

Musings of Big Sir Larry Jett

It is a trifle early for a "State Of The Club" assessment since we have had but two face-to-face lunch meetings this year and the previous Zoom meetings seldom had an attendance count greater than 24 viewers. The two recent lunch meetings at the Elk's Lodge attracted about 50 percent of our 147 members compared to the average of 69 percent attending throughout pre-covid 2019.

The consequences of a fixed rental of the Lodge, the reduced number of attendees, and an increase in the price of the lunch in the 18 months since we had to suspend indoor meetings means that our Branch checking account spends \$300 more than members pay for the meal at the current state of affairs since reopening in September. Some generous gents have written checks to keep our treasury balance level but that shouldn't have to be.

Until your BEC comes to grips with fiscal first-aid, how can you help?

- Come to the lunch. \$5 of the lunch fee goes to the Elks so it takes 120 Sirs to cover the \$600 rental.
- Tell Ed Guthrie if you know you can not make it so less food is ordered. The week before the meeting is preferable.
edguthrie@comcast.net (or) 510-659-0498
- Consider observing the BEC meeting starting at 10 a.m. November 17th, the hour before social time begins. If you'd rather, contact any of the BEC guys by phone or email or letter prior to the next meeting of Branch #59.

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

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



November Guest Sir Jerry Halligan



As many of you know Jerry leads the Wednesday Walker group. He will share some of their adventures at our next meeting.

November 17th Luncheon Menu

We will be served ;

**Turkey and Ham;
Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing
Steamed Vegetables
Green Salad and Roll**

**Desert Pumpkin Pie
Again- If you will not or can not make
the luncheon, please, please,
call**

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SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, October 20, 2021

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Branch 59

Meets at Fremont Elks
38991 Farwell Drive,
Fremont CA on the 3rd
Wednesday of each
month
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch



Our meeting was held in person at the Fremont Elks Lodge.

The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Larry Jett at 10:05 am. All BEC members were present except Dave Shideler.

The September 15, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund was \$3,736.40. Our luncheon expense in September was \$288 more than receipts. We received a generous \$500 donation as well. The treasure's report was approved.

Our planned presentation today was regarding law enforcement, however, due to the weather and our decision to meet inside the speaker declined to join us. Instead, Bob Marshall will present an autobiographical account of his involvement with music.

Bob Marshall discussed the need for a better PA system for our meetings. He is investigating several options including use of some of his own equipment or our branch buying a system.

Membership: Our current membership stands at 148. This includes one new member, Jerry Reynolds. Rob mentioned we have not had new members affirm the SIR oath when they are introduced during our luncheons, as had been done in the past. Although the oath is discussed during orientations, it was agreed we present the oath when introducing new members going forward.

The SIR oath consists of four expectations of its members: • Be a friendly, sociable guy • Participate in our activities, luncheons and events • Volunteer when asked • Bring guests and introduce them to SIR so we can perpetuate the organization.

A member has made a request to announce an opportunity to members about being involved with the "DOOR" project. It involves bringing awareness to people about the pandemic and vaccines and pays \$20 per hour. Rob will write an article for the Pathfinder.

Attendance: 22 members were unexcused for our September meeting. This is an issue with regard to how many meals are prepared, paid for and then go wasted. Each member is obligated to call Ed Guthrie if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Nominations: Rick is looking for someone to fill the position of Little Sir for 2022. The nominations for the other BEC positions are Big Sir, Bob Marshall. Secretary, Dave Nelsen. Assistant Secretary, Rob Ingebretson. Treasurer, Larry Lardie. Assistant Treasurer, James Vermazen. Directors; Hugh Twomey, Sammy Lum, Jerry Halligan, Jim Ulam, Richard Henry, and Dave Shideler. Bob Marshall will lead the election of the 2022 Branch Executive Committee officers during our meeting today.

Activities: Larry noted there are about 12 consistent bowlers and 15 - 16 golfers most weeks. About 15 members have participated with the Wednesday Walkers, 4 - 8 on any given day. This is about 28% of membership participating in activities. There was much discussion on how we might encourage and increase member involvement in activities.

Larry Jett noted he will ask Howard Thompson, or others, if they would offer invitations at the beginning of our meetings. We are looking for a Rollie Referee now

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November Birthdays



Lloyd Anderson
Age 91



James Floor
Age 86



Donald Ehlers
Age 83



Robert LoBue
Age 76



Myron Ness
Age 77



Bill Leake
Age 76



Bill Pruner
Age 74

*Birthdays
of the
Month*



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday
Chairman

Why is your birthday
in November?

Your father wanted
"to try it just this once"
on Valentine's Day

your  cards
someecards.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I'm not saying you're old,
but your birth certificate
is on papyrus.



Curly Birthday Wishes © allwishes.com

**Few women admit their age.
Few men act theirs.**

JokeQuote.com



Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on **November 23rd**. 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

Since many of you are unable to attend our Zoom Cyber Geezer meetings, Jerry has recorded many of the old and new sessions and posted them on YouTube so they may be watched at your convenience. Search YouTube for Cyber Geezer or Jerry Sabo.. A list will soon be available on on <http://sirbranch59.org>

In the next ScreenFlow session we will probably discuss importing the photos into various photo programs such as Photos for PC and Mac, Adobe Elements, and Lightroom. We will also discuss simple photo edits such as cropping and removing photo flaws. Another option will be embedding photos into documents. We also hope to form another special interest photography group.

