

The Pathfinder Branch 59 Fremont

Forty-Ninth Year

March 2025

Bulletin No.3

THE ROOSTER TALE

By Big Sir Rob Perrill



Hello there fellow Pathfinders! Can't you just feel that Spring is around the corner? The trees are beginning to bud, our hummingbirds are returning to their feeders and our temperatures are rising ever so slightly. Easter is just around the corner and it always reminds me of the Springtime. The 238 days of

the Springtime. The 238 days of Daylight Savings begin on the 9th, St. Patrick's Day is the 17th and the First Day of Spring is the 20th! Wow. And to top all of that off, our beautiful hills are green again.

Spring is also a time of personal renewal. It can be wonderful time to put our lives in perspective, giving thought to the many things happening within and around us.

One of the things I am grateful for is having discovered our SIR organization. Especially in our Senior years, there is little comparison to the inherent value of community, camaraderie, fellowship, teamwork, and most of all FRIENDSHIP.

In a recent blog Alex Navarro wrote: "There are moments in life that feel heavy no matter what—but when you don't have close friends, they hit even harder. Friendships give us support, reassurance, and a sense of belonging."

Clearly, friends make life more enjoyable and meaningful. It all starts within us. To have a friend you need to be a friend as the saying goes. Reach out and touch someone ... A good way to start is to volunteer your time and energy. It can work wonders.

Speaking of reaching out, we put a call in to Graceland recently and got a bit of a busy signal. BUT we happened to reach a local talent that has studied Elvis well and has even taken on some of his talents! George Silva is a professional Elvis Tribute Artist and has agreed to do a one hour show for us after we dine during our Sweetheart luncheon on May 21st! Tickets for our Gala Sock Hop luncheon will go on sale in March and April. And still at \$35 per person INCLUDING ELVIS!

Poodle skirts and ducktail hair for the guys. It should be a great time!

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 (March 13th) prior to the luncheon, so the caterer can plan accordingly.

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Carlo Facchino Solo Ocean Row to Hawaii



During the summer of 2022 on a cold and foggy July morning, Carlo Facchino climbed into a 19 foot ocean rowing boat and headed west underneath the Golden Gate Bridge. After 72 days at sea he reached the Big

Island of Hawaii where he was greeted by friends and family.

Biography: Carlo Facchino was born and raised in San Jose, CA. He was introduced to the sport of rowing as a freshman at the University of California Davis. Prior to his solo row, Carlo successfully completed ocean crossings of the Pacific Ocean and the Arctic Ocean as part of a team. He holds numerous Guinness World Records including a record for the northernmost latitude ever reached by a rowing boat.



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.



March 19th Luncheon Menu

Corned Beef and Meatloaf
Red Potatoes
Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls
Chocolate Mousse

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, February 19, 2025

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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 Big Sir Rob Perrill at 10:02am. All BEC members were present.

The first order of business was a **motion** made by Rob Perrill to approve Ron Singler as a Director on the Branch Executive Committee in Branch 59. The motion was approved unanimously. Ron will be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

The January 15, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Minutes for a special meeting held on February 11

were also approved as presented. The purpose for that meeting was to discuss and plan for the Sweetheart Luncheon we will hold on May 21.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$9,687.88 as of February 19. The treasurer's report was approved. Larry discussed in detail the line items on Form 28, the Monthly Cash Report, and how he reconciles our bank account. Form 28 is sent to SIR State each month. A Branch Audit Report, Form 29, is completed every year and sent to SIR State in February. This task was completed on February 14 by Carl Nordling. A **motion** was made to accept the Audit Report for the year 2024. The motion was approved.

Fred Serena asked for clarification regarding our cash reserves. SIR State suggests cash reserves at year end should be \$20 to \$25 per member. Larry shared a spreadsheet he created to track annual cash flow for each year beginning in 2021. Our ending balance per member in 2024 was \$48. Our projected year end balance per member in 2025 is also \$48.

A **motion** was made to create an inventory listing all material assets owned by Branch 59. The list is to include who is responsible for the item and where it is stored. The motion was approved.

A **motion** was made to accept the new list of Committee Chairmen and Assistants. The motion was approved. This list will be included in our new roster which will be published soon.

The new Roster; Last month we approved a motion to offer a color roster to any member requesting one for \$10 each. This was based on past prices. Currently the cost for a color copy of the roster would be \$20. A **motion** was made to offer a hard copy, black and white roster to any member requesting one for \$10 each. The motion was approved. The roster will be emailed to each member who has an email address and they are free to print a hard copy should they choose.

