



# The Pathfinder

**Forty-Fifth Year**

**September 2020**

**Bulletin No. 8**

**All Close contact MEETINGS-Cancelled until further notice**



## **Big Sir Richard's Corner**

Good day...Branch 59 members and partners: With the ongoing pandemic and now all the fires here in California we must remain positive, healthy, and safe. All of us with Branch 59 have heavy hearts as we mourn the loss of two of our honorable members. Sir Joseph Jenó and Sir Carlie Houseworth our thoughts and prayers go out to the Jenó family and Doris wife of Carlie.

I want to thank Dave and Rob for thinking of and putting together the caravan to deliver the 90-year certificates to 4 of our Branch 59 members. Kudos to all eight members who participated....be on the lookout for the pictures taken by our very own Bruce Roberts.

Our BEC meeting went very well with a nice viewing turn out from our members. The Branch 59 officers for 2021 were voted in with NO objections. A huge thank you for our guest speaker Dr. Ron Adamson as his presentation was all about radiation in our bodies as well as the food we eat—very interesting. Now we wait for December to swear in our new officers for 2021.

On Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> the State Sir Annual Meeting was held by way of Zooming. The agenda covered eight new and revised Bylaws. The elections of the 2021 State Officers followed up with a Town Hall Meeting. The guest speaker was Mary Odbert she covered Building the SIR Public Image to Attract Targeted Prospects. Everything discussed in the State Annual Meeting will soon be available on the State Website.

Members please DO join us in our monthly Zoom Meetings and plug into Jerry Sabo's Cyber Geezers instructional meetings....

Stay Safe Healthy Active and Happy.....Remember...Look Out Your Window Tonight.....Don't Let The Old Man In!!!!

Best Regards,  
Richard Henry  
Big Sir

**Gentlemen : Please join us in our walk.... every Wednesday.**

**Where: Boat ramp ...Lake Elizabeth**

**When: 9 am next Wednesday.**

**Please mask up and bring your favorite beverage....**

***Anyone that is interest in joining the BEC meeting on Wednesday, September 16 is welcome. The BEC meeting begins at 11:30 a.m., but we will have a speaker and regular meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m.***

**Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/955020906>  
Meeting ID: 955 020 906**

## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, July 15, 2020

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Rob Ingebretson-Membership  
Sammy Lum-Publicity

### Branch 59

#### Meets at Fremont Elks

38991 Farwell Drive,  
Fremont CA on the 3rd  
Wednesday of each  
month

9:30 AM

#### Executive Board Meeting

11AM Social Hour

12 Noon Lunch



Our meeting was held on the ZOOM platform, hosted by Jerry Sabo.

The meeting was called to order by Little Sir Larry Jett at 11:32am. All BEC members were present except Arnold George.

The July 15, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Aug 19 was \$3,487.15. Hugh explained our expenses are for printing Pathfinders which are mailed to several members, for our ad in Tri-City-Voice and the quarterly assessment to State Board. Hugh addressed questions why the assessment remains the same even though we (or state) are not meeting. Basically, there are fixed costs which do not cease, like insurance and state financial requirements. We found and briefly viewed the state financial report on the web which is available to anyone interested.

Today will be our first, all member Zoom meeting with speaker. Dave Nelsen explained how he will conduct the election of our 2021 officers at the top of the meeting. Larry Jett suggested we name those members with August birthdays and acknowledge them with a CLAP during our meeting. He will then introduce our speaker, Ron Adamson, at 1:15.

Rob Ingebretson, Membership; Announced the death of two beloved members; Carlie Houseworth and Joseph Jenio. Rob gave thanks for the 8 or 9 SIR members who caravanned together and delivered certificates to four members who turn 90 years old this year. He also shared a note of thanks from one recipient who was most thankful to be honored by our visit.

Big Sir, Rick Henry, arrived a bit late to our meeting due to his involvement in the 2020 SIR State Annual Meeting. He reported it was a good meeting. Several bylaw changes were passed. 2021 officers were elected. The State budget of \$80,000 was discussed. Mary Odbert, a media relations associate, spoke about improving SIR's public image, how our logo is perceived and how to build steppingstones for branch success. Bylaw changes and 2021 officers will be posted on the sirinc web site soon.

