

THE ROOSTER TALE

By Big Sir Rob Perrill



Hearty greetings my Friends! A very good day and month to you. The month of May brings much to us, including Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and of course the venerable, ELVIS PRESLEY DAY on the 21st. The excitement is palpable!

On Mother's Day, we honor the woman that brought us into this world. It all began with a Mom. She set in motion whom we would eventually become. We traversed a myriad of life's phases on the road to our eventual retirement, and here we are.

I had lunch last week with a friend of mine that I had not seen for quite some time. It was wonderful to catch up. He had invited another friend of his and as we ate, I asked his friend why he hadn't retired yet. He said to me without hesitation that he always knew he would likely die within three years after he quit working.

This is exactly what SIR is all about. Our organization provides us with the forum and our membership provides the momentum that enhances our lives through friendship. Life is a succession of moments and as Dr. Seuss reminds us: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." Let's realize that value now.

What a fantastic guest speaker Eric Jones was at our last Luncheon. I wish we could have recorded it for those of you who were unable to make it. The first recipient of the Medal of Valor for his incredible bravery as he saved lives during 9/11 at the Pentagon and then went on to the devastation at the Twin Towers in NYC to help in further rescue efforts. A truly inspirational man.

Rollie is on spring break returning next month!

NO REGULAR MEETING THIS MONTH

Our Elvis Tribute Artist, George Silva, is still confirmed and is excited to be presenting his show to us and of course, to our Sweethearts as well! May 21st will go down in the history books of our Branch 59, and to think, we will all be a part of it! Yes SIR!

Sweetheart Sock Hop Party on May 21st



For more info see
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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 May 7th meeting will be held at 10:30 am at Suju's Coffee and Tea at 3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont See you there.

ELVIS PRESLEY SWEETHEART SOCK HOP PARTY UPDATE



If you and your partner are still interested in joining the party on **MAY 21st there is still time. You can call me, Rob Ingebretson, at (510) 657-7828 and we can make arrangements. The deadline is **MAY 10th**. No Refunds or Arrangements will be possible after that date. It is going to be a great time, don't miss it.**

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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 Rob Perrill at 10:00 am. All BEC members were present.

In his opening remarks, Rob congratulated and thanked Ken Brunskill for his work investigating and testing several on-line RSVP tools for inviting members to our third Wednesday luncheons. Regarding succession planning, someone mentioned the difficulty they have had recruiting volunteers. This prompted a robust discussion and led to a list of several positive actions we will be taking to interest members in becoming more involved.

Branch 59 is part of Area 15, along with Branches 2, 34, 101 and 128. We have the honor of being the home Branch of the Area 15 Representative, Fred Serena. Fred held a meeting of Area 15 Branches where Rob Perrill represented our Branch. Rob reported he found the meeting very helpful, good communications and that many Branches shared common challenges.

Secretary: The March 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Requests to amend the SIR Branch Bylaws are to be submitted each year in March. These bylaws are included in the SIR Manual, a 106 page document. The bylaws have been copied from the Manual and the BEC will look at them in detail and discuss possible amendments we would like to see incorporated in the future during our May 7 business meeting.

Treasurer: Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$10,488.75 as of April 16. Our quarterly assessment, \$368.50, was paid at the end of March. The treasurer's report was approved.

Membership: Rob Ingebretson reported we expect to welcome three new members today, Charlie Peeler, Vasu Kadambi and Vance Hamilton. We approved their membership in Branch 59. We also expect 1 guest to join us today, Bob Parks, sponsored by Larry Jett.

Attendance: Ken Brunskill reported that 96 members responded to the lunch invitation and we expect 86 to attend. Ken has tested the use of Mixily and SignUpGenius as RSVP tools to use for inviting members to our luncheons. The BEC have been the test subjects and we will be evaluating our experiences as host and invitees before we launch a new tool.

Area Representative: Fred Serena reported a SIR State Board Meeting will be held on April 24. Items on their agenda include considering four amendments to policies or bylaws and adoption of four new policies.

Publicity: Bob Marshall shared an eight point Plan of Action for 2025 and a proposed budget of \$910. The action plans created a lively discussion and a list of additional plans we may wish to consider and methods to act on them. A motion was made to approve Bob's initial budget of \$910. The motion was approved.

