



2021  
Happy New Year!

# The Pathfinder

**Forty-Sixth Year**

**January 2021**

**Bulletin No. 1**

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

## Big Sir Richard's Corner



Branch 59...how are we doing I hope all is well as we slam the door shut on the year 2020 and the still on-going pandemic. How time marches on as February 19<sup>th</sup> of this year was the last time we met at the Elks Lodge for our BEC meeting and luncheon. Our Zoom meetings have been going very well but certainly not the same warmth and closeness as a normal meeting.

Gentlemen my term as your Big Sir for Branch 59 has now come to a close it has been an honor for the last two years to lead the success of our branch. At this time I would like to thank all my officers, directors, and committee members for the total warmth and support you have given me. The new officers for 2021 headed up by Big Sir Larry Jett are installed and ready to take on the New Year.

Many thanks to our guest speaker Ron Adamson who spoke on radiation and the nuclear power plants.

Members I am staying on as a director and will be heading up the nominating committee...so when the time comes and I ask for your help please don't look the other way.

**HAPPY HOLIDAY and a FRUITFUL NEW YEAR!**

Sincerely

Richard Henry, Big Sir



## January Guest Speaker

**Matthew A. Weaver, CFA®**

Matt serves as a financial advocate. He takes the time to understand what his clients want out of life – for themselves and for their family. For individuals and entities alike, Matt employs a comprehensive planning approach combined with investment and risk management.

His investment-advisory discipline incorporates financial planning, investment management and insurance solutions for individuals, entities, small-business owners and families who desire the assistance of a credentialed financial advisor. The desired outcome of his relationship with clients is to bring clarity to wealth management issues. Further, providing relief from the stress and burden of financial matters, offering clients the freedom and confidence to do those things in life they are passionate about.

Matt has served as an advisor of FB Financial Services since October of 2015, but is not new to the investment and risk management industry. He has served institutions and individuals since 2003 and in the Bay Area community since 2006. Matt has served as an educator, teaching investments and risk management at the graduate level for the University of San Francisco.

Matt holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Belhaven University in business administration. He holds the Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) designation, a globally recognized, graduate level investment credential that is issued by the CFA Institute. Matt is FINRA Series 7 and 63 registered through LPL and is licensed with the California Dept. of Insurance.

Matt and his wife and two boys, live in the East Bay. Matt is an active member of his community and the investment community in the Bay Area. With his free time, Matt enjoys coaching youth sports, running, cycling, some golf, outdoor recreation, and spending time with his growing family.

He will be talking about the 2021 Economic Forecast and other interesting money issues.

***Anyone that is interest in joining the BEC meeting on Wednesday, January 20 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, December 16, 2020

### Branch 59 Officers

#### Big Sir

Larry Jett  
510-794-7911

#### Little Sir

Bob Marshall  
(310) 502-7295

#### Secretary

David Nelsen  
(510) 673-5042

#### Asst. Secretary

Rob Ingebretson  
(510) 657-7828

#### Treasurer

Larry Lardie  
510) 579-5934

#### Asst. Treasurer

James Vermazen  
(563) 920-6908

#### Directors

Jerry Halligan  
Richard Henry  
Sammy Lum  
Dave Shideler  
Hugh Twomey

#### RAMP

Jim Ulam-Recruitment

#### OPEN- Activities

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 Big Sir Rick Henry at 11:38am. All BEC members were present except Arnold George, Sammy Lum and John Pesek. We did have a quorum.

The November 18, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Dec 16 was \$2,926.40. Our only expenses this month were for printing supplies to send the newsletter to about 25 members who do not receive it via email.

John Haffner, our Area Governor, joined our meeting today with news of the passing of SIR State Vice-President and 2021 President Elect Jim Johnson. We hold his wife Ginny and their family in prayer. A replacement nominee will be brought forward during the December 29 State Board meeting. John thanked Big Sir Rick Henry for his leadership of our branch in this very challenging year and wished us all a wonderful holiday season.

