



# The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

By Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



Well here we are already in the month of July. The year is half over and summer is upon us. Time for backyard BBQ's, going to the beach, spending time in the yard and growing those vegetables.

The most important thing about the month of July is that we get to celebrate our independence from foreign rule – some 248 years of freedom. Let us not forget to remember all of those brave souls, men and women alike, who gave the ultimate gift of sacrifice that we may enjoy this freedom. Also, let us not forget all those that donned the various uniforms in service to this great country whether in combat theaters or support units home and abroad. May God continue to bestow His blessings on our great land---the United States of America.

In closing, I am excited to introduce to our membership the five new members that have joined our organization. Their pictures and autobiographies are found in the following pages. Take time to get to know them and make them feel welcome.

Please don't forget to respond to our attendance chairman, Ken Brunskill's email as to whether or not you will be attending our Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon. See you there!!!!

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 at the small table up front.



Ken Brunskill (Attendance Chairman) will now be sending invitations to the monthly luncheons by email and will no longer be using Evite. It is important to RSVP for the Luncheon by the Thursday (July 11<sup>th</sup>) prior to the luncheon, so the caterer can plan accordingly.

## JULY GUEST SPEAKERS

Newark Police Department - Senior Safe

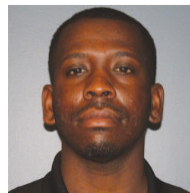


**Detective Blair Slavazza** was hired as a Police Officer on April 1, 2016. She was raised in Fremont and continued her education at the California State University, Sacramento, where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and was on the Dean's Honor List for her academic achievements. Detective Slavazza also attended the South Bay Regional Training Consortium at Evergreen College in San Jose. She graduated on March 31, 2016, and was recognized for being the Most Improved Shooter.

Detective Slavazza successfully organized our department's participation in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. She got department volunteers (aka Newark P.D. Copsicles) to raise money and brave the cold waters of Santa Cruz in the month of March. This group event raised \$2,110 for Special Olympics.

Detective Slavazza was recognized for her efforts to stop the crime of DUI in our city by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in 2019 for her 28 DUI arrests and in 2020 for her 24 DUI arrests.

In 2023, Detective Slavazza was appointed to her current detective assignment. In addition to that, she is a Field Training Officer, Search & Seizure Instructor, SFST (DUI) Instructor, Crowd Management Team Member, and the Police Officer's Association Vice President.



**Detective Frank Herbert** was hired as a Police Officer on March 15, 2017. Detective Herbert grew up in San Jose and graduated from Santa Clara University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and a Minor in Political Science.

Detective Herbert graduated from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Center on March 14, 2017. He served his first three years with the department as a Patrol Officer in the Field Operations Division. In May 2020, he was appointed to his current detective assignment serving both the Silicon Valley Regional

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## July 17th Luncheon Menu

*Chicken Parmesan and Sirloin Tip  
Buttered Noodles and Rice  
Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls  
Peach Cobbler and Vanilla Ice Cream for dessert*

## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, May 1, 2024

### Branch 59 Officers

#### Big Sir

Rob Ingebretson  
(510) 657-7828

#### Little Sir

Rob Perrill  
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#### Secretary

David Nelsen  
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#### Treasurer

Larry Lardie  
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#### Asst. Treasurer

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Ken Brunskill  
Jerry Ford  
Richard Henry  
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Bob Marshall

### RAMP

Jim Ulam-Recruitment  
Fred Serena -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 Rob Ingebretson at 10:00am. All BEC members were present except Mark Silvera.

The May 1 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$9,610.80 on June 19. The treasurer's report was approved.

Big Sir, Rob Ingy, reported on the business meeting held on June 5 at Suju's Coffee. Regarding how to show more attention to our new members; We will have them wear a "new member"

lanyard with their name in a font much larger than our regular badges. New members will be seated at the front tables with their sponsor, Big Sir, Little Sir and guest speaker. The group voiced concern about members who have not attended luncheons. While investigating these members it was found that most were either bowlers or golfers who pay dues in order to participate in these activities and don't intend to join our luncheons.

