

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

By Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



I hope you all enjoyed our September speaker as much as I did. Michael Hannon, Mayor of Newark, made it quite clear that Newark is the "Capitol of Fremont." Bob Marshall continues to bring in great speakers and I want to personally thank him for all his efforts.

Since our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16th which is before Halloween, I thought we could all

dress up in orange or wear some kind of simple costume or whatever. Our membership is quite clever and I would love to see where their imagination takes them.

Our Christmas Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th and will be here before you know it. I have already got the ball rolling and with the help of our BEC and our membership I am sure it will be a wonderful afternoon. So now you need to do your part and get your tickets. They will be available for purchase at both our October and November luncheons. If you don't have a significant other, come anyway. We will have table for eight forms available.

Don't forget to join some of our members on Wednesday, October 2nd 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, such as our Christmas Luncheon and a new Song Leader.

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, October 16th 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 (October 10th) prior to the luncheon, so the caterer can plan accordingly.

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

Raj Salwan, Fremont City Councilmember

Candidate for Mayor of Fremont



Councilmember Raj Salwan grew up in Fremont and is proud to call it home. He attended Vallejo Mill Elementary School and walked to school from the one-bedroom apartment where his father, mother, and two siblings resided. Fremont gave him the opportunity to go from that one-bedroom apartment to help run a successful business and serve as a Human Relations Commissioner, Planning Commissioner, Councilmember, and as the Vice Mayor of Fremont. He

has been serving in city government in various capacities for over 15 years.

Councilmember Salwan is a proud contributor to the success of Fremont schools in his role as a subcommittee member of the joint City Council-School District Liaison Committee.

Councilmember Salwan efforts lead to the founding of the Innovation District in Warm Springs which is home to Tesla, Seagate, Lam Research, Western Digital, Delta, and many other companies focused on advanced manufacturing, clean technology, medical devices, and high tech.

Councilmember Salwan championed the many initiatives to reduce cut through traffic in Fremont many of which were later adopted by the City of Fremont.

Councilmember Salwan attended University of California, Irvine and studied Biological Sciences, and has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from School of Veterinary Medicine at Tuskegee University.

Councilmember Salwan is a proud husband and father of three children attending Fremont Public Schools. As a parent, he understands how good schools enrich our community. As a small business owner, he knows what it takes to attract high quality business that will set up shop here, stay, and grow in our community.

His vision for Fremont is a simple one - He wants all Fremont residents to have the same opportunities that Fremont gave him: a home they can afford, a good education from a school near where they live, a high-skilled job with decent pay, parks to play in, and a safe environment.

October 16th Luncheon Menu

Chicken and Beef Enchiladas
Rice, Beans, Chips and Salsa
Green Salad and Dinner Rolls
Cake for dessert

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, September 18, 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 President Rob Ingebretson at 10:00am. All BEC members were present except Ken Brunskill and Larry Lardie.

The August 21 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Assistant Treasurer, Mark Silvera reported the balance of our account was \$7,492.15 as of September 18. The treasurer's report was approved. Mark recommended we keep our annual membership dues at \$50 for 2025. He expects our 2025 income to be about the same as this year. We may see an increase in cost for our caterer, we have not seen an increase for quite a while, but we should be able to deal with a modest increase. There are several computer software or programs which are used on a regular basis. These have been provided by Jerry Sabo at no cost to the branch. With Jerry moving soon, we will need to find another source or possibly pay for them.

President Ingy reported on the business meeting held on September 4 at Suju's Coffee. Discussions included the length of our luncheon meetings being a little long. Also that any jokes to be presented during jokester time need to be filtered through Rick Henry first. Rob Perrill and Rick Henry plan to attend a SIR State meeting in Lafayette on September 24.

The Christmas luncheon will be organized by the BEC and will be the main discussion topic during our Oct 2nd business meeting.

Two new members were approved by the BEC, Ray Ojeda and Rich Wilkots. We expect one guest to join us today.

Fred Serena, activities chairman, will be meeting with all activity chairs following today's meeting. Fred discussed the need to better publicize our activities to members so as to increase participation. He mentioned some activities have been discontinued due to lack of participation, including fly fishing and genealogy.

