



The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

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Big Sir Bob's Blurb

Greetings and salutations, fellow Sirs! As I write this, I am reflecting on my first month as your Big Sir. What a start! We had a successful January Luncheon featuring a great presentation by our own Jerry Halligan covering The Wednesday Walkers, and their adventures in the great outdoors in and

around Fremont. We were treated to a comprehensive look at many of the parks available to those who enjoy nature and good exercise. And all this came to pass only because we were able to arrange a back up caterer less than 48 hours before the luncheon, thanks to the Fremont Elks, Cabrillo Café, and some good luck. We pulled it off, and we look forward to another great meeting in February with our normal caterer.

Don't forget to forward your annual 2022 dues (\$60). This is needed to keep our club viable, and it gives us a good idea as to who is committed to the club and our great activities. Look forward to some new activities coming up over the next few months. Your BEC has lots of great things in store for you.

This brings me to my last point in the blurb. **We are changing the method for reporting luncheon attendance. In the past, the club would just buy enough lunches for the entire club LESS those of you who called, wrote, or emailed to our attendance chairman (Ed Guthrie, currently) stating that you WOULD NOT be at the luncheon. This is**

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

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

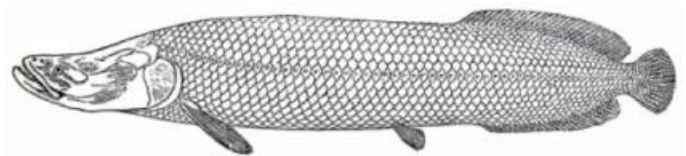
Dues of \$60 (\$5x12) should be given to Sir Dave Nelson. Please pay by April 20 to maintain active membership. Dues assessment was explained in the November Pathfinder. (Checks payable to "SIR Branch 59")



February Guest Alan Blevins

I was born in London and worked in advertising. I moved to Hong Kong and then to America where I

worked for Ketchum for nine years before starting my own ad agency. After twenty years I sold my 50% share of the agency. I taught my son to fish when he was five and he eventually went to the university in York, England. We now meet up once a year to fish somewhere in the world. We decided it would be fun to try and catch the fishes featured in "River Monsters." So far we have caught nine of them! We went to Bolivia to try and catch an Arapaima which is the largest scaled fresh water fish in the world. My presentation will reveal whether we were successful plus show you the amazing surroundings we found ourselves in. I hope you will enjoy it.



February 16th Luncheon Menu

We will be served ;Roast Beef, Chicken Piccata, rice, red potatoes, steamed veggies, dinner roll, and tapioca.

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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 Elk's Lodge.

The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Bob Marshall at 10:02am. All BEC members were present except Dave Shideler and James Vermazen.

The December 15, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Dave discussed some of the upcoming activities outlined in the Annual SIR Schedule of Branch Operations, especially the secretary sending the current branch roster to Area Governor in February and the treasurer sending the branch audit report, form 29, to the Area Governor by February 10. Larry will have a discussion with the audit committee.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund as of January 19 was \$4,330.24. This includes \$660 for 2022 dues collection. It also shows a shortfall of \$370 collected from members to cover the cost of lunch and use of the Elk's lodge. The treasure's report was approved.

Big Sir Bob Marshall discussed highlights of the fireside chat with SIR President Rick Kindle held on January 15. Some main discussions topics were; >A new pilot program which allows women to become members. This is underway as a trial at Branch 81, Rossmoor, which failed last year and is undergoing a revitalization of the branch. >A pilot program has been introduced for branches to work as volunteers in their communities. >In order to help small branches, they are being allowed to have as few as 3 officers and 2 directors on their BEC. >Veteran commemoration programs were discussed. >Benefits of having a facebook page, as a marketing tool.

We discussed our thoughts about allowing women membership. Bowling and walking groups are both co-ed. We will discuss this further during future meetings. It was noted the Elk's organization made the change to include women in their membership years ago, which increased their numbers.

Bob suggests we find someone to be our chaplain. A requirement would be their invocation be non-denominational. Rob offered to give the invocation today.

Speakers; We have none scheduled. This is usually a task assigned to the Little Sir. Rob suggested this be done by a small committee. Rob, Bob, Rick and Jerry all have ideas for speakers and offered to line some up.

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February Birthdays–yes, Forrest turns 105!

