



The Pathfinder

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All Close contact MEETINGS-Cancelled until further notice



Big Sir Richard's Corner

I hope all is well with all of our members as we go over 170 days of the ongoing pandemic. Our branch Zoom lifeline is going well as we are seeing more of our members in participation each month. Jerry Sabo our branch host.... and doing a fine job in keeping ones interest in attending our BEC Zoom meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Every member of our branch WE do encourage you to join in as again Zoom is the life line and connection for all the Branches of SIR. In our last meeting we had a open forum for our members to speak on what has one been up to during their shut in. We discussed interesting topics on video transferring and the building of an old car from a box kit also the latest and greatest from the world of computers. We are excited to have a guest speaker Jane Carr manager of the Fremont Main Library she will be speaking on how to place holds and pick up books, audio books and movies with No Contact pick up so please join us by way of Zoom at 1:00pm on Wednesday the 21st. Not to dwell on Zoom I again want to congratulate Branch 59 on winning the Zoomer Award for August... \$100.00 to spend at the SIR store. Walking....please join us at 9:00am on Wednesdays at Quarry Lake, Lake Elizabeth or wherever we meet. Check your email ..mask uplet's walk.

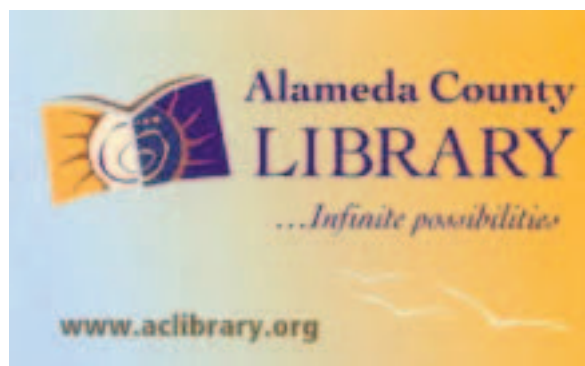
Best Regards,
BE Safe and Healthy,
Richard Henry
Big Sir

Luncheon Speaker via Zoom—

Jane Carr, Manager of Adult and Teen Services, from Fremont's main library, will address us as to how the library system for Alameda County can still provide the products we wish during the closing of the buildings because of 19 curtailment.

The presentation will be on how to search for and place holds on books, audiobooks, and movies with no contact pickup.

See Zoom information below!



Anyone that is interest in joining the BEC meeting on Wednesday, October 21 is welcome. The BEC meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The regular meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. and we will have a speaker.

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

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, September 16, 2020

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Our meeting was held on the ZOOM platform, hosted by Jerry Sabo. The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Rick Henry at 11:32am. All BEC members were present except Rob Ingebretson, Arnold George, Larry Lardie and John Pesek.

The August 19, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Sept 16 was \$3,365.40. Our only expenses for the month were for our ad with Tri-City-Voice and costs for printing and mailing the Pathfinder.

Little Sir, Larry Jett reported there are 20 members celebrating birthdays this month. At the beginning of our meeting at 1:00 pm he will state their names so all in attendance can acknowledge them. There will be no speaker at today's meeting, instead we will have an open forum for members to speak what is on their mind. Our guest in October will be from the Alameda County Library and will speak to the many ways we can benefit from the library resources. Our November speaker will be Major General Garrett Yee, a veteran who has served several tours in Afghanistan.

Big Sir Rick reported; We were awarded with the August Zoomer Award by State SIR for our use of zoom for our BEC and general Sir meetings. This honor bestowed upon us is largely, if not solely, due to the knowledge and efforts of Jerry Sabo. His leadership in bringing us up to speed with this software has helped us continue during these trying times. The award is \$100 for purchases at the Sir store. The BEC is considering how to use this gift.

Rick spoke with both the Elk's lodge and our caterer. Both are anxious to work with us as soon as we are ready to resume our meetings.

Our new activity, Wednesday Walking Group, is doing well. This morning two groups met, one at Lake Elizabeth and one at Quarry Lakes. Walks are simple, slow paced and without hills. Going forward there will be a single walk each week. The location will possibly vary each week. The next week's location will be decided by the group during each Wednesday walk. Start time will be 9:00am. Jerry Halligan offered to lead the group. He will send the location to Sammy each week who will email membership.

Bill Briscoe sent Rick a short video, Don't Let The Old Man In. They both enjoyed it and thought we might play it at the beginning of our main meeting today at 1:00pm.

The results of the survey we were invited to participate in back in July by SIR Inc. has been released. 35% of branch 59 participated, which was about the same average rate of all state branches. Rick spoke to some of the interesting results of the survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

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



October Birthdays



John Ockes
Age 93



Peter Angelides
Age 91



John Etherton
Age 86

Harry Pearson
Age 86



Hugh Twomey
Age 85



Louis Alonzo
Age 84



Jerry Aguilar
Age 82



John Pesek
Age 80



Terry Dalziel
Age 78



J. D. Smith
Age 78



Fred Barker
Age 76



Rob Perrill
Age 73

Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday
Chairman



Check out the revamped SIR Website:

<https://sirinc.org/>

Same name but “New” look



DID YOU KNOW?

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.

