



# The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

**Forty-Eighth Year**

**March 2023**

**Bulletin No.3**

## **BIG SIR NOTES**



February's luncheon was a fine event. Eighty members and guests attended and enjoyed Daniel's fine cooking. Featured Speaker Fremont Police Chief Sean Washington spoke for 15 minutes and fielded questions from the floor for another 15 minutes.

The Chief revealed that the FPD has an air force of drones! NORAD just days before had shot down a high-flying Chinese balloon. Big Sir suggested that the FPD fly their machines really low so as to not become NORAD targets. (Will Santa Claus be in greater danger this year?)

Sir Bill Bauhofer, a member since 2013, was welcomed as new Little Sir.

Three new members of Branch 59 were welcomed at the meeting: Ted Gallegos, Don Rose, and Robert West. Their sponsors were awarded the respected "I Am Doing My Part" pins recognizing their contribution to the good of the club.

Everyone is encouraged to ask themselves "Who Can I Invite to the Next Luncheon?" The BEC established a 2023 Goal to add 2 new members per month this year. Let's work to keep on track.

Sir Andy Lang presented the new activity of Couples Wine Tasting. We are looking for Sirs interested in starting new activities of either Pickleball or Pool/Billiards. Please contact Jerry Halligan (510-623-7800) if you would like to take the lead in establishing these popular activities. You can count on ample of support from the BEC and other Sirs.

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RSVP to the March 15<sup>th</sup> Luncheon by responding to the eVite: <http://evite.me/4pNxwxA4zN> or by notifying Sir Phil Keller at 510-366-9443 or email [phil@pkeller.net](mailto:phil@pkeller.net) or Sir Jerry Halligan at 510-623-7800 or email [ghalligan@aol.com](mailto:ghalligan@aol.com).

## **MARCH GUEST SPEAKER**

**Rick Galarsa Jr. Director of Resident Services at Carlton Senior Living**



Carlton Senior Living Fremont is a vibrant and active community located near Lake Elizabeth Central Park and Washington Hospital. We proudly offer a range of living options, including Independent Living, Assisted Living, Suite Care, and onsite nursing. Our community provides a comfortable and supportive living environment where seniors can make friends, live their life, and continue to thrive.

Carlton Fremont is known for our beautiful courtyard and the warm and welcoming feeling you experience when you walk through the door. Residents enjoy the safety and security community life offers, with ample opportunities to be active and social—our full schedule of onsite activities, events, and celebrations nourishes the mind, body, and soul. Our vibrant and enriching program includes live music, fitness classes, discussion groups, art projects, crafts, stimulating games, volunteer projects, exciting outings, and many opportunities to make new friends.

When it's time to refresh, our spacious apartments include a kitchenette, a private bathroom, ample storage, and various safety features including voice-activated Alexa technology. We also offer individually tailored care services for those needing extra support to maintain their independence and well-being.

When it comes to the dining experience, our culinary team takes great pride in preparing delicious and healthy meals using the freshest ingredients. As a result, residents enjoy restaurant-style and an ever-changing menu featuring seasonal options and all-

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### **March 15<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Menu**

***Corned Beef and Meat Loaf  
Red Potatoes and Steam Vegetables  
Salad & Dinner Rolls***

***Apple Cobbler and Vanilla Ice Cream for dessert***

***Hot off the press the new 2023 Membership Roster Booklets will be distributed at the March luncheon.***

## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, February 15, 2023

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Jim Ulam-Recruitment  
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Activities  
Rob Ingebretson-Membership  
Sammy Lum-Publicity

### 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 Jerry Halligan at 10:01am. All BEC members were present. Jerry introduced Bill Bauhofer as our Little Sir. Bill has been a member since 2013.

The January 18 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Secretary Dave outlined what should happen this month based on the schedule of branch operations.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$8,030.24 on February 15. Our Branch Audit Report for 2022 was completed earlier this month by Carl Nordling and distributed as prescribed. Carl suggested a summary form be used to help with future audits. It will also help with our budgeting process. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Our Big Sir Jerry commented on some of the information listed on form 27. 66% of members attended the January meeting, the average member age is 79, we gained one new member last month and lost one. With three new members joining today, we are on track with our 2023 membership goal. We need to file the Caterer's Insurance Form 63 prior to our next meeting. Rick Henry offered to take care of this as he has done it before.

