



# The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

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## BIG SIR JERRY MUSING



I have always lived on our west coast. Until recently I hadn't visited major historic sites surrounding the founding of our country. But last March I toured Fort Mc Henry on Chesapeake Bay in Baltimore, MD.

That's where the U.S. Army in 1814 successfully defended Baltimore Harbor from the British Navy's attack during the War of 1812. Viewing that battle inspired Francis Scott Key to write a poem which later was set to music and is now our national anthem, the "Star Spangled-Banner".

As we now approach **Independence Day** I am more appreciative of the Founding Fathers' wisdom and courage to write, ratify and defend the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

Let's celebrate our freedom from foreign domination this July 4<sup>th</sup>. Let's nurture and protect this wonderful experiment of democracy.

See y'all at the July luncheon.

Big SIR Jerry Halligan

## JULY GUEST SPEAKER

### Jose-Luis Suarez - Recycling Coordinator Republic Services



My name is Jose Luis Suarez and I am originally from Madrid, Spain.

I have obtained a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and a Master's in Environmental Management.

I have over 15 years of professional experience in the waste management industry, and I am very passionate about my field of study and my career.

I have worked for Stericycle as Head of Operations of Eastern Spain and Ferrovial Services as a Contract Manager of Waste Management at Madrid's International Airport.

I started working for Republic Services in April 2022 as Recycling Coordinator. Republic Services provides waste & recycling collection for the city of Fremont.



Can you find Rollie? 

You can win a bottle of wine if your name is selected. Submit your answer by placing your *name* and the *page number* where Rollie is located in the *Pathfinder* onto a slip of paper and into the Rollie "tub." The tub is located on the table where you line up for lunch



RSVP to the July 19th Luncheon by responding to the eVite: <http://evite.me/MvPR99m6XB> or by notifying Sir Phil Keller at 510-366-9443 or email [phil@pkeller.net](mailto:phil@pkeller.net)

**July 19th Luncheon Menu**  
**Chicken Parmesan and Sirloin Tip**  
**Noodles, Rice and Steamed Vegetables**  
**Dinner rolls and Green Salad**  
**Peach Cobbler and Vanilla Ice Cream for Dessert**

## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, June 21, 2023

### Branch 59 Officers

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Activities  
Rob Ingebretson-Membership  
Bob Marshall-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 10:00am. All BEC members were present except James Vermazen.

The May 17 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$8,695.32 on June 20. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Little Sir, Bill Bauhofer reported today's speaker could not be with us due to a family emergency. Sir member Ted Bresler will be standing in, speaking about his experience acting in many theatrical productions over the years.

Membership; Rob reported we have lost one member due to him moving. We are expecting 3 guests today and one new member, Ron Singler will be joining us. Ron's membership was approved by the BEC.

Attendance; Phil reported 74 members responded yes to today's meeting invitation. Thirty members did not respond to the invitation.

Activities; There was a bowling tournament Monday and Tuesday this week. It was a very successful event with 50 participants from many SIR branches.

A golf tournament is being planned for August 22 or 29.

Bob Marshall reported the genealogy chairman is out of town so they will not be meeting today.

The poker group will be meeting at a new venue, Cogir retirement community.

Bocce ball players meet on Friday mornings at the Warm Springs Age Well Center. A bit of competition has developed with another group who play at the same time. There is an opportunity to invite these team members to a SIR luncheon.

The fly fishing group will meet following our lunch meeting today. They will be discussing knots.

The wine tasting group enjoyed a wonderful day in the Livermore valley last week when 21 members and friends visited the Charles R Vineyards.

Publicity; Big Sir Jerry has ordered SIR hats to help advertise our branch. These will be given as prizes instead of wine, for recognition, or for whatever he wants.

Program; Bob Marshall suggested we ask SIR members to consider being a presenter during one of our luncheons. Possibly 2 or more members could speak. It could be an "open mic" format. It would be nice to schedule this ahead of time, giving people a chance to prepare.

