



The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

Forty-Seventh Year

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Greetings Fellow SIR's! This month's blurb is a bit of a travelog. As I told you last month, I had the occasion to visit Coeur d'Alene, Idaho with my family as the venue for our bi-annual Garshford Family Reunion ("Garshford" is a mash-up of the three surnames of my three children - Garling, Marshall, and

Bradford - that we use as our official title for the get together).

Coeur d'Alene is about 40 miles east of Spokane, Washington so it is an easy venue to get to, and what a great little touristy town! Lots of great places to eat; lots of interesting sites to see; and most of all, a fabulous Rocky Mountain lake with beautiful views. Suffice it to say that we spent most of our time playing on the lake with a patio boat and a couple of wave runners at our disposal. A great time was had by the entire family, and I highly recommend this place for a vacation.

I'm happy to report that we have completed our new agreement with the Elks Lodge and starting with this month's luncheon, we will have an extra hour of Lodge use which will allow our club to have post luncheon activities, like Bridge, Pinochle, Corn Hole, Bocce Ball, and the like for those you who would like to remain and partake.

This month's featured speaker is Matt Weaver, a Certified Financial Advisor and Vice President of Fremont Bank. He will be talking to us about the current state of the economy and how to keep up on your retirement financial needs.

That's it for me this month. I look forward to seeing you all at our luncheon on 8/17, and I promise you a challenging trivia game and other entertainment in store.

Big Sir Bob



August Guest
Matthew Weaver CFA

Matt has served as an advisor for FB Investment Services, A Division of Fremont Bank since October of 2015, but is not new to the investment

and risk management industry. He has served institutions and individuals since 2003 and in the Bay Area community since 2006 with his CFA and eventually obtaining his licenses in 2015. Matt has served as an educator, teaching investments and risk management at the graduate level for the University of San Francisco.

Matt holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Belhaven University in business administration. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) designation, a globally recognized, graduate level investment credential that is issued by the CFA Institute. Matt is FINRA Series 7 and 63 registered through LPL Financial and is licensed with the California Dept. of Insurance.

Matt and his wife and two boys, live in the East Bay. Matt is an active member of his community and the investment community in the Bay Area. With his free time, Matt enjoys coaching youth sports, running, cycling, some golf, outdoor recreation, and spending time with his growing family.

August 17th Luncheon Menu

We will be served: Beef Stroganoff and Jerusalem Chicken, Noodles, Rice and Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Roll Desert....Cake and Ice Cream

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, July20, 2022

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Branch 59

Meets at Fremont Elks

38991 Farwell Drive,

Fremont CA on the 3rd

Wednesday of each

month

10:00 AM

Executive Board Meeting

11AM Social Hour

12 Noon Lunch



The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Bob Marshall at 10:00am. All BEC members were present except Rick Henry and Jerry Halligan.

We began the meeting with a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of Hugh Twomey.

The June 15 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Meeting minutes of a special June 20 meeting were also approved as presented. Nominations for 2023 BEC officers is due to be submitted by the end of this month. We are in need of both a Big and Little Sir. A suggestion was made to talk with members individually about this opportunity to serve. We all need to step up our efforts to fill these positions. Although hoping not to hold the position for two years, Bob Marshall offered to be our Big Sir again in 2023, on the condition we find a Little Sir as well.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported our account balance as of July19 was \$6,934.45. This month's form 28 must reflect our actual membership number. Our next assessment in October will be based on our membership number in July. The treasurers report was approved.

Big Sir, Bob Marshall reported the current importance of our branch is finding a member to serve as Little Sir. We have a great lineup of speakers for the next couple of months. August speaker is set, but we are waiting for September speaker to confirm.

Membership; We expect three new members to join today: Harvey Look, Clem Paraiso and Wid Nojopranoto. We approved their membership in branch 59.