Membership; Rob reported our current membership is 130. Two guests are expected today and one member wishes to be re-instated. There will be three new members today, Ted Gallegos, Don Rose and Robert West. The BEC approved their membership.

As appreciation for bringing new members to our branch each sponsor will be given a "I'm Doing My Part" lapel pin. At the end of the year a gift (not yet decided what it will be) will be given to the person who has sponsored the most new members.

Activities; Larry reported golfers are active again following the rains, with 8 - 12 participating each week. Bowlers are numbering 15 - 18 members. They had a small branch 59 tournament on February 14. Next tournament will be in a couple weeks.

Publicity; Sammy indicated the "Nextdoor" email app has seen only a few hits with no follow ups. An ad in Tri-City-Voice was discussed again. The price used to be \$40 per month. We did not take action to restart this ad.

Speakers; Bob would like to refer to this group as the Program Committee, suggesting this is more descriptive. He has several great speakers lined up for the coming months.

We held a lengthy discussion about holding a Ladies Luncheon in May. A motion was made to not hold it this year. The BEC approved the motion. We hope to offer this popular event again next year.

Our caterer, Daniel, has indicated his costs have risen and asked that we agree to an increase to \$21 per meal. He has charged \$20 for a long time. After much discussion we concluded we can absorb this increase without increasing the cost of lunch to members. A motion to give Daniel \$21 per meal was approved.

The projector screen at the Elks lodge is a bit small for people sitting toward the back of the room. Jerry Sabo has suggested we purchase a new one. The Elks are OK with a larger one but unwilling to share with the cost. A teachers association group which also uses this space is interested in a new, larger screen and willing to share in the cost with us. Jerry is a member of this teachers association. A motion was made to authorize Jerry Sabo spend up to \$200 of Sir Branch 59 funds toward the purchase of a new projector screen. Also, assign Jerry Sabo and Ken Brunskill, a member of Elks, the authority to negotiate with the Elks lodge and Teachers Association in terms of selecting and mounting the product and all other aspects which may be required on behalf of Sir Branch 59.

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# March Birthdays



Nathaniel Lord  
Age 88



Richard Lightholder  
Age 85



Gary Bennett  
Age 84



John Prior  
Age 83



Richard Bowers  
Age 81



## 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.

## February 15, 2023 Attendance Report

Total Membership 132  
Members in Attendance 80  
Members Absent from Luncheon 52  
Percent of Membership in Attendance 61%

New Members  
Robert West  
Don Rose  
Ted Gallegos

Sponsor  
Bob Marshall  
Bruce Roberts  
Charles Martinek

First Time Visitors  
David Lind  
Robert Branch

Sponsor  
James Draughan  
James Draughan

Member Moved  
Gerald Robinson

Visitors (Guest Speaker)  
Police Chief Sean Washington  
Fremont Police Department

Total Attendance 83

Submitted by  
Rob Ingebretson  
Membership Chairman

## SIR Branch 59 Membership Dues for 2023

Please make checks payable to SIR Branch 59

Amount due: \$50

Date Due: March 15, 2023

Mail to : Larry Lardie, 38247 Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont, CA. 94536 or bring your check to the luncheon. Return the form below with your payment.

**NOTE:** Lunch will cost \$35 for members who have not paid their dues by March 15, 2023.



## SIR Branch 59 Membership Dues for 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Badge #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_





Cyber Geezer meeting days are changing in order to attract some of the "Tech novices and Golfers". **This month we will meet on Wednesday, March 22nd and in the future we will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.** 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**

Recent topics have included cyber security, EV cars, photography, and various other topics. Focus will be on your questions such as "Why am I not supposed to use the space bar to format a document?" and other tech issues such as using a smart phone or tablet.

Please send any suggested topics to Jerry at [jlsabo3@comcast.net](mailto:jlsabo3@comcast.net).

