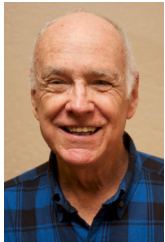


## Big Sir Larry Jett



Like a *Ursus arcticus horribilis* (grizzly bear) emerging from a long hibernation, Branch #59 is awake, sniffing the warm air, and ready to eat and socialize once again. **We are opening SIR's Branch #59 for lunch!! September 15th (Wednesday) at Elks Lodge** as before. Catered lunch with the bar open and the cost for admission and food remains at \$25.

Your always faithful BEC member's safety rules are as follows:

1. We will meet/eat/greet outdoors in the Elks spacious patio under cover of shade. Light jacket might be considered.
2. **ALL** members **MUST** show proof of both vaccinations (or) proof of a clear CV-19 inspection within the past 72 hours. A photocopy or a cellphone photo is acceptable. These inspections will be added to a Club's data sheet and will not be needed in the future visits unless a 3rd shot becomes required. Also, a smallish delay on entering for lunch due to a state SIR form that must be signed releasing liability to SIRS. Many of you have already signed the same.
3. Masks will be required for visits to the bar or the restroom but not outdoors unless you wish to do one anyhow.
4. Entrance to the Lodge will be from the back parking lot. Look for the A frame for entering.

State-wide SIR membership has declined from April 2020 to 2021 by 11%. Your BEC is confident that Fremont's Pathfinders club is more resilient and tougher than the others and we can rebound and rebuild and reunite at a swifter rate. To that end, your board has committed to have at least 60 meals prepared and we could certainly use more than but 40 percent happy to celebrate our GRAND RE-OPENING. Our every member canvass told us you were out there and ready to start fresh. If you will not or can not make the lunch, please, please, call Ed Guthrie 510 659 0498 or [edguthrie@comcast.net](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)

## September Guest Speaker Ms. Judy Tokubo



Our speaker for the September meeting will be Ms. Judy Tokubo. Ms. Tokubo is an educator, artist, community activist, accomplished public speaker, and has led an interesting and varied life, from her childhood as an internment camp detainee with her family, through her current activities as a community leader and philanthropist.

## SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Menu

We will be served ;

**Roast Beef, Chicken, Steamed Vegetables,  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Salad...Dinner Roll**

**Desert Apple Cobbler, Ice Cream**

**Again- If you will not or can not make  
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## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, August 18 & 25, 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.

The July 21, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Dave indicated the necessary insurance certificates and SIR forms regarding our caterer have been submitted to SIR State.

Treasurer; Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund was \$3,449.15. Expenses this period were for printing. The BEC wishes to thank an anonymous donor for his gift of \$1,000. The treasurers report was approved.

Comments from Big Sir Larry Jett; Businesses of all types are beginning to re-open again. He feels optimistic about us gathering again in person soon. He shared his concern that the increase in the cost of our lunches was not communicated to all who were called about our possible reopening in September.

Little Sir, Bob Marshall stated the speaker lined up for Sept is not ready to address an in-person audience. If we do meet in person in Sept another speaker is ready and the first will present in October or November.

#### Committee reports:

Rob, membership; 158 current members. Is working with two potential new members interested in joining. During our calling of all members recently, several members have indicated they will resign due to a variety of reasons.

Ed Guthrie, attendance; 25 members attended our July meeting, 16% of our membership.

Larry Lardie, activities; 12 - 16 golfers meet each Tuesday. 20 - 22 bowlers meet on Mondays. State tournaments for these activities are coming up soon. Golfers show little interest but bowlers are interested in these tournaments. Harvey would like clarification regarding non-sir members and women participating in bowling activities. A new league begins on September 13.

Rick; Has a meeting planned for Friday, 8/20 with Dianne at Elk's to discuss and possibly sign a new annual contract. Dave Shideler recommended asking for a shorter term contract which may offer us more flexibility.