The new projector screen was delivered damaged. Another one just arrived and will be mounted soon.

Rollie; Hiding Rollie within the Pathfinder is meant to be an incentive to read this important publication. It's also just a fun activity and gives everyone who finds him a chance to win a prize. The BEC is considering to offer a choice of prizes to the member whose correct response is randomly selected. In addition to a bottle of wine the prize selection may include a complimentary lunch or a SIR hat.

Lunch menus; Rick suggested a small group visit our caterer, Daniel, at his restaurant to decide on our future lunch menus. Larry Lardie and Rob Ingebretson offered to be part of this team. Recruitment; In an effort to attract new members, Rob Perrill believes a marketing approach may work well. He will be inviting BEC members to a meeting of minds to brainstorm ideas for developing a recruitment strategy.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

## Sir Sammy Lum Birthday Chairman

# July Birthdays



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. Some time 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.



Gordon MacLeod  
Age 93



Ben Fernandez  
Age 89



Rowland McNeil  
Age 85



Jerry Reynolds  
Age 85



Wayne Meyer  
Age 84



Robert Wallace  
Age 80



Jimmy Inocencio  
Age 79



Charles Ferguson  
Age 79



Joseph Lucia  
Age 76



James Lomax  
Age 75



David Takacs  
Age 68

### Bowling update continued

actors responsible for staging the tournament, Sir Jerry Sabo and Sir Miguel Ferras, both were unable to participate in the tournament due to covid. Moreover, they were unable to perform the duties required to ensure a joyful competition. Plan B called for Sir Harvey McAninch and Sir Victor Okumura to take over the reins and along with a major boost from Sir Ray DiBasilio of Branch 113, who handled all the technical details involved, they were able to turn the event into a rousing success.

A total of 47 Singles and 26 Doubles events were held and \$1,220.00 in prize money paid out. Branch 59 was represented by only eleven bowlers, three of which included lady guests. Injuries and illness eliminated seven others from our ranks. Sir Clem Paraiso, Sir Harvey Look and Sir Larry Lardie swept the first, second and third places in the B Division All Events. Sir Clem also took second place in the Singles while Sir Larry and his partner, from Branch 142, won the Division B Doubles. ~ Miguel Ferras

## June 21, 2023 Attendance Report

Total Membership: 131  
Members in Attendance: 72  
Members Absent from Luncheon: 59  
Percent of Membership in Attendance: 55%

First Time Visitors	Sponsor
Robert Gonzalez	Ron Brutvan
Ray Gauthier	Ken Brunskill
Vince Sinesio	David Shideler

New Member	Sponsor
Ron Singler	Rick Henry

Member Dropped  
Charles Martinek (moving)

Guest Speaker  
Ted Bresler

Total Attendance: 76

## SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Rob Ingebretson

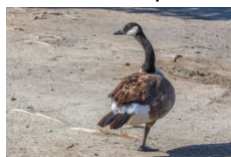
**Robert Lovell:** Broke a bone in his foot.  
**Jerry Sabo:** Covid  
**Bill Anderson:** Covid  
**Miguel Ferras:** Covid  
**Wayne Meyer:** Shoulder replacement surgery

## SIR BRANCH 59 BOWLING UPDATE

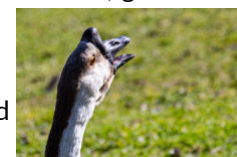
The SIRS Branch 59 Annual Bowling tournament was held on June 19 and 20 at the Earl Anthony Bowl in Dublin, but not before it had its share of drama and glitches. The two

## Goose-Poop Polka

Just before our June 21 meeting the SIR Walkers (only four of us) set out for a walk around The Lakes in Newark. Unlike most of our roads, the paved path around the lakes had been repaired (see the photos of dark vs. light asphalt) giving the walkers smooth sailing so to speak. Except for one thing..... you guessed it - the ever-present (honkers hankerin' for handouts) geese use the path as well.