Little Sir, Larry Jett, talked about our returning speaker, Dr. Ronald Adamson, who will continue his discussion about radioactivity. There are 14 members celebrating birthdays this month. All BEC members, especially those new to your position, please study the Annual SIR Schedule of Branch Operations. The secretary will send the latest version of this document to BEC members this month. We need Chairmen for Activities, Library and Social committees. Also, we are in need of a new Auditor. Carl Nordling has held this position for about 10 years. He has offered to complete the 2020 audit.

Rick Henry reflected on his time as Big Sir this year. He has enjoyed the position very much. Covid19 has been like a big black tunnel. He has missed being able to meet with everyone. The Elk's lodge has always been a great host to us, and they look forward to our returning. He has confidence in Larry Jett as our Big Sir next year and thanked the entire BEC for their hard work in this most challenging year. He is looking forward to being on the nominating committee next year.

Activities: Jerry Halligan says the Wednesday Walkers have been hobbled by Covid concerns. Latest from SIR State is "All activities are on hold". He encourages everyone to get out walking individually for your health. Take pictures on your walks and submit to Jerry Sabo for inclusion in the Pathfinder. He suggests we develop this into a contest. What shall the prizes be?

Jim Ulam officiated the installation of our 2021 officers and directors; Our Big Sir will be Larry Jett, Little Sir will be Bob Marshall, Secretary Dave Nelsen, Asst. Secretary Rob Ingebretson, Treasurer Larry Lardie, Asst. Treasurer James Vermazen and Directors; Hugh Twomey, Sammy Lum, Jerry Halligan, Jim Ulam, Rick Henry and Dave Shideler.

Signature authority on our account at US Bank needs to change with Larry Lardie and James Vermazen becoming Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer in 2021. The simplest way to do this is to close the current account and open a new one. A motion was made to change signature authority from Hugh Twomey, Arnold George, Rob Ingebretson and Skip Muford (deceased) to be Larry Lardie, James Vermazen and Bob Marshall. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Phone calls to members have been beneficial. Everyone has been happy to receive a call. Many members have shared their disappointment that they can't go out or do normal activities. We have found several corrections which need to be made to the roster. Jerry Sabo offered to compile a list of changes and send it out via email as a supplemental page. This will be helpful until a new directory can be developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



# January Birthdays



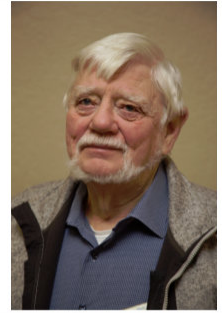
**Thomas Blalock**  
Age 89



**Sterling Strickland**  
Age 87



**Dominic Aiello**  
Age 79



**James Cunningham**  
Age 78



**Bob Banfiel**  
Age 76



**David Hunter**  
Age 74



**Robert Marshall**  
Age 73



**Michael Burns**  
Age 71



**Michael Huntzinger**  
Age 70



**Victor Okumura**  
64



**Sir Sammy Lum**  
Birthday  
Chairman





Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on January 26th. We will again include Seniors of the Greater Niles Village, and any Sir Member wanting to join us. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Login information is given below.

## Cyber Geezer Meeting

Our December meeting was a question and answer session, but included more Zoom tools to use and a demonstration of Screenflow software. Using Screenflow the functions of right and left mouse buttons was again demonstrated. We opened a new MS Word document and then edited the document by inserting text, copied text, and graphics using right and left mouse clicks. The session included Text boxes and regular text with embedded graphics. The same concepts were demonstrated using the Affinity Publisher software (used to create the Pathfinder).

Jerry is hoping that members will submit questions regarding technology: such as Smart TVs, WiFi, home networks, computer usage, iPhone or iPad usage. We will be able to develop Screenflow videos for presentation or for your use. The next Screenflow session will involve spreadsheet software such as Excel. The concept of left/right mouse clicks and the Paste Special function will be demonstrated.

Please send requests to Jerry at [jlsabo3@comcast.net](mailto:jlsabo3@comcast.net).

Mr. President, about the masks you've sent so far...



