



# The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

**Forty-Ninth Year**

**November 2024**

**Bulletin No.11**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

By Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



I can't believe November is already here and we are seeing signs of Christmas. By the time you read this, maybe we have had some rain. There are two big things we celebrate in November. The first, happening on the 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veterans Day. In this light I would ask all of our veterans to wear anything you still have, from your service to our country to our

next meeting so we can honor each of you. Veterans Day is a legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. The second big holiday occurs on November 28<sup>th</sup>, which of course is Thanksgiving. This holiday is celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November which will be the 28<sup>th</sup>. It has been an annual tradition since 1863, when during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln, proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens." I hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Now that we are in November, this will be the last time you can purchase your tickets for our annual Christmas Luncheon held on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. You can purchase your tickets at our November Luncheon on the 20<sup>th</sup>. More information on the party is found later in the Pathfinder. We also need Door Prizes and ask that our members do everything possible to help us secure prizes. A donor letter is available for Merchants who need tax evidence. We also have table of 8 forms available so you can sit with your friends. Spouses, significant others and our single men should all have a wonderful time.

Well 2024 is coming to an end and I can't believe my tenure as your Big Sir is almost over. This is my final column for our Pathfinder. What a wonderful newsletter we have each month due to the work of our editor, Sammy Lum, and the beautiful photographs from our great photographer, Bruce Roberts. Thanks also to the tireless work of our Program Director, Bob Marshall, for obtaining our many great speakers this year. There are many men in our Branch Executive

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 (November 14<sup>th</sup>) prior to the luncheon, so the caterer can plan accordingly.

## NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Mizpah Brown-Rich

Co-Founder of Joshua's Gift



Mizpah Brown-Rich is the Co-Founder of Joshua's Gift. A foundation inspired by her beloved son to help foster friendships and inclusion for families affected by autism. As a compassionate person who loves to help people, Mizpah and her husband began building their

non-profit Joshua's Gift, in the early part of 2017. Her passion to support families living with autism led to the vision of Joshua's Gift. Her goal is to provide essential services and relief through funding and social experiences that might otherwise be inaccessible to families living with autism

More information can be found at <https://www.joshuasgift.org/>

Committee (B.E.C.) that have worked very hard this year to make our branch a success and made my job a lot easier. I urge you all to give your full support to your new Big Sir Rob Perrill and Little Sir Richard Henry as they endeavor to move Branch 59 ever forward. Truly two of the good guys in our branch.

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.



## November 20<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Menu

*Turkey and Ham*

*Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing*

*Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls*

*Apple Cobbler and Vanilla Ice Cream*

## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, October 16, 2024

### Branch 59 Officers

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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 Jerry Ford and Nat Lord.

The September 18 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$6,742.88 as of October 16. There were a couple miscellaneous expenses since our last meeting plus our fourth quarter assessment of \$342 was sent to SIR State. The treasurer's report was approved.

Ingy brought up two important upcoming Zoom meetings. The first one, on October 18, will focus on ways to increase SIR branch membership in 2025. The second, held on November 8, is a training meeting for all Branch Executive Committee members.

Fred Serena mentioned the importance of maintaining Form 20, Branch Leadership Directory. Only half of SIR branches are doing this correctly, making it difficult for SIR State to communicate effectively. Branch 59 has kept Form 20 up to date and accurate. Fred also mentioned that due to the negative reaction from many branches regarding the possible changes to the SIR organization by SIR State, they plan to develop an advisory committee to explore issues and possible solutions.

Discussions during our business meeting held on October 2 included; Miguel Ferras and John Vickroy offering to be song leaders for Branch 59. The printing of the Pathfinder, for those few members without the means to view it electronically, has been taken up by Daniel Johnson. As for coordinating the holiday luncheon in December; Doug Howd offered to track who will be distributing merchant letters and to which business, to request donations for door prizes. Dave will coordinate the making of table arrangements by the wives of a few of our members. Ingy and Rob will arrange for the entertainment. Ingy will take care of badges and table linens. Bill Bauhofer and Mark Silvera will do the ticket sales.

The BEC approved one new member today, Benny Wong. One member has resigned this month, leaving our membership number the same, 134. Only 61 members responded that they will attend the luncheon today. We give the caterer our attendance estimate on the Monday before our meetings. It is difficult to estimate our attendance accurately because many members don't RSVP to our luncheons.

