



Bob's Blur

Greetings Fellow SIR's! As I write this month's Blur, my family is getting ready for our bi-annual Family Reunion for 2022. This year we are all going to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a week of fun on the lake. By the time we get back it will be time

for our July Luncheon. This month we will be enlightened by a visit from none other than Newark's Mayor Alan Nagy, a good friend of mine who can talk on a range of subjects, including photography, history, and maybe even a little politics! I can't wait to hear his talk, as his life experiences are varied and picturesque. As to Coeur d'Alene, I will tell you all about it when I get back.

Your BEC has started our future planning process for the upcoming couple of years for our club. We have decided to add at least three new activities from the survey from May, immediately, with more to come as we progress. To start with, we will have a new Bocce Ball club, to be headed up by Jerry Halligan; a new Genealogy group headed up by Paul Parhiala; and a new Pinochle group headed by Victor Okumura. I give my thanks to these three SIR's for stepping up to help with new activities. There are a couple of other members who have expressed interest in starting new groups as well, and we are working on these.

One of the most pressing issues for our club is a continuation of Club leadership. We still do not have a Little Sir for this year, and consequently are at a disadvantage for having leadership into the next year or two. I am making a plea to all of you to search your hearts and see if you can find the time to step up to help run our club. It's not as hard as you think, as we have a vibrant BEC with a group of guys who are willing to help anyone who decides to step up for leadership. Please give it a go.

Have a great month and see you all on July 20th.



July Guest Mayor Alan Nagy

Alan L. Nagy is a name Newark voters have seen on their ballots election after election since 1980, and there are reasons for his success.

Al worked for 45 years at SRI International in Menlo Park before retiring as a project manager, and still had time to both volunteer for, and lead numerous community organizations; serve on Newark's City Council since 1980; and be Newark's Mayor since 2011. That amounts to nearly 60 years of service to our community.

He is a wealth of information, on a variety of subjects of interest to our club and will be a speaker you will not want to miss.

In a city with no term limits, Nagy may be the longest serving council member for consecutive years in the Bay Area, and there's only a short list of people who even come close, including his buddy Smith. Nat Bates has served about 38 years on the Richmond City Council since 1967, but not consecutively.

"People like him and there's a reason why," John Becker, Newark's former city manager and 28 year employee, said in an interview.

"He's a straight shooter, he treats people fairly, and he follows up and follows through on things," Becker said.

"His personal persona is exactly the same as his political persona. I don't really separate the two because what you see is what you get," he added.

July 20th Luncheon Menu

We will be served: Chicken and Red Beef Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Chips, Dip, Salsa, Green Salad and Dessert Cookies

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, June 15, 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



The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Bob Marshall at 10:02am. All BEC members were present except Jim Ulam and Rick Henry.

The May 18, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Dave shared that as of today 116 members have paid their 2022 dues.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund as of June 15 was \$7,165.40. Our quarterly assessment due on July 15 will be \$246, based on our April membership number. The treasure's report was approved.

Big Sir, Bob Marshall, noted he will participate in a meeting with SIR state on June 16, requiring us to reschedule our planned BEC planning meeting to discuss our branch goals for the upcoming year. We scheduled that to take place on Monday, June 20 at Bob's house.

Membership; We expect two first-time guests today and four second-time guests. We discussed members in our database who have not paid their 2022 dues. It was decided that a letter be sent, followed by a phone call as needed, to ascertain the intentions of these members going forward.

Activities; Attendance in the bowling and golf groups is strong. There will be a bowling tournament on June 21.

Jerry Halligan is recruiting volunteers to investigate a bocce ball court at the Fremont Senior Center near Warren Ave. Jerry also relayed a suggestion from the walking group that a breakfast group be established, possibly related to the walkers.

Publicity; Our Facebook page is up and running. Question; Is our email address posted? Yes, sirbranch59@gmail.com is listed on our web page and in the Pathfinder newsletter.