Hence the name of this short message as we stepped lightly and carefully around the "stuff." Light breezes,



bright sun, and delightful conversation made this a short but pleasant walk. ~Bruce Roberts



## CYBER GEEZERS



Cyber Geezers meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Login information is given below.

Recent topics have included Artificial Intelligence (AI), cyber security, EVs, photography, and various other topics. Join us and get your tech questions

answered.

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)).

## 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)

## GENEALOGY



Are you interested in finding who your ancestors are? We have been meeting after the Wednesday Luncheon. For more information contact Paul Parhiala at [PARHIALACFP@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:PARHIALACFP@EARTHLINK.NET)

## BOWLING



We have plenty of room for bowlers to join us on Mondays (Earl Anthony Bowl-Dublin) beginning at 11:00 am. 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



We play every Tuesday at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas. Starting around 9:00 am in the spring, fall and winter, and around 8:00 am in the summer. We usually get three tee times on a first-come-first-served basis. Pairings are changed regularly to ensure everyone plays with everybody. Open to all abilities!

We are trying to set up a two tee time Thursday play at various courses in the Bay Area and are searching for someone to head that up!

Call, text or email Jim Ulam or Larry Lardie with any questions.

[jimulam@gmail.com](mailto:jimulam@gmail.com) (510) 371-1757

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## 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)

## PINOCHLE



We are meeting after the Wednesday Luncheon. For more information contact Victor Okumura at [VICTOROKUMURA13@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VICTOROKUMURA13@GMAIL.COM)



## FLY FISHING



We have been meeting after the Wednesday luncheon. For more information contact Ken Brunskill at

[STEAMNTROUT@COMCAST.NET](mailto:STEAMNTROUT@COMCAST.NET)

## CORNHOLE

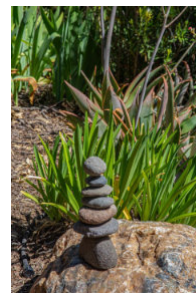
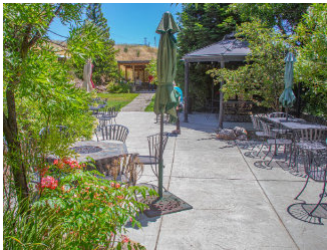
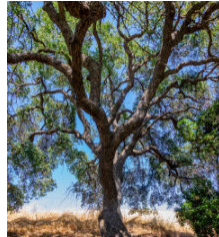


Play after the Wednesday luncheon. For more information contact Rick Henry at

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## SIR COUPLES WINE TASTING JUNE EVENT AT THE CHARLES R VINEYARDS



## COUPLES WINE TASTING



Our Next Wine Tasting will be at Bent Creek Winery on August 18.

*Bent Creek Winery*

Bent Creek has an excellent selection of award winning wines. Instead of tasting from a fleet of wines, we will buy and share bottles of their wine.

We will get a price break of 25% OFF as long as we buy at least 12 bottles (which should be easy to do). This way we will have a larger selection of wine and save money at the same time. Here is the wine list: <https://www.bentcreekwinery.com/wine/winelist/>

What you need to know:

- Located at 5455 Greenville Rd. in Livermore.
- We will have our own beautiful private area.
- Cost estimated to around \$12 to \$15 per person. Will depend on the wines we buy. Pay at the winery.
- Starts at 12 noon Friday August 18.
- Bring your own food.

Don't miss this event. Let me know by August 9<sup>th</sup> if you want to attend. Email me at [fmtlang@pacbell.net](mailto:fmtlang@pacbell.net) or call or text me at 510-290-6007.

Suggestions are welcome for future events.

Thanks,

Andy Lang -Couples Wine Tasting Activity Honcho



## Researchers Develop Pill That Can Be 'Driven' Around the GI Tract



A team of researchers at George Washington University has developed an ingestible pill camera that can be “driven” around the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. The device is the first of its kind to offer real-time internal visibility that can be controlled, rather than relying on digestive processes to move the camera around.