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

Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596

Lots of Zoom information on the [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org) website  
<https://sirinc.org/zoom/>



*SIR Happenings is published 4 times a year—the next issue will be published for February 2021.*

**SIR  
HAPPENINGS**

*Deadline for submitting articles is January 15th. You can find past issues on our website:*  
[sirbranch59.org](http://sirbranch59.org)

*Send news and questions to:*

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

Visit our branch website at  
[www.sirbranch59.org](http://www.sirbranch59.org)

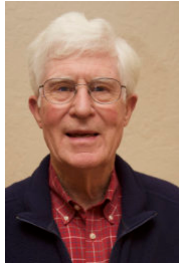
Click on the Member Gallery tab on the website and then enter the password: SIR59



## JD Smith



was born in Baltimore, Maryland where I lived for thirteen years. Subsequently, I moved to Portsmouth, Virginia. Joined the Air Force at the age of seventeen after graduating from I.C. Norcom High School.



After basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas; my Air Force assignments took me to Pease AFB, New Hampshire; Torrejon AB, Madrid, Spain; Nouasseur AB, Casablanca, Morocco; RAF Upper Heyford AB, near Oxford, England; Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA; Andrews AFB with the 89<sup>th</sup> Air Wing for Air Force One (President's transportation); Lajes Field in the Azores; Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; Ching Chuan Kang (CCK) AB in Taichung, Taiwan; Clark AB, Luzon, Philippines; Norton AFB, San Bernardino, CA. My final assignment was coming

back to Travis AFB, where I retired from active duty.

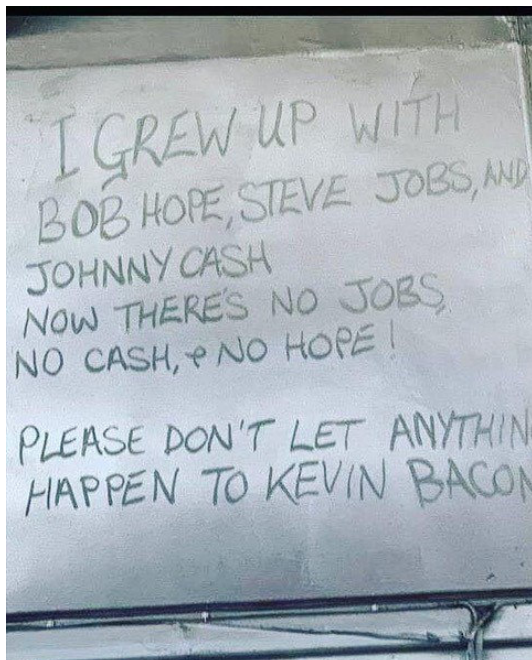
My education after high school consisted of an Associates in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree from the Community College of the Air Force, Senior Non-Commissioned Officers School, Squadron Officers School, Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University (SIU) at Carbondale, Masters of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance from Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

I entered the civilian workforce with a short stint at the Equitec Financial Group in Oakland, CA as an Internal Auditor before joining the Stanford Research Institute (SRI) in Menlo Park, CA as an Internal Auditor and finally retiring as an Engineering Division Senior Projects Administrator in 2013.

Competitive tennis and golf have been my sports passions. I met my wife, Pam, while playing in a golf tournament at the Metropolitan Golf course in Oakland, CA. As luck would have it, she is a much better golfer than I am. We both enjoy winning as a team and individually. I also enjoy playing golf with the SIR's members, whenever possible.

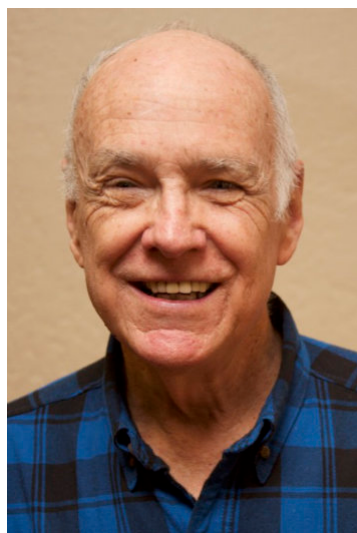
I volunteer my time by serving on my credit union's Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the SRI Alumni Association.

Loving my retired life.



