



Forty-Ninth Year

September 2024

Bulletin No.9

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

By Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



I don't know if you are as happy as I am that the month of September is here, because it means for many of us, our grandkids are back in school and that means we don't have to babysit or pickup them up as much.

For those that missed our August meeting and those that attended we unanimously elected, by a hand vote, our BEC officers and Directors for next year. We have a

strong lineup for 2025 and we are grateful for these men stepping up to a leadership role. Please join me in congratulating these fine gentlemen on their successful nomination. For a list of our leadership for 2025 you can find them in the pathfinder.

The response to our membership, wearing a shirt showing their favorite professional or college team, was well participated by our membership. Cal, Stanford, and San Jose State were well represented and of course the 49ers and Raiders dominated the room.

Celebrating our 90 plus members was a very special and moving event. I want to take this time to list them here; Sterling Strickland (90), Ken Peterson (90), Ben Fernandez (90), Bud Spalding (91), Joseph Montellano (91), Tom Blalock (92), Bill Stannard (93) this month, Lloyd Anderson (93), Dr. Gordon MacLeod (94), and John Stokes (98).

Don't forget to join some of our members on Wednesday, September 4th at SUJU'S COFFEE and TEA SHOP on Thornton Avenue at 10:30 am. for some fellowship and discussion of events effecting our Branch 59.

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, September18th 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 <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 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 (September 12th) prior to the luncheon, so the caterer can plan accordingly.

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Michael Hannon Mayor of Newark



Mike was born in Castro Valley, California and graduated from Moreau High School in Hayward in 1974. He attended the University of Portland and earned Bachelor of Art Degrees in Political Science and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Government/Public Service Experience

Mike worked for the City of San Jose for almost 27 years retiring in December 2011.

From 2001-2011, he was a Deputy Director in the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department. More specifically, he was the Code Enforcement Official for the City of San Jose. He managed a staff of approximately 100 and an annual budget of 10 million.

In 2013, Mike was appointed to the Planning Commission, and was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission in 2014.

On November 4, 2014, Mike was elected to the City Council. He served as a Council Member for 8 years.

On November 8, 2022, Mike was elected Mayor and was officially sworn-in as Newark's Mayor on December 8, 2022.

Community Service

Life Elder Care-Meals on Wheels Driver Newark Rotary, past president 2016-2017 St. Edward's Men's Club Member of Graffiti Abatement Team

Activity Chairmen Meeting on September 18th

Fred Serena, Branch 59 Activities Chairman, is requesting all the branch activity chairmen stay after the September Luncheon for a short meeting.

September 18th Luncheon Menu

Chicken Marsala and Pork Piccata Mash Potatoes and Rice Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls Chocolate Mousse for dessert

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, August 21, 2024

Branch 59 Officers

Big Sir Rob Ingebretson (510) 657-7828 Little Sir Rob Perrill (510) 468-1274 Secretary David Nelsen (510) 673-5042 Asst. Secretary OPEN Treasurer Larry Lardie (510) 579-5934 Asst. Treasurer Mark Silvera (408) 605-3416

Directors

Ken Brunskill Jerry Ford Richard Henry Nat Lord Sammy Lum 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 President Rob Ingebretson at 10:00am. All BEC members were present except Rob Perrill, Rick Henry and Fred Serena.

The July 17 meeting minutes were approved as presented. During our July meeting the BEC approved the slate of officers for 2025. During our luncheon today we will seek approval from the entire Branch 59 membership.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$8,025.75 on August 21. The treasurer's report was approved. Fred Serena, our area representative, asked Larry to complete an advertising/marketing survey. By parsing out expenses for Tri-City Voice ads, promotional materials and free lunches for first time guests, he shows we spent 15.9% of our 2024 budget on advertising and marketing. He projects our 2025 budget for this will be 19%. The BEC approved the survey Larry completed.

Mark Silvera, assistant treasurer, attended a zoom meeting conducted by SIR State regarding phishing scams. A sophisticated scam recently resulted in a \$1,200 loss for a SIR branch when someone's computer was compromised. The focus of the meeting was to inform participants how scammers are infiltrating our personal information and offer actions we can take to help prevent us from being victims.

President Ingy reported on the business meeting held on August 7 at Suju's Coffee. Discussions included signing a rental agreement with Elk's and updating our insurance information, celebrating our members over 90 years old and a meeting to be held on September 24 in Lafayette when SIR State will continue to consider and define changes to the SIR organization. All Big Sirs, Little Sirs and area representatives are asked to participate.

There will be one new member joining us today and two guests. We expect 68 members to attend our luncheon.