Policy 41, from the SIR Manual, refers to the sale of advertising space in a SIR Branch Bulletin such as our Pathfinder. A motion was made to pursue selling business ad space in our Pathfinder publication, abiding by the rules set out in Policy 41. The motion was approved.

Rob Ingebretson recognized Daniel Johnson for his work printing hard copies of the new member directory with color photographs. Daniel has donated his time, talent and material to this project and we give him our thanks.

A motion was made to charge members who wish a color, hard copy of the directory \$10. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 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.

May Birthdays



Richard Holley
Age 86



Ron Brutvan
Age 84



William Palleschi
Age 80



Terry Pearson
Age 80



Henry Brown
Age 78



Kevin Hurley
Age 74

The May birthdays will be celebrated at our June Luncheon along with the June birthdays

April 16, 2025 Sir Branch 59 POST MEETING LOG

New Member

Vasu Kadambi #93
Vance Hamilton #75
Charlie Peeler #51

Sponsor

Larry Jett
Paul Pennelly
Charlie Paratore

First Time Guest

Bob Parks

Sponsor

Larry Jett

Visitor

Eric Jones (guest speaker)

Change In Status

John Treschetti #49 (resigned)
Dave Takacs #147 (temporary resignation)
Clem Paraiso (temporary resignation)

Attendance Report

Members	88 = 67%
Guests	1
Visitor	1 (speaker)
Total	90

Member Report

136 members

Sir Rob Ingebretson
Membership Chairman



In Memoriam

Ken Peterson

A past member, married 66 years to his wife Carmen and he was 10 days shy of his 91st birthday.

Born - April 2, 1934

Died - March 23, 2025

A funeral mass will be held at Mission San Jose on Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 am, followed by a reception at Olive Hyde Art Gallery, 123 Washington Blvd. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Ken's memory to the Veterans Association, Angels Hospice, or a charity of your choice.

CYBER GEEZERS



Cyber Geezers meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The meeting will begin at 1:30 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@gmail.com.

Join the next Zoom Cyber Geezer Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96358532596>

Meeting ID: 96358532596

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

PINOCHLE



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



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



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 April SIR Couples Wine Tasting event took place at Mitchell Katz Winery on Friday the 25th.

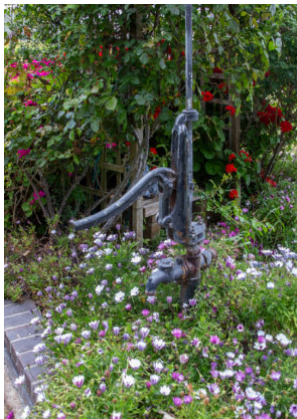


I BELIEVE WE ALL HAD A GREAT DAY!! It was chilly, but the numerous fire pits kept us nice and warm. We had lots of good camaraderie and tasted some very good wines. Thanks to all who brought snacks for sharing. Thanks to Sir Richard Henry for bringing our SIR Branch 59 sign, which has become a regular part of our group photos !! Thanks to Richard and Bruce for being our group photographer

Our next wine tasting event will be in June. I hope to announce the date and place soon.

Let me know if you have suggestions, email me at fmtlang@pacbell.net or call or text me at 510-290-6007.

Thanks, ~Andy Lang -Couples Wine Tasting Activity Chairman





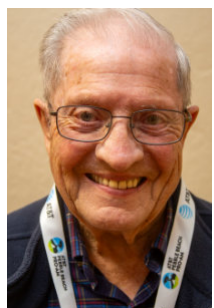
Meet our New Members



Vance Hamilton: I was born on October 28, 1945 in Sacramento, California. I have one brother and one sister. I was married for 25 years. I have been with my girl friend, Nancy for 30 years. I have four boys and seven grandchildren. After being born in Sacramento I lived in Astoria, Oregon, Fair Oaks, California and now in Fremont. A great lesson I learned from my parents was to save for retirement. I went to La Sierra High School in Carmichael, California where I participated on the track team. After finishing high school I attended American River Junior College, Chico State University and San Jose State University. I was in the Army from 1967-1971 as a training N.C.O. at Fort Lewis in Washington and Fort Ord in California. I was a teacher for the Fremont Unified School District for 35 years and spent every summer traveling in our VW bus with my wife and four boys. One of the best decisions I made in my life was to get an education and secure an exciting job in teaching. One of the things I want to accomplish before I die is to clean out my house so my boys don't have to get a dumpster. I have had a wonderful 80 years of life and hope to continue traveling with my partner, Nancy and my four boys and their wives.



