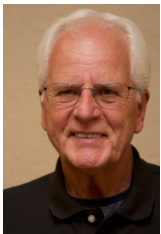




SIR RICHARD'S CORNER

by Richard Henry Branch 59 Big Sir



Speaking for myself all my officers and directors it's that time of the month when Sammy Lum reaches out to all of us for inputs to include in your April pathfinder newsletter.

Next month at our April luncheon I encourage you to give Sammy a big thank you for organizing a very interesting and informative newsletter.

Now that we have marched through the month of March we now have the smell of flowers and April showers along with Easter and the most obligated our yearly taxes.

As your Branch 59 Big Sir I can't emphasize enough the importance of stepping up and volunteering ...give it a try at times challenging but in the end self satisfying and rewarding....the strength and longevity of our branch is within you.

Quote for the month of April: Let the warmth of April sun ignite the fire of your ambitions.

Coming soon our May Hawaiian Sweetheart Luncheon....be sure to get your tickets.

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER

Sir Bob Marshall*

The Many Lives of a Typical Oaktown Boy



Robert J. "Bob" Marshall is a past Big Sir of our Branch 59, a past President of the Newark Toastmaster Club, and an accomplished speaker and mentor. He is a 42-year resident of Newark and, along with his wife Laurie, has raised three children here.

Over the years he has been heavily involved with the community, having served 27 years on the Newark City Planning Commission; four years as a Newark City Council Member; and a lifetime of service to Newark and the Tri-City area as a leader of many civic organizations. He is a Vietnam-Era Veteran, a musician, a gardener, and a retired Senior Appraiser for Fremont Bank.

*Editor: When our scheduled speaker had to withdraw at the last moment, Bob generously volunteered to step in and speak at our upcoming luncheon

Thanks to everyone who has been using the Evite to respond. Keep you eyes open for the April 15th Luncheon EVITE invitation. Once again please take a moment to respond either YES or NO. We'd love to have everyone join us, but even a quick 'NO' helps us keep track of attendance. If you will not be attending, after you have RSVP'd YES, please let me know by Sunday the 12th

Sir Craig Rothbach Attendance Chairman

April 15 Luncheon Menu

Hawaiian Pineapple Pork Loin and Lasagna
Mashed Potatoes

Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls
White Cake with Chocolate Frosting for dessert

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.



SAVE THE DATE-MAY 20TH "HAWAIIAN DELIGHT" TAKE YOUR WIFE OR A FRIEND TO LUNCH



THE SWEET HEART LUNCHEON

The Three Meal Choices are:

BEEF

Hawaiian New York Steak in a Teriyaki Sauce

CHICKEN

Chicken Cordon Bleu

FISH

Salmon in a Tropical Mango Sauce



SWEETHEART LUNCHEON TICKETS

A couple of our members will be selling tickets for the May 20th Sweetheart Luncheon at the April branch luncheons.

They will be located at the back of our room and they will be selling tickets from 11:00am to 11:55am and after our luncheon. Forms to reserve a table for eight will be available.

We ask that you **pay by check only NO CASH** and make it out to **SIR Branch 59**

Prices for tickets are as follows:

\$35 per person \$70 for a couple



The social hour and luncheon will be enhanced by a backdrop of pleasant musical selections. Get ready for an exciting showcase of Polynesian cultures, complete with audience participation led by our special guest.



If it is more convenient you can mail your check and the form below to: *Rob Ingebretson, 48232 Cottonwood St., Fremont, CA. 94539*



With the theme "Hawaiian Delight" wear your best Hawaiian garb !



Name: _____ Badge # _____ Entree Choice: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____

Partner's Name: _____ Entree Choice: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____

Check Number _____

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, March 18, 2026

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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 Rick Henry at 10:00 am. All BEC members were present.

Secretary: The February 18, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer: Larry Lardie reported the balance of our account was \$9,823.38 as of March 18. Dues was collected from 29 members during our February meeting, totaling \$1,740. Approximately 50 prior members have not renewed their membership this year. It was suggested we split up the list of prior members between BEC members and call each one to determine if they truly intend to drop their membership. This will determine our current membership number.