Phil Keller has taken an active role in attendance and membership committees in recent months and has now offered to become a Director on the BEC. We unanimously approved him in the position of Director.

Results of last month's survey regarding existing and new activities showed bowling to be number 1. #2 position was shared by golfers and cyber geezers. Walkers scored the #3 position followed by bridge and poker groups. New activities, in order of popularity were; bocce ball, stock market, gardening, economic/current events, books, genealogy, tennis and fly fishing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

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

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July Birthdays



Gordon MacLeod
Age 92



Ben Fernandez
Age 88



Rowland McNeil
Age 84



Jerry Reynolds
Age 84



Wayne Meyer
Age 83



Robert Wallace
Age 79



Jimmy Inocencio
Age 78



Charles Ferguson
Age 78



Joseph Lucia
Age 75



James Lomax
Age 74

John Mikel
Age 76



Sir Sammy Lum Birthday Chairman

You may have noticed that our birthday procedure has changed. If it is your birthday month you are to pick up a lei in the box located next to the gentleman that gives you your badge when you enter. You are to wear it during the luncheon and you may sit anywhere you want as there will no longer be a birthday table. Sometime during the luncheon you will be given the opportunity to say your name and how old you are. After all the birthdays have been announced there will be a drawing for a bottle of wine given to one of the birthday members present. We ask that when you leave the luncheon that you please return your lei to the same box where you picked it up.



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

In the last Zoom session we discussed various ways of sharing information with others using Dropbox, Box, Google Drive, and OneDrive and also how you could share information using OneNote by Microsoft.

Please send requests to Jerry at jlsabo3@comcast.net.

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

Deadline for submitting articles is July 15th.

You can find past issues on our website:

<https://sirbranch59.org/>



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

Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596

The “Dealer’s Lunch Bunch” meets for Poker every month on the Monday immediately following our monthly luncheon. We currently have about 10 members who routinely attend games. We have a seven-seat table, so space is limited to the first seven players who reserve. But don’t let that stop you from joining our group! We have had up to 10 players (lots of common card games) since the group started, and IF we consistently get more than 10 reservations, we will open a second table. The buy-in is \$10, with dime-quarter-half dollar chips, so it is within everyone’s means. If you have a desire to play, please contact Sir Larry Jett (larrywjett@gmail.com), or Sir Bob Marshall (hdog48@gmail.com).



The annual Branch 59 sponsored bowling tournament was held on June 21st at Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl. Fifty-five bowlers competed in the tournament and Branch 59 bowlers and guests did very well. Branch 59 bowlers: Howard Elz, Miguel Ferras, Harvey Look, Harvey McAninch, Victor Okumura, Clem Paraiso, and Jerry Sabo all placed. SIR guests, Ruby Barker and Gloria Miranda also fared well and actually placed better than the men. So far this year we have taken part in tournaments at Napa, Sacramento, Carson City, Pacheco, Sutter Creek and our own Dublin tournament.

We are looking forward to several upcoming tournaments, but Concord (July 26 & 27) and Reno (August 8-10) will be next.

New SIR bowlers are always welcomed to join us on Mondays at Dublin bowl. Bowling begins at 11 am and we are usually finished before 2. Just drop in and become a part of our Branch 59 bowlers.

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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



Wednesday Walkers at Quarry Lakes smelling the flowers. Why do we walk? SIR Ken Arora informs us that 50% of a person's bones and muscles are in our legs. We walk to insure that they get sufficient exercise and remain strong and healthy. Check your email for the next meeting place.



Attendance Report

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June 15, 2022

Total Membership 139

New Member Paul Parhilala #82

Members absent from luncheon 74

Members in attendance 65

Percent of membership in attendance 47%

First time guest -- Daniel Johnson

Second time guests: Widodo Nojapranoto, Clem Paraiso, and Harvey Look.