Activities, Larry Lardie; No official activities are happening. Cloverleaf Bowl has closed, we need to find another place to bowl when we resume. 14 or so members are golfing together, but not as a SIR group. Rick mentioned some SIR branches are holding activities. They need to get permission from State to conduct official activities. Jerry Halligan suggested we begin a hiking/walking group. Several BEC members showed interest. We set the start date as Wednesday August 26 at 9:00am. All interested and available will meet at the boat ramp at Lake Elizabeth. Future hikes and dates will be planned by those in attendance. Membership will be emailed about this activity.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



# September Birthdays



**Joe Markovich**  
Age 93



**Austin Smith**  
Age 91



**Bill Stannard**  
Age 89



**Jim Harrison**  
Age 84



**John Treschetti**  
Age 82



**Ned Rendell**  
Age 82



**John Gates**  
Age 81



**Jerry Ford**  
Age 80



**Robert Ingebretson**  
Age 80



**Stan Peters**  
Age 78



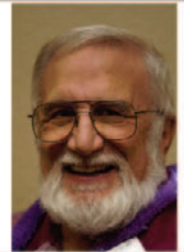
**Victor Wong**  
Age 78



**Howard Elz**  
Age 77



**Andrew Lang**  
Age 75



**Richard Henry**  
Age 74



**Craig Rothbach**  
Age 73



**Paul Pennelly**  
Age 70



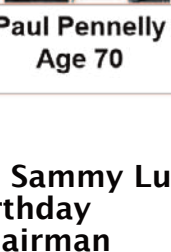
**Carl Blincoe**  
Age 68



**Bruce Hevelin**  
Age 67



**Tom McCaslin**  
Age 66



**Sammy Lum**  
Age 65

**Sir Sammy Lum**  
Birthday  
Chairman



Check out the revamped SIR Website:

<https://sirinc.org/>

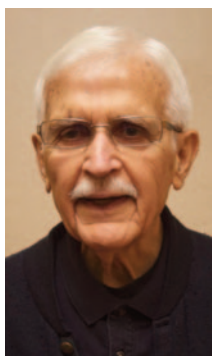
Same name but “New” look



## *In Memoriam*



*Carlie Baltzell Houseworth-Died 8/6/2020*



*Joseph J. Jenó-Died 8/4/2020*

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## **Cyber Geezer Meeting**

Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on September 22nd via Zoom, I will send out instructions via email prior to the actual meeting. The meeting time is from 1:00 to about 2:30 PM. We will again include Seniors of the

Greater Niles Village, and any Sir Member wanting information.

At our August meeting we had a great group of “Zoomers”. Our primary focus was using a computer based email client instead of internet access to email. This discussion involved Windows Mail, Apple Mail, and special apps such as Microsoft Outlook. No specific topic has been scheduled for our September session.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96358532596>**

**Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596**

*Click below the [link](#) below for a YouTube Video describing SIR Zooming.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwiNkVrDNms&feature=youtu.be>



**Can't Put a Name to a Face?**

**Visit our branch website at**

**[www.sirbranch59.org](http://www.sirbranch59.org)**

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

## **DID YOU KNOW ?**

**There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will.**

**Are you SiRious? by Sir Larry Jett**



I am SIR Gordon C. MacLeod, MD. Born in 1930 in Quincy, Massachusetts



Graduated from Quincy High School, 1948. Graduated from Harvard College in 1952, with a BA, Magna cum Laude, in chemistry. Graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1956. Internship at Madigan Army Hospital, Fort Lewis, WA. Surgical residency at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Boston University Medical Center, both in Boston. Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, 1962. Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, 1965.

I met my wife, Anne, who was a physical therapist at Madigan Army Hospital, in 1956. We were married in 1957. We have 4 sons. Gordon A. is an executive at the Los Alamos, NM Atomic Laboratory and prior to that worked at the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna and the Atomic Test Site outside of Las Vegas. Douglas is a senior programmer at Applied Materials. William is an Associate Professor in the School of Public Health at Boston University and has his doctorate in Public Health also from Harvard. James has taught for over 25 years at Washington High School. He has been recognized by students as best teacher. He now teaches AP economics and AP US government. We have 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

I served 20 years in the US Air Force, Retiring as a Colonel in 1976 as Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the USAF Medical Center, Scott AFB, Illinois. After my surgical training, I practiced general surgery in the Air Force until my retirement. I also was a Flight Surgeon with over 500 flying hours. After leaving the Air Force I had a private practice of surgery in Fremont from 1976 to 2002. The last 2 years I was first Medical Director of the operating room at Washington Hospital.

