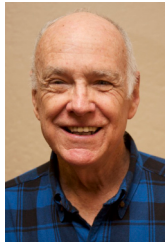


All Close contact MEETINGS-Cancelled until further notice

Musings of Big Sir Larry Jett



With belated apologies to the Bard of Avon, Troubles, thy name is "covid".....(don't know how to mark the preceding words with a footnote symbol so as to have you look at bottom of the page but if Sabo had done this, it would have shown up where we were taught to look)

Every time I typed the "cvid" word, my spellchecker on Chrome changed it to cover. Yep, Trouble 19 did, and continues to cover worldwide to an ever-lesening degree. But all mankind has been involved with different degrees of consternation and confusion for the past century. Us older and wiser gents have been through a lot of stuff, that like a vaccination, has made us stronger and better able to fight our way through to the goal posts that are appearing reachable soon. The end of the depression, World War II, Korea and the Vietnam conflict, The Cold War, atomic stockpiling, breakup of the USSR, and many other scary things we have observed, give us an observation platform to teach our children and grandchildren that the world is going to rise above the past 14 months and to become, once again, a workable canvas for those younger than us to strengthen, improve, and correct. Your BEC is looking forward to seeing us all lunching at the Elks. Las Vegas odds say, sooner than we have been led to believe!

This might be a good time to search out the last SIR Roster and review the smiling faces therein; much like looking at your high school yearbook as it has been a year and it is time for a reunion.

May Guest Speaker Mayor Lily Mei

Mayor Mei is proud to be a contributor to the growing success of Fremont's public education where she was elected twice as a School Board Trustee to the Fremont Unified School District serving from January 2008 to December 2014. Regionally for education, Mayor Mei served two terms as a Delegate Assembly member for Region 7 representing Alameda and Contra Costa counties school districts.



Statewide for California Mayor Mei is a past President of the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA).

Mayor Mei embraces diverse recreational and cultural programs serving as a volunteer and leader supporting local scouting and sports programs. She is a board member/advisor of Citizens for Better Community, Music for Minors II and South Bay Chinese Service Club. Mayor Mei also has been a dedicated supporter involved with community focused groups encouraging civic engagement such as the Silicon Valley Leadership Group - Minority Women Leadership Day/Education Summit and American Association of University Women.

Mayor Mei grew up in suburban Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Drexel University. Her professional experience includes over 20 years in competitive analysis, product and channel management, supply chain practices and serving as a worldwide sales operation's controller. Most recently she led a global high-technology trade association representing industry leaders to develop best practices to advance intellectual property protection.

Mayor Mei lives in Fremont with her husband, Peter, and their children, Katie, and Calvin.

Anyone that is interest in joining the BEC meeting on Wednesday, June 16 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, May 19, 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 Jerry Sabo.

The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Larry Jett at 11:30 am. All BEC members were present with the exception of Hugh Twomey and David Nelsen.

Assistant Secretary, Rob Ingebretson, The minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting were approved after the correction made by Jerry Sabo that Jim Vermazen was present at the April meeting. Big Sir Larry Jett reminded us to review the monthly schedule of branch operations as it applies to the members involved.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund was \$2,740.40. Payment this period was \$25.00 for the printing of the Pathfinders that are mailed to some of our members. Larry mentioned a check for the June Bowling Tournament would be forthcoming but will deal with this at a later date. Rob Ingebretson brought up that we don't have a 2021 Membership Roster Booklet because of the pandemic. It was decided we will have one for 2022 which will be addressed at a later time.

Big Sir, Larry Jett, his wife Sandy is finally home after spending 16 days in the hospital. She is on oxygen 24/7 until further notice. Larry is grateful for the help his Little Sir Bob Marshall has provided and Bob is ready to take over at anytime he is needed.

Little Sir, Bob Marshall, after a long discussion the three items from the state report dealing with current Covid 19 concerns were accepted and approved by our BEC. The first dealt with branch protocols for Minimizing Covid 19 Liability. The second dealt with a SIR Event Waiver and Release of Liability. Our Walking Group activity has already started to comply with the waiver. Jerry Sabo will send a copy of the waiver form that will be used for Bowling. You can change the heading to use for your particular activity you may be in charge of. The third dealt with logistics for dissemination of Waiver and Release form. The chairman of any activity or event must make sure all participants sign the waiver. Rich Henry will find out how long the chairman of an activity should hold on to the waivers he collects at a state meeting he is going to attend. Upon the return to our monthly meetings at the ELKS Lodge we must make sure that anyone attending has been vaccinated by showing proof with their vaccination record card or be on an updated list of members who have submitted proof of vaccination. It is hoped that eventually this will be recorded in our data base.