Fred Serena, Area Representative and Activities Chairman, is collecting weekly participation numbers from all activity chairs. The data he is collecting goes to other area representatives and SIR State to better understand branch offerings and participation levels throughout the SIR organization. Three activities offered at our branch this year have not had adequate participation levels. The BEC approved a motion to remove fly fishing, genealogy and bridge as listed activities of branch 59.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



## 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.



## November Birthdays



Lloyd Anderson  
Age 94



James Ploor  
Age 89



Ron Shore  
Age 81



Robert LoBue  
Age 80



Myron Ness  
Age 80



Ron Singler  
Age 80



John Burnett  
Age 79



James McConnell  
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Mike McDonald  
Age 79



Bill Pruner  
Age 77



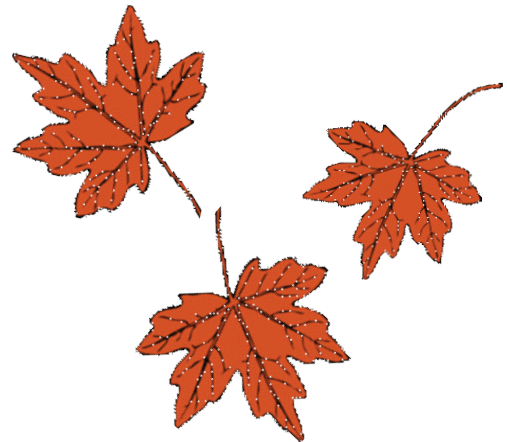
Stephen Culp  
Age 75



Widodo Nojopranoto  
Age 74



Don Rose  
Age 70



**September 18, 2024**

### Attendance Report

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

New Member  
Benny Wong

Sponsor  
Jim Ulam

Guests  
James Mars  
John Mallon  
Dennis Martinez

Sponsor  
Miguel Ferras  
Bob Culbertson  
John Stokes

Member Resignation  
Doug Laidlaw

Guest Speaker  
Raj Salwan, Fremont City Councilmember

**Total Attendance: 74**

### **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 *November 6th* meeting will be held at 10:30 am at Suju's Coffee and Tea at 3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont See you there.



## CYBER GEEZERS



**NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**  
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)

## PINOCHLE



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

### *Golfers of All Abilities*

**If you want to play golf with other SIRs you've got to contact me, Jim Ulam or Larry Lardie! Let me put you on our email list!**

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

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[larry.lardie@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:SIRJERRYFORD11@GMAIL.COM)

## COUPLES WINE TASTING



Not much to report this month ....

We have now had four wine tasting events in 2023 and four in 2024. We have no more events planned for this year.

Here is a recap of the 2024 events:

- April Rodrigue Molyneaux
- June Rios-Lovell
- August The Singing Winemaker
- October Wood Family

Let me know if you have suggestions for 2025.

Email me at [fmtlang@pacbell.net](mailto:fmtlang@pacbell.net) or call or text me at 510-290-6007.

Thanks,

Andy Lang -Couples Wine Tasting Activity Honcho



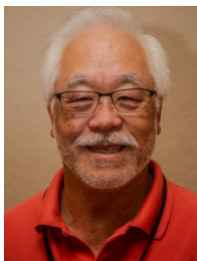
*The final wine tasting event for this year was held at the Wood Family Vineyards*







## Meet our New Member



**BENNY WONG** – I was born on July 23, 1957 in Hong Kong. I have three brothers and two sisters. I have been married for 34 years to my wife Melody. She always remembered I called her 17 times every morning for a date. We have one son, but no grandchildren yet. After being born in Hong Kong I have lived in Kowloon, Stockton, San Jose, and now Fremont. One of the lessons I learned from my parents was hard work. I love basketball, soccer, football and golf. I played soccer in high school at Alonzo Amos Stagg in Stockton. I went to college at San Jose State and was never in the military. My first job was an assistant store manager but the best decision I made was to go into sales in packaging. I would love to travel around the world and go back and visit Hong Kong and China before I die.

Remember to sign up this month for the  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

