

Forty-Ninth Year

**April 2025** 

**Bulletin No.4** 

### THE ROOSTER TALE By Big Sir Rob Perrill



Hello there once again fellow Pathfinders. So just what good can be said about the month of April? PLENTY! But with our limited space and time I will only say that as we all know, March 20th was the very first day of Spring and our Vernal Equinox which is one of two days in the year when the sun is directly over the equator, making the day and night of equal time. Our daytime builds until

June 20th, our Summer Solstice, which is the longest day of the year.

The Spring and Summer time bring back so many childhood memories. The fragrance of blooms wafting in the air, the warmth of the sun and the vibrance of Nature. Speaking of which, we all have at our fingertips the wonderful opportunity to join in on our weekly walks led by none other than our very own Sir Jerry Ford, who has been unofficially nominated as our "Branch Pathfinder." The walks are easy, around an hour long, with no agendas and plenty of time to just chat. Builds friendships, it does. Ping Jerry for details.

The other day I received some comments on volunteering from our newest Board Member, Sir Ron Singler. Ron is our Nominating Chairman and there a line from him that stood out to me: "...The benefits of volunteering extend far beyond the recipients of the service." Good to ponder this.

Baseball's Spring Training ended on March  $25^{\rm th}$  and opening day for the 2025 Season began on March  $27^{\rm th}$ . Sharing activities with other SIR Branches in our area is a great way to expand our social experience. Steve Behnke, Co-Big Sir of our Moraga Branch, has shared this opportunity for discounted tickets to the newly formed Oakland Ballers semi-pro baseball team. Click here for details.

- A few quick notes:

   Membership dues are now past due.
- Please have respect for our Caterer and your member friends by RESPONDING WITH your RSVP's for lunch.
- Elvis has confirmed his performance (with a little surprise)

We are looking to return to something else for RSVP replies to the luncheon. The BEC will be experimenting and trying options in April and May. It will not be with eVite as they do not offer the desired options.

IN THE INTERIM DO NOT RESPOND TO ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE PROVIDED EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE INVITATION!

This is important as RSVP's via text, phone calls will likely be missed since Ken Brunskill, the attendance chairman, will be traveling, and out of phone range off and on throughout the year(s).

## **APRIL GUEST SPEAKER ERIC JONES - Sea Valor Founder**



Eric Jones was one of two recipients of the Medal of Valor from President Bush for his service to our country during the events of 9/11. His experience left him with mental health challenges, including PTSD. Eric used his passion for mental health to start a nonprofit, Sea Valor, with the purpose of improving the quality of life for those with mental

health challenges through sailing.

Bio: Eric grew up in the Bay Area, his mother a social worker, and his father an Air Force Colonel. Eric felt compelled to help people from an early age and became an EMT as soon as he turned 18. That led to him joining the Prince George's County Fire Department where he received additional training in firefighting, search and rescue, hazardous materials, and rescue diving. Eric continued by earning his Paramedic certification, and in 1998 graduated from The George Washington University (GWU) with a BS in Health Sciences, with a focus on Emergency Medical Services with a minor in Psychology.

for our Sweetheart "Sock Hop" on May  $21^{st}$ . Tickets will again be available at our next luncheon on April  $16^{th}$ . Still at \$35 per person. Checks please. It will not be the same if YOU AND YOURS ARE NOT THERE!

• We will be holding an off-site BEC meeting at the Thornton Suju's coffee shop (by Dale Hardware) on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM. All members are welcome.

April is going to be a fabulous month!

#### 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.



# April 16th Luncheon Menu

Hawaiian Pineapple Pork Lion and Lasagna **Mash Potatoes** Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls **Chocolate Cake** 

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# ELVIS PRESLEY SWEETHEART **SOCK HOP PARTY**







My Fellow SIR Brothers,

We will be selling tickets for the May 21st Sweetheart Sock Hop Luncheon at the April branch luncheons. We will be located at the back of the dining area. Forms to reserve a table of 8 will be available and encouraged. We encourage you to pay by check as that will serve as your receipt. We will except cash, as Yogi Berra once said it is the same as money. If you are paying by check please have it made out in advance and payable to SIR BRANCH 59. The price for the tickets are:

# \$35.00/per person, \$70.00/couple

We will be entertained by an ELVIS PRESLEY impersonator. There will be MUSIC from the 50's so you can DANCE. You can DRESS in your 50's attire, if you have any. Finally, there will be DOOR PRIZES (tickets for the drawings will be available for purchase as you enter on the day of the event).

