



Forty-Sixth Year

April 2022

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Greetings Fellow SIR's!

Well, I made the Eastern Caribbean Cruise as promised. I've been on other cruises, but this is my first one since the lines started back up last year. Suffice it to say that a whole extra set of rules are in play since Covid. First and foremost, you CAN'T even get on a ship without being fully vaccinated against the Vid. Plus, you must have a monitored negative Covid test no more than 48 hours before you embark. Masks were required throughout the ship, except in your cabin, while eating and/or drinking, and while in the pool. The one good thing is that, while we were at sea, they changed the mask requirements wherein masks were no longer required anywhere on the ship except in the main theatre.

We jumped through all the hoops and got on board the Emerald Princess in Fort Lauderdale for two days at sea with typical shipboard fun made more enjoyable once the mask mandate was lifted, and followed by our first port, St. Thomas.



This island is part of the United States, so we expected to find something like a typical U.S. place. We were right, but the place it was most similar to is a downtown San Francisco homeless encampment, where people drive on the wrong side of the road. Abject poverty is everywhere in nearly every Caribbean Island.

All the other islands except Dominica and Bonaire were essentially the same in terms of geography so they seemed somewhat redundant to us. Dominica is a volcanic island unlike the others, and Bonaire is entirely made of coral, which made for the best snorkeling in the Caribbean. We ate, drank, swam, shopped, and sunbathed in each port. Besides those mentioned above, we visited St. Maarten, St. Kitts, Barbados, and Aruba. St. Maarten is co-owned by the French and the Dutch. We docked on the Dutch side and taxied to the French side for a fabulous late lunch at the Ocean 82 restaurant. The best French cuisine outside of Paris, and smack dab on the water! Bonaire was cool not only for the snorkeling, but the ENTIRE island is vacci-

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April Guest Mayor Lily Mei

Mayor Mei is proud to be a contributor to the growing success of Fremont's public education where she was elected twice as a School Board Trustee to the Fremont Unified School District serving from January 2008 to December 2014. Regionally for

education, Mayor Mei served two terms as a Delegate Assembly member for Region 7 representing Alameda and Contra Costa counties school districts. Statewide for California Mayor Mei is a past President of the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA).

Mei embraces diverse recreational and cultural programs serving as a volunteer and leader supporting local scouting and sports programs. She is a board member/advisor of Citizens for Better Community, Music for Minors II and South Bay Chinese Service Club. Mayor Mei also has been a dedicated supporter involved with community focused groups encouraging civic engagement such as the Silicon Valley Leadership Group - Minority Women Leadership Day/ Education Summit and American Association of University Women.

April 20th Luncheon Menu

We will be served: Hawaiian Pineapple Pork Loin, Lasagna, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Green Salad and Dinner Rolls, with Cake 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, March 16, 2022

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Activities
Rob Ingebretson-Membership
Sammy Lum-Publicity

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



The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Bob Marshall at 10:03am. All BEC members were present except Dave Shideler and Larry Lardie.

The February 16, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Dave shared that as of today 89 members have paid their 2022 dues.

James Vermazen, Assistant Treasurer, reported the balance of the general fund as of March 16 was \$7,223.11. This represents our typical monthly activities like printing, lunch receipts, payments to caterer and Elk's as well as \$1,740 for 2022 dues collected from members. The treasure's report was approved.

Big Sir, Bob Marshall, commented on the SIR Update message from President Rick Kindle sent to all members with an email address on February 21. We held a moment of silence in remembrance of Forrest Lusher who passed away recently at age 105. Bob has found a volunteer to assist with the EVITE process we are using to invite members and tabulate who will be attending our upcoming meetings. There were about 40 members who did not respond to the EVITE invitation sent via email. We will consider inviting these members with a letter sent by US Mail. March is the month, suggested by the Schedule of Branch Operations, when we would solicit proposed amendments to SIR Branch Bylaws and submit to our Area Governor. The BEC had no amendments to put forward.

A great line-up of speakers are scheduled for the next several months, beginning with Fremont Mayor Lily Mei joining us in April.

Membership; Rob indicated one new member will join our ranks today, Nick Klumpp. His membership was approved by the BEC.

Activities; Jerry Halligan spoke of the increase in the number of Wednesday walkers since his presentation regarding their outings in January. He suggests each activity chairman provide an overview of the activities our branch offers. An orientation or introductory session may be helpful to entice members to involve themselves in these activities.

Recruitment; Jim feels what draws in new members are the variety of activities people can become involved in. We have many invitation cards which current members can distribute to friends and acquaintances to promote our branch and the activities we offer.

Publicity; Sammy brought up the ad we had placed in the Tri City Voice in the past. We suspended this at the onset of the pandemic. It's effectiveness bringing in new members was minimal, but we should consider running the ad again. Jerry Sabo suggests, to those who are facebook users, add SIR information on their facebook pages.