Our next BEC business meeting will be held at Suju's coffee on September 4 at 10:30am. The primary discussion will be regarding the holiday luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

SIR Branch 59 Officers and Directors for 2025

Officers

Big Sir Little Sir Secretary Asst. Secretary Treasurer Asst. Treasurer

Directors:

Ken Brunskill Rob "Ingy" Ingebretson Nat Lord Sammy Lum Bob Marshall Fred Serena

Area Representative

Fred Serena

Rob Perrill Richard Henry Dave Nelsen Jerry Ford Larry Lardie Mark Silvera

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.





Jerry Ford

Age 84

Russell Pennelly

Age 79





Daniel Johnson

Age 83

Andrew Lang

Age 79







Ned Rendell Age 86

Victor Wong

Age 82

Richard Henry

Age 78

John Treschetti Age 86

Robert Ingebretson Age 84



Howard Elz Aae 81

Ed Blank Age 81



Craig Rothbach Robert Culbertson

Age 75



Paul Pennelly Age 74

Carl Blincoe Age 72

Darrel Sandeford Age 70

Tom McCaslin Age 70

Age 77

Sammv Lum Age 69

August 21, 2024

Attendance Report

Total Membership: 131 Members in Attendance: 79 Members Absent from Luncheon: 52 Percent of Membership in Attendance: 60%

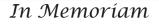
New Members Sponsor **Kevin Finnerty** Mike Huntzinger

Guests Ray Ojeda **Rich Wilkotz** Sponsor Andy Lang **Rob** Ingebretson

Member Resigned John Ockes Badge #119

Guest Speakers Edda Rivera and Adrianna Perez **Community Promotora City of Newark**

Total Attendance: 85



James Vermazen Born - April 2, 1949 Died - August 11, 2024

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Rob Ingebretson

John Trischetti is still recovering from his broken femur.

Stephen Culp was in attendance at our August luncheon. It was nice to see him after recovering from a small stroke.

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

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 \$16 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 firstcome-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 auestions.

jimulam@gmail.com (510) 371-1757

larry.lardie@yahoo.com (510) 579-5934

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

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



We are meeting after the Wednesday

PINOCHLE

Luncheon. For more information contact Victor Okumura at VICTOROKUMURA13@GMAIL.COM

FLY FISHING



NEW UPDATE We are meeting the 2nd 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

SIRS Fly Fishing group will be meeting at the Oakland Casting Ponds

Thursday Sept 12th at 9:00 AM probably staying until about 11:00 AM

Directions from Fremont:

Hwy 880 North to Hwy 238 East Hwy 238 East to Hwy 580 North (Heading toward Oakland) Hwy 580 North to Hwy 13 (Heading toward Berkeley) Hwy 13 to the 1st Exit at Carson Rd. Stay to the left and make a left turn and pass under the Hwy 13 freeway, the casting ponds are to the immediate left on Carson Rd.

Bring your own Fly Rod or you can use one of Kens.

Cheers. Ken Brunskill



OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE AT THE WOOD FAMILY VINEYARDS IN LIVERMORE

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Wood Family



Vineyards has a large variety of excellent wines. Several have won GOLD medals at International wine competitions. Here is the link:

https://woodfamilyvineyards.com/

- 2407 Research Dr., Livermore (off Vasco Rd.)
- We will have our own private tables
- \$20 for 5 pours. (They usually charge \$30 for group
- events, but we are getting it for \$20)
- 15% discounts on bottle purchased
- 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM Friday October 4th
- We are welcome to bring own picnics or snacks

This is the final event for 2024, so don't miss it !!

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



The Latest Bowling News

Happy to report that six bowlers from our Monday SIRS League did very well on their trip to Reno on August 12-13.

Sir Victor Okumura won the B Division All Events; tied for 3rd in Singles and teamed with Sir Rich Bowers to win the Doubles.

Sir Jerry Sabo tied for third in Singles; finished 4th in the All Events and placed

2nd with the Team.

Sir Harvey Look came in 11th in Singles and 10th in Doubles.

Sir Rich Bowers won the Doubles, with Sir Victor Okumura, and placed sixth in the All Events.

Sir Brent Moffitt, our guest from Branch 128, placed second with the Team.

Sir Miguel Ferras was 10th in Singles: 5th in the All Events, and 2nd with the team.

Our group took down first, fourth, fifth and sixth place in the All Events, out of 52 entrants, and noteworthy scores were the 610 by Sir Miguel in the team event while Sir Victor registered a 602 series in his doubles.

