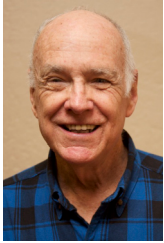




**All Close contact MEETINGS-Cancelled until further notice**

**Musings of Big Sir Larry Jett**



Your BEC is about to enter hyper-drive management sessions working our way toward sorting out the directives and dialogs issued by our state, county, local officials as well as the State SIR authorities that find themselves nervous about the intricacies of acquiring strong legal protection from possible lawsuits. We (state ) had a close call a few years ago that could have bankrupted the entire SIR organization thus, extra caution is necessary. All these words lead to full or partial reopening of our Branch #59 and how it will affect us and our social activities and lunch meetings.

When the BEC meets next (May 19<sup>th</sup>) the protocols, caveats, worries, concerns, permissions, [et.al](#) will be addressed. By then, whatever is in place now may be measured differently by arrival of newer posits arriving during the weeks ahead. Our activities will certainly have some safety rules added as has happened for golf, bowling and Wednesday Walkers already getting active, but our lunch meetings will need the Elks Club door open to renters (us). The latest guesstimate from them points to September. The caterer is ready and able to start feeding us now if we had a venue.

Should September really be the actual beginning for the Elks to regain earning the revenue stream, when the SIR spot-light again looks into our member core, I suspect that a good portion of us will not be rapidly re-joining us for lunch for awhile for a variety of reasons. It will become even more vital to add to our roster. Two of the four new members added recently during the 19-mess were as a result of me sending them the link to The Pathfinder featuring Alan Baker as our zoom speaker addressing "Staying Safe on the Internet" Alan has a link to his AARP [YouTube](#) with much the same information he provided us with. To both gents I suggested that if they liked what our Pathfinder pointed them to front to back, we could fast track them into membership so as to avoid wait time when the doors are again wide open. Two of them saw the wisdom. You can do the same. If you lack the link to the April 2021 Pathfinder, ask [larrywjett@gmail.com](mailto:larrywjett@gmail.com).

**May Guest Speaker Marie Shadden**

Marie Shadden writes for clients from the water industry for preparedness and resiliency.

Past projects included the U. S. Department of Justice, Victim Assistance and Technical Assistance programs, FBI Hazardous Materials Unit, the Office for Domestic Preparedness, the Environmental Protection and Federal Emergency Management Agencies, and military units.



As a career military officer, she achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force in the Security Forces specialty and enjoyed assignments as installation Director of Security Forces and Police Chief. Recently she was elected board Secretary of the national Air Force Security Forces Association.

Ms. Shadden earned a Master of Public Administration in Criminal Justice Administration from Golden Gate University and a Bachelor's in Criminology from the University of California, Berkeley. She holds certificates in technical training from Air University, accident investigation from Northwestern University and Incident Command from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She has authored numerous articles, reviews, government reports, training manuals and a little poetry. She enjoys the performing arts and has tried her hand at stage and dance. When pressed into the isolation of COVID-19 Marie found retirement suddenly tedious and returned to work as a Preparedness and Resiliency consultant and Arizona resident manager for a private security company. As the pandemic lifts, she fully intends to return to travel and writing of those adventures. For now, she pursues retirement though not very well and enjoys genealogy and writing fiction."

# SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, April 21, 2021

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### 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 Sammy Lum.

The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Larry Jett at 11:30am. All BEC members were present.

The March 17, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund was \$2,762.40. Payments this period were made for software updates and printing. A donation of \$300 was received.

Little Sir, Bob Marshall has been busy lining up speakers for our upcoming meetings. Our speaker in May will be a woman who has served in the military. Fremont Mayor Lily Mei will be with us in June and July's speaker will discuss environmental issues.

Membership; Rob Ingebretson reported our current membership as 155. Rob presented two new candidates for the BEC to consider for membership, Jerry Reynolds of Union City and Wes Murakami of Livermore. The BEC unanimously approved their membership in Branch 59.

Attendance; Ed Guthrie reported attendance during our [irregular] zoom meetings has been about 20% the last couple months.

Nominating; Rick Henry has reached out to several members regarding involvement in committee activities next year. He mentioned the recognition our branch has received for our strong leadership and committee involvement by SIR State.

Sammy spoke of a meeting on April 26 to discuss SIR reopening protocols for minimizing covid-19 liability. He will send Meeting information to BEC members.