Big Sir: Rick indicated most of our job descriptions have been submitted. He requested we each look at the schedule of branch operations each month so we are aware of SIR State guidelines and expectations.

Little Sir: Ken reported today's guest speaker is Kim Steinhart speaking of "Living on the Edge". Ken has arranged the next Fun Bunch excursion, a day long trip to Sacramento to visit the Railroad Museum including a special tour of the repair & restoration shops. This event will take place on April 24 and be limited to 20 participants.

SIR State President: Fred Serena shared highlights of the recent Branch Advisory Council meeting. Dues collection has been an issue with many branches. SIR State guidelines suggest a branch have funds equal to \$40 per member at the close of the year.

Photo release form: An important issue regarding privacy of our images in news letters and publications available on the internet has prompted SIR to require waiver forms be submitted allowing use of our photo in such publications. At the discretion of the Big Sir, an "Implied Consent" announcement may be made during an event to fulfill this requirement.

Social: Ingy reported Bill Bauhofer and Jerry Ford are selling tickets for our May Sweetheart luncheon. The theme will be Hawaiian with a special guest presenting four different cultures of the Hawaiian Islands.

Membership: Ingy reported we have no new members today, however we do expect one guest to join us.

Attendance: Craig reported we expect 85 members and guests to attend today's meeting.

Activities: Ron Singler reported Bocce Ball, Poker, Walkers, Day Trips, Breakfast Bunch and Wine Tasting are all well attended. Pinochle, Cyber Geezers, Golf and Bowling are all inactive.

Nominating: Rob Perrill shared his concern that several BEC members are dealing with multiple tasks. He feels we should find assistants who can help with some of these tasks. Rob also posed the question, who will our next Little Sir be and where will we find him? Many thoughts were quickly shared, but due to being out of time, the discussion will continue during our next business meeting at Suju's on April 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

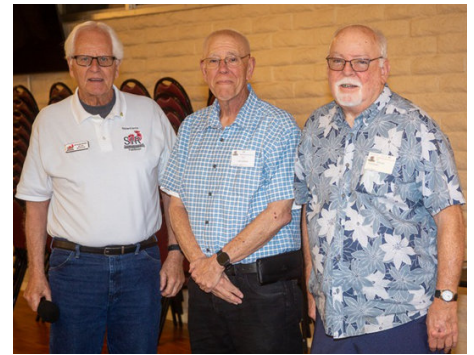
Dave Nelsen, Secretary



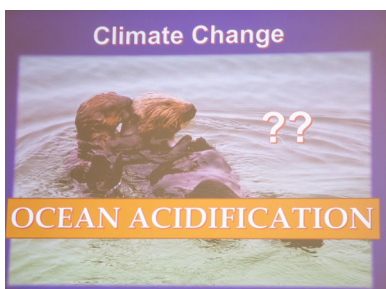
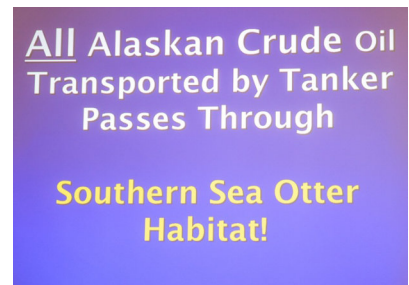
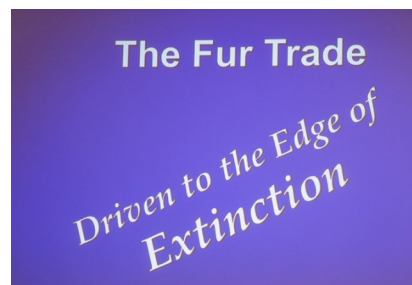
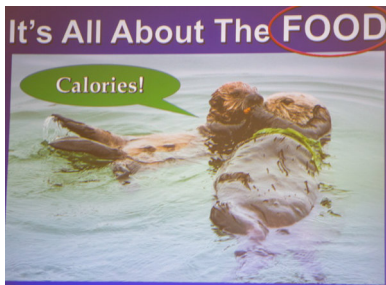
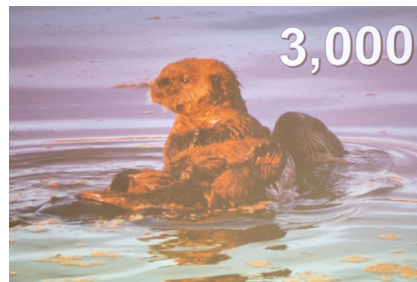
MARCH 18 LUNCHEON