The food entrees will be: Tri-Tip Steak Strips, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Salmon and Eggplant Parmesan מונוו מו



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NAME:	_ Entree Choice: Beef	_ Chicken	Fish	
PARTNER'S NAME:	Entree Choice: Beef	_ Chicken	_Fish	Veg
CASH: CHECK:	8			

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# SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, March 19, 2025

#### **Branch 59 Officers**

Big Sir Rob Perrill (510) 468-1274 Little Sir Richard Henry (510) 458-8291 Secretary David Nelsen (510) 673-5042 **Asst. Secretary** Jerry Ford (510) 921-1739 Treasurer Larry Lardie (510) 579-5934 Asst. Treasurer Mark Silvera (408) 605-3416

#### **Directors**

Ken Brunskill Nat Lord Sammy Lum Bob Marshall Ron Singler Fred Serena

#### **RAMP**

Open-Recruitment
Open -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 Perrill at 10:00 am. All BEC members were present except Bob Marshall and Fred Serena.

In his opening remarks, Big Sir Rob Perrill shared his concern with the RSVP process for our monthly luncheons. He also spoke of the need to develop a succession plan for BEC members and involve more members as assistants in the various tasks which help our branch to run effectively. Rob suggested we consider incorporating a pledge with our new

members as is done at other branches, which would include being friendly, bringing guests and volunteering.

The February 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Based on the Schedule of Branch Operations, this month we should consider amendments to SIR Branch Bylaws. A brief discussion revealed we are unaware of our bylaws. The secretary offered to find and forward this document to all BEC members and lead a discussion on their content. The secretary is also to send Form 65, the Branch Membership List, to SIR State by the end of the month.

Treasurer: Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$10,878.45 as of March 19. The treasurer's report was approved. Signature authorizations for our bank account have been changed to include Rob Perrill and Rick Henry and removing Ingy. Larry is preparing to pay our quarterly assessment to SIR State, due mid-April. Regarding dues, 122 members have paid their 2025 membership dues, 6 members have indicated they are dropping their membership for a variety of reasons and 13 members have not yet paid their dues.

Membership: Rob Ingebretson reported we expect to welcome two new members today, Charlie Peeler and Alan Claassen. We approved their membership in Branch 59. We also expect to see 5 guests at today's luncheon.

Attendance: Ken Brunskill reported there are a number of members who do not RSVP to our luncheon meetings, making it difficult to plan for the correct amount of food. We discussed incorporating the use of an online invite tool once again, as we have in the past.

A new rental agreement with the Elks Lodge has been signed as well as insurance forms with Elks and our caterer for 2025 are complete. Rick Henry offered to assume responsibility for keeping these up to date going forward.

Jim Ulam has stepped down as Recruitment Chairman. We will seek a volunteer to take this role.

Fred Serena has stepped down as Activities Coordinator. We discussed whether this position needs to be filled.

A motion was made to approve Fred Serena as a Director of Branch 59. The motion was approved unanimously. Fred remains Area Representative of Branch 59 as well as Branches 2, 34, 101 and 128.

Sweetheart Luncheon: Elvis will be joining us on May 21. Tickets go on sale today. There will be door prizes to be raffled and a fun time for all.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

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.

# March 19, 2025 Sir Branch 59 POST MEETING LOG

New Member	Sponsor	
Alan Claassen #81	Carl Blincoe	

First Time Guests	s Sponsor

Ken Ariathurai Rob Ingebretson Paul Pennelly Vance Hamilton Brian Anacona Andy Lang Vasu Kadambi Larry Jett

#### Visitor

Carlo Facchino (guest speaker)

#### **Change In Status**

Steve Langham #75 (resigned) Don Rose #129 (resigned) (resigned) John Mallon Jr. #51 Ken Peterson #81 (resigned) Joseph Montellano #93 (resigned)

#### **Attendance Report**

Members 75 = 55%

Guests 4

Visitor 1 (speaker)