The Elk's lodge has re-opened to their members on a limited basis. They believe September will be the earliest they will be able to allow outside groups to use their facilities. They are anxious to have us return.

John Haffner has asked about any roadblocks we are experiencing regarding reopening. The paragraph above is a main one.

Activities; Larry Lardie reported bowling has started again. Our time is 11:00am every Monday at Earl Anthony Bowl in Dublin. A bowling tournament is being planned in Pollock Pines on May 29 and 30th. The Wednesday Walkers group has been well attended. Seven members met today. The group walks for about one hour on well maintained, reasonably level trails.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

**Anyone that is interest in joining the BEC meeting on Wednesday, May 19 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

# May Birthdays



**Donald Henry**  
Age 92



**Stanley Hunt**  
Age 88



**Joseph Montellano**  
Age 88



**Willard Wyman**  
Age 88



**Donald Allen**  
Age 85



**Larry Goodman**  
Age 85



**Robert Lovell**  
Age 84



**Richard Holley**  
Age 82



**Gerald Rodrigues**  
Age 82



**Ron Brutvan**  
Age 80



**Harvey McAninch**  
Age 78



**Jerry Halligan**  
Age 76



**William Palleschi**  
Age 76



**Terry Pearson**  
Age 76



**Henry Brown**  
Age 74



**Zacharia Ploscaru**  
Age 72



**Kevin Hurley**  
Age 68



**Sir Sammy Lum**  
Birthday  
Chairman







Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on May 25th. 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**

At our April meeting we viewed ScreenFlow videos presented by Jerry that demonstrated how to scan photo negatives, organize the photos and move to folders.

The next ScreenFlow session will involve importing the photos into various photo programs such as Photos for PC and Mac, Adobe Elements, and Lightroom. Some editing and organizing will be demonstrated. Jerry is hoping that members will submit questions regarding technology: such as Smart TVs, WiFi, home networks, computer usage, iPhone or iPad usage.

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

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 time a year—the next issue will be published for August 2021.**

**Deadline for submitting articles is July 15th.**

**You can find past issues on our website:**

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

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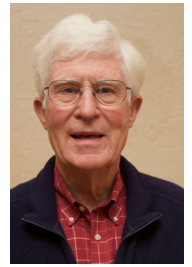


**Fellow SIR Bowlers of Branch 59**

This year's Branch 59 Bowling has been brought back to life from a year of darkness. We will be holding 2021 bowling to celebrate our friendships after a long period of solitude. Thanks to Victor Okumura and getting us a great deal, we will be bowling at **Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, 6750 Regional St, Dublin, CA 94568. The cost is \$15 for 3 games. Starting time will be 11 AM on Mondays.** Please bring your vaccination card or you cannot bowl by SIR Start protocol.

Harvey McAninch Branch 59 Bowling President and Victor Okumura Branch 59 COO.

***Are you SIRious***  
***Bruce Roberts Editor***



**ZOOM MEETINGS CAN BE A GOOD THING**

*By Terry Pearson*

As a former graphic designer, I have attended many in person meetings. Some were boring and others did little to communicate any good or meaningful ideas. So now, we are in a pandemic which means no more in person meetings. We still have to meet, but how do we do it safely? In most cases we now use Zoom, or something like it. We sit in front of our computers, looking at others doing the same thing. There are some down-sides to this of course: Are my speakers and video working? Am I wearing my pants? Did I comb my hair? Does my video background show a messy room? Or, Is there anything in the background that is inappropriate? We have all experienced the downsides, but what about the upsides:

- On average, more people seem to attend zoom meetings than regular in person meetings (My observations). (Note: You can be in Hawaii and still attend a Zoom meeting)
- More inter-personnel communication happens at zoom meetings. As an example: At a regular in person meeting people come into the meeting, say hello to a few people, and then sit down (Very few interactions with the whole group in attendance). Most zoom meetings have a bit of opening and closing social time, everyone sees who is coming on board and says hello and wants to know what they have been doing since the last time they met.
- Zoom type meetings seem to be secure. The attendees are granted access to attend the meeting by an access code given to them by e-mail. Proprietary, sensitive, or personnel information can be protected in this manner.
- Zoom type meetings seem to take less time than in person meetings. I think this happens because proprietary, sensitive, or personnel data can be sent prior to the date of the zoom meeting for review by all. Reviewing such data beforehand means the material does not waste time during the actual meeting.
- By changing our background screen, we can set the mood of the meeting. We can be seen at the beach, in the forest, at the library, or at pool side. (Note: a nice background view can also hide a messy room)

Some of my pandemic imposed zoom meetings have been so successful that some of my groups will continue to meet virtually.

## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS INTRODUCTION

### Wes Murakami



Born on December 13, 1941 in Gilroy, California. He graduated from San Jose High School in San Jose and then went on to college at San Jose State. He then attended Dental School at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He served in the U.S. Dental Corp before setting up his Dental practice in Fremont which lasted 44 years. He lives with his wife Mary of 31 years in Livermore. Wes loves golf, landscaping, gardening and traveling all over the world.

### Jerry Reynolds



Born July 29, 1938 in Peoria, Illinois. Jerry graduated from Oakland High School. He went on to Armstrong College in Berkeley where he majored in accounting. Started working for a CPA firm in Oakland but quickly got started in real estate in 1964 working for Alter Real Estate and Insurance. In 1976 Jerry became a Mobile Home Dealer as well as opening up his own Real Estate Firm. He lives in Union City with his wife Jacque of 55 years. His interests are antique cars, backgammon, fishing, poker, and photography. He has also served as the chairman of the Pathfinder Days, an annual event. Jerry attends Newark Presbyterian Church.

Yes, we are still getting new members.! The pandemic era is still a good time to be recruiting new SIR members. When you want to explain SIR to a prospective member, point them to one of the three web sites listed below. The websites explain who we are and what we do.

I have been discussing the State Protocols for COVID (listed on the next page) with State Sir President Stu Williams. The discussion came up because one member that read the latest edition of the SIR Happenings was very upset with the vaccine requirement and wrote to me. I forwarded the message to Stu. I also know that we have members in our Branch that are against having a vaccine, and we may lose some of them. My wife pointed out a very important fact that I forgot about! We didn't get the vaccine to prevent our catching COVID-19—we got the vaccine to prevent our spreading the virus to any of our friends in case we had the infection and didn't know it. I know that Stu, my wife, and I are on the same page. I am sorry that others may not agree.

Jerry Sabo

Editor



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## STATE PROTOCOLS FOR MINIMIZING COVID-19 LIABILITY

In view of the deletion by SIR's insurance carrier, effective May 1, 2021, of coverage for pandemic diseases and the likelihood that other carriers are also not providing such coverage, the following requirements must be imposed on the branches to minimize exposure to possible claims related to pandemic diseases:

1. The branches are required to strictly observe corporate formalities, such as annual election of officers and keeping corporate minutes in a timely and orderly manner.
2. The branches are urged to encourage all branch members to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to help those branch members who need assistance in finding vaccination centers and getting vaccinated.
3. Beginning May 1, 2021 and until further notice to the contrary, branches shall require branch members, visiting SIR members from other branches, guest speakers, guests, spouses/significant others ("Attendees") to be fully vaccinated (2 shots, if required) as a condition of being allowed to attend branch activities which are conducted wholly or partially indoors. In the alternative, unvaccinated Attendees can attend such activities if they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered within 3 days prior to an event they want to attend.
4. To ensure compliance with the requirements of item 3, branches shall require Attendees to show the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of their vaccination record cards or test result documentation.. If the attendee does not produce the document previously mentioned, access will be denied.
5. Branches shall maintain an updated list of members who have submitted proof of vaccination and use it to check them in for branch activities involving any indoor components. Branches need not require members who are on the vaccinated list to show proof of vaccination thereafter.
6. Branches shall require all Attendees participating in SIR activities to comply with all then-current state and county requirements related to COVID-19 protection, such as wearing masks and social distancing.
7. Branches shall require all Attendees attending SIR indoor or outdoor activities, to execute the attached waiver prior to allowing them to attend such activities. Such waiver need only be executed once by a member, and the branch shall maintain the originals of executed waivers for inspection by State SIR representatives.
8. Branches not complying with the above requirements are subject to appropriate action as provided in the Bylaws.
9. SIR shall build and maintain a reserve of at least \$25,000 to provide loans for legal fees to any branch which is sued for an uninsured matter.
10. If a lawsuit against a branch does arise due to an uninsured claim, and such lawsuit cannot be resolved in a manner acceptable to SIR, SIR can move forward to dissolve the branch in question pursuant to the provisions of California Corp. Code sections 6614-18.

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Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder  
will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly  
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