Little Sir, Rob Perrill, reported there will be five new members joining us today; Michael Shapiro, Stephen Moore, Robert Culbertson, Victor Vasut and Jeff Roletto. Their membership was approved by the BEC. Several first time guests are also expected to join us today.

Program director, Bob Marshall, talked about the line-up of wonderful speakers who will be presenting to us in the coming months. Sounds like we are covered through the end of the year.

Attendance, Ken Brunskill, reported we expect 77 members for today's luncheon. Ken has been refining the process of inviting members to our luncheons. It has been more successful using email for this rather than the EVITE program. There are some who do not receive email and they will be added to a call list.

Activities chair, Fred Serena, is seeking information from each activity chairman regarding meeting times and attendance. Fred discussed a recent meeting with SIR State regarding Policy 25, which states certain attendance requirements for all SIR branches. Any branch may deviate from the State attendance requirement as long as the BEC officially approves the change. To that end, a motion was made to amend policy 25 for branch 59, whereby any member who has paid their dues in full is not required to attend any luncheon meetings. The motion was approved by the BEC.

Nominating; Last month it was stated that our Little Sir in 2024 would be Jerry Ford. This was based on information from last year sometime. Due to a variety of circumstances Jerry will not be able to hold that office. However, Rick Henry has stepped up to take the role of Little Sir in 2025. The BEC thanks Jerry for considering the position and hopes he will be able to serve in this role in the future. And we thank Rick for being willing to serve again in this vital role.

Our next BEC business meeting will be held at Suju's coffee on July 3 at 10:30am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



Big Sir Rob Ingebretson having fun with the new members

## 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.

## July Birthdays



Gordon MacLeod  
Age 94



Ben Fernandez  
Age 90



Rowland McNeil  
Age 86



Wayne Meyer  
Age 85



Robert Gonzales  
Age 82



Robert Wallace  
Age 81



Charles Ferguson  
Age 80



Ray Gauthier  
Age 79



Joseph Lucia  
Age 77



Stephen Moore  
Age 76



David Takacs  
Age 69

June 19, 2024

### Attendance Report

Total Membership: 130  
Members in Attendance: 72  
Members Absent from Luncheon: 59  
Percent of Membership in Attendance: 55%

New Members	Sponsor
Jeffrey Roletto	Robert Branch
Victor Vasut	Robert Branch
Robert Culbertson	Robert Branch
Michael Shapiro	Mark Silvera
Stephen Moore	Ed Blank

Guests	Sponsor
Jaime Rubio	Miguel Ferras
Bert Aguilera	Tri City Voice
Kevin Finnerty	Mike Huntzinger
James Hall	Larry Jett

Member Moved  
Stan Hunt

Members Dropped (Health Reasons)  
Robert Higday  
Jim Vermazen

Member Passed Away  
Frank James

Guest Speaker  
Na Su - Epoch Times China Expert

### SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Rob Ingebretson

Ben Wong, Rob Higday, and Jim Vermazen are all dealing with health issues.

John Trischetti is still recovering from his broken femur. He had three screws put in his broken bone and is getting around with his walker. He is now starting physical therapy.

Victor Okumura is recovering from surgery to repair his eye socket.

### *In Memoriam*

Sir Frank James  
Born - September 24, 1941  
Died- Saturday, June 8, 2024



## 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



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](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



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](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

NEW UPDATE



We are meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9:00am. Tentative location is St. James Episcopal Church on Cabrillo Terrace and Thornton Ave. Contact Ken Brunskill to verify the time and location at [STEAMNTROUT@COMCAST.NET](mailto:STEAMNTROUT@COMCAST.NET)

## 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.

## BOWLING UPDATE

By any measuring stick, the Annual SIR Branch 59 Bowling Tournament, held on June 24-25 at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, was a resounding success.

We entertained a total of 64 bowlers at the event, only 9 fewer than the 73 that showed up for the SIR State Tournament held last month in Rocklin; took in \$3,740.00 in entry fees and paid out \$1,660.00 in prize money; raffled off 10 bottles of wine, six of which were donated by SIR members and a good time was had by all.

Of the 22 participants that came away with cash prizes, seven were regular bowlers in our weekly Monday SIR league, and another was a guest of a Branch 59 member.