Total

# **Member Report**

136 members

Sir Rob Ingebretson Membership Chairman

# Birthdays



Miguel Ferras Age 88



Ken Brunskill Age 86



William Anderson Age 85



Theodore Bresler Age 83



Age 80



Robert McCauley



Robert ten Bosch Age 79



Larry Lardie Age 76



Loren Lookabill Age 75



Age 72



Age 78

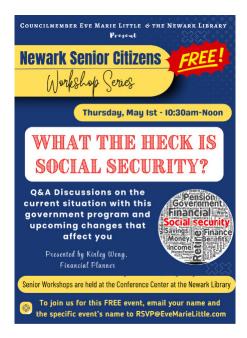
Age 71



Randy Patterson Age 71



Age 68



#### In Memoriam

#### Fred Cutter

A past member, married 72 years to his wife Nancy he was 95 years old.

> Born - July 9, 1929 Died - February 6, 2025

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#### CYBER GEEZERS



Jerry Sabo is relocating to Montana, but there's a possibility he will continue hosting Cyber Geezer once he gets settled. His presence will be deeply missed. Jerry was a passionate bowler who achieved success in the SiR bowling tournaments. He

also served as the editor for both the Branch 59
Pathfinder newsletter and the SIR Happenings
newsletter, in addition to offering valuable tech support
to numerous members.

#### **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



### **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).

#### **GOLF**



Calling ALL golfers! Branch 59 Sirs play every Tuesday at Spring Valley in the foothills above Milpitas. Our tee time are around 9:00 am and there's room for 16 to 20 golfers of all abilities! We try to mix up the foursomes so you get to play with everyone. Some of our members also play on Thursdays at different golf courses so you get to hook up with them and

play all over!

We encourage everyone to strike out on their own and find other venues where we can all play.

Call, text or email Jim Ulam or Larry Lardie with any questions and to make sure you get on the email and text list!

See you on the course!

jimulam@gmail.com (510) 371-1757

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



## **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

#### **PINOCHLE**



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

VICTOROKUMURA13@GMAIL.COM

#### **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

### **COUPLES WINE TASTING**



# Our next wine tasting event will be at MITCHELL KATZ WINERY IN LIVERMORE ON FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2025. I expect it to be a great event.

Mitchell Katz Winery serves a very good variety of red and white wines. Their 2020 Fat Boy Cabernet Sauvignon is highly rated. We will be seated on the patio/lawn, but in case the weather doesn't cooperate, we will be indoors.

- Located at 2915 S. Vasco Rd, Livermore
- Friday April 25, 2025 from 12:00pm til 2:00pm
- \$20 tasting fee for six pours and maybe a bonus pour too!
- \$5 off the tasting fee for each bottle purchased
- Bring your own picnic or snacks.
- Check out their website: https://mitchellkatzwinery.com/

We currently have 21 people signed up, but there is room for more!!





Let me know if you wish to attend and don't miss out on the fun, email me at <a href="mailto:fmtlangs@pacbell.net">fmtlangs@pacbell.net</a> or call or text me at 510-290-6007.

Thanks, ~Andy Lang -Couples Wine Tasting Activity Chairman



Jerry Ford let the Wednesday SIR walkers around Lake Elizabeth and was able to complete the walk without any rain. We had a light rain before and after the walk. We'd like to see more walkers join us to enjoy the parks in the area. ~Mike Jay

## **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 *April 2<sup>nd</sup>* meeting will be held at 10:30 am at Suju's Coffee and Tea at 3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont See you there.



# Historic (of course) Niles on Foot



When the Wednesday Walkers walk Niles, even though they have toured it many times, there is always something new. It could be Grau Pond covered in a bright green layer of algae, it might be the first time we walked by the blue fence, it could be noticing the metal plaques adorning the fire station celebrating the Niles Canyon Railway or the California Nursery. Historic, like the many examples of house and business architecture, the Silent Film Museum featuring live music and prior-to-1930s silent movies on Saturday nights, like the train depot still here after all these years. Then there is Devout Coffee, the Florence (been here forever), the Nile Café, Bronco Billy's Pizza for your wet-your-whistle and dining pleasure – and more. Looking for antiques? Afternoons and weekends for great buys and interesting items.