With regard to our speakers, Bob informed us of today's speaker, Marie Shadden, who will talk about her military career and the various agencies she has worked for. At our June meeting we will hear from our mayor, Lily Mei. July will be a speaker from Ohlone College addressing our environment. August speaker will address DNA and our ancestry. September our speaker will be a sports guy.

Committee Reports

Membership - Sir Rob Ingebretson introduced our newest candidate for membership, Bob Cooper who was accepted by the BEC as a new member. His picture and a short bio will appear in the June Pathfinder.

Attendance - Sir Ed Guthrie said our current membership is 157. One new member, Bob Cooper, badge #64 was in attendance. We had 21 verified members in attendance which is 13% of our total membership. The total membership for our June 16th meeting will be 158.

Nominations - Sir Rich Henry asked the BEC if they would hold their current position for 2022. Bob Marshall would move up to the Big Sir position and we would

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June Birthdays



William Briscoe
Age 88



Willie Jackson
Age 86



Floyd Nesper
Age 85



Alan Kenney
Age 84



Ronald Matuszak
Age 84



John Vennemeyer
Age 84



Jerry Sabo
Age 79



Bob Cooper
Age 76



Robert Doherty
Age 74



Charles Gebhardt
Age 74



Henry Romero
Age 73



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday
Chairman



You're How Old?
Happy Birthday!



Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on June 22nd. 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 May 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.

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 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:

<https://sirbranch59.org/>

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This year's Branch 59 Bowling has been brought back to life from a year of darkness. We will be holding 2021 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 State protocol.

Ron Hamro and Jerry Sabo ventured out to our first formal tournament sponsored by Pinole SIR. They bowled well, but only Jerry placed in the money.

Branch 59 will sponsor our own tournament on June 21st. Details and an application to bowl can be found on the SIR Bowling website at:

http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/tournament_applications/2021/06-21-2021Dublin.pdf

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

Can't Put a Name to a Face?

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www.sirbranch59.org

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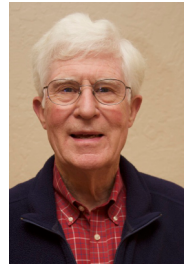
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Are You SIRious? By Bruce Roberts

Yes, Deadly!