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

**Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596**

### POKER

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](mailto:larrywjett@gmail.com)), or Sir Bob Marshall ([hdog48@gmail.com](mailto:hdog48@gmail.com)).



### BOWLING



We have plenty of room for bowlers to join us on Mondays (Earl Anthony Bowl-Dublin) beginning at 11:00. Arrive at least 15 minutes early for lane assignments and practice. Cost is \$15 per week including a weekly prize pot. For more information contact Miguel Ferras at [MIGUELFERRAS@MSN.COM](mailto:MIGUELFERRAS@MSN.COM)

### GOLF



#### SIR Tuesday Golf

Branch 59 golfers play every Tuesday at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas. We usually have 8 to 16 golfers who sign up for tee times usually starting about 9 am.

Chairman Jim Ulam and assistant Larry Lardie are the one's to see about playing. Contact Jim at [jimulam@gmail.com](mailto:jimulam@gmail.com) or cell phone at (510) 371-1757 or Larry at [lardie.larry@yahoo.com](mailto:lardie.larry@yahoo.com) or cell phone at (510) 579-5934.

Pairings are rotated so that everyone gets a chance to play with every member. Come out and join the fun every Tuesday at Spring Valley!

## BOCCE BALL



Branch 59 has added **Bocce Ball** as a club activity! We have free use of the new court at the beautiful Warm Springs Age Well Center on Fridays. Meet up is 10:00 a.m. at 47111 Mission Falls Ct. (near Warm Springs and Warren (use your GPS). This will be a co-ed activity; everyone is welcome. Bocce Ball is easy to learn and very fun to play. The weather forecast is sunny and warm--PERFECT. Bring a hat and water bottle. For more information contact Howard Elz at [ELZH663@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ELZH663@GMAIL.COM)



*The Age Well Center Bocce Ball Team challenged our Sir Bocce Ball Team to a tournament on 2/23 and we returned triumphantly!*

## WEDNESDAY WALKERS



Come join us on a weekly walk every Wednesday at 9:00 am. The location is updated once a week. We walk about one hour. Get some exercise and visit with other Sirs. Everyone is welcome, we are co-ed. For more information contact Jerry Ford at [SIRJERRYFORD11@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SIRJERRYFORD11@GMAIL.COM)

## GENEALOGY



New Activity just added. Are you interested in finding who your ancestors are? For more information contact Paul Parhiala at [PARHIALACFP@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:PARHIALACFP@EARTHLINK.NET)

## PINOCHLE



New Activity just added. For more information contact Victor Okumura at [VICTOROKUMRA13@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VICTOROKUMRA13@GMAIL.COM)

## FLY FISHING



New Activity just added. For more information contact Ken Brunskill at [STEAMNTROUT@COMCAST.NET](mailto:STEAMNTROUT@COMCAST.NET)

## COUPLES WINE TASTING



Our first wine tasting event for 2023 will be at Cuda Ridge Winery, 2400 Arroyo Rd, Livermore. We will meet at the winery.

- Friday April 21 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM
- Wine tasting fee is \$15 per person. Pay at the winery.
- We will have our own private area.
- You can bring in food.
- Open to couples or singles.



Let me know by **April 11** if you are in. E mail me at [fmtlang@pacbell.net](mailto:fmtlang@pacbell.net) or call or text me at 510-290-6007.  
SIR Andy Lang

*A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:*

*'So I hear you're getting married?'*

*'Yep!'*

*'Do I know her?'*

*'Nope!'*

*'This woman, is she good looking?'*

*'Not really.'*

*'Is she a good cook?'*

*'Nah, she can't cook too well.'*

*'Does she have lots of money?'*

*'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'*

*'Well, then, is she good in bed?'*

*'I don't know.'*

*'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'*

*'Because she can still drive!'*

## Ukiah man fleeing 'two angry women' acquitted in DUI case

*By Jessica Flores*

A Northern California jury found a Ukiah man not guilty of driving under the influence after deciding his actions were justified after he was caught cheating on his wife, which made his driving "necessary to allow him to escape two angry women," according to Mendocino County prosecutors.

