



Musings of Big Sir Larry Jett

Behold: the final month of year 2021. It certainly seems to have taken considerably longer for the calendar pages to have cycled through, as did 2020, but at least Branch #59 is open for socializing and lunch once again.

Although it can not be said that we are "pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps" it is accurate that your BEC and officers have had several struggles to overcome dealing with attempting to facilitate a new-new normal as we look over the hill to 2022. After more than 24 months as Little and Big Sir, I certainly wish to spotlight your officers and directors for their steadfastness and dedication to you gentlemen that enjoy SIR. They were willing to meet in or outdoors for discussions and planning on any date if the outcome required a vote. I have been involved with many non-profits and service clubs and none have been as pleasant a place to resolve issues and approve plans as the BEC of Branch #59. The only change from the leadership roster moving forward is Little Sir Bob Marshall ascending to Big Sir in January. Bob is gifted in public speaking having been on Newark's City Council, Newark's Planning Commission, President of Newark Optimist Club and Toastmasters among others. Thus, your BEC is well prepared for the new year but currently lacking a Little Sir for 2022 but we still have a few weeks to tempt a director to step up, or perhaps one of you that would allow me and/or Sir Marshall to be your mentor(s) and alter-ego on the position. It can be fun!

A recent email to you spoke of dues. Your BEC is confident that you will recognize the absolute need for this equalizer to the money drain that reduced lunch attendance has forced us to deal with. Further details as they evolve.

Finally, in my final blog, I wish to express a great deal of gratitude to our talented nerve-center, Sir Sabo and Sir Lum. These gents mastered the Art of the Zoom, while continuing to provide the a/v needed for both the Pathfinder, our in-house lunch speakers as well as many State Sir publications. Any branch without this type of expertise is certainly pushing a large rock uphill. We have been gifted and blessed.

Lastly, thanks Bruce Roberts for undertaking the writing and direction of "Are You SIRious?" in addition to the photography we rely on for visual awareness for rosters et.al. Well done!



December Special Holiday Entertainment Page 5

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

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

December 15th 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, November 17, 2021

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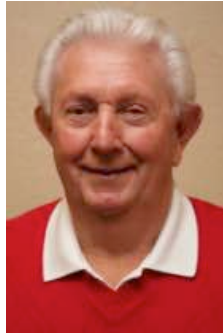
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Branch 59

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 Big Sir Larry Jett's Man Cave. The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Larry Jett at 2:06 pm. All BEC members were present except David Nelsen and Jim Vermazen. The October 20, 2021, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund was \$3,418.24. Our luncheon expense in October was \$280 more than receipts. Seventy-one (71) members were served, and we need approximately 120 members to break even. Treasure's report was approved. Hugh Twomey mentioned that we need a new Roster of Members for 2022. Our last Roster was in 2020.

Big Sir Larry Jett thanked me for the presentation I had prepared for the meaning of Veteran's Day which I was going to present until the Covid 19 Virus closed the Elks Lodge for 10 days of quarantine caused by one of the employees testing positive for the virus. It was reported that the Livermore Branch also had to cancel their November meeting because of a similar outbreak.

Little Sir Bob Marshall apologized to Jerry Halligan as he would not be able to make his presentation about the SIR Walking Group. It will happen at a later date. Little Sir Bob Marshall said he would have a short 15 minute Christmas presentation for our December meeting as well as some possible singers.

Membership: Report by me informed the BEC that we were going to introduce our newest member, Russell Pennelly to the group but that will be postponed until our December meeting. We also have a new guest, Mike Baratz, who will join us at the December meeting. We now have 149 members.

Nomination: Rick Henry approached a couple of members with the hope of filling the vacancy for a new Little Sir for 2022 but was unsuccessful.

Activities: Larry Lardie informed us that our bowling team placed 3rd in the B division at the state tournament in Modesto. Jerry Halligan mentioned that he and Bill Bauhofer went down to Morgan Hill and had a wonderful time shooting clay pigeons. Maybe this could become a new activity. Rick Henry mentioned Corn Hole might become a new activity.