Social Hour



First time guests with Big Sir Rick Henry (L-R) guest Greg Moller with his sponsor Sir Mike Huntzinger



Guest speaker Kim Steinhart delivered an enlightening presentation on the Southern Sea Otters. Once hovering near extinction with only 40 remaining, the population has recovered to approximately 3,000. He highlighted the threats the sea otters now currently face



Song leader Miguel Ferras opened with an update on his singing lessons, then guided the audience through a medley of Irish tunes in celebration of St. Patrick's day.



Sir Bill Bauhofer selling tickets to the upcoming May Hawaiian theme Sweetheart luncheon



March birthday wine drawing winner was Sir Nat Lord with Big Sir Rick Henry and Little Sir Ken Brunskill



Wine drawing winners



Rollie wine drawing winner Sir Russ Blowers



Step outside with our Wednesday Walkers, they are friendly bunch get some fresh air, enjoy the views, and rack up some steps along the way.

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 1st meeting will be held at 10:30 am at Suju's Coffee and Tea at 3602 Thornton Ave., Fremont See you there.

**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 18, 2026
Sir Branch 59
POST MEETING LOG**

First Time Guest **Sponsor**
Greg Moller Mike Huntzinger

Speaker
Kim Steinhart
California Coast: Living on the Edge

Attendance Report 3/18/2026

Members	81 (54%)
Visitors	3
Guests	2
Total	86

Member Report 3/18/2026
146 members

**Sir Rob Ingebretson
Membership Chairman**

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS



**Miguel Ferras
Age 89**



**Ken Brunskill
Age 87**



**William Anderson
Age 86**



**Ted Bresler
Age 84**



**Jay Wagner
Age 81**



**Robert McCauley
Age 80**



**Larry Lardie
Age 77**



**Loren Lookabill
Age 76**



**David Lind
Age 73**



**Mark Silvera
Age 72**



**Randy Patterson
Age 72**



**Kevin Finnerty
Age 69**



Mark Silvera, who has been fighting Stage 4 Lung Cancer recently completed 12 weeks of chemotherapy plus immunotherapy, and is now receiving immunotherapy only going forward. He was able to attend our March luncheon, and is looking forward to getting back to regular golf and other activities soon.

**Sir Rob Ingebretson
Sunshine Chairman**

POKER



The Pathfinder SIR Poker Players meet monthly on the Monday immediately following our luncheon, from 1:00–4:00 p.m., at various members' homes. The buy-in is \$10, using dime, quarter, and half-dollar chips, making it affordable for everyone. We typically have seven players, but can accommodate up to ten with an additional table. If you're interested in playing, please contact Poker Chairman Sir Bob Marshall (510-502-7295, hdog48@gmail.com) to be added to the invitation list.

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



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 9:00 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 Robert Culbertson at RJC73VW@AOL.COM

GOLF



Despite our efforts to find a new chairman, no one has yet come forward. Without new leadership, SIR Branch 59 Golf will unfortunately be discontinued.

If you value this program and are willing

to help keep it alive, now is the time to step up.

Self-Booking Option

How it works:

- Each foursome books its own tee time.
- *The Golf Chairman (or coordinator) simply tracks participation and communicates schedules.*

Benefits:

- Eliminates financial risk.
- Removes the burden from a single volunteer.
- Allows golfers to choose times that fit their schedules.

For more information contact Activities Chairman Ron Singler at VETTERMS44@YAHOO.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

SUNRISE BREAKFAST BUNCH



Our third event Tuesday March 10th, had 6 attending at the Black Bear Diner in Fremont. Our next one will be April 14th at 9:30 AM.