Total Attendance 69

Submitted by Rob Ingebretson

Membership Chairman

IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST TO OUR NEXT LUNCHEON COULD YOU PLEASE CALL ME, ROB INGEBRETSON, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, AT (510) 657-7828 OR EMAIL ME AT ROBINGY@COMCAST.NET WITH THE NAME OF YOUR GUEST AND HIS PHONE NUMBER. I CAN THEN INFORM HIM OF THE PROCEDURE TO GET HIS FREE LUNCH VOUCHER AND FILL OUT HIS APPLICATION. THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.



The photo at the left is that of our friend for many years--Hugh Twomey. Recently Sir Rob Ingebretson received the following from his wife Mary:

Rob,

I am so sorry to tell you that my dear husband, Hugh, passed away June 14, 2022 from cancer.

Hugh so much enjoyed the years that he was a member of SIRS. He was an active member from the beginning to the end, and was very proud to have the Honorary Lifetime Membership award on his home office wall.

On his behalf, I want to express my gratitude for the pleasure he took and the friendships he made during his time with SIRS.

*Best Regards,
Mary Twomey*

Hugh joined SIR Branch 59 in January, 2000. He was Little Sir in 2009, Big Sir in 2010 and was Branch Treasurer from 2011 until 2019. Hugh also held the post of Director for many years and was awarded the title of Honorary Lifetime member in 2019. Hugh was an active member in Cyber Geezers and the keeper of the Branch Database. He has truly been an honored and respected member of our branch. He will be missed and remembered. Thank you Hugh.

**Jerry Sabo
Pathfinder Editor**



Big Sir Hugh Twomey (in the center) is shown at the SIR Annual Meeting in Vallejo in 2011. On the right is former Area 8 Governor Don Graff. On the left is former Branch 26 Big Sir Daryl Main.

June 2022 Luncheon photos-Photographer Bruce Roberts





Are You SIRious? Record Holders by Larry Jett

Being born with perhaps 20/200 vision, even with correcting lenses maybe 20/80, I was almost completely useless as a kid in public school PE or at recess games, particularly with an aversion to bright light as in outdoors. Always being the last one chosen on a team sport takes its toll on a youngster, but I soon learned that girls were more fun than sport-oriented boys, so the future was starting to look brighter.

Only in high school did I learn that, for some reason, my 145-pound body was pretty darn unbeatable in arm wrestling, and I could take on anyone at or even above my weight class. Not much, but something.