More than 7 million Americans require an endoscopy every year. The procedure conventionally involves a long, flexible tube inserted via the patient’s throat while under anesthesia. This is an expensive, invasive task involving surgical facilities and multiple medical professionals. “Capsule endoscopies” involving ingestible cameras make the procedure a little easier: Patients don’t have to go under anesthesia and can instead go

about their day after swallowing the pill. Still, doctors must rely on GI motility, or the body’s natural digestive process, to move the pill around.

George Washington University’s magnetically controlled capsule endoscopy (MCCE) device could change that. Made in collaboration with AnX Robotica, a medical technology company, NaviCam consists of a 27-millimeter capsule that houses a tiny 640x480p camera. Once a patient swallows NaviCam, they lie on a special examination bed with a large magnetic head. The patient’s doctor uses a pair of joysticks at a control console to generate a magnetic field that moves the capsule along a 5D plane (3D linear motion and 2D rotation motion). The camera meanwhile captures continuous video and still frames within a 160-degree field of view. When the procedure is over, NaviCam can pass through the patient’s digestive tract like a typical endoscopy capsule.

In a [study](#) published in iGIE, a doctor directed NaviCam to all major stomach problem sites in 40 patients with a 95% accuracy rate. The patients received conventional endoscopies later; 80% of the group stated they preferred the NaviCam method to the conventional one.

NaviCam is similar to a digestible device [developed](#) by MIT and the California Institute of Technology earlier this year. While both are externally controlled using a magnetic field, there’s a crucial difference between the two: MIT and Caltech’s pill doesn’t contain a camera. Instead, the strength or weakness of the magnetic field reveals where the pill sits within the body, allowing doctors to measure GI motility non-invasively.

NaviCam appears to incorporate the best of both worlds. Doctors can use the joysticks to direct NaviCam to a specific area of interest, and the process is far less invasive than a conventional endoscopy. This could eventually result in lower procedure fees, shorter wait periods, and an improved patient experience.



An image captured by NaviCam that reveals mild gastritis. Credit: Meltzer et al/iGIE/10.1016/j.igie.2023.04.007



### Quarry Lakes and Peninsula Walk

How could Quarry Lakes have a peninsula? Good Question. Well, one of the lakes, Horseshoe Lake, has this piece of land that juts into the lake and makes it a horseshoe shape; that’s the peninsula. Mystery solved. But there is more.

What’s really interesting about the peninsula is that one of the first rangers at Quarry Lakes made this spit of land his special project. Ranger David Pellarin decided to plant a grove of fruit trees out on the end of the peninsula. He accomplished his plan with the help of many folks, labeling each tree so that folks like SIR walkers would know the names of the trees as they walked by. Not only that, you, as a walker, are encouraged to pick the fruit (in season) and take it home with you – but no bags, just what you can stuff into your pockets.

Well, guys, our goal that Wednesday (May 31, 2023) was just to get in a good morning’s walk. And walk we did. You see, once you walk to the end of the peninsula, you gotta walk back to the beginning of it. Let’s just say we had a good walk that day.

What did we see besides the lakes and views of Mission Peak in the distance? Lots of spring flowers spread over the length of our walk – Prickly pear cactus, Red valerian (aka Jupiter’s beard), Black mustard, Spanish broom, African

senna, Radishes, and a California tree poppy bush among others. But what about the fruit trees? Well, we didn't get a good look at most of them because of the high weeds (did you see that picture of the higher-than-a man's-head thistles?), but I noticed the Cork oak (yeah, they make wine corks out of the bark!) the Red ironbark tree, and various palms. Visit the peninsula in season and gather your citrus as you may. ~Bruce Roberts



## Fun and Games

### RIDDLES

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

#### Subject: NURSERY RHYMES/SONGS

Name the rhyme or song that contains the lyrics. (e.g., "And they swam, swam, swam right over the dam." Answer: "Three Little Fishes.")