My Cafe

5475 Thornton Ave.
Newark, CA. 94560

RSVP appreciated so the staff can prepare seating. Text or call at (510) 299-3186 or email

STEAMNTROUT@comcast.net

~Sir Ken Brunskill Chairman Sunrise Breakfast Bunch

COUPLES WINE TASTING



APRIL WINE TASTING

AS OF MARCH 18th, WE HAVE 29 FOLKS SIGNED UP FOR OUR APRIL 17th WINE TASTING. THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR A FEW MORE.



I am happy to announce that I have lined up a wine tasting for us at Longevity Wines for **Friday April 17th**. A truly enjoyable event awaits. Longevity offers a variety of top-notch wines and has a friendly knowledgeable staff. The tasting room has an inviting ambiance. Longevity was awarded the Livermore Valley Winery of the year in 2018. Please check out their website: <https://www.longevitywines.com>

- 2271 South Vasco Road, Livermore. It is at the corner of Research Drive and South Vasco.
- Friday April 17th. Starts at 12 Noon.
- We will have our own indoor private area.
- \$20 per person for six pours. This is a special price for us. Their regular group price is \$25.
- Snacks/picnics are welcome

So, mark your calendars and let me know that you (and your significant other) would like to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there !!!

Email me at fmtlang@pacbell.net or call or text me at 510-290-6007.
Thanks, ~Andy Lang -Couples Wine Tasting Activity Chairman

THE FUN BUNCH

NEWARK SYMPHONIC WINDS CONCERT



The Fun Bunch met Sunday night March 21st, 22 members and their ladies met at Lazy Dog Restaurant at 5:00 pm for dinner then proceeded to see our own Ted Bresler perform with the Newark Symphonic Winds at 7:00pm performing their 'Spring Concert'. Observed that a good time was had by all.

Join The Fun Bunch Saturday night June 6th will once again meet for dinner and Concert. Put this on your calendar!

THE FUN BUNCH

Sacramento Railroad Museum Backshops and Museum

Friday April 24th. 20 Maximum Participants!

This trip initially was going to be via AMTRAK from Fremont to Sacramento and back to Fremont, this has changed due to the cost prohibitive ticket price of the round trip being \$70 not \$35 we will be carpooling! Ken Brunskill will be coordinating the carpools. Estimate the cost per car for gas at today's price to be \$60 round trip, please be sure to be considerate of your driver and share that burden.

Trip Schedule:

Departure Friday April 24th will be established by the driver and passengers for arrival in Sacramento at 9:00am (it is 107 miles plan on 2+hr. drive).

Sacramento meeting location:

5th St and Telegrapher Rd. Sacramento, CA, this is a long straight road with ample parking for us to meet.

From there all will follow me to the shops where we will be instructed by the Museum Chief Mechanical Officer likely at 9:30am.

9:30:-11:30am: We will tour the Backshops (In RR parlance this is where the equipment is maintained, repaired and/or restored).

11:30am - 1:30pm: We will have lunch at the Crab Shack in Old Town Sacramento at 1210 Front St, Sacramento, CA 95814.

1:30 - ??: Visit the Sacramento RR Museum as long as desired the museum closes at 5:00pm.

Whenever each carpool has finished visiting the museum depart for Fremont.

There are (9) openings left for this as we are limited to 20 participants MAX. This is RSVP Mandatory

Contact me via email STEAMNTROUT@comcast.net only so I have a record of who and when.



Trains, Trees, Buses and More at the Shinn House

We missed the April First Tour of Shinn House by a week. But, Oh, what a tour Jerry gave us. It was worth the walk! After meeting in the parking lot in front of a rosarium of roses, the SIR Walkers moved on over to the Bus Museum on Shinn Street, past the trucking companies, under the BART tracks, alongside the rubber dam on Alameda Creek to Kaiser Pond next to the Creek. On our way back to the Shinn House, what should stop us but the Union Pacific train that crosses Shinn Street. Was it a long train? With four locomotives, oil tanks, double-decked container cars, automobile carriers, and more, yes, it was long. It was so long we could have had lunch while waiting for it to pass. Maybe I exaggerate, but not much.