Bank Signage Authority; A **motion** was made to add Rob Perrill, Big Sir and Rick Henry, Little Sir, as signatories on our US BANK account "SONS IN RETIREMENT INC. #59". And also to remove as signatory, Rob Ingebretson. The motion was approved.

Membership; Rob Ingebretson made a **motion** to approve Don Upchurch as a new member to Branch 59. The motion was approved.

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.

March Birthdays



Nathaniel Lord Age 90





Gary Bennett Age 86



Edward Nelson Age 85



Richard Bowers Age 83



Richard Lightholder

Age 87

Richard Wikotz Age 73



Vince Sinesio Age 69

February 19, 2025 Sir Branch 59 **POST MEETING LOG**

New Member Sponsor

Donald Upchurch #74 Rob Ingebretson

First Time Guests Sponsor

Charlie Peeler Charles Paratore Mike Baird Carl Blincoe Alan Claasen Carl Blincoe Jay Graham Carl Blincoe

Visitors

Horace Hines (guest speaker)

Change In Status

Bob LoBue #124 (passed away)

Attendance Report 02/19/2025 81 = 58%

Members Guests 4

Visitor 1 (speaker)

Total

Member Report 2/19/2025 140 members

> Sir Rob Ingebretson Membership Chairman



In Memoriam Sir Bob LoBue

Borned November 3, 1944 Died: February 19, 2025

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CYBER GEEZERS



Cyber Geezers sessions are postponed until further notice

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).

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

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 (510) 579-5934



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

We all had a wonderful time at our January event held at Page Mill Winery.

Our next wine tasting event will be at MITCHELL KATZ WINERY IN LIVERMORE ON FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2025.

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/



Let me know if you wish to attend, email me at fmtlangs@pacbell.net or call or text me at 510-290-6007.

Thanks, ~Andy Lang -Couples Wine Tasting Activity Chairman

BOWLING NEWS

The Monday SIR bowlers have already competed in two tournaments this year. In January we traveled to Napa, where Branch 59 members, Sir Jerry Sabo placed 4th in the Division 2 Doubles and 7th in the All Events, while Victor Okumura placed 5th in the Division 2 Singles. More recently, in February, in Sacramento, Sir Victor Okumura finished 4th in the Division 2 Singles and 10th in the All Events while Sir Miguel Ferras placed 3rd in the Division 2 Doubles.



The weekly Monday SIR league recently celebrated the half way point in their season with a pizza party. There were 21 people in attendance, 19 of which bowled that day. Of the 29 bowlers who are listed on our league sheet, four are regular lady guests, seven are members of a different SIR branch, four have bowling commitments on Wednesdays, two were involved in community work, AND THE REMAINING TWELVE SHOWED UP FOR OUR MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

~Miguel Ferras - Bowling Chairman



Participants in the SIR Bowling Tournament





SIR Branch 59 bowlers gather every Monday at Earl Anthony Bowl in Dublin, even on President's Day.



I Left My Sole (sole of my right shoe) in San Fran...er, Fremont

After we left the parking lot at Quarry Lakes on Wednesday (Feb. 5), part of Ted's right shoe delaminated, and he was *left* with a flopper for the rest of our walk. What a guy to continue our walk!

Such a beautiful day! The Greeen was out in force, that Greeen we see after the rains. The bright blue sky set off the green hills and the weeds (Bitter Dock exploding from the grasses), even as trees still sported a few leaves left

over from the last growing season. Okay, it started out cold, but our pace and the sun warmed us as we walked.

Fishermen even caught fish out of the cold lake. As we approached some Coots, they waddled to the cold lake along with (I think) some American Wigeons. I wondered if their webbed feet have little warmers on them.

All in all, it was a great day for walking and conversation. ~ Bruce Roberts











Sabercat Trail on January 29, 2025

Trekking all the way to Intersate 680. Join us the next time we travel the Sabercat Trail ~ Bruce Roberts







FEBRUARY 19 LUNCHEON



Celebrating February birthdays (L-R) Sir Ron Hambro, Sir Bruce Roberts and Sir Alan Weiner.



Welcoming our new member Sir Donald Upchurch with our Big Sir Rob Perrill



Winner of the birthday wine drawing Sir Ron Hambro with Little Sir Richard Henry

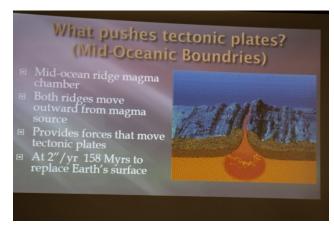


Jokester Sir Larry Jett returns to the stage, delighting the audience with a repertoire of funny, funnier, and funniest jokes!



