

The Pathfinder Branch 59 Fremont

Forty-Ninth Year March 2024 Bulletin No.3

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

By Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



It is already March and I feel like 2024 is already flying by and it will be spring before you know it. March is a great month if you are Irish, but aren't we all a little Irish in March. Daniel, our caterer, will serve us up some good corned beef and cabbage so I know that will make me feel Irish.

I want to thank a few of our BEC members and Director's for a wonderful job they do

each month. Thanks to Bob Marshall, our Program Director, for bringing in such great speakers each month. Our last month's speaker Joel Pullen, City of Fremont Planning Manager, was a good example as he was very interesting. Thanks to Jerry Ford, one of our Directors for filling in for our secretary Dave Nelsen last month. Dave is an unbelievable secretary. Thanks to Rick Henry, another one of our Director's who every month does such a great job as our Jokester. Thanks to Larry Lardie, our treasurer, and his assistant Mark Silvera for having to deal with the collection of dues. By the way over 100 of our members have already paid their dues. Thanks to Fred Serena, our Area Representative, for sharing his findings with us as he visits the several branches he is in charge of. Thanks to Ken Brunskill, our Attendance Chairman, who has taken on a very important part of running our branch and is doing it well. A shout out to our Little Sir Rob Perrill who has taken on the job of being our greeter when you walk in the door. He is the perfect man for the job. Oh I can't forget Nat Lord, one of our Directors, who for the last 50 years, maybe it hasn't been that long, faithfully collects your money for lunch. Finally a big thank you to Sammy Lum and Jerry Sabo for the work they do. Sammy Lum in producing our monthly PATHFINDER and running the projector for our speakers and Jerry Sabo who every month produces the certificates and badges I need for new members besides the big job of producing the quarterly HAPPENINGS with the news from all our many branches. With such great men around me you can see why my job is easy.

The preparations for our May Ladies Luncheon, "Hawaiian Delight," is under way. We will be selling tickets this month as well as the next. All the information can be found in this Pathfinder. Don't wait until the last minute, remember our Christmas luncheon was a sell out.

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March 20th Luncheon Menu

Corned Beef and Meatloaf
Red Potatoes
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Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls
Chocolate Mousse for Dessert

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Pat Schaffarczyk- Box Art



Patricia Schaffarczyk is a native of Fremont and a volunteer at the Washington Township Museum of Local History. She is retired from the Fremont Unified school district as a teacher and administrator in the State and Federal Projects Office. Patricia enjoys researching and

talking about local history. She works cataloging and describing the museum collections and gives local history walks and hikes.

The presentation in March will be a photo tour of the utility boxes in the downtown area that depict Fremont history in pictures.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are having a monthly brunch on the first Wednesday of the month to discuss pressing issues and concerns regarding our Branch 59. The BEC and Directors will be attending, but if any member would like to join us we would love to have you. Our March 6th meeting will be held on at 10:30 am at the BLACK BEAR DINER at the corner of Mowry Ave. and Blacow Rd. See you there. RSVP to our Big SIR Rob Ingebretson at Roblngy@comcast.net or phone him at (510) 657-7828

RSVP to the March 20th Luncheon by responding to the eVite or by notifying Ken Brunskill at 510-299-3186 or email steamntrout@comcast.net

Can you find Rollie? 🚓



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



SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, February 21, 2024

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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 Rob Ingebretson at 10:00am. All BEC members were present except Dave Nelson. The January 17, 2024 minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$9546.26 and that 66 members had paid their dues. He received eight more this morning. Larry also said that the addition of Mark Silvera as a signer was now accepted by the bank.

Rob Ingebretson reported that the interim branch meeting at Black Bear Diner was well attended. It gave members a chance to discuss things that time at our monthly meeting didn't allow. Rob Perrill agreed to be our official greeter at our monthly meetings. New members will be asked to collect the meal tickets at our luncheon in order for them to meet other members. Our Big Sir made name badges for the caterer and his team, so that we could call them by name. A new set-up for lunch will reduce the number of lines from four to two, to eliminate the bottleneck when we reach the serving table.

The cost of the membership roster was discussed, and it was suggested that we print inserts with updates of new members, instead of printing the entire booklet so often. We also discussed sending the rosters out online as we do the Pathfinder. We talked about buying SIR shirts, and decided to present the idea at today's monthly meeting. The last subject was our special May luncheon which will include the ladies. The theme will be "Hawaiian Delight" with Hawaiian dress, food, and music. Tickets will be sold at the March and April meetings. Rob Ingebretson asked for approval of \$1000. to buy door prizes. Each attendee will be given a single ticket for those prizes.

Publicity: Bob Marshall reported that our branch will have an ad in the "Tri-City Voice" for this year. He also suggested promoting the group on Instagram and Facebook. Our speaker for March will be one of the Tri-city mayors.

Membership: Our current membership is 137. We expect two new members at the luncheon: John Stokes, Steve Langham. Board approved both.

Attendance: Ken Brunskill reported 71 members were expected for the luncheon today. He also said that many members don't respond to the Evite. The Big Sir will emphasis how easy the Evite system is at today's luncheon.