Vasu Kadambi: I was born on January 1, 1947 in Bangalore, India. I have three brothers and one sister. I have been married to my wife Geeta for 32 years. My babysitter introduced me to my wife. I have two children and one grandchild. After my birth in Bangalore, I have lived in Dehra, Shimoga both in India, then to Dallas and Arlington, Texas. Then on to Toronto, Walnut Creek in California and finally settling in Fremont. Some lessons I learned from my parents were hard work, honesty, and integrity. My favorite sport is cricket. I went to high school at The National High School in Bangalore, India. I went on to college at The University College and The University of Texas at Arlington, Texas. I was never in the military. After finishing college I started working in I.T. where I finished my career as Senior Vice President in insurance for California Casualty. One of the best decisions I ever made was choosing I.T. as a profession. Before I die I would like to do a lot more traveling and make good friends.



Charlie Peeler: I was born on February 26, 1940 in Hardin, Illinois. I have no brother or sisters. I am a widower and was married for 57 years. I have a son and daughter. After being born in Hardin, Illinois we then lived in Tacoma, Washington, followed by Benica, Mountain View, San Jose and finally Fremont. I went to Benica High School in Benica, California where I placed third in the mile at the State Meet. I went to college at Pepperdine. I was in the National Guard for 7 years. I then had an apprenticeship in electronics working for the Army. The best decision I ever made was marrying my wife. I love my hobby of astronomy looking at the Sun.

APRIL 16 LUNCHEON



Medal of Valor recipient Eric Jones, the guest speaker, gave a passionate presentation. Honored by President George W. Bush for his 9/11 service, Eric's subsequent battle with PTSD fueled his commitment to mental health advocacy. He founded Sea Valor, a non-profit organization that uses sailing to improve the lives of individuals facing similar challenges.



Celebrating April birthdays (L-R) Sir Bill Anderson, Sir David Lind, Sir Randy Patterson, Sir Ken Brunskill, Sir Larry Lardie, Sir Loren Lookabill, Sir Robert McCauley, Sir Mark Silvera, Sir Miguel Ferras, Sir Jay Wagner and Sir Ted Bresler.



Winner of the birthday wine drawing Sir Ted Bresler with Big Sir Rob Perrill



Sir John Vickroy, the Song Leader for Branch 59, led the members in a stirring performance of "Sweet Caroline."



Branch 59 Jokester Sir Larry Jett debuted a new comedy format: a quick joke leading into two longer, hilarious routines. It was a big hit and secured his return



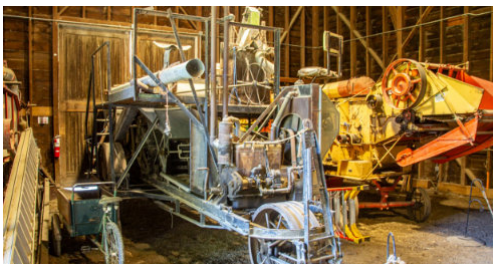
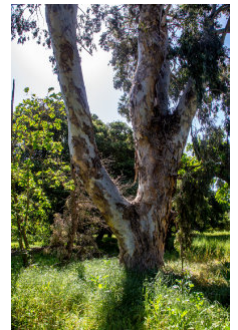
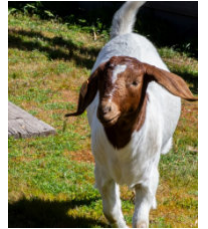
Lucky winners of the wine drawing (L-R) Sir Mark Silvera and Sir Dave Nelsen flanked by Big Sir Rob Perrill and Little Sir Rick Henry



Ardenwood Historical Farm – a New SIR Walk

You have been to the Patterson House in Ardenwood, right? Well, me too. But to walk the property is quite the new experience. Seven Sirs on April 9th started from the entrance, made a big circle, and saw/experienced a real historic farm – right out of the 1800's. Row crops, trees older than any of us, flowers almost everywhere, ancient machinery and trucks, and the historical Paterson House, all a part of the property and its very local railroad. My wish for you all is that you visit it before the spring green disappears into California gold.