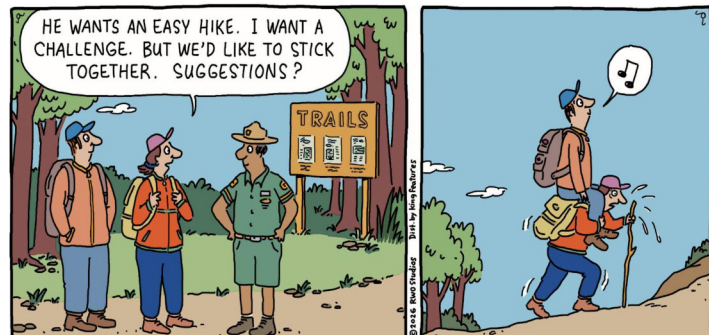
We toured the Shinn property, the exotic trees, bushes, flowers; the house itself won't be open until next Wednesday. If you like to photograph flowers, now is the time to go. Wildlife? Unnamed birds, a squirrel, a Turkey vulture keeping his eye on us, Canada geese landing on the Creek, and some Junkyard dogs scaring the Xxxx out of passers-by over by the trucking companies. Thanks to Jerry for all the historical information! ~Bruce Roberts



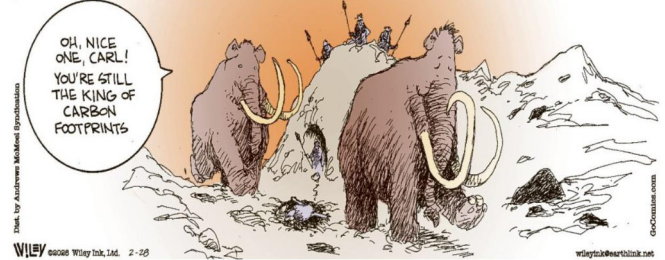


Fun and Games

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



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Check out our new PRIVATE and AD-FREE Branch 59 Facebook group! Use the link to join and stay updated with the latest Branch 59 news as it happens. Contact Sir Bob Marshall, 510-502-7295 if you're unable to use the link.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/28664572976521031/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT>

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

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

You can get your Pathfinder at [Newsletters 2026](#)
Comments, photos for site etc. email to: sirbranch59@gmail.com

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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.



AFFORDABLE LYFT RIDES FOR YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL NEEDS!

Lin Palmer is thrilled with her newfound freedom. As someone who identified as "technology challenged", she never thought she would use her smartphone for anything other than phone calls. After learning how to use the Lyft app and taking Lyft rides to and from dialysis, she proclaimed "Where has this service been all my life!"

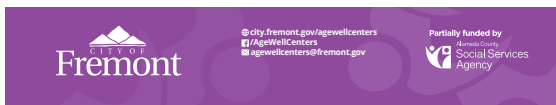


Lin was initially hesitant to sign up for Ride-On Tri-City's subsidized Lyft service. She was worried that the drivers wouldn't help to stow her walker or that she would make a mistake requesting a ride through the app. Lin's concerns were eased after learning that Ride-On Tri-City had provided 81,000+ subsidized Lyft rides over the past five years, and that the program's frequent riders included individuals in their 90s as well as young adults who are blind.

Lin was surprised how easy it was to request rides through the app. She pays \$4 per ride and can take up to 30 subsidized rides per month. The biggest benefit of the service according to Lin: "I request my ride and 5-10 minutes later, my Lyft ride arrives. No more waiting around!"

To apply for Ride-On Tri-City's services, visit: city.fremont.gov/rideontricityapp
For more information, visit: city.fremont.gov/rideontricity or call: 510-574-2053

Ride-On Tri-City receives Measure 88 funds through the Alameda County Transportation Commission.
For more info, visit: www.alamedaact.org



Can't Put a Name to a Face?

Visit our branch website at
<https://sirinc2.org/branch59/>

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

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