Sir John Vickroy, the Song Leader, directs the members in a stirring rendition of Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville







Horace Hines, the guest speaker, offered a well-received presentation detailing how the significant geological formations between the Pacific Ocean and the Rockies came into being.





Lucky winners of the wine drawing





Sir Charles Paratore doing his part in bringing guest Charlie Peeler to the luncheon.



Members enjoying the delicious lunch.

Meet our New Member



Donald Upchurch – I was born on November 16, 1957 in Strongsville, Ohio. I have one brother who is three years older than me. I will be married 36 years this year. I met my wife when I was working in our college dorms putting up number plates on the doors for I.D. I like wine and she was drinking a glass so we got to talking and I convinced her to drop the guy she was seeing, and start going out with me. We have no children. The towns I have lived in after my birth in Strongsville, Ohio were; Arcata, Eureka, Novato, Milpitas, Fremont and Hayward

where we currently live in our home we bought in 1997. The values I received from my parents were respect for family and elders, spending money wisely and conserving as much as possible. I really don't have a favorite sport but I was a member of the debate team. I had a lot of fun with intellectual challenges. I went to Strongsville High School in Ohio and later to Humboldt State in Arcata. I was never in the military. After college I started working at a company called Milligen-Biosearch doing QA on DNA and peptide synthesizers. Some of the best decisions I made in my life was marrying my wife and buying a 1969 Dodge Charger R/T. Before I die I would like to do a lot more traveling and see more of our National Parks. I am privileged to be able to call California my home and enjoy the friends I have made over the years.

ELVIS PRESLEY SWEETHEART SOCK HOP PARTY









My Fellow SIR Brothers,

We will be selling tickets for the May 21st Sweetheart Sock Hop Luncheon at both the March and 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).

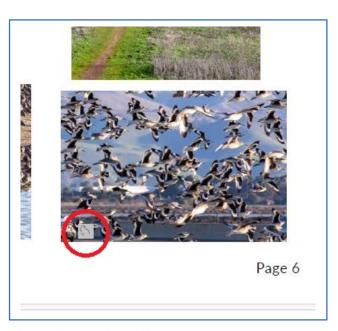
The food entrees will be; **BEEF**, **SALMON**, **CHICKEN**, and **VEGETARIAN**.

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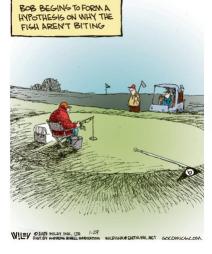
NAME:	Entree Choice: Beef ChickenFishVeg
PARTNER'S NAME:	Entree Choice: Beef ChickenFishVeg
CASH: CHECK:	

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.



NON SEQUITUR Wiley Miller





SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. in England. 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: MYSTERIOUS PLACES

(e.g., The catacombs under this city hold the remains of over 6 million people. Answer: Paris.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

- 1. This region of the Atlantic Ocean is also known as the Devil's Triangle.
- have been sighted in a lake in Scotland.

Answer

- 3. This Pacific Island is known for its giant stone statues known as moai. Answer
- 4. Debris from a crash at this site in New Mexico spawned stories of extraterrestrials.

Answer

5. The only one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World that is still largely intact. Answer

GRADUATE LEVEL

- 6. Giant's Causeway is a strange rock formation on the coast of this island. Answer
- 7. The common name of a USAF facility in Nevada known for UFO tales.

Answer

8. This columnar rock formation in Wyoming was featured in the film "Close Encounters of the Third

- 9. Scientists are baffled by these giant designs in the desert plain of Peru.
- 10. This popular group of standing stones is located on Salisbury Plain

Answer

PH.D. LEVEL

11. In which country are more than 300 mysterious petrospheres (stone balls) located?

Answer

12. This settlement in North Carolina is also known as the "Lost Colony." Answer

13. Blood Falls is a crimson-hued, five-story-tall waterfall on this continent.

Answer

14. This site is called the "Lost City of the Incas.

Answer

15. This mansion is a tourist attraction in San Jose, California. Answer

ANSWERS: 1. The Bermuda Triangle. 2. Loch Ness Monster (Nessie). 3. Easter Island. 4. Roswell. New Mexico. 5. The Great Pyramids of Giza (Egypt). 6. Northern Ireland. 7. Area 51. 8. Devils Tower. 9. The Nazca Lines. 10. Stonehenge. 11. Costa Rica. 12. Roanoke Colony. 13. Antarctica. 14. Machu Picchu. 15. Winchester Mystery House.

SCORING:

24 to 30 points - congratulations, doctor; 18 to 23 points graduate; 13 to 17 points plenty smart, but no grind; 5 to 12 - 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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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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