193	Forrest Lusher	02/13/1917	105
57	Sal Lamagna	02/10/1935	87
70	George Prows	02/11/1935	87
105	Larry Jett	02/15/1940	82
24	Alan Weiner	02/10/1943	79
48	Bruce Roberts	02/04/1944	78
16	Ronald Hamro	02/14/1945	77
30	Stephen Francis	02/27/1946	76



Sir Sammy Lum Birthday Chairman



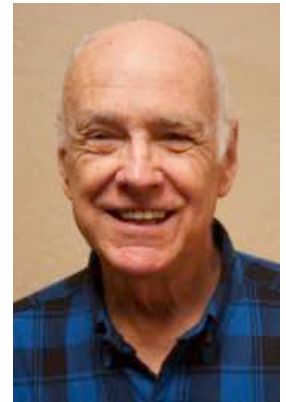
Forrest Lusher



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Stephen Francis

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contrary to all good invitation form and does not provide for a very accurate head count. Consequently, it was costing the club every month.

Starting with this month (February) we will be notifying you of our luncheon meeting two ways. First, via an EVITE to all of you who have a good email address with the club. You can RSVP via the Evite by following the directions in the Evite email. Second, you will be notified via the monthly Pathfinder, which is emailed, or U.S. mailed to every member depending on your request. You can then call, email, or write your RSVP to Ed Guthrie as noted.

That's it and see you all on February 16th!

Big Sir Bob Marshall



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

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 at [https://jsabo.info/youtube-](https://jsabo.info/youtube-computers-video/)

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The list is also available on <https://sirbranch59.org/cyber-geezer-tutorial-videos/>

In the last Zoom session we discussed Google Earth, TV providers, and basically had a great question and answer session.

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

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Membership; Rob has made calls to many members who have not attended meetings or called Ed Guthrie to say they would not attend. Several members indicated their resignation to Rob. Current membership is 141. Several members cannot drive, but would like to attend meetings. We would like to link drivers willing to offer transportation to riders in need. There are a few logistics to work out here, a volunteer to organize it might be a first step.

Activities; Bowling, golfing and walking groups all indicate strong participation.

Recruitment; Jim Ulam is using golf as recruitment tool, talking with golfers on the course. He would like to see our banner updated so it can be used during community activities like the 4th of July parade.

Nat Lord asked about our plan for a new banner. The proposed is 32" x 48" pressed fiber board. Cost will be \$79. This was approved by the BEC.

Caterer; Our regular caterer called us on Monday prior to our meeting to say his crew had contracted covid19. We were able to meet with the other Elk approved caterer on Tuesday and hired him for serving us the following day. We will evaluate the food, service and price and discuss this new caterer during our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

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Visit our branch website at

www.sirbranch59.org

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



Wednesday Walkers in Niles on Jan. 26, 2022.
There were 10 of us to start; one person had to leave by the time I took this photo. It was a 1.5 hour walk, longer than usual because we spent a lot of time standing around and talking about Niles. We did have a good time even if we didn't get in as many steps as usual.

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



Deadline for submitting articles is April 15th.
You can find past issues on our website:
<https://sirbranch59.org/>

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New Officers and Directors being sworn in at our January 19th Meeting



Newest member Russ Pennelly with "NEW" Big Sir Bob Marshall



Sir Ron Hamro with his prize

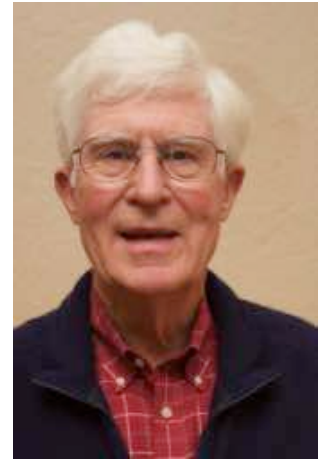


Wednesday Walker leader, Sir Jerry Halligan with Rollie –holding a token of thanks for his presentation

Are You SIRious

Spreading Fred's Ashes – 2004 by Bruce Roberts

My cousin Fred died well before his time as they say. He had always expressed that he wanted his ashes scattered in a high meadow in Muldoon Canyon. Fred's artist sensibilities caused him to follow a life of art as a gallery owner. His life led him to California, but he called his true home Muldoon the place where our grandfather settled as an immigrant from Scotland in the 1890s. Sally Laidlaw Williams was Fred's sister. As both of Fred's parents had died, it fell to Sally to organize the trip to Muldoon Canyon. She asked me and her son John to accompany her on the hike to scatter Fred's ashes in that remote canyon in Central Idaho. She had a general idea of an appropriate meadow for scattering Fred's ashes, but it had been some years since she had climbed the steep canyon. Also, the canyon had, and still has, no communication with the outside world. An accident in the canyon could leave a person there for a long time until their absence from normal pursuits would be noticed, a search organized, and the person found. And, like most people, she had never scattered a loved-one's ashes in a remote location.