Activities; Golfers are a steady 16 players each week. Bowling tournament will be held July 26 and 27. Sir State is organizing two traveling opportunities. One to the east coast and another to Ireland. Jerry Halligan has purchased bocce ball equipment and will seek permission from Elk's to use their court at a reduced cost if we use our equipment. Jerry Ford will demonstrate how to play bocce ball following today's luncheon.

Recruitment; Jim Ulam commented that our activities have brought in new members more than anything. Bob has signed a new contract with Elk's. Still \$600 per meeting, but the time is extended one hour until 3:00. This will allow time for activities following our meetings. Jerry will bring a corn hole set and bocce ball equipment. Bridge, poker, fly fishing and genealogy all have leaders and may be able to use this extra time as well. Jerry Sabo asked that each activity leader write an article for the August Pathfinder.

Publicity, Sammy; A Branch59 Facebook account is up and running, but there have been few responses. The ad in Tri-City-Voice has not brought in many members. We have not re-started the ad. Sammy is considering starting an account on Nextdoor.

Several members are unable to drive to our luncheon meetings. We discussed how we might identify members who live close to these non-drivers to enable them to join our meetings. A motion was made to create a Ride-Share committee and it was approved. Rob offered to chair this new committee.

It was suggested we create a new printed roster. Based on the cost of the prior roster, 2020, the price estimate is \$350. A motion was made and approved. Membership, database and attendance committees will coordinate this effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

August Birthdays



Arthur Winkley
Age 95



Gerald Robinson
Age 90



Robert Higday
Age 86



Robert Compton
Age 85



Donal Spicer
Age 80



Paul Parhiala
Age 79



Douglas Howd
Age 76



Ken Arora
Age 75



Dave Nelsen
Age 69



Sir Sammy Lum Birthday Chairman

You may have noticed that our birthday procedure has changed. If it is your birthday month you are to pick up a lei in the box located next to the gentleman that gives you your badge when you enter. You are to wear it during the luncheon and you may sit anywhere you want as there will no longer be a birthday table. Sometime during the luncheon you will be given the opportunity to say your name and how old you are. After all the birthdays have been announced there will be a drawing for a bottle of wine given to one of the birthday members present. We ask that when you leave the luncheon that you please return your lei to the same box where you picked it up.



Cyber Geezers *usually* meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on **August 23rd**. We will again include Seniors of the Greater Niles Village, and any SIR Member wanting to join us. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Login information is given below

**Cyber
Geezers**

In the last Zoom session we discussed various ways of saving information using OneNote by Microsoft. On a tablet and as an app on a computer. Please send requests to Jerry at jlsabo3@comcast.net.

SIR Happenings is published 4 times a year—the next issue will be published for November 2022.

Deadline for submitting articles is October 15th.

You can find past issues on our website:

<https://sirbranch59.org/>



Join the next Zoom Cyber Geezer Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96358532596>

Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596

The “Dealer’s Lunch Bunch” meets for Poker every month on the Monday immediately following our monthly luncheon. We currently have about 10 members who routinely attend games. We have a seven-seat table, so space is limited to the first seven players who reserve. But don’t let that stop you from joining our group! We have had up to 10 players (lots of common card games) since the group started, and IF we consistently get more than 10 reservations, we will open a second table. The buy-in is \$10, with dime-quarter-half dollar chips, so it is within everyone’s means. If you have a desire to play, please contact Sir Larry Jett (larrywjett@gmail.com), or Sir Bob Marshall (hdog48@gmail.com).



Bowling continues to be popular activity for our branch with over 20 active participants. Several Branch 59 bowlers will have participated in the SIR State Bowling Tournament which was held in Clayton Valley Bowl on July 26-27.

On August 8-9, six of our Branch 59 bowlers will be bowling in the National Stadium in Reno. Two teams of four will be represented—Branch 59 team includes Victor Okumura, Harvey McAninch, Jerry Sabo and Miguel Ferras. A second team with Laverl Tomlinson and Harvey Look and two other bowlers will also be bowling.