The Air Force awarded me with the AF Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. I was also pleased to receive the Small Arms Expert ribbon.

I was attracted to SIR because of the golf program. I had quit playing golf in 1968 as it took too much time away from my family. I wanted to start again, and the SIR golf group was a great way to enjoy golf.

I started playing the trumpet in the fifth grade in a program that was part of the WPA. My teacher was a musician who needed work in the depression. I played in the Quincy High School Band and the Harvard College Band. When in medical school I played in the College Band in the fall for 4 more football seasons. A great way to see the football games for free. I enjoyed skiing all my life and was in the National Ski Patrol for 25 years. I enjoy classical music and have gone regularly to the San Francisco Symphony and been a strong supporter of the Fremont Symphony. I've been an active member of the Fremont Rotary Club since 1987. Crossword puzzles are an enjoyable activity.

During my time in the Air Force I lived in Boston, MA, Providence, F11, Tachikawa Air Base, Japan, Westover AFB in Chicopee, MA, Travis AFB, CA, and Scott AFB, IL. Since coming to California we've been in the same house in the Kimber tract since 1976. Travels have included trips to Thailand, Okinawa, the Greek islands and Turkey in the Aegean Sea, Amsterdam to Budapest on the Rhine and Danube Rivers, Scotland, England, Denmark, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Spain, France, Portugal and driving 9 times across the USA.

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I remember seeing my wife at breakfast for the first time in the mess hall at Madigan Hospital just after she arrived there as a physical therapist. Thought, “What a beautiful girl”. Fortunately, things worked out.

The case that I’m proudest of was a 10-year-old boy who was run over by a bus. Fortunately, the curbing kept him from being crushed, but you could see tread marks across his abdomen. The pressure on his abdomen blew his small intestine out of his rectum. I was able to repair his torn small intestine. Clean up the damage to the rectum and construct a colostomy. He had a fractured pelvis that required his transfer to a university hospital after several days for specialized orthopedic care. He survived and did well. Now trauma like that would go to a trauma center, but there were no trauma centers in those days and general surgeons in local hospitals were in the hot seat. Both Anne and I enjoy classical music as I noted above. When I was growing up the only classical music, I listened to was the theme songs on “The Lone Ranger”. They were from “William Tell Overture” by Rossini and “Les Preludes” by Liszt. I took a music appreciation course in college and have been a fan of classical music ever since. Going to the SF Symphony 12 times a year has been a real enjoyment.

Lastly the good times I have had in SIR have been a big plus in my retirement years. I have enjoyed the friends and activities since 2002.

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### **Presentation of Super Senior Awards-August 2020**



***Nearly parked illegally, Rob and Rick, going to Dino Mostardi's house. Rob reaching for birthday balloon to pass to Rick.***



***Dino Mostardi's house***



***Joseph Jenó's house. His son at the door. Joseph passed away Aug 4. His 90th birthday was in January.***





*Gordon MacLeod with new Shirt. 90th birthday celebrated in July. Rick Henry presenting Gordon with plaque.*



*Sirs Delivering age 90 certificates to members during Covid-19 pandemic*



*Lloyd Anderson 90 in November*



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Nat Lord

#### **HONORARY LIFE MEMBER**

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Arthur Winkley  
Rob Ingebretson

### PAST BIG Sirs

1976 Peter Clark\*

1977 Karl Heine\*

1978 Harry Cooper\*

1979 Kenneth Foster\*

1980 Larry Varblow\*

1981 Guido Milano\*

1982 Alex Fulton\*

1983 Stephen Epler\*

1984 George Herman\*

1985 Ray Crosby\*

1986 Loran Coburn\*

1987 Robert Davis\*

1988 Robert Klindt\*

1989 Martin Annen\*

1990 Lee Updegraff

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2008 Richard Holley

2009 Don Gillis\*

2010 Frank R. Thomas

2011 Hugh Twomey

2012 James Ferenz\*

2013 Skip Mugford\*

2014 Rob Ingebretson

2015 Skip Mugford\*

2016 Jim Ulam

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2018 Harvey McAninch

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2019 Richard Henry

\*(deceased)

### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder  
will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly  
scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.