**DUE TO MY  
ISOLATION. I  
FINISHED 3 BOOKS  
YESTERDAY.  
AND BELIEVE ME.  
THAT'S A LOT OF  
COLOURING.**

## Branch 59 Officers for 2021



Big Sir-Larry Jett



Little Sir-Bob Marshall



Secretary-David Nelsen



Asst. Secretary-Rob Ingebretson



Treasurer-Larry Lardie



Asst. Treasurer-James Vermazen



## More Wednesday Walker Photos Taken by Richard Henry



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

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**January 2021**

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND ASSISTANTS

#### ACTIVITIES

**OPEN-** Chairman  
James Ploor - Assistant

#### ATTENDANCE

Ed Guthrie - Chairman  
Bill Leake - Assistant  
Bill Pruner - Assistant  
John Williams - Assistant  
Bruce Hevelin - Assistant

#### AUDIO-VISUAL

Carl Nordling - Audio  
Sammy Lum/Jerry Sabo - Video

#### AUDIT

Carl Nordling - Chairman  
Ron Brutvan - Assistant

#### BIRTHDAYS

Sammy Lum - Chairman  
Art Winkley - Assistant

#### BOWLING

Harvey McAninch - Chairman

#### BRIDGE

Arnold George - Chairman

#### CAPS & EMBLEMS

Nat Lord - Chairman

#### CHAPLAINS

Howard Thompson  
Ted Bresler

#### CIRCULATION

Bill Briscoe - Chairman  
Sterling Strickland - Assistant

#### COUPLES DINING OUT

Jim Ulam - Chairman

#### COUPLES WINE TASTING

Joe Stanley - Chairman

#### CYBER GEEZERS

Jerry Sabo - Chairman

#### DATABASE

Hugh Twomey - Manager  
Jerry Sabo - Assistant

#### GOLF

Larry Lardie - Chairman

#### LIBRARIAN

James Ploor - Chairman  
Richard Holley - Assistant

#### MEMBERSHIP

Rob Ingebretson - Chairman

Carl Nordling - Assistant

#### OPEN- Assistant

#### NOMINATING

Richard Henry - Chairman

Arnold George - Assistant

#### PATHFINDER

Editor - Jerry Sabo

Assistant - Sammy Lum

#### PHOTOGRAPHER

Bruce Roberts

#### POKER

Bob Marshall - Co-Chair

Larry Jett - Co-Chair

#### ROLLIE REFEREE

Dino Mostardi - Head Ref

#### SOCIAL

**OPEN-** Chairman

#### SONG LEADER

Bob Benya - Chairman

#### SPEAKER RECRUITMENT

Bob Marshall

#### SPORTS

Bill Leake - Chairman

Nat Lord - Assistant

#### SUNSHINE

Art Winkley - Chairman

#### WEBSITE

[Sirbranch59.org](http://Sirbranch59.org)

Sammy Lum - Webmaster

### STATE OFFICERS

**STATE PRESIDENT**  
Stuart Williams

**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
Rick Kindle

**STATE SECRETARY**  
Ronald Flegal

**STATE TREASURER**  
Roy Hodgkinson

#### Chief Administrator

Dwight Sale

**DIRECTOR, REGION 5**  
Bill Holly

**GOVERNOR, AREA 15**

John Haffner

#### SENIOR HONORARY LIFE

##### MEMBERS

Nat Lord

#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Hugh Twomey

Arthur Winkley

Rob Ingebretson

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\*

1991 Fred W. Fretter\*

1992 Lyle Kingery\*

1993 LeRoy J. King\*

1994 George Hubach\*

1995 Clyde Killion\*

1996 Bill Schwan\*

1997 Nat Lord

1998 John Buchanan\*

1999 Art Lampert\*

2000 Harry Heyen\*

### PAST BIG Sirs

2001 Bob Beam

2002 Rollin Cunningham\*

2003 Don Henry

2004 Tom Sherba\*

2005 Howard Thompson

2006 Les Addison

2007 Ted Bresler

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

2017 Jim Ulam

2018 Harvey McAninch

2019 Harvey McAninch

2019 Richard Henry

2020 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.