~Miguel Ferras Bowling Chairman

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Computer Forensics Laboratory and the Newark Police Department's Detective Unit. Detective Herbert has served as a Field Training Officer and a UAV team member.

In 2018, Detective Herbert was awarded a City of Newark PRIDE Award, along with his shift mates, for contributing funds to assist a 17-year-old male who called dispatch because he was feeling down and didn't want to go to school anymore. His mother was on hospice, and he was working at Taco Bell to help with the family bills. He was being bullied for wearing the same clothing to school. The team rallied together and were able to buy this young man some clothing and presented it to him later that week.

In 2023, Detective Herbert received a Blue Award in recognition of his exceptional collaborative efforts in the thorough investigation and successful resolution of a homicide case.

## COUPLES WINE TASTING



## OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE AT THE SINGING WINEMAKER IN LIVERMORE

The Singing Winemaker is a fun venue serving sparkling, white, red and port wines. Mary and I

have been there a number of times over the years and have always enjoyed the wine, beautiful surroundings and friendly staff.

We have been entertained by Steve Powell, the singing winemaker when he is at the winery. Here is the link:



<https://www.thesingingwinemaker.com/>

- 5143 Tesla Road, Livermore
- We will have our own private shaded area
- Spacious and beautiful grounds and seating area
- \$20 for 5 pours.
- Discounts on bottle purchases
- Starts at 12:00 Noon Friday August 16th
- We are welcome to bring own picnics or snacks

Let me know if you would like 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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are having a monthly business meeting 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 July 3rd meeting will be held at 10:30 am at Suju's Coffee and Tea at 3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont See you there. RSVP to our Big SIR Rob Ingebretson at [RobIngy@comcast.net](mailto:RobIngy@comcast.net) or phone him at (510) 657-7828





## Fun and Games

### RIDDLES

1. What letter in the alphabet has the most water in it?
2. What belongs to you, but everyone else uses more than you?
3. You answer me, though I never ask you questions. What am I?
4. A man goes out for a walk during a storm with nothing to protect him from the rain. He doesn't have a hat, a hood, or an umbrella. But by the end of his walk, there isn't a single wet hair on his head. Why doesn't the man have wet hair?
5. What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?
6. What goes up and never comes down?
7. I have branches, but no fruit, trunk, or leaves. What am I?
8. What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs?
9. I have two coins equaling 15 cents. One of them is not a nickel. What are the two coins?

Answers on page 11



If you couldn't find Rollie last month the answer is shown below. Rollie is on page 9 circled in red.



## SUPER QUIZ

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: SURNAMES OF U.S. PRESIDENTS

Each answer is the surname of a U.S. president. (e.g., First name of singer-songwriter Swift. Answer: Taylor.)

### FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. A brand of vacuum cleaner.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
2. To cross a stream or river by walking or driving through the water.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
3. In the Bible, one of these burned without being consumed.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### GRADUATE LEVEL

4. A playing card suit chosen to have a higher value than the other three suits.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
5. The name of the volleyball in the film "Cast Away."  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
6. To agree to give somebody formal or legal permission to do something.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### PH.D. LEVEL

7. To make a hole in something by pushing a sharp object into it.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
8. A fictional orange tabby cat created by Jim Davis.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Short for "Anti-Doping Administration and Management System."  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS:** 1. Hoover. 2. Ford. 3. Bush. 4. Trump. 5. Wilson. 6. Grant. 7. Pierce. 8. Garfield. 9. Adams.

### SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor;  
15 to 17 points — honors graduate;  
10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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## When the Honeymoon is Over

The young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship to her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice was hilarious and genius!

The query:

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed: Desperate

The response (that came weeks later out of the blue)...

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System.

Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. However, remember, overuse of the Tears application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download Snoring Loudly Beta version.

Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

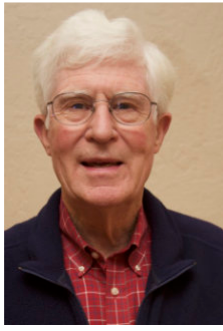
In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck

Tech Support 😊😊😊

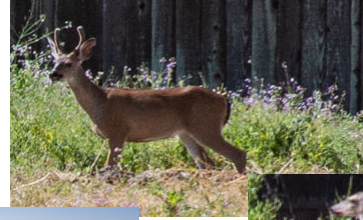
## Deer and Century Plant



June 5, the cool beginning of a hot day and the day before the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day and a Salute to Veterans. The five and a half Wednesday Walkers sweated to walk on a clear day at Quarry Lakes and by the Old Alameda Creek. Thinking about ourselves as we walked in the bright morning sun, we passed homeless tents and a portable solar panel – situated in the old Alameda Creek bottom. Not a good situation in our land of plenty.

We discovered an eighteen-foot Century plant blooming in the Demonstration Garden near Rainbow Lake. Over by the old Creek a buck and doe ventured out to munch on grasses in the big field. Bill joined us halfway through the walk, hence the five and a half.

Scenes: The Century plant. The deer eating dry grass in the mown field. Bill greeting the rest of the walkers. The SIR posers mugging for the camera – More Than Once. The sorry tents for the unhoused and the solar panel. Mission Peak. Rainbow Lake. Sign of summer with one car parked under the one tree in the parking lot with posers. ~ Bruce Roberts



## The Pitch for Small Business

Dear Sir, the Wednesday Walkers spent an hour in Old Alvarado on June 12. Jerry Ford made it a historical tour with tales of robberies in the old days and the yearly flooding of Alameda Creek (that made me wonder why anyone would want to live there) and the old buildings that still remain. But really folks, the things that impressed me were the number of businesses that flourished in Old Alvarado. Now part of Union City, the first Alameda County Seat was in Alvarado. Highway 17 ran right through town before it was moved to what is now Interstate 880.

Chinatown had thriving businesses. The first Saint Anne's Catholic Church (1862) was right there on Smith Street. Grocery stores, banks, a meat packing plant, saloons, the Alvarado Theater; you could find it all in Alvarado.

Currently, Bronco Billy's Pizza is housed in an 1896 general store building. We did not go in for pizza, but down the street we discovered The Apron and Whisk, an ice cream and coffee establishment right at 10 AM when our walk ended. Some of us tried the ice cream, others, coffee, and others their pocket sandwiches. We walked away satisfied. So, if you find yourself in Old Alvarado, check out the history and grab some pizza or maybe an ice cream. ~Bruce Roberts





## June 19th Luncheon



Because of the May Sweetheart Luncheon the May birthdays were celebrated in June. (L-R) Sir Don Allen, Sir Bill Palleschi, Sir Kevin Hurley and Sir Richard Holley.



The June birthdays are (L-R) Sir Charles Paratore, Sir Henry Romero, Sir Robert Doherty and Sir John Vickroy with Little Sir Rob Perrill in back.



Welcome our new members (L-R) Sir Darrell Sandeford, Sir Ed Blank sponsoring Sir Stephen Moore, Sir Victor Vasut, Sir Robert Culbertson, Sir Jeffrey Roletto and their sponsor Sir Robert Branch.



Rollie Wine drawing winner Sir Miguel Ferras with Little Sir Rob Perrill.



Our guest speaker was Na Su the Epoch Times China Expert with Sir Bob Marshall. Mr. Su shared updates on China's global expansion.



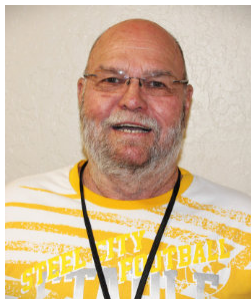
Our Branch Jokester Sir Rick Henry makes a return engagement to delight of the luncheon audience



Members checking in and everyone socializing before lunch is served.



## Meet our New Members



**Robert Culbertson:** I was born on September 2, 1949 in Fort Betton, Montana. I lived there for the first 12 years of my life before we moved to Fremont where I currently reside. I went to Washington High School where I played football, basketball and track. My favorite sport is football. I went to Ohlone College. I served in the Army. My first job was working in a gas station, then I worked at General Motors where I met my wife of 44 years, Nancy, and then I spent 33 years working for the Union Sanitation District from which I retired. I have two sisters. I have four sons and 10 grandchildren. A lesson I received from my parents was to find a great partner in life which I did with Nancy. The other great decision I made was to buy a home.



