallon. Not that the price matters much as my gas guzzler is getting about three weeks to the gallon now.

Suggesting a 'commercial-grade' single clap from each of you for the birthday boys of March and April to cover our pent-up respect to each and every one until we meet again. **CLAP**

During this downtime, perhaps you might help me prepare advance stories for "Are you SIRious" column in future *Pathfinders*. Just email me at: larrywjett@gmail.com and I will send a bio cheat sheet.

A respectful shout-out to Sir Sabo. Jerry corralled all the BEC gents for a successful Wednesday meeting using Zoom. I admit to be a luddite when it comes to radical webness but patient Jerry made it work. Will see if lesson learned will allow me to attend Cyber geeks this day. Price per share of Zoom is \$150 today. (?) Co chair of the poker group wanted to have a Zoom based poker meet with him having control of the cards...could be 10 aces up 10 sleeves. The idea was folded.

Jerry

Here is my idea for a section of our PATHFINDER entitled.

DID YOU KNOW?

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Rob Ingebretson

Now that Our May Luau is cancelled, Rob has submitted another great idea (Above). Please submit any such peoples names to the Pathfinder.

One such individual that I know of is Art Winkley. Art is always looking out for everyone, and his loving kindness is appreciated.



It's a LUAU party

Wednesday ??? , 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

Possibly rescheduled for a future date?

Many Branch 59 members missed knowing Pat Kingery. By the time I joined in 2004, he and his wife Margaret had already moved into a Senior living home and was using a walker—difficult for him to attend meetings.

I happened to know Pat very well. I also grew up in Pueblo, CO and as it turns out, he and my 6th grade teacher (and my Father's best friend) were Principal and Vice Principal at the South Pueblo High school.

When I was looking for my first teaching job, Pat was at Greeley, CO looking through the files for a potential teacher and he discovered my name. Pat basically hired me in 1964 for my first teaching job at Newark High School. He also re-hired me after I quit teaching in 1980 and came back in 1981.

Pat was Big Sir for Branch 59 in 1992, and was one of our Honorary Life Members.

I have a lot of gratitude to this wonderful man.

*Jerry Sabo
Editor*

Lyle “Pat” Kingery
March 17, 1926 - February 21, 2020
Moraga



Pat Kingery passed away in his sleep on Feb. 21, 2020. The son of J. Lewis and Maude Cressy Kingery, he grew up in Pueblo, CO, graduating from Centennial High on June 4, 1944 and enlisting in the [U.S. Navy](#) two days later on D-Day, June 6, 1944, serving on the U.S.S. Beckham during the invasions of Okinawa and Iwo Jima.

After the war, Pat graduated from Colorado State College of Education, became a teacher and eventually principal of Centennial High. In 1953, he married Margaret Zimmerman. He earned an Ed.D. from the Univ. of Oregon. In 1962, Pat became vice-principal of the newly built Newark High School. He remained in the Newark School District, eventually becoming Asst. Superintendent, retiring in 1986. He and Margaret moved from Fremont to Moraga in 2019.

He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 66 years, their four children, David (Darlene) Kingery of Moraga, CA, Donald Kingery of San Francisco, Suzanne (Tom) Woltanski of Tavernier, FL, and Betsy (Chris) Cooper of Ventura, CA. He was a loving grandfather to 8 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his only brother, Cressy, who served in the Air Force and died in World War II.

A memorial service was to be held at 11am on Monday, March 16th at the First United Methodist Church, 2950 Washington Blvd, in Fremont. Family and friends are welcome to stay for a reception immediately following the service. **(Memorial service to be rescheduled because of COVID-19)**

The family suggests sending memorial contributions to:

Mended Hearts Program, Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation, 2000 Mowry Ave., Fremont, CA 94538
(Please include “Lyle Kingery” and “Mended Hearts” in the memo line.)

Or

Avanzando, a Newark based non-profit committed to providing financial support to eligible Latino students in the Newark School District: Avanzando, Inc., PO Box 47, Newark, CA 94560

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1976 Peter Clark*

1977 Karl Heine*

1978 Harry Cooper*

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2016 Jim Ulam

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2018 Harvey McAninch

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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.