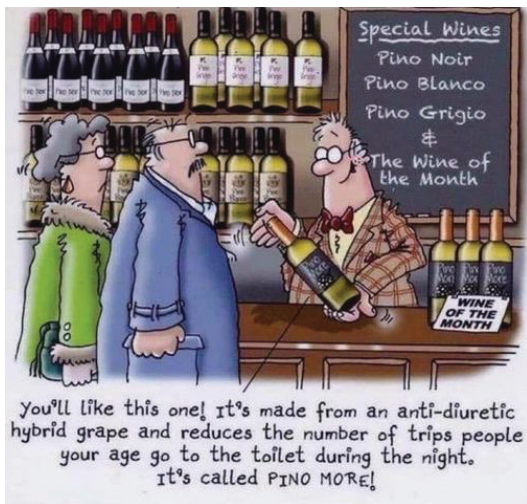


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# Fun and Games

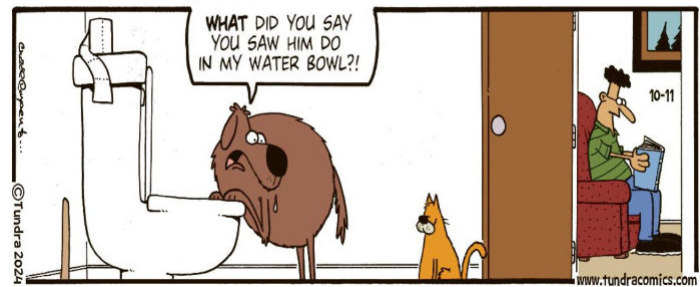
## BRAIN TEASER

If you couldn't find Rollie last month the answer is shown below. Rollie was on page 8 circled in red below.



Anne and Bonnie each have several dresses. Bonnie says to Anne: "If you give me one of your dresses, I will have twice the dresses you have remaining." Anne replies: "If you give me one of your dresses, we will have exactly the same number of dresses." So, currently, how many dresses do Anne and Bonnie each have?

TUNDRA Chad Carpenter



Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached its cruising altitude, the captain announced:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain. Welcome to Flight 293, non-stop from London Heathrow to New York. The weather ahead is good, so we should have an uneventful flight. So, sit back, relax, and... OH...MY GOD!"

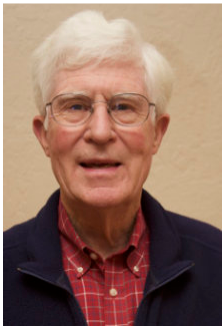
Silence followed..... complete silence!.....

Some moments later, the captain came back on the intercom.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a flight attendant accidentally spilled coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

From the back of the plane, an Irish passenger yelled "For the luvva Jaysus, you should see the back of mine!"

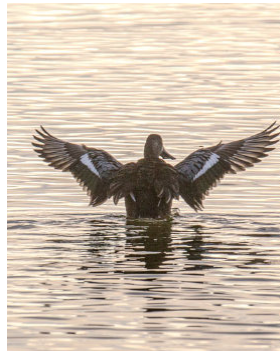




## Once in a While Cheating Is Allowed

Many of the photos from the SIR walk of October 9<sup>th</sup> I took prior to the actual walk, only an hour or so, but not during the walk. It was the first day of lower temperatures after all that heat of the past few days. Mission Peak peeked through the mists. Low clouds with the sun peering through drew me to the Don Edwards Wildlife Preserve early that morning. Mainly it was the birds, like the Brown Pelicans, Black-necked Stilts, American Avocets, Great Egrets and even some Northern Shovelers that I captured. Also scenes like the sun finding both the Dumbarton and San Mateo bridges shining out from darker backgrounds that the rest of the walkers will have missed later. So please put up with earlier photos along with the walkers, 12 of us, and Dave and Linda's dog Fiona. Near the end of the walk – fall foliage is starting to show its colors.

Lastly, SIR Rick Henry wants you to participate in SIR. ~Bruce Roberts





## October 16th Luncheon



The October birthdays are (L-R) Sir Robert Branch, Sir Michael Shapiro and Little Sir Rob Perrill



Sir Robert Branch winner of the birthday wine drawing



Who is that masked man?  
In the spirit of Halloween  
it is our own Jokester Sir  
Rick Henry



Sir Victor Vasut winner of  
the Rollie wine drawing  
with Little Sir Rob Perrill

## Members dressed ready for Halloween festivities





Our guest speaker was Fremont Councilmember Raj Salwan with Sir Bob Marshall



Wine drawing winners (L-R) Sir Joe Lucia, Sir Mark Silvera, Sir Bob Cooper and Sir Miguel Ferras

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
LUNCHEON**

**WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 18, 2024**

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

<b>Beef:</b>	<b>Tri Tip Strip</b>
<b>Chicken:</b>	<b>Chicken Cordon Bleu</b>
<b>Fish:</b>	<b>Salmon</b>
<b>Vegetarian:</b>	<b>Eggplant Parmesan</b>

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**to Rob Ingebretson, 48232 Cottonwood St.**  
**Fremont, CA. 94539.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Entree Choice: Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Veg. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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)

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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.

### **Can't Put a Name to a Face?**

Visit our branch website at [www.sirbranch59.org](http://www.sirbranch59.org)

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

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