

Bob's Blurp

March Guest Alan Weiner



Greetings Fellow SIR's! As I write this, I am preparing to leave for an Eastern Caribbean cruise for the next two weeks. I am looking forward to telling you all about it when I see you at our March 16 luncheon. We are excited and honored to have our own Alan Weiner, who has had a plethora of life experiences, as our keynote luncheon speaker this month, and in April we will have a visit from

Mayor Lily Mei for an update on what's happening around Fremont. As you can see, there are some exciting things happening with our club.

I hate to sound like a broken record, but PLEASE remember to RSVP for our monthly luncheon. The best way is to check your email and respond to our Evite. If you don't have email, feel free to call me. I have taken over Attendance chores for Ed Guthrie, who no longer can participate in our club. You can reach me at 510-502-7295, or email me at hdog48@gmail.com. Your RSVP is the only way to guarantee a lunch ticket. If you show up without an RSVP, you can attend, and if we have enough food, we will sell you a \$25 ticket. Otherwise, you can pay the "non-meal" fee of \$5 and attend the meeting without lunch.

Please note the committees noted at the end of the Pathfinder. As you can see, there are several without chair people. If y'all have any interest in any of these committees, please let me or any of the BEC members know your desires. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A LITTLE SIR! When I was much younger, I was a member of the Jaycees and I will always remember the last line of the Jaycee Creed, "Service to humanity is the best work of life". Won't one of you step up and try some of the "best work of life" in SIR's?

There will be some surprises at our next luncheon. Come and see what they are! As Woody Allen said, "80% of success is just showing up".

- Big Sir Bob



Please extend our thanks to our own **Alan Weiner** for stepping up with a program for our March meeting. Alan will tell us about his unique experiences, with a program title of "Enlightenment"



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

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

March 16th Luncheon Menu

We will be served ;Corned Beef and Meatloaf , red potatoes, steamed veggies, dinner salad and rolls, with Chocolate Mousse for dessert.

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")

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, February 16, 2022

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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 10:00am. All BEC members were present except Dave Shideler and James Vermazen and Rick Henry.

The January 19, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Dave reviewed a few Branch Operations due in February; File caterer insurance, Form 63, needs submitting prior to the March meeting. Form 29, branch audit and copy of our current roster have been submitted.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund as of February 17 was \$5,737.11. This includes \$2,820 for 2022 dues collected since the January meeting. The treasure's report was approved.

Big Sir, Bob Marshall; >Relayed correspondence from State President Rick Kingle seeking feedback regarding the fireside chat held in January. Feedback he has received so far has been very positive. >The birthday table has been a way of recognizing and celebrating members with birthdays each month, but it seems many members would rather sit with their friends. We discussed how we might incentivize members to sit there or possibly due away with the practice. Rob will research what other branches do. It was suggested we ask members during today's meeting to vote on this with a show of hands. >Bob suggested we end the practice of having a head table. We all agreed a standard table should be used where guest speakers and those addressing the meeting will sit. >Our branch goals for 2022 were listed as; 1. Successfully bring the branch to full operation. 2. Fill the position of Little Sir by March. 3. Finish implementation of new meeting reservation procedures by March. 4. Complete dues implementation by April. 5. Introduce ten new members by December. 6. Complete schedule of programs by March.

A motion was made to approve the following as the list of this year's branch activities; Wednesday Walkers, Bowlers, Golfers, Cyber Geezers, Poker, Bridge, Genealogy, Couples Wine Tasting and occasional miscellaneous events. The BEC unanimously approved the list.

Committee reports; Membership - We have one new member, Michael Baratz, joining us today. The BEC approved his membership in the branch. We expect three men coming in for orientation today.

Attendance - Because Ed Guthrie has retired as chairman, Bob Marshall has assumed the role of attendance chair for now.

Activities - The number of walkers has increased the last several weeks. It's likely this is due to the presentation Jerry Halligan gave during our January luncheon when he spoke about the group and some of their travels.

We discussed our first use of Evite for collecting RSVP's to our luncheons. This month also begins the policy of taking a positive RSVP rather than assuming all members will attend unless they call saying they would not. There were 88 yes responses for today's lunch. We consider this a big success.

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March Birthdays

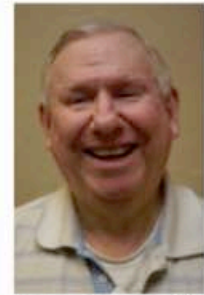


Robert Benya
Age 91



Nathaniel Lord
Age 87

Richard Lightholder
Age 84



Gary Bennett
Age 83



Edward Nelson
Age 82



John Prior
Age 82



Richard Bowers
Age 80

Donald Lessard
Age 75

Happy Birthday!