September 15 meeting, in person at Elk's Lodge; History: An effort was made to contact, by phone, every member of Branch 59 to ascertain how many members were willing to meet in person on Sept 15. To date the yes responses were 70. A great deal of discussion ensued, including whether the pandemic may cause additional restrictions, whether the Elk's lodge might provide us a space outdoors and if they would allow members to bring a bag lunch. A suggestion was made that we hold our meeting at Quarry Lakes at one of the pavilion structures instead.

A motion was made that we postpone meeting at the Elk's lodge in person on Sept 15.

The motion was amended to include directing several BEC members to investigate alternative meeting/lunch venues prior to signing a contract with the Elk's.

The amendment to investigate alternative venues was approved.

The motion to postpone meeting in person at Elk's on Sept 15 was approved.

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# September Birthdays



**Joe Markovich**  
Age 94



**Austin Smith**  
Age 92



**Bill Stannard**  
Age 90



**Jim Harrison**  
Age 85



**John Treschetti**  
Age 83



**Ned Rendell**  
Age 83



**John Gates**  
Age 82



**Jerry Ford**  
Age 81



**Robert Ingebretson**  
Age 81



**Stan Peters**  
Age 79



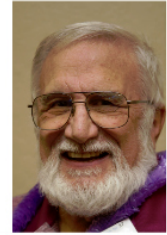
**Victor Wong**  
Age 79



**Howard Elz**  
Age 78



**Andrew Lang**  
Age 76



**Richard Henry**  
Age 75



**Craig Rothbach**  
Age 74



**Paul Pennelly**  
Age 71



**Carl Blincoe**  
Age 69



**Bruce Hevelin**  
Age 68



**Tom McCaslin**  
Age 67



**Sir Sammy Lum**  
Birthday  
Chairman







Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on **September 28th**. 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.

During our August meeting we discussed the "Cloud".

In the next ScreenFlow session we will discuss importing the photos into various photo programs such as Photos for PC and Mac, Adobe Elements, and Lightroom. Jerry is hoping that members will submit questions regarding technology: such as Smart TVs, WiFi, home networks, computer usage, iPhone or iPad usage. **NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT THE USUAL MEETING DATE. JERRY IS HOPEFULLY BOWLING IN CARSON CITY ON THE 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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

## Golf

In the last weeks there has been a big drop in the numbers of golfers that are available to play. We normally have 16+ members filling 4 tee times but now we are lucky to get 8, filling 2 tee times. The reason for some of the golfers is medical (gout, cataract surgery, plugged veins, legs/hip issues). We continue to hope for quick recovery and will hold a spot open for them. For others it is family duties, such as watching grand kids, caring for an ill spouse. SIR golf will continue, and members will return as soon as they are able.



## Bowling

Bowling Chairman Sir Harvey McAninch mentioned the upcoming season and returning to SIR protocols. He held had an impromptu meeting on Monday, August 30 asking if the bowlers were in favor of continuing as a senior's bowling group or returning as a SIR bowling league. As a SIR league, non-SIR bowlers would be as allowed as guests for a maximum of 3 weeks. This brought up several discussions such as current Sirs (and the non-Sirs) who have other activities on Wednesdays would not be able to join SIRs or continue as SIRs. This will greatly reduce the numbers of Monday bowlers.

Our website now contains video files of speakers that were recorded during previous Zoom sessions.

<https://sirbranch59.org/speakers/>

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

**Deadline for submitting articles is October 15th. You can find past issues on our website:**

<https://sirbranch59.org/>



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## Minutes From Pg. 2

We agreed to hold a special BEC meeting on Wednesday, August 25 at 1:00 at the pavilion on Lake Elizabeth. We will decide where our Sept 15 meeting will take place.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

## Minutes from August 25th

This special meeting was held at Lake Elizabeth, Fremont.

The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Larry Jett at 1:10 pm. Eight BEC members were present to make a quorum. Absent members were Bob Marshall, James Vermazen, Hugh Twomey and Jim Ulam.