A \$100 donation was made to the Age Well Center in Warm Springs. The funds will go toward keeping the center open and offering activities at a low cost. We will be able to put up advertisements about SIR Branch 59.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

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 *October 2nd* meeting will be held at 10:30 am at Suju's Coffee and Tea at 3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont. See you there.

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.



Robert Branch
Age 83



J. D. Smith
Age 82



Terry Dalziel
Age 82



Rob Perril
Age 77



Michael Shapiro
Age 75



Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2024 will occur on Thursday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.

September 18, 2024

Attendance Report

Total Membership: 134
Members in Attendance: 70
Members Absent from Luncheon: 64
Percent of Membership in Attendance: 52%

New Members	Sponsor
James Hall	Larry Jett
Raymond Ojeda	Andy Lang
Richard Wilkatz	Rob Ingebretson

Guests	Sponsor
Benny Wong	Jim Ulam

Guest Speaker
Michael Hannon – Newark Mayor
Total Attendance: 72

The Latest Bowling News



The Monday SIRS opened their Winter League season on September 9th with 18 bowlers in attendance. The following weeks had 18 and 19 bowlers taking part. With most vacations over, there is the expectation that we will see more than 20 bowlers in each of the coming weeks.

An anonymous SIR donor, in an effort to encourage bowlers to participate, and increase interest, in our SIR Branch 59 Monday Bowling at Dublin Bowl, has offered \$200.00 in prize money to the three bowlers who accumulate the most points during our September 2024-August 2025 season, the winner to receive \$100.00, with \$60.00 to second and \$40.00 for third. Points will be scored on a six to one basis, with the bowler having the highest three game series (including handicap) getting six points while the sixth highest gets one point.

~Miguel Ferras Bowling Chairman

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 \$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 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.

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

PINOCHLE



We are meeting after the Wednesday Luncheon. For more information contact Victor Okumura at

VICTOROKUMURA13@GMAIL.COM

COUPLES WINE TASTING



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

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.) This is an indoor venue, so weather won't be an issue.
- We will have our own private tables
- \$20 for six 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 !! We currently have 21 people signed up. If you are not signed up yet, but wish to attend, let me know by October 2nd.

Email me at 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



Walking at Don Edwards / Coyote Hills

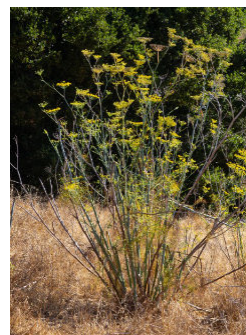


We parked at Don Edwards, then, via the Dumbarton approach bridge, magically transported ourselves to Coyote Hills Regional Park where we spent most of our time. We saw that some artistic person chalked a white flower on the bridge's concrete. Our next sight involved the overfilled Dumbarton Quarry – trucks are still dumping dirt so that the big hole in the ground is becoming a sizeable hill.

The white island in the Bay turned out to be a White Pelican Pod. My guess is that they had been feeding at that spot; soon they flew to another part of the Bay. At this point in our walk, it seemed all uphill. In fact, it seemed all uphill (both ways in the snow – yeah, I get it). We walked to our half-hour time where a viewpoint turned out to be a rest point for us. A passing photographer snapped a group photo of us all. On our way back to the parking lot, we could see the Don Edwards hill in the distance

One other thing. Every once in awhile we smelled the faint odor of licorice. It was fennel, and the fragrance was only for those who still have a smell sense left after Covid. ~Bruce Roberts





Meet our New Members



James Hall: I was born September 17, 1944 in Bainbridge, Maryland. I have one sister. I have been widowed for several years. I have no children. After Bainbridge, Maryland I have lived in Shanghai, China; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Patuxent River, Maryland ; Norfolk, Virginia; Key West, Florida; and Fremont, CA. The lessons/values I learned from my parents were honesty, respect for authority, and integrity. My favorite sport is football. I went to Key West High School in Key West, Florida and then to Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. I was never in the military, just a navy brat. I have spent the

majority of my life in teaching and sales. Some of the best decisions I have made in my life are; accepting Christ, getting a college education, and getting married. What I would like to accomplish before I die is to finish well and encourage others to do the same.