Big Sir Larry Jett wanted to end our meeting with the Elephant in the room and that was the need for dues. After a long and thorough discussion, a motion was made and approved that starting in January 2022 we would collect dues from each member of \$60 for the year with the hope that all the members will have paid by April. Big Sir Larry Jett realized that this may cause some members to leave our organization but in our financial state the dues are necessary. Many branches throughout California have been charging dues for years. Big Sir Larry Jett will notify all the members with a notice as well as a note in the December Pathfinder.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm

Rob Ingebretson, Assistant Secretary

December Birthdays



Bud Spalding
Age 89



Edgar Guthrie
Age 86



James Draughan
Age 85



Julian Vega
Age 85



Carl Nordling
Age 82



Fred Taliaferro
Age 82



William Bauhofer
Age 81



Frank Cordorva
Age 81



John Williams
Age 80



Wes Murakami
80



Russell Blowers
Age 78



George Perry
Age 77



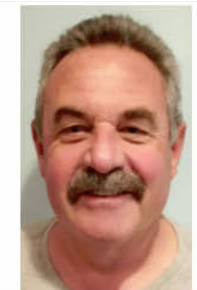
James Ulam
Age 76



Katsumi Osumi
Age 75



David Shideler
Age 75



Mike Marzano
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 **December 21st**. 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. These videos are listed below. The list is also available

on on <http://sirbranch59.org>

In the last Zoom session we will discussed importing photos into various photo programs such as Photos for PC and Mac, Adobe Elements, and Lightroom. We also discussed 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 jlsabo3@comcast.net.

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

Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596

YouTube videos created for Branch 59 Cybergeezers

Cyber Geezer Introduction
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Epson Photoscan Part 2
Scan APS Film
Photo Folders Part 2
Import photos into Photos PC
Moving Renaming Files Part 1
Moving Renaming Files Part 2
Importing Photos into Mac
Intro to Excel Part 1
Intro to Excel Part 2
Intro to Spreadsheets Pt. 3
Intro File Organization Mac
Cloud Storage
PC Fundamentals-Part 1
Organizing File Folders
Embedding Photos into Docs
SIR Happenings Newsletter
Adobe Lightroom —Basic
Apple Photos —Basic edits
Photoshop Elements-Basic

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

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

Can't Put a Name to a Face?

Visit our branch website at

www.sirbranch59.org

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



The 2021 Bowling Tournament Season has finished with the annual state tournament on November 5th in Modesto and the December tournament in Danville, Ca.

Sir State Tournament in Modesto, CA.

Second Place B Division for overall total Handicap pins (6 games):

Jerry and Harvey tied for Second.

Harvey McAninch 1445 and Jerry Sabo 1445 pins.

Team :Larry Lardie, Harvey McAninch, Jerry Sabo, and Miguel Ferras Placed **Third** only 31pins from placing first

Danville Tournament Danville, CA

Single Handicap was won by Harvey McAninch with 787 Pins. Jerry Sabo won fourth place with 739 pins, Larry Lardie placed in 17 with 653 pins, and Miguel Ferras finished in 15th place in his division

Doubles:Larry Lardie and Harvey McAninch placed third with total pins of 1444 pins while Jerry Sabo and Miguel Ferras placed fifth with total pins of 1413.

December 15th Entertainment



So far, we have booked a woodwind quartet from the Newark Symphonic Winds for our December luncheon. We are waiting on responses from Newark Memorial, Irvington, and Logan HS's for a possible choir group as well. Should be a great program.



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

Deadline for submitting articles is January 15th.

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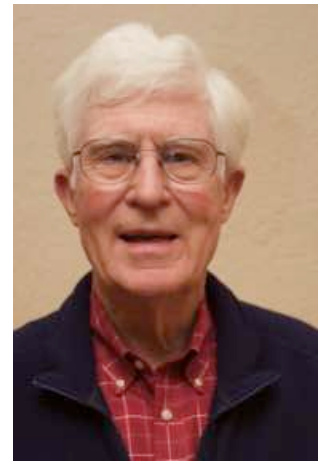
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Are You SIRious

My Hole in One – On the Road



As a Battalion Chief in charge of the Training Division 1969 in the Pasadena Fire Department, I joked with Assistant Fire Chief Jim Kane that I should be one of the people to check out the three new fire pumpers the Department had just bought. I needed to train other firemen, so I needed the experience. Manufactured in Elmira, New York, the Ward La France pumpers (containing hoses, pumps, and a water tank) required inspection, possible modification, and transport from the plant to Pasadena. Cost analysis showed that it would be more cost effective for Pasadena personnel to perform those functions than to have the units shipped to, inspected and modified in Pasadena.