Thomas Patrick Houston, 60, was charged with a DUI, with a blood alcohol level of .08 or greater, the District Attorney's Office said in a Facebook post. It was not immediately known when he was arrested or if any injuries were reported.

Defense attorneys argued that Houston driving under the influence of alcohol was "an act of necessity, thus justified under the law."

According to the District Attorney's Office, whenever a trial judge allows a necessity defense, the defendant must prove that they acted in an emergency to prevent bodily harm to themselves or others; their driving did not create "a greater danger than the one avoided" and that they had no other choice but to drive under the influence.

## Update from our former Branch 59 secretary Sir Jerry Robertson



I moved to Blairsville GA in June after Anna died December 2021. My son lives about 100 miles away, but he has a lake home only five miles away. I get to see him, his wife and six kids frequently. I am living in an over 55 community called Lakeside Village of 101 homes spread over 56 hilly acres. Active community with club house, boat docks, and lots of activities. Easiest place to make new friends!

The backyard of my home is over 400 acres of National Forest. I see at least a dozen deer every day.

I bought a kayak and am enjoying hiking and partying with friends. This is mountain country in far north Georgia. People in the village are from all over the U.S. Lots of Florida folks stay here in the summer and go back to Florida for the winter. Spent last week in Hilton Head SC, and next month going to Key Largo.



Before moving to Georgia Sir Jerry Robertson was hoping to make a presentation on his experience of being hijacked on a Saudi jet. Below are a few of the newspaper clippings he saved to document his adventure back in 1984.

## Iran Frees 131 Aboard Hijacked Saudi Jet

Iranian security forces stormed a hijacked Saudi Arabian Tristar airliner here early yesterday and freed the 117 passengers and 14 crew members.

The Iranian Radio said one of the two hijackers from Yemen was wounded during the action.

Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi said his government was opposed to hijacking on principle and had allowed the aircraft to land for humanitarian reasons only. The aircraft had little fuel left at the time.

The hijackers had asked for political asylum in Iran and demanded the end of Saudi Arabia's influence on Yemen.

After their release, the passengers — from Britain, India, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Sweden and the United States — were taken either to a hotel or to a clinic for examinations.

The plane was on its way from London to Riyadh when it was seized.

At Tehran, witnesses said, one passenger had a "minor clash" with one of the two hijackers, and another passenger opened the door, allowing Iranian security men to rush in and arrest the hijackers.

Abdullah Ali, 45, a Saudi passenger, said he attacked one of the hijackers with a knife.

Deutsche Presse-Agentur



## Fremont man describes assault on hijackers

By Albert C. Pacciorini  
Managing editor

From his seat, Gerald Robertson of Fremont couldn't see the first-class section passengers and crew on a hijacked Saudi Arabian airliner attack their abductors Tuesday.

The dramatic assault cleared the way for the arrest of the two Yemeni hijackers and release of all 131 hostages, news reports said.

Robertson was one of 12 Americans aboard the Saudi Airlines flight from London to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, when it was hijacked by Yemenites shortly

after midnight Tuesday, Saudi Arabia time, and forced to land at Tehran, Iran.

Later Tuesday night, from his room at the Marriott Riyadh hotel in Saudi Arabia, Robertson said he was able to telephone his wife, Anna, to tell her he was safe and would return to San Francisco around noon Thursday.

Mrs. Robertson had waited, worrying, near a telephone most of Tuesday after she was awakened at 6:45 a.m. by a call from a State Department official informing her of the hijacking.

Most passengers were unaware

the plane had been hijacked until the flight was 15 minutes late for arrival, Robertson said in a telephone interview with The Sparks Newspapers.

An unarmed hijacker remained in the passenger compartment, Robertson said, while the armed hijacker closed himself in the cabin.

"We actually didn't know where we landed," he said. "We had drawn circles on a map and figured out Tehran was one of the places. We actually didn't know until four to six hours — when sun came up — did we figure out where we

were."

Inside the cabin, Robertson said, "One of the cabin crew tackled him. He fired a shot but didn't hit anybody. Somebody else hit him with a fire ax. The pilot and cabin crew opened the door and an American citizen wrestled the gun away from him."