RAY OJEDA: I was born on December 16, 1946 in Crystal City, Texas. I have two brothers and one sister. I have been married 57 years to my wife Barbara. We have a son, a daughter, and one granddaughter. My parents moved to Decoto, CA. after I was born and have lived in Fremont since 1969. The lessons/values I received from my parents (1) believe in God/Jesus, (2) believe in family, and (3) defend our country and our constitution. I attended James Logan High School in Union City where I was on the wrestling team. I also love baseball and football. After high school I went to Chabot College, Cal State

Hayward and Cal-Berkeley. I volunteered for the Army during Viet Nam but was not taken due to a knee injury. I first worked for the Co-Op grocery store in Castro Valley and then 22 years in the private sector followed by 22 years as a probation officer in San Mateo County. The best decisions I made in my life were to finish college and marry my wife. I would like to be elected to the Alameda County Water District 5 in Fremont on election day, November 4th. My bucket list is to continue traveling and visit as many cities in the U.S. before I die.



Richard Wolkotz: I was born on March 3, 1952 in Los Angeles. I have one brother. I have been married to my wife Diana for 20 years, who I met in a library. We have no children. After being born in Los Angeles I have lived in Pacoima, North Hollywood, Reseda, Glendale, Costa Mesa, Redwood City and Fremont. A lesson/value I got from my parents was sarcasm. My favorite sport is tennis but I love flying. I attended San Fernando High School in San Fernando, CA. I then went to Cal State Northridge College. I was never in the military. I spent most of my life in sales in the watch and jewelry industry.

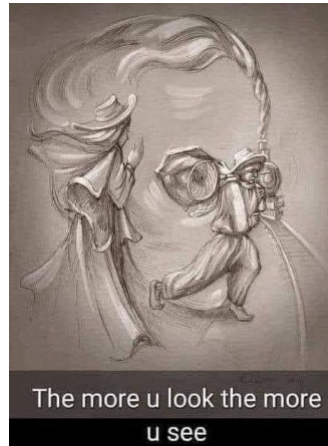
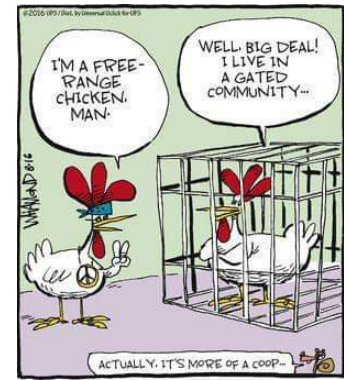
Some of the best decisions I have made in my life were marrying my wife Diana and real estate investments. Before I die I want to travel the world with my wife.

Fun and Games

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



A special presentation to the members who are Strickland, Sir Ben Fernandez, Sir Joseph Monte, Sir Gordon MacLeod and Sir John Stokes.



LAPD raid goes from bad to farce after gun allegedly sucked onto MRI machine

An officer with the Los Angeles Police Department found out the hard way that you can't take metal near an MRI machine after their rifle flew out of their hands and became attached to the machine during a pot raid gone bad, according to a federal lawsuit filed last week.

The incident's details were described in a lawsuit filed by the owners of a Los Angeles medical imaging center, who allege that their business was wrongly targeted by LAPD during a raid in October 2023. The lawsuit was first reported on by Law360.com.

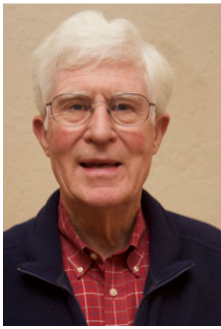
The owners of NoHo Diagnostic Center are suing the LAPD, the city of Los Angeles and multiple police officers, alleging they violated the business owners' constitutional rights and demanding an unspecified amount in damages. Officers allegedly raided the diagnostic center, located in the Van Nuys neighborhood of Los Angeles, thinking it was a front for an illegal cannabis cultivation facility, pointing to higher-than-usual energy use and the "distinct odor" of cannabis plants, according to the lawsuit.