*Editor
Bruce Roberts*

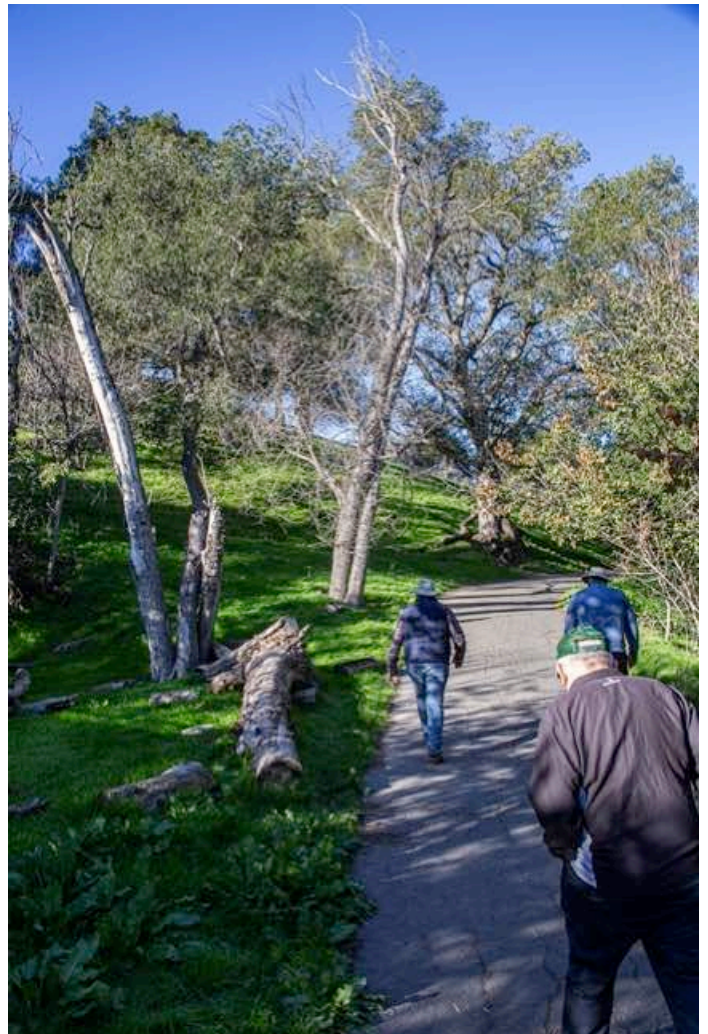
Chief Kane, myself and the equipment shop foreman were chosen to fly to New York, inspect the pumpers, wait for any modifications to be made and then drive them to Pasadena. The question was what to do with the time while La France made required modifications? One morning we played nine holes of golf at the Elmira golf course near the Elmira plant. In those days I had a pretty good golf game, and that day I was doing rather well, both on the fairway and on the greens. On the fifth hole, a par three of course, I swung “for the fences,” and scuffed the shot. The ball bounced down the fairway and on to the green, I thought. When we walked up to the green, my ball was nowhere to be found. To my surprise and everyone else’s, we found the ball next to the flag - in the hole! The others congratulated me, and I felt pretty good about it as well, even if I had muffed the shot. I don’t remember who had the lowest score, but it must have been me.

The trip back to Pasadena was probably a lot of fun for Chief Kane and our foreman because they had their wives to accompany them. I drove by myself with only the radio for company; it was a long trip. One bright spot occurred in Columbus, Ohio, our second night on the road. My cousin, Bill Hamilton, was the early morning DJ. He and I chatted on the phone that night. The next morning, as I was driving out of town listening to the radio, I heard Bill tell his audience, “Good citizens of Ohio, show your hospitality and wave to the firemen as they drive west to California.” We drove through Indianapolis that day, the day before the Indianapolis 500 Race in 1969, finally won by Mario Andretti on his fifth attempt. The new, state of the art pumpers checked out just fine; we arrived back in Pasadena after two weeks, a flight, a golf game and a long, long drive (in the pumper, not the hole in one).

Preston (Bud) Spalding



**Photos by Bruce Roberts and the
Wednesday Walkers!**



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