Please send requests to Jerry at jsabo3@comcast.net. **Join the next Zoom Cyber Geezer Meeting**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96358532596>

Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596

October Meeting—Indoors



that we are meeting again in-person. Rick said he would ask Bob Benya if he would lead us in singing God Bless America. New Librarians, Richard Holley and Rick Henry will be setting out books in future meetings.

We all agreed to re-institute the birthday table starting in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

THE DOOR PROJECT

My name is Robert Borghi and my dad Frank Borghi was a member of branch 59 for many years before he died. I'm reaching out for help with a project, seeking interested Sirs (and their ladies), to join us part time/short term. They can commit for a week, a month, two months, whatever fits your individual calendar and schedule. Currently, we are funded through the end of November early December with a very generous grant. The Kaiser Foundation, Our Lady of The Rosary Church has joined with Healthy Family Initiative, "The DOOR Project": (Direct Outreach To Our Residents.) Canvassing targeted neighborhoods Newark, Union City, and Hayward, we are sharing rates in our area. You will be paid \$20/hour. If you are at all interested or have questions, please call Robert Borghi at 510-775-4490.

SIR Happenings is published 4 times a year—the next issue will be published for February 2022.

Deadline for submitting articles is January 15th.

You can find past issues on our website:

<https://sirbranch59.org/>



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You can get your Pathfinder

<https://sirbranch59.org/newsletters-2021/>

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:

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During our recent calls made to our membership it was found that many of our SIR members can no longer drive and therefore can no longer attend our monthly meeting. It was brought to my attention that there is a service provided by the city that can help with this problem. It is called RIDE-ON TRI-CITY. It is a program of the city of Fremont's Human Services Department. The program provides affordable transportation to and from destinations in Fremont Newark and Union City.

Assistance with transportation needs will be provided primarily by phone and email. If service cannot be provided by phone staff will schedule an in-person appointment to provide needed assistance.

For more information please contact Ride-On Tri-City at 510-574-2033 or RideOnTriCity@fremont.gov

[Rob Ingebretson](#)

Can't Put a Name to a Face?

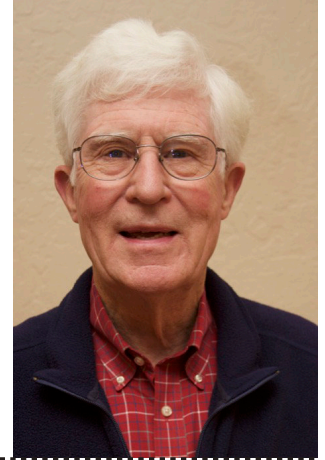
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www.sirbranch59.org**

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

How Woolie Can You Get?



This Story about woolies started over twenty-five years ago on John Peavey's ranch, Flat Top Sheep Company. Sheep ranching in central Idaho, eastern Oregon, western Montana and Wyoming, and northern Nevada had flourished since before the beginning of the 20th century. Although mining for silver, lead and gold and other precious metals had rushed in and faded away, raising sheep for wool and lamb had long sustained the economy in these areas. John Peavey decided that sheep ranching should be celebrated. Because of his vision, the Trailing of the Sheep Festival celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 6-11, 2021 in Ketchum, Hailey and Bellevue, Idaho.



Bruce Roberts

Each year the organizers have attempted to commemorate "all things sheep," from book authors to ranchers to sheep dogs, from photographers to knitters, from story tellers to cheese makers. Each year's festival has been different, with one exception, the actual trailing of sheep down Main Street, Ketchum, Idaho, on the last day of



the festival. Sure, one might see camp wagons, horses, Scottish bagpipers, Basque dancers, Peruvian musicians and dancers, and more, but the culmination of the parade has been and will continue to be shepherders and dogs herding 1500 to 2000 sheep right down Main Street. The sheep, just down from the high country (up to 10,000 feet) to Ketchum (almost 5900 feet itself), are on their way to lower and

warmer climes. They will trek over 100 miles to destinations near the Snake River to spend the winter. The parade in Ketchum is just the start of the march. Check the view: thousands of sheep "fans" line both sides of the street, craning their necks, peering north to catch sight of the first sheep in the band. As the sheep pass by the onlookers, they step back to let the sheep and sheep dogs pass. The sheep, mostly orderly, eye the spectators, wondering what all the fuss is about, and the onlookers stare back, knowing that sheep ranching sustains the economy year after year.



Even the Festival itself supports the three towns with the tourists who flock to the festival for a good time. It's the last hurrah before the beginning of ski season (Sun Valley next to Ketchum). This year Trailing of the Sheep ended on Sunday, and it snowed the first snow of the season that night, impeccable timing! The Hailey Airport is busier than most of the close-by towns with airports.

The BIG REASON for my visit this year stemmed from the dedication of the Shepherdher Monument in Hailey, located near the main highway and the booming airport. The monument consists of a full-sized, saddled horse, a shepherd holding the horse's reins, a sheepdog staring down a recalcitrant sheep, and a few more sheep awaiting the outcome of the stare-down. Brass plaques naming pioneer sheep ranchers





and surrounding, incised bricks complete the monument. Yes, my grandfather, James Laidlaw, is among the names in brass or brick commemorating the sheep-ranching business. I found it kind of heart-warming to see my hard-working grandfather's name on the monument. That's how woolie it gets!

A Note to Gentle Sirs: Thanks for reading this bit of my vacation. I bet you have experienced celebrations, or other fun times like this. Other SIRs would like to know all about those experiences or encounters. All you need to do is write about it and submit it to me. If you would like to tell others about an experience like this but can't seem to write it down, I'll be happy to interview you for your story. Over a beer? brucesface386@yahoo.com



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Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder
will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly
scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.