#### FRESHMAN LEVEL

- "A peck of pickled peppers."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "The mouse ran up the clock."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "To fetch a pail of water."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "Did you ever see such a sight in your life?"  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "Hi-ho, the derry-o ..."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

#### GRADUATE LEVEL

- "That lives on Drury Lane."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "Have you any wool?"  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "There I met an old man who would not say his prayers."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "Life is but a dream."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "E-I-E-I-O."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

#### PH.D. LEVEL

- "That's the way the money goes."

- Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- "Out came the sun and dried up all the rain."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
  - "My dame has lost her shoe."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
  - "The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Like a diamond in the sky."  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS:** 1. "Peter Piper." 2. "Hickory Dickory Dock." 3. "Jack and Jill." 4. "Three Blind Mice." 5. "The Farmer in the Dell." 6. "The Muffin Man." 7. "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep." 8. "Goosey Goosey Gander." 9. "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." 10. "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." 11. "Pop Goes the Weasel." 12. "Itsy Bitsy Spider." 13. "Cock a Doodle Doo." 14. "Little Boy Blue." 15. "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

#### SCORING:

24 to 30 points — congratulations, doctor; 18 to 23 points — honors graduate; 13 to 17 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 5 to 12 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 4 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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An eccentric farmer requests that you build four pens for his nine sheep but only allow an odd number of sheep in each pen. How do you accomplish this?

I nearly always lie on a surface and come in different shapes and sizes, often with curves. You can put me anywhere you like, yet there is only one proper place for me. What am I?

#### LEGEND HAS IT THAT A MAN PARKED HIS CAR



#### WHILE WAITING FOR HIS WIFE TO GET READY

#### PRO TIP: Bathroom curtains can be dual-purpose!



Answer: Build three pens, each holding three sheep. Build a fourth pen surrounding the other pens, containing all nine sheep.

Answer: A jigsaw puzzle piece.





## The Story of My Guitar

By Jerry Sabo

Many important events have taken place in the life of most of us Seniors, but this one was amazing.

My Aunt Eleanor was pretty much a Black Sheep sort of a relative. Somehow, she once acquired a guitar that she gave to her then 2- or 3-year-old nephew—me. Eventually I was coerced into taking guitar lessons within a span of several years, say from age 10 until about 16. You guessed it, I was never much of a guitar player, so the guitar

basically collected dust. By then however, I suspected that the guitar was a good one. One of my instructors said that the sound of my guitar must have improved by age as does a violin.

My younger brother borrowed the guitar for several years and finally my own son had grown to an age where he thought that he would like to begin playing the guitar. My wife sent me down to the Aantone's music store in Newark to have the guitar re-fitted with a new set of strings.

When I arrived at Aantone's, the store owner had me leave the guitar on the counter and he would eventually get to the request. I told him that I would wait. When the guitar case was opened, he exclaimed "You have got to be shitting me." Then added, "Do you know what this thing is worth?" I responded that I thought maybe \$5K. His response was—"Five figures". He refused to put on new strings and sold me another good guitar for my son at his cost. I agreed, and a few more years went by.

The guitar remained in the closet, but the 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee was falling apart. My wife suggested that maybe it was time to sell the guitar for at least a down payment. I have another friend, Keith Hatscheck that was an old rock and roll musician. Keith suggested that I take the guitar to Gryphon Music in Palo Alto.

The rest is pretty much history. I did sell the 1938 Martin dreadnaught guitar. Gryphon got \$40,000. I got about \$30,000 and we had more than enough to almost pay for our new 2008 Lexus RX400h.

**Gryphon Stringed Instruments**  
211 Lambert Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306  
(650) 493-2131 [www.gryphonstrings.com](http://www.gryphonstrings.com)

Owner's Name Jerry Sabo Date 1-5-06  
Address 36647 Montecito Dr.  
City & State Fremont, CA 94536  
Instrument Flat top acoustic guitar  
Maker C.F. Martin & Co.  
Style or model \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number 68923 Date of manufacture early 1938  
Condition Original throughout including finger, bridge, nut, saddle, & even bridge pins. No cracks, but heavy surface wear to finish on all surfaces. One significant spot of (cont below)  
Alterations or repairs None are apparent  
Comments Sunburst finish on face. More lightly valued than natural top versions. 1 3/4" neck, no "flat-boards" beneath fretboard, black binding.  
Case New impact hardshell

Current replacement value \$38,000.