Are you SIRious

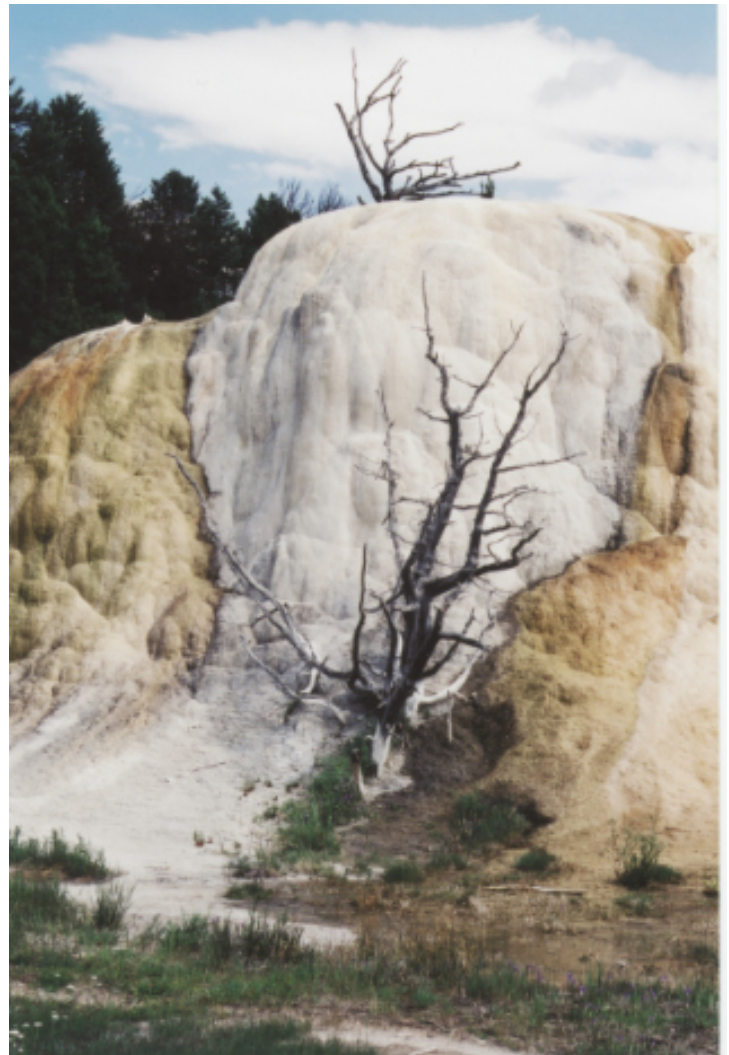
Bruce Roberts Editor



My first visit to Yellowstone National Park happened many years after I left Southern Idaho where I grew up. One would think that living only 270 miles from the park, that we would have taken many a vacation to it in my growing-up years. Nope! I mean, that's not too much farther than Yosemite is from Fremont! In any event, I didn't get to Yellowstone until I was over 50 years old. Admittedly with four kids, a vacation that far would have been a real strain on my folks. But our annual visit to McCall, ID, was almost as far. Of course, we had a place to stay at my cousin's when we arrived in McCall, cheap as far as accommodations go. In any event, my late introduction to the wonders of Yellowstone had me spellbound.

As a picture-taker, the colors, the history, the animal life, and the vistas, had me and my camera fully engaged. We only scheduled three days for the park on our way to Northern Idaho. We could have stayed at least two more days. Those were days prior to my "going digital" so digging up photos to show you is going to be a pain. Should it be Yellowstone Canyon and Falls? Or how about the bison in the road, or the geysers, or visions of Yellowstone Lake? Or Mammoth Hot Springs?

Well, I picked Yellowstone Canyon and Mammoth Hot Springs and left out Yellowstone Lake. When that volcano exploded, the remnant of that carnage is Yellowstone Lake, the caldera – at 136 square miles of water at 7733 feet above sea level; when it blows again – Deadly!



Fireside Chat on Coronavirus Protocols

President Stu Williams Fireside Chat-4/26/2021

<https://youtu.be/oQMDqpZCWpo>

"Listed are the approximate times in the video for questions that may be of interest to you"

20:25 Carl Mason (AG7) Branches feel the requirements for restarting are arbitrary and excessive. Why do we have to show vaccination cards? Clint Collier comments that he is vaccinated and will NOT attend any meeting if non-vaccinated members are present.

28:34 Ron Cassano (Br 8) Branch will require certificate confirming vaccination plus a waiver from members attending activities and meetings.

30:55 Bob Baker (Br 33) How do protocols apply to a choral group which performs at assisted living facilities?

34:13 Lee Lamp (Br 139) Members feel showing vaccination cards is a violation of privacy and personal religious beliefs.

41:25 Mike Windsor (Br 134) Privacy of records; concerns about staff at venue.

44:00 Milt Smith (Br146 & State Travel Chair) Noted that members who travel will be required to show proof of vaccination. Will attempt to minimize paperwork.

48:10 Craig (Br 171) How has insurance policy changed?

51:30 Jerry Strain (Br 144 & State Golf chair) What is policy about members who have had COVID-19 and have not had a vaccination?

52:45 Sam Beret (Br 116) Does liability insurance cover officers if there's a lawsuit?

55:19 Alan Fitzgerald (Br 116) confirmed recent experience that he couldn't travel without proof of vaccination.

57:11 Jim Gragg (Br 98) Can we accept electronic signatures?

58:00 Trevor Hughes (Br ?) If we accept a member's word that they are vaccinated are we exercising due diligence?

1:00:40 Stan Barkey (Br 35) Please clarify which activities the protocols and waiver apply to as an earlier statement appeared to contradict State protocols.

1:02:40 John Cox (Br 117) Branch meets at Elks, what should we ask of them?

