



The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

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THE ROOSTER TALE

By Big Sir Rob Perrill



Warm greetings, Gentlemen.

We've reached the mid-point of our 2025 SIREnity year and it feels as though it has only begun. In May we celebrated among other things, Moms, Elvis and Graduations. We moved from the solemnity of Memorial Day to the enchantment of Graduation Ceremonies, which so many of us recently attended.

In June we will celebrate Dads and the very first day of Summer! How wonderful it is to be able to share these events with our friends, especially those we have formed through the camaraderie and good fellowship of our Social Group.

Our teamwork involves the enrichment and extension of each others lives through that friendship and through shared activities or experiences that are enjoyable and exciting.

What brings you joy? What is your passion? Want to share it with others? What about digital photography and photo editing? How about your favorite foods or restaurants? Your favorite excursions, cities or countries? How many ways can you imagine bringing more vibrancy into our gatherings? To be a part, we need to do our part.

Let us help you bring your enthusiasm to life. Talk with one of our BEC members to see if we can help you bring it to fruition. We all may be surprised at the outcome. After all, we are in this together. What benefits one of us has the potential for benefiting us all.

Now, let us not let these ideas linger, for as has been so profoundly stated by Herb Caen: "I sometimes worry about my short attention span, but not for long."

We are looking to return to something else for RSVP replies to the luncheon. The BEC will be experimenting and trying options in June. 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).

JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

ALICE DANG- ALZHEIMER ASSOCIATION



Alice's presentation will go over Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and the Alzheimer's Association's services. Topics include the impact of Alzheimer's disease, risk factors, warning signs, and how others can join the fight against the disease.

Biography: Alice is a Community Engagement Specialist with the Alzheimer's Association. She is passionate about promoting awareness and knowledge on Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and reducing barriers to quality health care. She has worked on the Healthy Brain Initiative and HIV & Aging Program within the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. Alice holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from University of California Los Angeles and is currently pursuing her Master of Public Health at San Jose State University.

I would like to thank our Branch Executive Committee for approving the budget for our Sweetheart Luncheon. George Silva and Company performed a wonderfully entertaining Tribute to Elvis! Thank you, Sirs! And a big round of applause to Rob Ingebretson, our Social Chairman, for his diligence in coordinating this fun event.

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.



June 18th Luncheon Menu

Teriyaki Chicken and Roast Beef

Buttered Noodles and Rice

Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls

Peach Cobbler

ELVIS PRESLEY SWEETHEART SOCK HOP LUNCHEON MAY 21ST

*Members and their loved ones savoring social hour
as they eagerly await Elvis's grand entrance!*





A lively gathering of 100 guests, amazing food, and Elvis working the room, making sure the ladies had the best time.







Possible Future SIR Luncheon Speaker

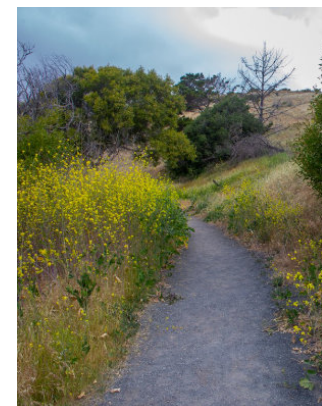


As the Wednesday Walkers approached the end of their walk on April 23rd, they met with a Fish and Wildlife Service biologist by the name of Rachel. If we are lucky, she may talk to us at a future luncheon.

But I digress. Cold and windy was the morning. We all thought, given that it's late April, it would be at least warmish. It was a cold March wind that met us for our walk. Then Jerry had us climb the stairs to the USFWS offices at the top of the Don Edwards hill to warm us up. Didn't work. Even though the sun shown periodically, we all just pretended we were warm against the wind, all bundled up in our light jackets. OKAY, eventually our walking exertions warmed us, but it took some time.

Still the mostly green the hills sported many bushes and flowers such as California sage, French broom, Black mustard and Sticky monkey-flower. High tide it was, so the salt ponds and Newark Slough looked pretty full, water right up to the greenery. Interesting trees sprouted out of the grasses.