Walk the paved walkways (many shaded) and read about the Ardenwood railroad (chuckle) and the sad demise of the William Patterson house on the signs posted for your information. Sheep, goats and chickens enliven the farm. You may even see a tractor plowing so that produce can be sold at local farmers markets. Make time for a visit (open 10am to 4pm except Mondays). ~ Bruce Roberts



Fun and Games

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



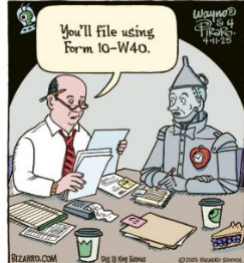
Sir Bob Banfiel, winner of the Rollie wine drawing

TUNDRA Chad Carpenter



BIZARRO

Wayno and Piraro



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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: STATE CAPITALS

Provide the name of a state capital that begins with the two given letters. (e.g., At. Answer: Atlanta, Georgia.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. Ho
Answer _____
2. De
Answer _____
3. Ju
Answer _____
4. Na
Answer _____
5. Ri
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

6. Ma
Answer _____
7. In
Answer _____
8. La
Answer _____
9. Pr
Answer _____
10. To
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

11. Ca
Answer _____

12. Fr
Answer _____
13. Sp
Answer _____
14. Bi
Answer _____
15. Ol
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Honolulu, Hawaii. 2. Denver, Colorado. 3. Juneau, Alaska. 4. Nashville, Tennessee. 5. Richmond, Virginia. 6. Madison, Wisconsin. 7. Indianapolis, Indiana. 8. Lansing, Michigan. 9. Providence, Rhode Island. 10. Topeka, Kansas. 11. Carson City, Nevada. 12. Frankfort, Kentucky. 13. Springfield, Illinois. 14. Bismarck, North Dakota. 15. Olympia, Washington.

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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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

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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

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

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Chairman - Open

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Assistant - Andy Lang

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Sammy Lum

AUDIT

Open

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Chairman - Howard Elz

BOWLING

Chairman - Miguel Ferras

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WALKING

Chairman - Jerry Ford

FIRST CLASS MAIL

PAST BIG Sirs

STATE OFFICERS	1976 Peter Clark*	2001 Bob Beam	*(deceased)
STATE PRESIDENT Rich Carlston	1977 Karl Heine*	2002 Rollin Cunningham*	
VICE-PRESIDENT Lee Lamp	1978 Harry Cooper*	2003 Don Henry	
STATE SECRETARY Jeff Chin	1979 Kenneth Foster*	2004 Tom Sherba*	
STATE TREASURER Carl Mason	1980 Larry Varblow*	2005 Howard Thompson*	
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SENIOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS Nat Lord	1983 Stephen Epler*	2008 Richard Holley	
HONORARY LIFE MEMBER Arthur Winkley Rob Ingebretson	1984 George Herman*	2009 Don Gillis*	
	1985 Ray Crosby*	2010 Frank R. Thomas	
	1986 Loran Coburn*	2011 Hugh Twomey*	
	1987 Robert Davis*	2012 James Ferenz*	
	1988 Robert Klindt*	2013 Skip Mugford*	
	1989 Martin Annen*	2014 Rob Ingebretson	
	1990 Lee Updegraff*	2015 Skip Mugford*	
	1991 Fred W. Fretter*	2016 Jim Ulam	
	1992 Lyle Kingery*	2017 Jim Ulam	
	1993 LeRoy J. King*	2018 Harvey McAninch*	
	1994 George Hubach*	2019 Harvey McAninch*	
	1995 Clyde Killion*	2019 Richard Henry	
	1996 Bill Schwan*	2020 Richard Henry	
	1997 Nat Lord	2021 Larry Jett	
	1998 John Buchanan*	2022 Bob Marshall	
	1999 Art Lampert*	2023 Jerry Halligan	
	2000 Harry Heyen*	2024 Rob Ingebretson	