~ Miguel Ferras - Bowling Chairman

Wine Tasting Event at The Singing Winemaker on August 16th



Meet our New Member



Kevin Finnerty: He was born on April 5, 1957 in Los Angeles. The towns that he has lived in besides Los Angeles are Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, Alexandria, Virginia, Kailua, Hawaii, Sacramento, Modesto, and Union City. He spent his first two years of high school in Kailua, Hawaii and his last two year at Del Compo H.S. in Sacramento. He attended Modesto Junior College and finished at California State College Stanislaus. After college he pursued his life's work in Law Enforcement, finishing up at Los Rios Community College in Sacramento. One of

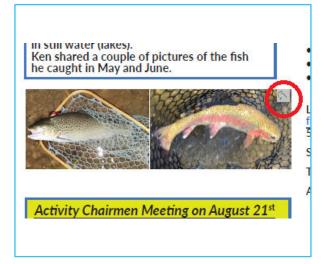
the best decisions he made in his life was being persistent enough to get his wife Sue to marry him some 42 years ago, even though he was late to his first date with her. He has one son and one daughter. He also has one brother and one sister. Kevin loves sailing, water skiing, and fishing. It should not surprise anyone but Kevin wants to sail to Hawaii in his own boat, travel the U.S. in an RV and tour Europe.

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 *September 4th* 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 or phone him at (510) 657-7828

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.
 PH.D. LEVE

 Score 1 point for each correct answer
 11. Man

 on the Freshman Level, 2 points on
 Answer

 the Graduate Level and 3 points on
 12. Fen

 the Ph.D. Level.
 Answer

Subject: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES Each three-letter word begins the

name of a fruit or vegetable. (e.g., Pea. Answer: Peach or pear.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

 1. Bee

 Answer______

 2. Cab

 Answer______

 3. Let

 Answer______

 4. Car

 Answer______

 5. Pot

 Answer______

GRADUATE LEVEL

6. Ban Answer_____ 7. Par Answer_____ 8. Asp Answer_____ 9. Can Answer_____ 10. Art Answer_____



PH.D. LEVEL
11. Man
Answer
12. Fen
Answer
13. Rut
Answer
14. End
Answer
15. Lee
Answer

ANSWERS: 1. Beets. 2. Cabbage. 3. Lettuce. 4. Carrots. 5. Potatoes. 6. Banana. 7. Parsnips or parsley. 8. Asparagus. 9. Cantaloupe. 10. Artichoke. 11. Mango. 12. Fennel. 13. Rutabaga. 14. Endive. 15. Leek.

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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A Bocce Worth the Trip



For a central Fremont guy (me) it seemed like quite a trip to the Age Well Center in South Fremont. I was determined to find out what the draw to a Bocce Ball Court so far south was for these guys: Victor, Scott, Stefan, Rob (Ingy), Ted and Howard. Never played it before? The way to play is simple. The colored ball closest to the white ball gets a point. There are some rules, but it is simple to play. Competition? As much as you like! Similar to bowling? Sort of. But not exactly. It's an outside game. Is it Fun? The players really enjoyed themselves. I just took pictures because I knew that if I played, you would not



get to see the photos. By the way – it was worth the trip. Come out, enjoy the outdoors on a Friday morning. ~ Bruce Roberts















In the spirit of the Summer Olympics, Big Sir "Ingy" brought to the luncheon the Bronze Medal that his mother-in-law won in the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles for diving. She also competed in swimming at the 1928 Olympics held in Amsterdam. She was inducted into the Swimming Hall of Fame in 1991.

August 21st Luncheon



The August birthdays are (L-R) Sir Victor Vasut, Sir Frank Steiner, Sir David Nelsen, Sir Douglas Howd and Sir Paul Parhiala





Birthday Wine drawing winner Sir David Nelsen

Rollie Wine drawing winner Sir Russ Blowers



Our Branch 59 Guest Jokester this month was Sir Larry Jett who did a great job filling in for Sir Rick Henry



A special presentation to the members who are 90 years and older (L-R) Sir Sterling Strickland, Sir Ben Fernandez, Sir Joseph Montellano, Sir Tom Blalock , Sir Lloyd Anderson, Sir Gordon MacLeod and Sir John Stokes.





Our guest speakers with Sir Bob Marshall were from the city of Newark (L-R) Adriana Perez and Edda Rivera. They gave a presentation on the Promotora Program.



Future new members, guests Ray Ojeda (top) and Rich Wilkotz (below)





New member Kevin Finnerty with his sponsor Mike Huntzinger



Lucky winners of the Wine Drawing. It pays off to stay till the end of the luncheon!

Members Wearing There Favorite Team Gear



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

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** You can get your Pathfinder at <u>Newsletters-2024</u> Comments, photos for site etc. email to: <u>sirbranch59@gmail.com</u>

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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. PATHFINDER DEADLINE Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.

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

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