SIR Happenings is published 4 time a year—the next issue will be published for November 2020. Deadline for submitting articles is October 15th. You can find past issues on our website: sirbranch59.org.

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**SIR
HAPPENINGS**



Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on October 27th via Zoom, I will send out instructions via email prior to the actual meeting (also specified below). 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 September meeting we had a great group of "Zoomers". Our primary focus was both upgrading computer memory and storage—including how to determine existing memory and storage and determining what upgrades might exist. The notion of acquiring a SSD (solid state drive) and cloning an existing HDD to the SSD were included. No specific topic has been scheduled for our October 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>



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www.sirbranch59.org

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<http://sirbranch59.org>

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sirbranch59@gmail.com



Bruce Roberts — Auto something



The sight blew me away! A B-52D landed that day with its vertical stabilizer folder over, lying flat. Was it shot up? No, during maintenance someone forgot to secure a bolt. The amazing pilot managed to bring the huge bomber into Kadena AB, Okinawa for a perfect landing. I thought - someone is going to get fired over this! It was sometime during my April or May, 1967, my TDY to Okinawa from Travis AFB, CA. Not many of the guys who flew out of Travis to Viet Nam knew SAC (Strategic Air Command) was a tenant with BUFFs and KC-135 tankers at the base. I watched many a strangely named airline lift-off bound for Vietnam while stationed there 1967-1970. Color blind a bit, I could not fly so they made me an Aircraft Maintenance Officer. CMS Newton and I cruised the flight line to “help” the Field Maintenance Airmen and NCOs do their job.

Born in Boise, ID, (2-4-44) while my dad was in Belgium with the 654th Eng, Div., my mom and I stayed at my grandparents' Ladlaw house until he returned in 1945 when we moved to Twin Falls. Because my dad signed up for the Reserves, he was called up for the Korean War. We (sister Julie included) drove their '49 DeSoto to Alexandria, VA in late '51 while he underwent training at Fort Belvoir. Back in Boise, I entered the second grade Central School. Sister Patricia entered the family in late '52 — I spent the last few months before she was born in Muldoon, ID, the site of my grandfather's ranch. What a special summer, play, fish and hike with my cousins, heaven for an eight-year old. Back to Twin Falls when my dad returned from Japan, my brother Scott showed up in 1956. He now lives in Newport, WA, Julie in Lewiston, Patricia in Pocatello, ID.

I graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1962, started at The College of Idaho that fall, and graduated in '66 (business degree). My summers ('64 — '66) I spent as an Interregional firefighter for the Forest Service out of McCall, ID. Lots of hard work and tales from those days. The draft caught up with me after graduation, but I had the choice to do my service as an officer. After my 70 days in OTS my college sweetheart Julie and I married in Caldwell, ID, and we moved to Rantoul, IL, where I underwent training on jet engines and other aircraft components. Then got my USA based assignment at Travis. After the TDY in Okinawa, I was assigned to aircraft Plans and Scheduling at Travis, and finished up my SAC AF career as a captain. The NCOs were the real specialists!

With an early out for education, I spent a couple of years in Seattle at the U of W working for an MBA. My daughter Robin was born in Seattle. Job prospects were few at that time. Meier & Frank in Portland employed me for three years as an Assistant Buyer. Then Michelin called in 1975. Although Sears' RoadHandler tires were manufactured by Michelin, they did not want the public to know, so my sales training for Sears employees (from Bellingham to Bakersfield and San Francisco to Denver) attempted to keep the secret. That didn't last long as Michelin was starting to gain a reputation for longer lasting tires on its own. In 1993, while on a backpacking trip in the Sierras, I found out that Michelin dissolved my job. I then worked with Bay Area (and beyond) commercial dealers promoting Michelin truck and off-road tires. With all that experience my next job was liaison work with very large commercial fleets in California and my wife and I divorced in 1999 and I remarried in 2002. Joan passed away in 2013. Single since then, I met Madelyn in 2018 and we have enjoyed each other's company since then.

Throughout my life, maybe since I was eight years old, I've had a yen for art as an appreciator, and, as a see-er, photography has grown to be a passion of mine. Not ever approaching professional status, I've just enjoyed photography as art in my head, always happy to share photos with those who might like some of the images I snag.

From time to time I try my hand at writing, but my head was not built for fiction. I usually write to an end, a description of life or things.

Again, an appreciator, I enjoy most music genres, but I admit to being a folkie. My music collection includes records, cassettes, CDs and now streamed music. Maybe streamed music is a good thing – where am I going to put all the records, etc.?

Lesson and values: Tell the truth, listen and speak when you really have something to say, thrift. A church member since I can remember (OK a few errant years), I try to listen to Jesus and do as he asked. Since 1981 I've been a member of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont. A longtime choir member, I participate in many activities with the Church community. Bud Pearson suggested that I might like to join SIR. I enjoy SIR and I'm glad you let me take a few photos now and then.

p.s. I never heard what happened to the poor guy who forgot to tighten the bolt.

Reports from the Wednesday Walking Group



Lake Elizabeth Walk





Wednesday Walkers— Quarry Lakes

*Check you email for the
next destination!*



Interest in SIR Apparel? Check out the Pro Shop at <https://sir.go.customprintcenter.com/>

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scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.