Sir Sammy Lum Birthday Chairman

***An Irish Birthday Blessing
May you live a long life
Full of gladness and health
With a pocket full of gold
As the least of your wealth
May the dreams you hold dearest
Be those which come true
May the kindness you spread,
Keep returning to you.
Happy Birthday!***

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Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on **March 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-computers-video/>.

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

In the last Zoom session we discussed Cyber Security

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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We discussed the caterer we hired for our January luncheon, Cabrillo Park Cafe. We all thought the food was comparable, but we will continue to hire our caterer of many years, Dina's Family Restaurant, for the time being.

Jerry Sabo attended a SIR State meeting recently and wanted to share two things he took away from the meeting. First, a possible change of our name to be Seniors In Retirement. Second, the use of proper emblems on forms and literature.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

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

Deadline for submitting articles is April 15th.

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<https://sirbranch59.org/newsletters-2022/>

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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

Attendance Report

February 16, 2022

Total Membership 139
New member Michael Baratz #91

Dropped
Peter Angelides #284,
Edgar Guthrie #169
Howard Thompson #29

Members in attendance 84
Minus 55 absent
(20 excused, 35 unexcused)

Percent of Members in attendance 60%

Second time visitors
Paul Parhiala,
Robert Ten Bosch
Nicholas Klumpp

Total Attendance 87

Submitted by
Rob Ingebretson
Membership Chairman

Membership Dues FAQ

1) How much are the yearly dues?

\$60/year

2) When do I have to pay to the dues by?

April 20, 2022

3) How do I pay the dues?

Dues can be paid at the luncheon by cash or check. By mail a check can be sent to Dave Nelsen, 35654 Morley Place, Fremont, CA. 94536. Make the check payable to SIR Branch 59

4) If I can't attend all the luncheons will the dues be prorated?

No

5) Can I attend the luncheons if I don't eat lunch?

Yes, if you have paid your dues you pay \$5 to attend the meeting.

6) Will new member dues be prorated?

Yes

7) Will I be reimbursed if I resign?

No, your dues are paid through the calendar year.

8) If I pay my membership dues and I don't attend any luncheons can I still participate in the activities?

Yes, you can participate in all branch activities if you have paid your yearly membership dues.

9) Will the price for lunch stay at \$25?

Yes, lunch is \$20 and the extra \$5 will be used to maintain a reserve, help cover the rental cost for the Elks Lodge, printing and mailing the Pathfinder, SIR state assessment fees and make up for the cost of lunch.

10) What happens if I don't attend the luncheon after I RSVP?

If you have a legitimate excuse (illness, emergency, etc.) you will not have to pay \$25. In the future, if this becomes an issue for meal planning this policy may change.

11) What happens if I don't RSVP and I attend the luncheon and want to eat?

For now you pay the \$25 for a meal ticket. Again in the future, if this becomes an issue for meal planning this policy may change.



Membership Chair Rob Ingebretson and Big Sir Bob Marshall welcome our newest members: Sir Michael Baratz, Sir Henry Romero



Guest speaker Alan Blavins receives a small token of appreciation after presenting his great Ppt involving fishing for fresh water monsters.



A great turnout for our last luncheon considering the fact that many members are still reluctant to venture out.



Song leader extraordinaire, Sir Bob Benya returns to lead the "College of Music" with facts and song.



Are You SIRious

Honey

Fur of white wool and missing both eyes when I last found him wrapped in a pillowcase a few weeks ago, my buddy Honey lived with me when I was a child. He looked like a dog, about the size of a small terrier, with the boxer's head and a brown nose and downturned mouth. I made him my bedtime companion and I guess I treated him like a doll or slightly visible, invisible playmate. I remember him (I guess I always thought of Honey as a male) as my buddy when we lived at 312 8th Avenue East in Twin Falls, Idaho. He slept with me in the front bedroom. As I looked out at the moving shadows from the intersection streetlight and dozed off, he acted as my companion awake or in slumber. When I awoke, I saw him staring at me with those big amber eyes (that's when he still had eyes). I don't remember playing with him like I would play with a dog; he just accompanied me to bed. In later years at 578 Pierce St., he sat on a bookshelf in my bedroom along with my model airplanes and stared at me, looking for me to play with him. But what were his origins?



Editor

Bruce Roberts

No one ever told me where he came from. Was he my Mom's? Or was he my Dad's before me? My guess – he belonged to my Mom – because his fur was closely trimmed or sheared wool, and my Mom came from a sheep-rancher's family. Yes, the family had raised sheep for over 50 years before I was born in 1944. His wool was real, I know because his right rear paw has a bare patch where I could see light tanned leather skin underneath. It's evident under his right ear as well.

What to do after all these years? He's still my friend, but maybe I might have outgrown him? He really needs his eyes replaced. He's fragile enough years; I don't know if he could take the "care" a him. Can you help?

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child would give



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scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.