As a biologist, Rachel can fill us in on the endangered animals that live so close to us, ones we may not even realize are "right next door." Let's hope our schedules work out together. ~ Bruce Roberts



COUPLES WINE TASTING



Our next wine tasting event will be on Friday June 20th at Charles R Vineyards in Livermore. As you may recall, we did a wine tasting event at Charles R Vineyards two years ago and I think we all really enjoyed it – so we are going there again. Charles R produces small lots of award-winning wine. Check out their website <https://charlesrwinery.com/>

- 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore ... just beyond the South end of Greenville Road. This is a beautiful woodsy setting.
- We will have the private use of the arbor patio. NO CHARGE (they normally charge \$125).
- 12:30pm to 2:30pm
- \$20 per person for our SIR group. (they normally charge \$25). Five pours.
- \$5 credit on bottle purchases, up to four bottles.
- Snacks and picnic food is welcome.



Don't miss this great summer event. WE ARE NEAR THE HEADCOUNT LIMIT. Let me know soon 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 UPDATE



SIR Branch 59 will be holding its annual bowling tournament on Monday, June 23 & Tuesday, June 24 at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin. Starting time is 10:00 am. Last year our branch was represented by sixteen bowlers and we expect to have as many again this year. However, we are expecting an increase in the total number of participants, from 64 to 76, based on the attendance from other tournaments held earlier this year.



It is customary, at these tournaments, to hold a raffle each day, for bottles of wine. Last year, Branch 142 generously donated 11 bottles to be given away, and we added a few more through bowler donation and purchase of some extra. This year we find our cellar to be somewhat lacking, so, I am asking for help from our membership. If you feel inclined to help with a bottle or two, please call me at 510 792-8301 or email me at miguelferras@msn.com. ~ Miguel Ferras Bowling Chairman

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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



A Nonprofit public
benefit corporation
for retired men



The meeting was called to order by Rob Perrill at 10:30 am. All BEC members were present except Bob Marshall and Nat Lord.

This was a casual business meeting which we often hold on the first Wednesday of each month. We meet at Suju's Coffee and the purpose is to discuss issues regarding our branch which we do not have time to cover during our monthly BEC meetings, as well as a time to interact socially.

We discussed the upcoming Sweetheart Luncheon on May 21 and the logistics to ensure its success. It was brought to our attention that the Elvis performer has incorporated some backup singers to assist in the performance and intends to lengthen the performance time as well. He has made this change himself without an increase in cost. A motion was made to allow for as much as \$200 be added to the entertainment budget. This would be considered a gratuity for the extra performers he intends to include in his act. The motion was approved by the BEC.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

In Memoriam

Celebrating
The Life and Legacy of

Darrell Bernard Sandeford

Memorial Service

SERVICE:
JUNE 12, 2025
11:00AM-1:30PM
CHAPEL OF THE CHIMES
REFLECTION CHAPEL
32992 MISSION BLVD.
HAYWARD, CA. 94544

REPAST:
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GOURMET BUFFET
RESTAURANT
6010 STEVENSON BLVD
FREMONT, CA. 94538

BURIAL CEREMONY:
JUNE 13, 2025 AT 11:00AM
SACRAMENTO VALLEY
NATIONAL CEMETERY
5810 MIDWAY RD.
DIXON, CA. 95620

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.

June Birthdays



Floyd Nesper
Age 89



Jerry Sabo
Age 83



Bob Cooper
Age 80



Robert Doherty
Age 78



Charles Gebhardt
Age 78



Henry Romero
Age 77



John Vickroy
Age 72



Charles Paratore
Age 68

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

Niles Conversations



Most of us go for the walk and the conversation follows. That's what usually happens on our SIR Wednesday Walks. Wednesday, May 25th started out that way. Jerry, our Niles historian, talked about the bank robbery foiled by the Bronco Billy actors on horseback in the early 1900's, and showed us a couple of the actors' houses that got moved to different locations over the years. We remarked about the absence of algae on Grau Pond – it was completely covered with algae the last time we walked here. Then we met Dave.