Stroll along Alameda Creek to get away from the hustle of Fremont and in the mood for Niles – you can't miss it, just look for the words in the hills east of downtown. Art and ice cream, next door to each other across the street from Joe's Corner. Saturday Farmers' Market across the Main Street – "hidden" Historic Niles. What a place to visit! ~ Bruce Roberts















## **MARCH 19 LUNCHEON**





Recipients of the special  $90^{\text{th}}$  birthday certificate (L-R) Sir George Prows and Sir Nat Lord.



Welcoming our new member Sir Alan Claassen with our Big Sir Rob Perrill



Winner of the birthday wine drawing Sir Richard Lightholder with Little Sir Richard Henry



Our own Branch 59 Jokester Sir Larry Jett keeps it light and funny with three great jokes for the group



Sir Bob Banfiel, winner of the Rollie wine drawing













Carlo Facchino, the guest speaker, offered a well-received presentation detailing his adventure rowing solo across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii.





Lucky winners of the wine drawing (L-R) Sir Richard Holley and Sir Donald Upchurch



Sweetheart Sock Hop May Luncheon tickets are now on sale! Don't miss your chance to secure a spot before they're gone. This is your opportunity to meet the one and only Elvis!



Sir Rob Ingebretson introducing our guests as we look forward to the possibility of them joining us as new members.



Another great turnout, Don't forget to RSVP to ensure we have enough delicious food for everyone.

# **Meet our New Member**



**Alan Claassen** – I was born on July 11, 1955 in San Luis Obispo. I have one sister. I have been married to my wife Peggy for 47 years. I have two children and two grandchildren. Since my birth in San Luis Obispo I have lived in Shell Beach, Watsonville, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and now Fremont. My favorite sports are soccer and volleyball. I have been a youth soccer coach, soccer referee, and assistant scoutmaster. I love running and hiking. I attended two high schools; International School in Bangkok and Hong Kong International High School. I have

attended both Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Santa Clara University where I became a Mechanical Engineer. I have worked at both electronic coding and data center coding and efficiency at IBM. In my retirement years I would like to do more traveling.

# Fun and Games

If you couldn't find Rollie last month the answer is shown below. Rollie was on page 6 circled in red below.







**Procrastination is** totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.

Once upon a time, there lived a king who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible king, but he made a great ruler.

#### 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: AMERICANA

(e.g., He married Jill Jacobs in 1977. Answer: Joe Biden.)

#### FRESHMAN LEVEL

- 1. What does "early to bed, early to rise" make a man?
- 2. What character did Bert Lahr play in the film "The Wizard of Oz"? Answer
- 3. In 1776, George Washington crossed this river to make a surprise attack. Answer

"Gentlemen Prefer \_\_\_\_" is the title of a 1925 novel.

Answer 5. What line follows, "Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack"? Answer

#### **GRADUATE LEVEL**

6. The TV character "The Fonz" first appeared in this series. Answer

7. Citizens accused of a crime can refuse to testify by "taking the\_

Answer 8. This novel (1971) and film (1973) was about the demonic possession of a young girl.

Answer 9. What institutions used the Dewey decimal system?

10. His "Last Stand" was at the Little

Answer

#### PH.D. LEVEL

11. Who was "The dirty little coward who shot Mister Howard"

Answer

12. Some historians believe that Sally Fairfax was his one true love. Answer

13. What was the Enola Gay?

Answer\_ 14. Interpret the Spanish, "Diez y seis de Septiembre.

Answer 15. The Chicago Tribune ran this headline blooper in 1948. Answer

**ANSWERS:** 1. Healthy, wealthy and wise. 2. The Cowardly Lion. 3. Delaware River. 4. Blondes. 5. I don't care if I ever get back. 6. "Happy Days." 7. Fifth (Fifth Amendment). 8. "The Exorcist." 9. Libraries. 10. George Custer. 11. Robert Ford (killed Jesse James). 12. George Washington. 13. B-29 bomber that Washington. 13. B-29 bomber that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. 14. The 16th of September. 15. "Dewey Defeats Truman!"

#### SCORING:

24 to 30 points — congratulations, doctor; 18 to 23 points — honors graduate; 13 to 17 points — you're 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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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

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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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April 2025

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