Activities: All of our current groups are well attended.

Area Representative, Fred Serena will be coordinating our activities. He asked that activity chairmen submit an email to him monthly with numbers of attendees and numbers of guests. Frequent guests raises an insurance issue. All activities must be approved by the BEC. The State board wants the chapters to budget for promotional items such as ads and signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am

Jerry Ford, Acting Secretary

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In summary I would like to say thanks for allowing me the privilege of being your Big Sir. I am proud of this Branch and what it has accomplished. This is not a bad place to spend a few hours each month. Fellowship, food, and maybe even a drink with friends how can you beat that. We need to let more men know what a good thing we have.

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. 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.

March Birthday



Nathaniel Lord Age 89



Richard Lightholder Age 86



Gary Bennett Age 85



Edward Nelson Age 84



John Prior Age 84



Richard Bowers Age 82



Vince Sinesio Age 68

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Rob Ingebretson

In Memoriam

Jim Harrison Harvey McAninch

Harvey McAninch passed away on January 28th at the age of 81. He was very active in our bowling group organizing many of their tournaments. He was also a past Big Sir.

Jim Harrison passed away on February 8th at the age of 87. He loved playing golf.

February 21, 2024 **Attendance Report**

Total Membership: 137 Members in Attendance: 79

Members Absent from Luncheon: 58

Percent of Membership in Attendance: 58%

First Time Visitors Sponsor Randy Chloupek **Bob Marshall Stephen Culp Bob Marshall** Frank Scrivani Frank Steiner

New Members Sponsor Steve Langham Mark Silvera John Stokes Daniel Johnson

Members Passed Away Harvey McAninch Jim Harrison

Guest Speakers Joel Pullen (City of Fremont Planning Manager)

Total Attendance: 84

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CYBER GEEZERS



Cyber Geezers meet on the 4th 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.

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), or Sir Bob Marshall (hdog48@gmail.com).

BOCCE BALL



We have free use of the new court at the beautiful Warm Springs Age Well Center on Fridays. Meet up is every Friday at 10:00 a.m. at 47111 Mission Falls Ct. (near Warm Springs Blvd. and Warren Ave). This will be a co-ed activity; everyone is welcome. Bocce Ball is easy to learn and very fun to play. For more

information contact Howard Elz at 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

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

GOLF



Golf is in full swing with regular play at Spring Valley in Milpitas every Tuesday around 9:00 am. 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 will soon also open up Thursday for those interested, probably at Redwood Canyon in Castro Valley.

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

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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

PINOCHLE



We are meeting after the Wednesday Luncheon. For more information contact Victor Okumura at VICTOROKUMURA13@GMAIL.COM

FLY FISHING



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

STEAMNTROUT@COMCAST.NET

Meet Walter Barnes- A man with no enemies...

All golfers should live so long as to become this kind of old man!

Toward the end of the Sunday service, the Minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?"

80% held up their hands. The Minister then repeated his question.

All responded this time, except one man, Walter Barnes.

"Mr. Barnes, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"

"I don't have any," he replied gruffly.

"Mr. Barnes, that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety-eight," he replied The congregation stood up and clapped their hands.

"Oh, Mr. Barnes, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world?"

The old golfer tottered down the aisle, stopped in front of the pulpit, turned around, faced the congregation, and said simply;

"I outlived all them assholes."

Then he calmly returned to his seat.

A Big Hello to our New Members



Sir Steve Langham



Sir John Stokes

COUPLES WINE TASTING



Our first Couples Wine Tasting event for 2024 is scheduled for Friday April 19th at Rodrigue Molyneaux Winery: (https://rmwinery.com) from 12:00 noon to 2:00 PM.

- This is a beautiful winery that specializes in French Bordeaux and Italian wines.
- Choose from two generous 6 pour flights for \$20.
- Or buy a bottle to drink and share. A discount will be offered. You can also order a flight AND a bottle.
- Take a picnic or snacks and enjoy the wine in a beautiful garden setting.
- The address is 2053 Marina Ave. Livermore.

Let me know if you would like to attend.

Email me at fmtlangs@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

BOWLING UPDATE

The results of the Sacramento tournament, held on Friday, February 16, at the Country Club Lanes, are in, and congratulations go out to Sir Harvey Look, who finished seventh in the Division 2 Singles, and Sirs Jerry Sabo and Miguel Ferras, who placed fourth in the Division A Doubles.

There is little interest amongst the Branch 59 bowlers for the next tournament scheduled for March 6 in Citrus Heights. However, we expect to have a strong contingent going to the Clayton Valley Bowl in Concord on March 19 and 20.

~ Miguel Ferras -Bowling Chairman

THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (BEC)

Do you even know what it is? Well it is a bunch of members, like you, that keep our branch operating. They would love to have you come and watch and listen to one of their meetings. Their meetings start at 10:00 am near the bar at our Elk's Lodge and finish at 11:00 am. right before our social hour. Although you cannot participate in the voting, your opinion is welcomed. Attending one of their meetings might spark an interest in you to volunteer and become more of an active member or learn how to become part of the BEC.