If anyone in Branch 59 has any interest in traveling, there is a SIR State Travel chair, (Milt Smith) who works with various branches to put together trips. Two of the trips are Autumn Colors trip to East Coast (October 13 -22, 2023 and Scenic Ireland (April 14-17, 2023). Milt promises that additional trips are forth coming. (See the August SIR Happenings for details.)

After our July 20th luncheon meeting, several SIRs played Bocce Ball at the Elks. This was a demonstration and practice game to test out the court and see how many members would be interested. Everyone really enjoyed it and are hoping we can add it as a activity for our branch.

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Visit our branch website at

www.sirbranch59.org

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

Attendance Report

ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 20, 2022

Total Membership 121

New Members; Harvey Look #60

Wid Nojopranoto #43

Member Reinstated -- Laverl Tomlinson #112

Members in attendance 75

Members absent from luncheon 43

Percent of membership in attendance 64 %

First time guest --- Chuck Martinek

Second time guest --- Frank James

Total Attendance 77

Submitted by Rob Ingebretson

Membership Chairman

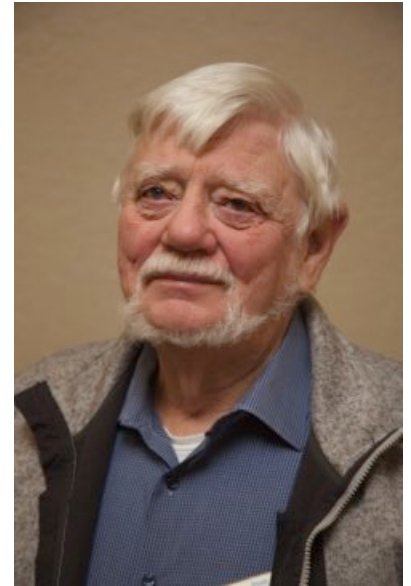
IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST TO OUR NEXT LUNCHEON COULD YOU PLEASE CALL ME, ROB INGEBRETSON, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, AT (510) 657-7828 OR EMAIL ME AT ROBINGY@COMCAST.NET WITH THE NAME OF YOUR GUEST AND HIS PHONE NUMBER. I CAN THEN INFORM HIM OF THE PROCEDURE TO GET HIS FREE LUNCH VOUCHER AND FILL OUT HIS APPLICATION. THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

Remember that we changed the method for reporting luncheon attendance. In the past, the club would just buy enough lunches for the entire club LESS those of you who called, wrote, or emailed our attendance chairman stating that you WOULD NOT be at the luncheon. We lost a lot of money that way.

Starting with February we notified you of our luncheon meeting two ways. First, via an EVITE to all of you who have a good email address with the club. You can RSVP via the Evite from Phil Keller, by following the directions in the Evite email. Second, you will be notified via the monthly Pathfinder, which is emailed, or U.S. mailed to every member depending on your request

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Sir Jim Cunningham passed away 7/21/22.

#117, Member since Oct 2016



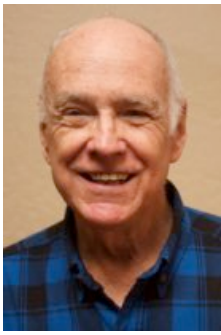
Do You Need A ride to our monthly luncheons? If the answer is yes then let Rob Ingebretson know at (510) 657-7828 or email him at ROBINGY@COMCASTNET

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The day the Strategic Air Command was grounded By Sir Larry Jett



Editor
Bruce Roberts

This narrative started on a fairly typical weekend day in late 1990 when I took a collector car to a Concours d' Elegance; this in Palo Alto. The car of choice was a 1960 Chrysler 300F of which but 681 were made that year. My hardtop coupe was rare enough but soon a 300F convertible arrives and parks next to me in the Stanford show field. I had never heard of the driver or the car before. Only 123 rag-tops were ever produced for 1960. Since we had plenty to talk about, I learned that "Earl" had a need for a super rare air cleaner for one of the 2 carbs. I was to be at a Chrysler 300 national meet later in the year in Massachusetts so I got his phone number (no smartphones in 1990) and we parted company.