Rick reported on a meeting with Dianne at Elk's last Friday. We are welcome to meet inside or outside. Masks are required inside the building. The outside patio can accommodate 70 people and has shade pop-up's. We would be allowed to bring bag lunches provided we do the basic trash pickup. There is a sound system outside. Price is the same for indoor or outdoor use. We need our insurance certificate filed with them. They will agree to a monthly contract for now rather than annual, allowing us some flexibility.

Jerry Halligan made a motion; We meet at the Elk's lodge on September 15, dinning outside, weather permitting. Motion was seconded and approved.

Jerry made another motion; We hire Daniel to cater our September 15 meeting at Elk's lodge. Motion was seconded and approved.

Rick will visit Daniel to discuss menu for the meeting.

We will charge \$25 for lunch. This was agreed to during our January 2019 special BEC meeting, to go into affect for our March 2019 meeting, which was cancelled. Note; Daniel increased his price to \$20.00 per person during a meeting held with him in May or June 2021.

Two anonymous \$100 donations were made to cover the cost to have the bar open for the September and October meetings.

The greeting table was discussed; Rob offered to contact the usual volunteers at that table, including Ed Guthrie, John Williams and Nat Lord to ensure we have a full complement. Dave Nelsen and Rick Henry will take the new role of vaccine card and waiver form monitor.

Dave offered to create and manage a spreadsheet to track waiver form collection and verification of vaccine card or negative test result from all members.

Sammy offered to send out an email blast to members confirming the Sept 15 meeting and the strict requirement that we must see everyone's vaccination card.

Timing of Sept 15 meeting; BEC meeting begins at 9:30am. Social Hour begins at 11:00am and the general meeting and lunch begins at 12:00 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

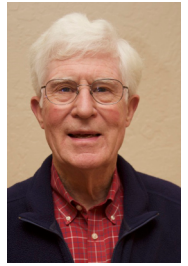
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**[www.sirbranch59.org](http://www.sirbranch59.org)**

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

## Down in the Pit - Bruce Roberts



Let me tell you, it was a long way to the top – from the bottom of the Dumbarton Quarry! Sometime in the early 2000s I had the opportunity to visit the quarry with a business colleague of mine. We drove down, down, down to the bottom of the quarry. At that time, it was only 250 feet deep, or so. Eventually its depth reached just over 300 feet – it was a massive scar on the landscape. Interestingly most folks didn't know it was there, just a short distance from Highway 84's approach to the Dumbarton Bridge. Our purpose was to examine some tires on a vehicle that worked in the pit. Our job done, we drove back up the steep, narrow road to the top. The rock from this quarry produced 1.5 million tons of rock over its lifetime, rock for paving, concrete and other uses.



That's the first part of the story. The second started after I retired. My photo-buddy and I made many trips to the Don Edwards Refuge and to Coyote Hills with the avowed purpose of taking bird photos, everything from Common egrets to Brown pelicans to Terns – if it flew, we wanted a photo of it. Sometimes we parked at the tiny parking lot near the bridge over Highway 84 to see if we could get pictures of White Pelicans or egrets around the edge of San Francisco Bay. The trail passed by the Pit. I snapped a few photos over time to watch the "fill progress." By that time the Pit had filled with water and the dump trucks poured load after load of dirt into the lake. We guessed it would take 20 or 30 years to fill it up. Well, it did take six million cubic yards of dirt to fill it up. You can see a few photos I took a few years ago of the fill process. Also included is a shot of some of the rock outcroppings at Coyote Hills of rock, similar to that which was taken from the Dumbarton Quarry.

The third part of the story is the new, 60-acre campground that just opened at Coyote Hills. The trees are a bit short, but they will grow. All that fill just repurposed the quarry for recreational use. I'm sure you have seen the recent articles in the media showing photos of the new campground.







***Before***



***After***





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