SAVE THE DATE-MAY 15TH "HAWAIIAN DELIGHT" TAKE YOUR WIFE OR A FRIEND TO LUNCH



THE SWEET HEART LUNCHEON

The Three Meal Choices are:

BEEF

Hawaiian Tri Tip Strip in a Teriyaki Sauce

CHICKEN

Hawaiian Chicken in a Orange Sauce

FISH

Salmon in a Tropical Mango Sauce





Music will be provided by Dave Padilla. An accomplished singer and guitarist. We hope

to be entertained by an Hawaiian Hulu Group.



A couple of our members will be selling tickets for the May 15th Sweetheart Luncheon at both the March and April branch luncheons.

They will be located at the back of our room and they will be selling tickets from 11:00am to 11:55am and after our luncheon. Forms to reserve a table for eight will be available.

We ask that if you are paying by check make it out to SIR Branch 59

Prices for tickets are as follows:

\$30 per person

\$60 for a couple

If it is more convenient you can mail your check and the form below to: *Rob Ingebretson*, 48232 Cottonwood St., Fremont, CA. 94539



With the theme "Hawaiian Delight" wear your best Hawaiian garb!



NAME: Badg	e #:Entree Choice: Beef ChickenFish
PARTNER'S NAME:	Entree Choice: Beef ChickenFish
CASH: CHECK #:	

Fun and Games

If you couldn't fine Rollie last month the answer is shown below. Rollie is on page 5 circled in red.





SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. 13. UNICEF 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: ACRONYMS FOR **ORGANIZATIONS**

Provide the long form of the organization. (Multiple answers may be possible.) (e.g., NATO. Answer: North Atlantic Treaty Organization.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. BBB Answer 2. IRS Answer 3. IOC Answer 4. INTERPOL Answer 5. EPA Answer_

GRADUATE LEVEL

6. ACLU Answer 7. HUD Answer 8. NASA Answer_ 9. NRA Answer 10. WHO Answer_

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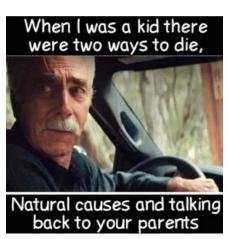
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SCORING:

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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People with siblings have better survival skills because they've had experience physical comba psychological warfare, and sensing suspicious activity.





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SIR Walkers in Niles on February 14, 2024



After a couple of rainouts, the SIR Walkers breathed in fresh air on a sunny Valentine's Day morning as we met at the Niles Park off 3rd Street. Results from the rains showed up quickly – Grau Pond, clear and inviting on November 22 last year, was partially covered in green scum and flooding. When our concrete path ran right into the flooded pond's water, we retraced our steps and headed for the path along Alameda Creek. The famed rubber dam, so visible in November, turned into a waterfall as the runoff from Alameda Creek filled the dam to capacity and spilled over it.

Ever watching our intrepid group, a Turkey vulture kept an eagle or vulture eye out over us in case one of us should fall. I'm sure he was watching me as I fell behind the rest of the Sirs to take a photo or two. In any event our eye in the sky didn't miss the views of Mission Peak in the distance with Alameda Creek in between us and "the mountain."

A few of the group stopped at the Nile Café for coffee and lively conversation afterwards.

~Bruce Roberts













Origin of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day, feast day (March 17) of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists. (source ~Britannica)

February 21st Luncheon



New members with their sponsors. (L-R) Sir Daniel Johnson sponsored new member Sir John Stokes. New members Sir John Vickroy and Sir Steve Langham sponsored by Sir Mark Silvera.



Celebrating February birthdays (L-R) Sir George Prows, Sir Bruce Roberts, Sir Larry Jett and Sir Alan Wiener



Our Jokester, Sir Richard Henry's changing things up with "short" jokes!



Sir Terry Pearson with our Little Sir Rob Perrill



Our past Big Sir Jerry Halligan updating us on his progress moving to Placer County







Our guest speaker was Joel Pullen the City of Fremont Planning Manager. He gave a very interesting talk and received many questions from the members.



One of our lucky wine drawing winners Sir Mike McDonald



Gloria bringing coffee during social hour







Our newest members introducing themselves with our Big Sir Rob Ingebretson. (L-R) Sir John Stokes at 98 years old, Sir John Vickroy and Sir Steve Langham.



Our SIR Wednesday Walkers taking an early morning stroll around Lakeshore Park in Newark before our February Luncheon on the 21st.

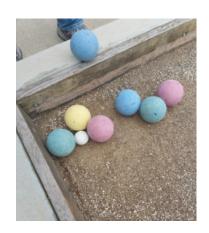


BOCCE BALL UPDATE

Friday the 23rd of February. Talk about heavy competition, just see the closeness of the bocce balls. The ups and downs of the game are shown here by how close the bocce balls ended up. No consensus on who was the winner.







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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 at

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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.

SIR Happenings is published 4 times a year—the next issue will be published for May 2024.



Deadline for submitting articles is April 15th. You can find past issues on our website: https://sirbranch59.org/

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