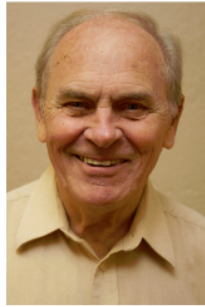
The Birthday Table; Rob did some great research by reaching out to several other Sir branches. Initially asking about how they celebrate member's birthdays, he also collected many other numbers; Dues their branch collects, price they pay for lunch and venue, number of members and the number of activities offered. The

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April Birthdays



Tom Federico
Age 88



Kenneth Peterson
Age 88



Miguel Ferras
Age 85



Ken Brunskill
Age 83



William Anderson
Age 82



Theodore Bresler
Age 80



Jay Wagner
Age 77



Robert McCauley
Age 76



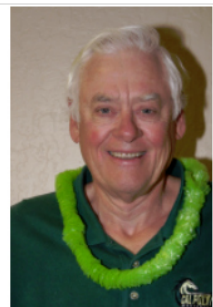
Philip Keller
Age 74



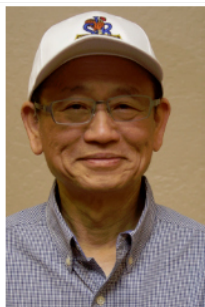
Larry Lardie
Age 73



James Vermazen
Age 73



Loren Lookabill
Age 72



Wen Shih
Age 71



Randy Patterson
Age 68

Sir Sammy Lum Birthday Chairman





Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on **April 26th**. 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/>.

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

In the last Zoom session we discussed Virtual Private Networks (VPN). Everyone thought that we should spend more time on the topic as well as other aspects of Cyber Security so we will likely discuss VPN during our next session.

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

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numbers vary a lot but our take away is our branch is pretty average overall. Rob and Sammy offered to create a birthday policy we will use to celebrate birthdays of our members.

Rick took the task of creating a new SIR Branch 59 banner which will be displayed on the podium during our luncheon meetings. He will reveal it during our meeting today.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

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.

You can find past issues on our website:

<https://sirbranch59.org/>



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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

March 16, 2022	Percent of membership in attendance 55%
Total Membership 139	First time guest Ron Brazil
New member Nicholas Klumpp #25	Total Attendance 77
Passed away Forrest Lusher #193	Submitted by Rob Ingebretson Membership Chairman
Members absent from luncheon 63	
Members in attendance 76	



*Newest member. Nicholas Klumpp with Big
Sir Bob Marshall*

Hello Members of Branch 59,

The importance and survival of any SIR branch comes with volunteering and a willingness to become a much needed link in our branch. Many of the branches have a lot of activities, and our branch is asking for more activities which involve members stepping up and volunteering. The BEC is currently checking in with the Elks management to see how long we can stay after our meetings are concluded.

Any strong branch thrives upon a good monthly meeting with an interesting speaker and, obviously, followed up with a great lunch. So please contact anyone of the BEC members if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or an activities chair-person.

***Best regards,
Richard Henry
Director***

Big Sir Bob from Page 1

nated, and you can lose the mask. All the other islands had mask mandates of varying degrees.

All the islands also share a history and culture founded originally in the slave trade, with sugar plantations, tobacco, mining, and any other labor-intensive industries that could take advantage of the free labor provided by slavery. And they all switched hands amongst the European powers as various conflicts changed the political landscape of Europe. The local architecture is all European in influence, mostly taken from the country who owned each island the longest.



All in all, we had a great time, and if you've the wherewithal to do it, you should take that Caribbean Cruise! I'll be happy to chat with any of you who would like additional information.

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!**

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".

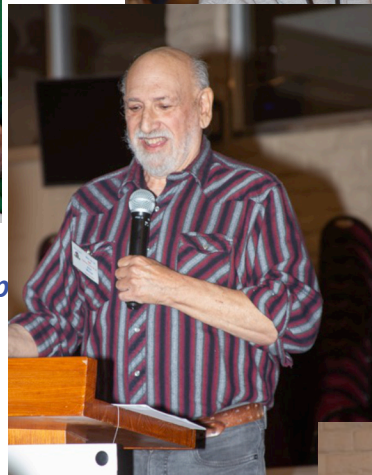
- Big Sir Bob



So very nice to be back at our monthly luncheons!



*Sir Alan Weiner
Enlightening our group
with a special
presentation about
"Enlightenment"*



Long overdue certificates of "appreciation" to Sirs Jerry Halligan, Alan Weiner and Bob Marshall for past presentations.

Are You SIRious

Message to Fellow SIR Gentlemen – Ted Bresler

Sometimes we forget all the work that goes into maintaining our SIR organization and appreciation for our fellow SIRs. Here is a message from a member saying what a lot of us have been thinking but not expressing:



I am proud of our SIRS branch and its officers and directors.

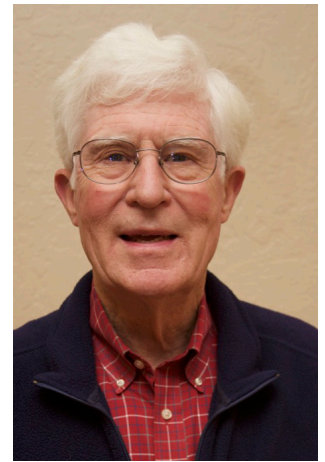
Up until recently, a number of clubs and other social organizations had suspended live meetings and get-togethers.

Some months ago, our SIRs branch reinitiated its monthly luncheon meetings, with resultant good attendance.

In recent weeks I met with Wednesday morning hikers. These get-togethers not only provide its participants with good exercise, but with a wonderful sense of companionship and comradeship.

I am joyful that I belong to an organization that values the importance of maintaining good social relationships.

Ted Bresler



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2018 Harvey McAninch
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2019 Richard Henry
2020 Richard Henry
2021 Larry Jett

*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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