Dave pulled up in front of the repurposed fire station where we admired a 1940's vintage Chevy pickup. About our age, a local Niles resident, a veteran handyman, and owner of a couple of nearby houses (or did they own him?), we talked a lot about historic Niles and its people. Later, as we started to part ways, an interestingly dressed man entered the Nile Café where we were headed.

We asked him to join us at our table. Dennis brought his espresso as he joined us. An actor, writer, producer and a current Niles character, he regaled us of stories of Italy, San Francisco (where is grew up) and other exploits. Did I tell you he wore a neckerchief, cowboy hat, and a western vest? Not just walking is what the Walkers do. Why don't you come over and join us sometime? ~Bruce Roberts



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!

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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

Fun and Games

TUNDRA Chad Carpenter



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: MOTELS & HOTELS

Each answer is the name of a hotel or motel. (e.g., This Las Vegas Strip luxury hotel/casino's signature attraction is the Fountains. Answer: Bellagio.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. In the film "Psycho," Anthony Perkins plays the proprietor of this motel. Answer: _____

2. What was the name of the hotel in the Eagles' 1977 hit single record? Answer: _____

3. In the film "The Shining," Jack Torrance (Jack Nicholson) is the caretaker of this hotel. Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. John Cleese portrayed Basil, the owner of this dysfunctional hotel in a TV series. Answer: _____

5. Jodie Foster and Beau Bridges star in the film version of this John Irving novel. Answer: _____

6. Name the Las Vegas casino hotel shaped like a pyramid. Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. This historic luxury hotel in Singapore was named after a British statesman. Answer: _____

8. The line "People come, people go. Nothing ever happens." Is from this 1932 film. Answer: _____

9. This 2014 comedy film is set in the fictional European country of Zubrowka. Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Bates Motel. 2. Hotel California. 3. Overlook Hotel. 4. Fawcett Towers. 5. "The Hotel New Hampshire." 6. Luxor (Las Vegas). 7. Raffles Hotel. 8. Grand Hotel. 9. "The Grand Budapest Hotel."

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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5 ants rented an apartment with another 5 ants. Now they're tenants.

ok bye.

I couldn't resist. 😊



An elderly couple walked by me holding hands and as they did, I told the gentleman to have her home by 10, with a smile and a wink...😊

The elderly man stopped in his tracks and without missing a beat said, with a returned smile and wink:

"Don't worry, I will. Her husband comes back home at 11."😊

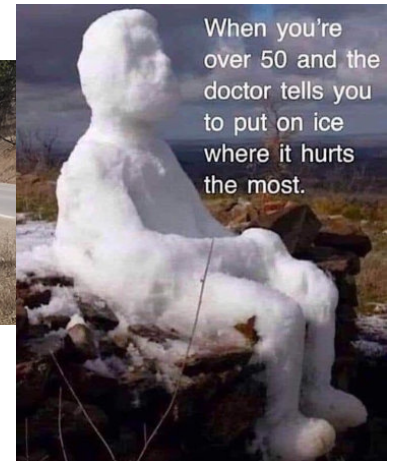
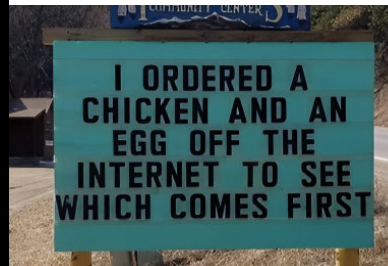
THINGS THAT USED TO HURT MY BACK:

- Crashing my bike
- Jumping off walls
- Falling down when roller/ice skating
- Giving friends piggy back rides

THINGS THAT HURT MY BACK THESE DAYS:

- Sneezing
- Tying my shoes
- Sleeping wrong
- Turning my head

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<https://www.facebook.com/SIRBranch59Fremont?sfnsn=mo&mibextid=RUBZ1f>

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

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