Most of the action involved passengers in the first-class section at the front of the Tristar jet.

"At the time of the shot," he said, "they popped the doors and evacuation shutters and got everybody out."

"The crew did an excellent job.

Nobody really got hurt. There wasn't any communication between the pilot and the people in back.

"We were well treated in Iran," said Robertson, a Dublin resident for 20 years before moving to Fremont about five years ago. Iranians gave the passengers propaganda material, something to eat and drink and then put them up at the Hilton for a few hours until they could fly on to Riyadh, he said. "There was no hassle whatsoever," he said.

Staff writer Mark Marymee contributed to this story.

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 sky-jackers somehow got through with a gun, providing us a free ride to Tehran!"

The critical flight plan called for

what was going on. "About 2:30 in the morning, we landed — we didn't know where. The plane pulled all the way to the end of the runway on the taxi apron, away from the terminal. They shut



were served orange juice and cake. "About that time the Swiss consulate people showed up," Robertson said. "They represent American interests in Iran, so they took our names and passport num-

bers — there were 11 Americans among the 114 passengers.

"The Iranian press arrived, but they seemed uninterested in taking

Robertson looks over Saudi newspaper accounts of the adventure.

down all but one engine. A pilot who was a passenger on board the aircraft said we probably had only 10 to 15 minutes of fuel — not

enough to see Tehran."

As a gesture, the Saudia Airlines immediately treated the entire group to a banquet, and gave everyone a rose. "A banquet at 2:30 a.m. was the last thing I needed," Robertson exclaimed.

As the story unfolded, it turned out that one of the crew had jumped the hijacker who had the gun. Even though it fired, no one was hit. During the melee, others of the crew and passengers who had remained on board the aircraft subdued both

men. "The crew and passengers were extremely calm. One crewman panicked afterward, but that was the only incident. Even the young children were calm — there was no crying, no fuss."

It is extremely doubtful that even being elected to a national office would have been as exciting for

Robertson as this adventure was.

THE ARGUS  
Wednesday, November 7, 1984



Gerald Robertson

# Magic Flight



Obscured by time, this flight took place some fifty-plus years ago. Let's say spring was attempting to dump winter, with a few frosty mornings still showing up, and only a few of my town's trees had started to leaf out in Southern Idaho. Judge Morgan had asked my dad if he thought I might like to go flying some Saturday. Given my love for model airplanes, I eagerly said yes when The Dad asked me if I would like to go. Judge Morgan picked me up at our house at 7 AM, an early hour on Saturday for me. He drove to the Twin Falls Airport quizzing me about airplanes. I had only flown once before, looking for lost sheep on his ranch in my uncle Sandy's Cessna 170 when I was eight years old. Now I was eleven.

This Saturday's flight gave me a chance to see my world from the air. Magic Reservoir's location, nearly two-thirds of the way to Sun Valley, had always been a mystery to me because it was some miles off the main highway. Better than that, breakfast awaited us at the reservoir the judge told me. I couldn't believe that we were just flying up there for breakfast and then flying back to Twin Falls.

The judge gave me explicit instructions about how to conduct myself on the plane. I had to stay close to him, stay away from the front of the airplane and be careful of all the aluminum surfaces on the plane so I wouldn't scratch them. He told me the make and model of the plane, a Piper something, not a Cub. It could hold four passengers, but only he and I were flying that morning with me as "co-pilot." I sat in the right seat with all the gauges and a steering yoke just in front of me. What a treat! From the putt-putt engine start to the noisy take-off, the plane acted like bundled energy, only held back by Judge Morgan as he worked the foot pedals and the yoke.

From above the world appeared flatter than I had imagined, tall trees appeared as garden weeds, telephone poles were matchsticks. By car the trip would have taken over an hour; we flew the distance in thirty minutes because we flew like an eagle, no roads. We landed on the gravel runway, sandpaper rough after the smooth flight. We taxied to the combination café, terminal, and hanger. No other planes visible, a pickup was parked on the side of the weather-beaten, board and batten building. Exiting the plane carefully so I wouldn't scratch the aluminum, I walked with the judge to the building's doorway. Judge opened the creaky screen door for me, and I turned the latch pushing the door open into the smells of cooking bacon and pancakes.