Editor

Bruce Roberts



Muldoon Canyon June 2004

Muldoon Canyon climbs in the late spring exhilarate me and wear me out at the same time. Starting at 7500 feet, the canyon ends at nearly 9600 feet in less than three miles of hiking between peaks in the Pioneer Mountains. The trail along Muldoon Creek passes between landslides on the west and avalanches on the east, rock boulders and snowfields. Native grasses grow near the creek and mountain pines hold the soil at the higher altitudes. At the beginning of the climb, the wildflowers blossom in reds, whites, yellows and blues thrown around like a farmer has flung his seeds with great abandon, making this part of the climb a delight. But this climb had a purpose other than viewing the beauty of the canyon and the exercise.

We started hiking in the cool morning, our boots instantly drenched on the outside with the heavy dew on the low-lying wildflowers. We lowlanders paused often to gather our breath in the thin, high-altitude air. By noon the dew-covered plants changed to dusty and dry as the sun's heat dried them out. We paused for water, a sandwich and a rest near to noon-time. Continuing the climb, we reached an area where we could see the top of the canyon, the Sawtooth National Forest boundary, Scorpion Peak and the place where Muldoon Creek headwaters lake should be. We started to look for a meadow, a comparatively flat, grassy area overlooking the canyon with its creek, the green grasses, the sparsely separated pine trees and, far below, the quaking aspens and colorful wildflowers. John, Sally and I

switched to the east side of the canyon, now lush with grass and sparsely spaced pine trees. Yellowish boulders dotted the west canyon side; below it stood a wall of black basalt – from black and snow covered to lush green painted with dabs of yellow.

After a climb of another 500 feet or so, Sally spotted a flattened area to the north and nearer to the top of the canyon. There it was, the perfect meadow. From the meadow we viewed the expanse of canyon, and through a slot, we could see into the next watershed full of pine trees. Wispy grasses,

newly bright green, flattened under our boots as we walked to the center of the clearing, pines above us, vistas below us, a view for the ages. This was the place, Fred's meadow. Sally asked me to read an Indian poem of nature and the nature of life. We unpacked Fred's ashes from John's backpack.

As we had never performed a ritual like this, we decided to spin the ashes around us to disperse them. Soon a pale golden, pollen-like dust settled on the grass and our boots as we stood in a huddle. I read, slowly and reverently, the ancient, Native American words.

"Today I will walk out, today everything evil will leave me,
I will be as I was before, I will have a cool breeze over my body.
I will have a light body, I will be happy forever, nothing will hinder me.
I walk with beauty before me. I walk with beauty behind me.
I walk with beauty below me. I walk with beauty above me.
I walk with beauty around me. My words will be beautiful.

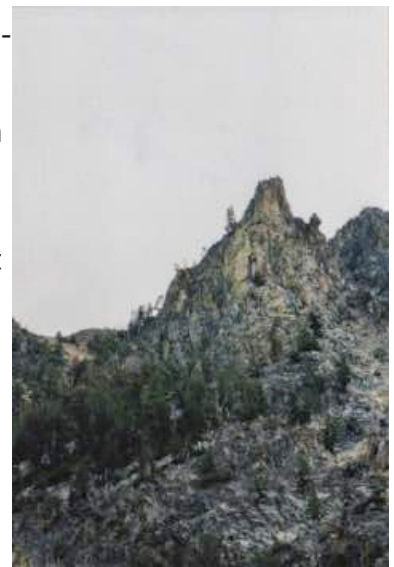
In beauty all day long may I walk.
Through the returning seasons, may I walk.
On the trail marked with pollen may I walk.
With dew about my feet, may I walk.

With beauty before me may I walk.
With beauty behind me may I walk.
With beauty below me may I walk.
With beauty above me may I walk.
With beauty all around me may I walk.

In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, lively, may I walk.
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, living again, may I walk.
My words will be beautiful."

We paused in silence, drank in the cool, thin, fresh air, lumps in our throats. We each wandered off in separate directions alone with our thoughts. Fred, the appreciator of fine art, now in a landscape setting, a place he would have called home, did call home, the place from whence his artist's senses had sprung. It's a hard country; bitter winters, ice and snow stay late past the time most of us call spring, but a place that glories in the brief time that life abounds. Maybe, like Fred.

Prayer as collected by Nancy A. Butler, Student



Scorpion Peak June 2004



Muldoon Creek

***Muldoon Canyon near the
Challis National Forest***



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