1:04:40 Dick Fyten (Br ?) If a branch is sued, how are they covered?

1:10:00 Guy Rector (Br 45) Who at a branch handles the vaccination paperwork?

1:11:40 Richard Blackborow (Br 35) Confused by comments re indoor/outdoor requirements; do guests have to sign waivers; would an attestation that the person had been vaccinated meet requirements.

1:14:37 Will Kaifer (Br 47) Is there a protocol for picnics and other outdoor events? How to handle multi-branch activities eg Area investment meeting?

1:19:00 Terry Hartman (Br 106) What are our criteria for when this is no longer necessary?

1:20:30 Rob Melrose (Br 146) What precautions are necessary to avoid food poisoning when members bring food to an activity eg wine tasting? (Continued Pg. &)

1:22:25 Rick Harris (Br 161) Does our insurance premium decrease if we're not covered for communicable diseases?

1:25:12 Fred Warren (Br ?) Commented that his branch requires submission of proof of vaccination and waiver before members can attend any meetings or activities.

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BOB COOPER, Our Newest Member.

Born on June 17, 1945 in Oakland. He graduated from Mt. Eden High School in Hayward where he was raised in the same house but attended seven different schools in seven consecutive years. Bob went on to graduate from San Jose State University with a B.S. in accounting. Commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1968. Went to Vietnam and was discharged in 1970. Bob then worked as an internal auditor for a large company before going on to be a postal inspector. His interests are wine tasting, cruising, gambling and traveling. He has lived in the Warm Springs area of Fremont for the last 50+ years.

(Minutes from Pg. 2) need a new Little Sir from our membership. Rob Ingebretson suggested that our current Big and Little Sir consider staying on for 2022 as the entire membership never really got to see them do their thing during our monthly meetings at the Elk Lodge.

Covid 19 Reach Out – Sir Jerry Halligan reported that there is no further activity at this time.

Activities – **WALKING GROUP** Sir Jerry Halligan reported that they have about 15 members but they usually get about 8 guys that join the group each Wednesday. The guys that attend seem to always enjoy the walk as well as the discussion. Jerry varies the location of their walks to add a little variety each week. **BOWLING GROUP** Sir Larry Lardie said there is a tournament in Pacheco on May 27-28. The Earl Anthony Bowl in Dublin will be closed on Monday, May 31st. On Monday, June 21st there will be a tournament at the Earl Anthony Bowl in Dublin. **GOLFING GROUP** Sir Jim Ulam in charge averages 16 players in four groups every Tuesday at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas. There will be a tournament in Carson City, Nevada in August. More information forth coming.

Old Business – Sir Rich Henry shared that Camille, the lady in charge of renting the Elk Lodge, is no longer in charge and her replacement will be Diane Shaw. As of now the earliest we can return to the Elk's Lodge for our monthly meeting is September. If things change Diane will let Rich know. Our caterer, Daniel, is ready to go. He has all the forms in place. Rich and Larry Jett will visit the insurance agent to make sure all the insurance forms are ready to go so they can be sent to the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.
Rob Ingebretson, Assistant Secretary

Fireside Chat Speakers

1:27:15 Fred Wachowicz (Br 116) Suggests using a membership spreadsheet to track proof of vaccination and submission of waiver. A list of members missing these items will be shorter than a list of complying members!

1:30:05 Doug Imberi (Br 103) Commented his branch appointed a Health/Safety Manager to manage COVID-19 paperwork.

1:30:45 Chris Crowley (Br 113) Comment CDC is (soon) going to allow open air meetings freely, so just take it easy!

1:32:06 Bob Welte (Br 11) Since we operate under CA laws are we liable if we follow CDC guidance? Commented they are having problems finding volunteers and wonders if personal liability is part of the problem?

1:33:59 Rich Hausman (Br 32) Please explain 'partially or wholly indoors' requires waiver and vaccination proof, why does golf require proof of vaccination.

1:35:47 Greg Putnam (Br 157) What is the suggested proof of vaccination? Do members provide this at meeting, or beforehand? Suggest adding proof of vaccination attestation to waiver.

1:39:36 Chet Winter (Br 13) Waiver only deals with COVID, can we add physical injury or illness resulting from an activity?

1:43:05 Closing statement by President Williams

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