Richard Johnston  
Frank Ford Richard Johnston Tom Culbertson Rob Roberts  
near to finish near edge of top (bass side, lower bout at widest point)  
approx. 5/8" x 3/8"



Ahoy Matey !



Sir Jokester Rick Henry had a tough audience this month!



June Birthdays for Sir Bill Briscoe and Sir Bob Cooper





## ***SIR Walk, Mission San Jose, a History Lesson***

Life is like a SIR Walk, you never know what you are find out next. First of all, this one-hour walk lasted almost three hours, and I heard no complaints. Admittedly I was glad to sit down afterwards. Led by Barbara and Patricia, our group of eight drank in the history of the area even though we may have had a bit of history overload – so much history in a roughly square mile of land. Just the number of buildings moved from one place to another took us by surprise. Some buildings moved more than once!

Then there was the big earthquake of 1868 – it did in the Mission that had stood since the late 1790s. Oh, the olive trees, planted by the Spanish missionaries for shade on the Royal Road, still standing, still producing olives for making olive oil. And then, the vineyards! The Palmdale Winery. About 15 other wineries in all! At one time in the late 1800s, grapes were the main money producing crop in this area - before Napa. Take that, Napa!

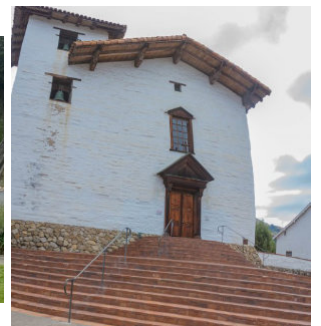
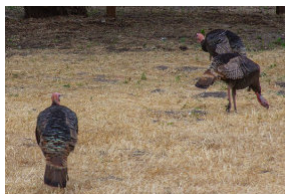
The buildings in the area: McIvor Hardware, both stores and the blacksmith shop. Olive Hyde's property and buildings. The Gallegos house – moved how many times? And where is it now? Ohlone College buildings, decorated light poles and the apricot orchard. And grade schools, at least three. The Fig Tree Gas Station – in continuous operation since 1926. And why do we have Mill Creek? Yes, there was a flour mill there.

Flora and fauna: Wild turkeys, ground squirrels, Acorn woodpecker, the trees mentioned above, Prickly poppy, and a forest of California tree poppies – and so much more.

The Mission San Jose since 1797, the 14<sup>th</sup> mission in Spanish controlled California – It's still here, it was one of the most productive of all the missions - and what a rich history it has all by itself. One of the highlights of our tour was a visit to the Mater Dei Shrine built in 1922, newly refurbished inside, cleaned, repainted and applied with gold leaf where appropriate.

All in all, a great tour! Thank you, Patricia and Barbara.

~Bruce Roberts





## June 21<sup>st</sup> Luncheon



June Birthdays (L-R) Sir Bill Briscoe, Sir Floyd Nesper, Sir Bob Cooper, Sir Robert Doherty and Sir Henry Romero



Members of the BEC meeting before the luncheon at 10 am.



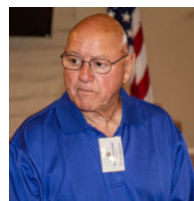
New member Ron Singler with his sponsor Sir Rick Henry



Thank you Sir Ted Bresler for stepping up at the last minute to replace our original guest speaker who had to cancel due to a family emergency. Sir Ted spoke on how he got into theater and performed six short theatrical monologues featuring the types of material which made acting such an enjoyable experience for him.



Big Sir Jerry Halligan getting ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.



Guest Robert Gonzales sponsored by Sir Ron Brutvan and guest Ray Gauthier with sponsor Ken Brunskill.



Hawaiian Theme at the June luncheon



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