My dad accused me of having a hollow leg when it came to eating during my teenage years, and I guess I was approaching that stage on this particular morning. When breakfast arrived over the counter, I poured syrup on the sourdough pancakes, I salted and peppered the scrambled eggs. Then I cut into the bacon, the thick kind we never got at home. The judge drank his steaming coffee while I sipped my hot chocolate. I never noticed what he had for breakfast other than the coffee as I devoured everything on my plate. He smiled as he made sure that I had a second helping of pancakes. Finished with breakfast, we wheeled around on our stools and slid off onto the wooden floor, our weight making the floor creak as we walked to the door. Judge Morgan said goodbye to the cook, waiter, owner as we left for the plane.

I noticed on the flight back home that the whole area around Twin Falls looked like a green oasis in the midst of the sagebrush desert of Southern Idaho. We landed smoothly on the airport runway, taxied to the terminal and deplaned. I thanked the judge for the flight and the breakfast. He smiled again at my enthusiasm for the trip. He drove me home; when I opened the door to my house, I noticed that it was only 9:30 – all that fun and still most of the day stood in front of me. What a way to start the day.

Bruce Roberts, 2010 – edited again in 2023



Jokester Sir Rick Henry debut with some really good humor.

After the main event Sir Ken Brunskill coached 4 or 5 other Sirs in fly casting on the lawn.

Plan on spending time after the regular luncheons to participate with a number of interest groups. We have the use of the lodge until 3:00 p.m.

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time favorites.

From our dedicated nurses and managers to our perpetually smiling dining, maintenance, and housekeeping staff, we're committed to serving seniors and their families with respect, kindness, and compassion. Carlton's unique "culture of caring" makes all the difference. We'd love to meet you and share why 100% of our families recommend us.

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Big Sir Jerry shared a challenge from the Age Well Center Team to a Bocce Ball Tournament. This will take place on Thursday, February 23 at 10am. This will be a great recruitment opportunity for our branch.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59.

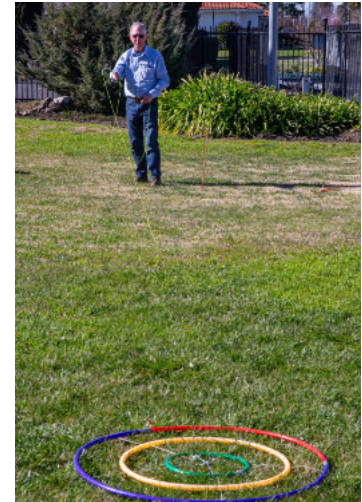
Dave Nelsen, Secretary

## **FLY FISHING ANYONE?**

***After the February 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon Sir Ken Brunskill set up targets and provided fly fishing rods to let fellow Sirs try there hand at casting.***



Sir Ken Brunskill preparing the fishing rod and showing how to properly cast



Sir Dave Nelsen gives it a try





## February 15th Luncheon



*Sir Ron Hamro, Sir Bruce Roberts, Sir Alan Weiner, Sir Larry Jett and Sir George Prows celebrating their birthdays*



*Sir James Draughan doing his part by introducing his two guest at the luncheon*



*New members (L to R) Ted Gallegos, Robert West and Don Rose with their sponsors Charles Martinek, Bob Marshall and Bruce Roberts*



*Our self appointed Branch "Jokester" Rick Henry entertaining the audience!*

*Another great turnout for this month's luncheon*



*Our guest speaker Fremont Police Department Chief of Police Sean Washington gave a well received talk followed by questions and answers.*

**IF YOU BRING A GUEST TO  
OUR NEXT LUNCHEON COULD  
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OR EMAIL**

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You can RSVP via the Evite from Phil Keller,  
by following the directions in the Evite email.  
Second, you will be notified by the monthly  
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#### **PATHFINDER DEADLINE**

**Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder  
will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly  
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