At the meet, I had a conversation with an auto-literature sales kiosk owner and was told he believed he had a spare air cleaner at home. On faith alone, I gave him \$50 and it arrived in Newark four weeks later. Earl was overjoyed to find the missing piece to perfection and found my asking price of \$50 unfathomable but was delighted to pay so little.

End of story? Hardly.....August 16th 1991. I get a 'franked' envelope (no stamps required) in the mail from the Department of the Air Force, HQ of the 940th Air Refueling

Group out of Mather Air Force Base, close to Sacramento. Chief Public Affairs officer, 1st Lt Susan Gentry sharing that Air Force Major Earl (last name redacted) was the requestor. Earl never shared he was in the military reserves but he was now inviting me to a Civic Leader Flight on September 28th 1991 where Air Force reservists would train and maybe 18 civilians (us civic leaders!) would observe these young men fueling F-14s in the air from a KC-135F Stratotanker. Wow! I was in high school in Renton WA when Boeing was developing these planes that were tested as KC-135s and evolved into the Boeing 707 passenger airframe. They flew over our high school PE grass to land nearby and we could see the rivets on the wings as they were so low.

While airborne, it was fascinating to all us non military folks to see 20 year+ men laying on their bellies at the rear of the plane looking down to earth through thick glass and controlling fuel boom sticks at many miles per hour connecting with fighter jets but 20 feet below them. As us non-coms crowded up next to the 'kids' doing the work, we all acquired stories to tell when we got home, not to mention visual memories that would not be bested by anyone in future cocktail party conversations.. None of us knew how big the story was to get before the day was over.

After a while, the PA system tells that some F-16s from Lemoore were approaching for some simulated dog-fight activities out in the Pacific (shades of Top Gun) and just before we left for home, we became tourists over Half Moon Bay before headed back to Mather.

Late in the afternoon upon landing we found a crowd of military awaiting our arrival. Pretty much all of Mather at attention, why? because starting in 1957 the SAC has been on 24/7 alert with planes constantly in the air to strike immediately if the USSR went first. On this day the order was for all bombers in the air and all Minute Man II pieces should stand-down, remove all intellectual property and turn over planes and ordinance to MAINTENANCE. All classified stuff to be removed at dusk and the SAC planes grounded. (side intelligence: the SAC capability is still there but it takes longer to get going). The Joint Chiefs of Staff declared:

"The cold-war is over and we have WON"

Hoo Rah

September 28, 1991



If you have seen the classic play HARVEY once, many times or never, (including the movie with Jimmy Stewart (that defined the role of Elwood Dowd) be aware that it is running from now through August 14th in the San Leandro Museum Auditorium. All the details are available at <https://www.slplayers.org/>

Mary Chase won a Pulitzer Prize in 1945 for the tale of a sweet gent that has a 6'2" white rabbit friend that often is his companion after several martinis. Every person in his town he considers a good friend even though they have yet to see the Puka in person..

Your last year's Big Sir auditioned for the play 53 years ago with the Millbrae Little Theater and got the role of Omar Gaffney, the family's attorney. At the age of 29, I needed wrinkle paint and a bald head cover to look the part of a 70 year old man. These fake applications I would no longer need. Tickets are \$15 for seniors and hope to see some of you on Sunday August 14th at 2 p.m. in San Leandro for the final curtain.