Officers raided the facility on Oct. 18, 2023, and detained the lone female employee while they searched the business, the lawsuit said. However, they didn't find a single cannabis plant and only saw a typical medical facility with rooms used for conducting x-rays, ultrasounds, CT scans and MRIs, the owners said.

The officers then released the employee and told her to call a manager, the lawsuit said, while they continued to wander around various rooms of the facility. The plaintiffs say the officers' behavior was "nothing short of a disorganized circus, with no apparent rules, procedures, or even a hint of coordination."

At one point, an officer walked into an MRI room, past a sign warning that metal was prohibited inside, with his rifle "dangling... in his right hand, with an unsecured strap," the lawsuit said. The MRI machine's magnetic force then allegedly sucked his rifle across the room, pinning it against the machine. MRI machines are tube-shaped scanners that use incredibly strong magnetic fields to create images of the brain, bones, joints and other internal organs.

An officer then allegedly pulled a sealed emergency release button that shut the MRI machine down, deactivating it, evaporating thousands of liters of helium gas and damaging the machine in the process. The officer then grabbed his rifle and left the room, leaving behind a magazine filled with bullets on the office floor, according to the lawsuit.



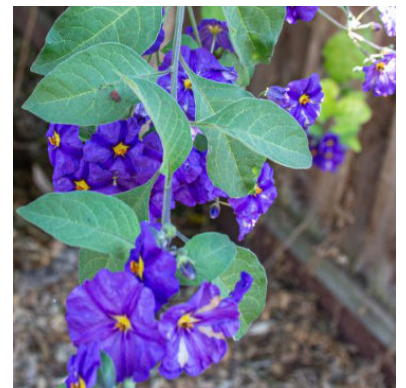
Hazy Day in Summer

Seven of us met at Sabercat Creek Trail on a hazy September Wednesday, hazy and cool. We walked up the canyon and back in just over an hour. Friendly folks greeted us on the path and Rick put the squeeze on one guy (his dog named Duck was ready to join) for SIR. But he is tied up until October, but then... Mission Peak tried to hide in the haze could not escape from the camera. The Elderberries look ready for picking. ~Bruce Roberts



It's Going to Be a Hot One

As one can tell from the car photo – parked under one of the few trees in the lot – the driver thinks it's going to be hot today. Jerry promised a cool walk, or was that a shady walk? Partly it was, but the path by the old Alameda Creek cooked us a bit. Think blazing sun! The garden photo shows some shade – check out the Naked Ladies. Then the Century Plant and its flowers are cool looking but not cool on this day. Anyway, a quick one hour walk before it got too hot. Near the walk's end we spotted a Purple Nightshade, toxic if eaten, and I don't think we were planning on it. ~ Bruce Roberts



September 18th Luncheon



The September birthdays are (L-R) Sir Howard Elz, New member Sir James Hall, Sir Andy Lang Sir Robert Culbertson, Sir Jerry Ford, Sir Tom McCaslin, Sir Rick Henry, Sir Daniel Johnson, Sir Rothbach, Sir Sammy Lum and Big Sir (Ingy) Rob Ingebretson.



New members with Big Sir Ingy. (L-R) Sir James Hall, Sir Richard Wilkatz, Sir Raymond Ojeda and Sir Michael Shapiro



Sir Larry Jett and Sir Jerry Sabo chatting during social hour



Our guest speaker was Mike Hannon Mayor of Newark. He gave a well received presentation followed by a lively question and answer session.



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



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 18, 2024

Luncheon Entrees: \$35/Person \$70/Couple

Beef:	Tri Tip Strip
Chicken:	Chicken Florentine
Fish:	Salmon
Vegetarian:	Eggplant Parmesan

Make checks payable to : **SIR Branch 59**

Return the form below with your check or cash.

NAME: _____ Entree Choice: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Veg. _____

PARTNER'S NAME: _____ Entree Choice: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Veg. _____

CASH: _____ CHECK: _____



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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

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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.

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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.

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