**Stephen Moore:** I was born on July 21, 1948 in Miami, Florida. The towns I have lived in since my birth are; Miami, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, and Boca Raton all in Florida, Bloomington, Indiana, and Laguna Niguel, Costa Mesa, El Cerrito, Berkeley, Albany, and finally Hayward, all in California. I graduated in 1966 from Coral Gables High School. I attended Florida Atlantic University, Indiana University, and U.C. Berkeley. My first job was working in the accounting department in a bank. I worked 15 years at U.C. Berkeley School of Education running research projects. I met my wife of 9 years at a Starbucks in Hayward after seeing each other on Match.com. She gave me a bite of her Starbucks cupcake and it was love at first bite. We have two daughters and one grandson. I had one brother who has passed away. My favorite sport is football. A valuable lesson I learned from my parents was honesty above all things, hard work, family and education. One of the best decisions I made in my life is having children. In the future I would like to write my life story.



**Michael Shapiro:** I was born on October 24, 1949 in Los Angeles. I have lived in San Francisco, San Jose, Union City and Los Angeles. I went to James Lick High School in San Jose where I played soccer. I graduated from San Jose Community College and decided to travel and see the world. I purchased a one way ticket to London and traveled throughout Europe, Scandinavia and the Middle East. My friend and I purchased a 40 seat Mercedes bus, charged \$100 per seat and drove the bus from Amsterdam to New Delhi, India. After about a year, we drove back to Amsterdam. After two years of traveling, I decided to go back to the USA. I graduated from San Jose State University and got a job. Throughout my career, I changed jobs every three to five years working as an accounting manager, plant, cost and financial accountant including an internal and external auditor. Later in my career I joined the IRS as both a Revenue Officer and Agent. Yes, I was one of those blood sucking parasites. I retired and have been volunteering for VITA and AARP Tax Aide for over 20 years. I met my wife Jean at San Jose State University and we have been married 44 years. We have one child. I have one brother and one sister. My favorite sport is baseball.



**Jeffrey Rollete:** I was born on December 8, 1948 in Berkeley, California. Besides Berkeley, I have lived in Hayward, Fremont, and now live in Newark. I went to Tennyson High School in Hayward. While in high school I played in the band. I worked for 20 years in a steel fabricating shop and then worked the next 20 years for the Union Sanitation District. One of the best decisions I made in my life was to marry my wife Mary-Rose of 54 years. We have two daughters and 8 grandchildren. I have one brother. A valuable lesson I learned from my parents was to be truthful. In the future my wife and I would like to do a lot of traveling.



**Victor Vasut:** I was born on August 8, 1955 in Oakland and I have lived my entire life in Hayward. I went to Hayward High School and then off to Chabot College. My favorite sports are golf, football, and horse racing. I worked for 17 years for the Hayward Unified School District before I worked for 26 years for the Union Sanitary District where I retired in 2006. I have had both knees replaced, got married to my wife, Elizabeth on May 15, 1999 at the Willow Park Golf Course in Castro Valley some 25 years ago. We have one child. I have 3 brothers and 3 sisters. A valuable lesson I learned from parents was to treat everyone as you want to be treated. In the future, my wife and I would like to do a lot more traveling.



IF YOU BRING A GUEST TO OUR NEXT LUNCHEON COULD YOU PLEASE CALL, ROB INGEBRETSON, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, AT (510) 657-7828 OR EMAIL [ROBINGY@COMCAST.NET](mailto:ROBINGY@COMCAST.NET)

**Do You Need a Ride** to our monthly luncheon? If the answer is yes then let Rob Ingebretson know at (510) 657-7828 or email at [ROBINGY@COMCAST.NET](mailto:ROBINGY@COMCAST.NET)



Answers to the riddles from page 6.

1. C.
2. Your name.
3. A phone.
4. He's bald.
5. A hole
6. Your age
7. A bank.
8. A penny.
9. A dime and nickel. One of them is not a nickel, but the other one is.

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