Submitted by Larry Jett

Of the 121 club members:
Average Age = 80
Median Age = 79.7
Oldest = 95 (John Ockes)
Youngest = 65 (Victor Okumura)

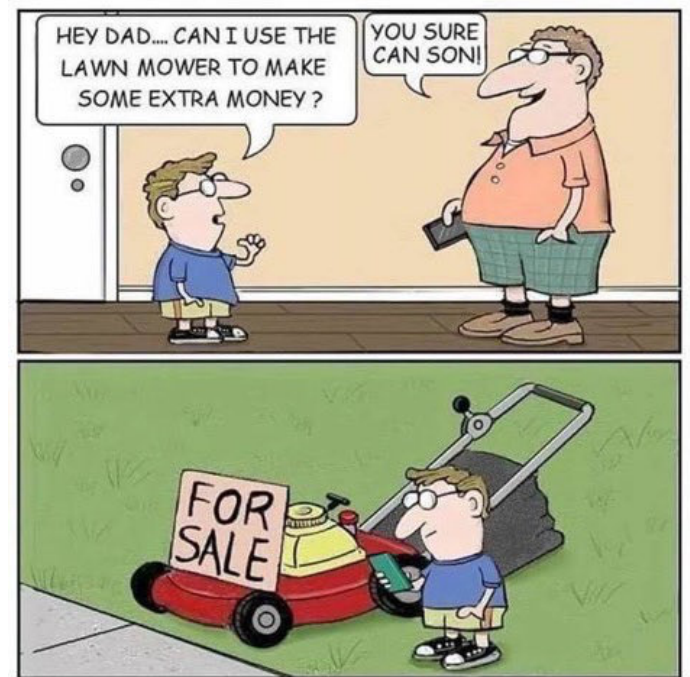
Average membership = 10 years
Median membership = 8 years
Over 20 years = 15 people
Over 30 years = 3 people
Ken Peterson = 31.13 years
Don Henry = 30.4
Arthur Winkley = 29.8

My wife got stung by a bee on the forehead, she's at the ER now, her face all swollen and bruised, she almost died.
Luckily I was close enough to hit the bee with my shovel!





A man tells a Rabbi: "I have a strong desire to live forever. What can I do?"
 "Get married," replies the Rabbi.
 "And will I live forever?"
 "No, but the desire will disappear."



Imagine you live here
 and you come home drunk



Relaxing after winning an
 argument with wife



After being married for 30 years, a wife asked her husband to describe her,
 He looked at her for a while, then said,
 "You're an alphabet wife A, B, C, D,
 E, F, G, H, I, J, K."
 She asks "What the hell does that mean?"
 He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Fabulous, Gorgeous and Hot".
 She smiled happily and said ... "Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"
 He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"
 Memorial Service will be held Tuesday afternoon.



Our Newest Members

*Sir Wid Nojopranoto
and Sir Harvey Look*



**Big Sir Bob gives “thanks” to our guest speaker
Newark Mayor Alan Nagy**



Sir Jerry Robertson has yet to share his “adventure” with Branch 59

The story below is meant to be a teaser !

What it's like to be hijacked

The Gripping Tale of an Unscheduled Visit to Tehran



"We think they got on at Jeddah, that they were Yemenese — from Northern Yemen," said Jerry Robertson. "They entered the cockpit about 25 minutes out of Jeddah, held a gun on the stewardess, forced her to open the door."

Robertson was describing an adventure that held him and Ivan Stuart captive in mid-air on November 6, election day in the U.S., and delayed their arrival in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia, by 26 hours. High point of the adventure was an unscheduled stop in Tehran, complete with "welcome" by Iranian military forces.

The two NEBO men were on their way to discuss details of a training program with officials of the Saudi government. They had flown to London and switched to the Saudia Airlines for the eight hour continuation to Riyadh, via Jeddah. At the intermediate stop, passengers had to deplane, clear customs, and reboard.

"We grumbled about their security," Robertson recalled. "We had been through security in London, hadn't been 'out'. Their machines were sensitive enough that we had to take keys from our pockets and remove watches. In fact, Ivan had to take his ring off to get through the metal detector!"

"And these skyjackers somehow got through with a gun, providing us a free ride to Tehran!"

November 7, 1984



Robertson looks over Saudi newspaper accounts of the adventure

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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.