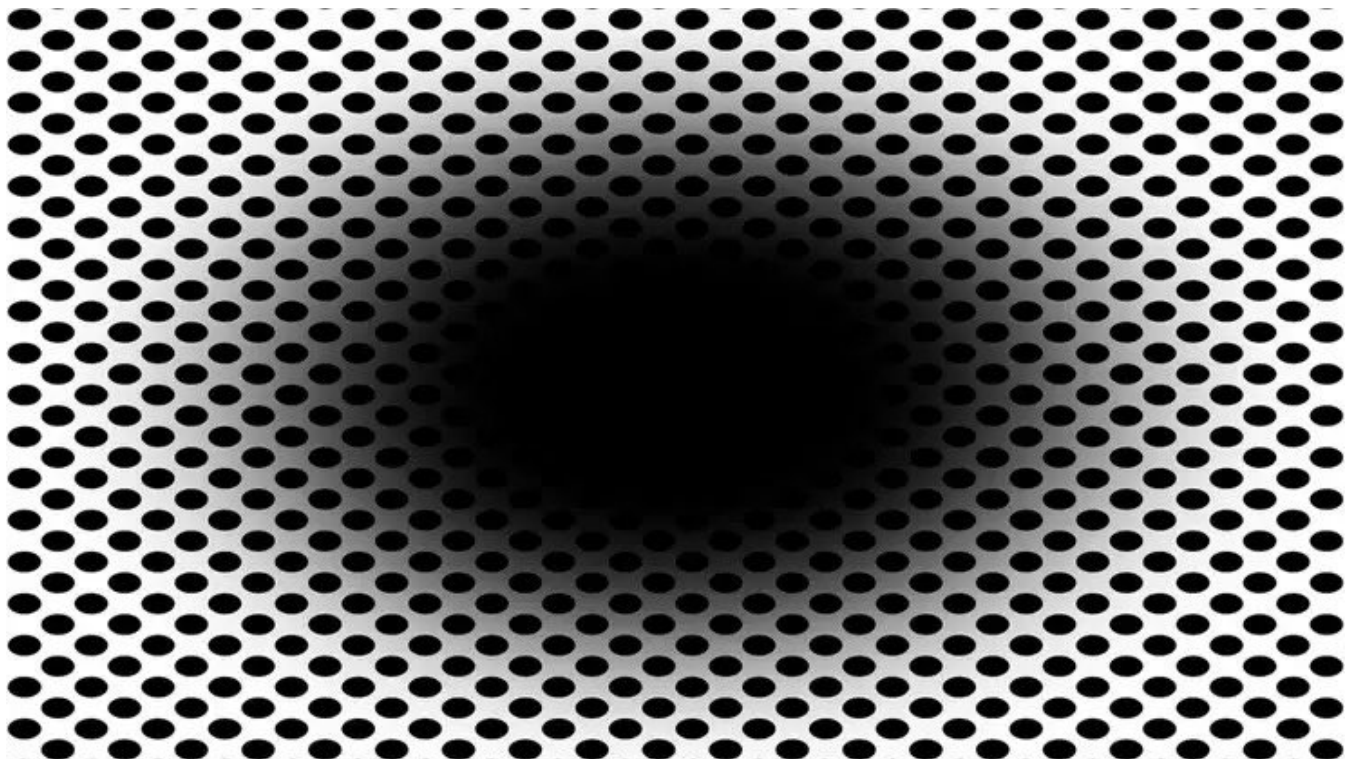
Editor
Bruce Roberts

Then came college at San Francisco State starting in September of 1958. The required semester of P.E. wasn't the worry it had been in grade school. One of the teaching moments required that one had to climb to the top of a 20-foot rope using only your arms, not feet, to gain the height. Surprising to me was that it was not difficult and only weeks later did the coach tell me that I was the quickest up the rope compared to any other freshman in 1958.

I was invited to gymnastic night at the college, and I proudly invited my parents to come watch their son whup all comers climbing up the rope. As the only freshman against all ages, I came in fourth (not on the podium), but it felt good to be kinda good at something physical.

That night I learned that an alumnus of SF State had held the fastest time up the rope for two years. Johnny Mathis! Johnny was enrolled in 1954 and 1955 before giving up a shot at the Olympics to sign up for making records. While at State, he held the high-jump record for some time, besting 6' 9" Bill Russell with his 5' 7" frame, high jumping 6' 5.5". His other record? He sold 350 million of them!! Should he have gone off to the Olympics? His net worth today in \$400M and his body has not been damaged. Perhaps we can invite him to SIRs?

Dark Hole Optical Illusion



Apparently not everyone wants a free quote on auto insurance.



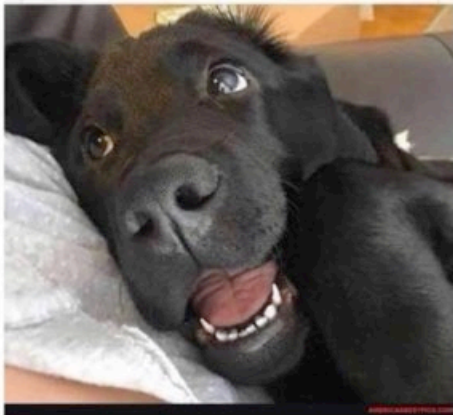
The father of this little girl says he brought her a cat to forget about the phone, but this is what happened.



How my dog sees himself when the doorbell rings



"TELL ME THE STORY OF HOW YOU RESCUED ME AGAIN!"..♡



Once you understand why the pizza is made round,
Packed in a square box,
And eaten as a triangle..
Then you will understand women

Today my daughter called me 'Birth Person.'
I replied, 'Yes Financial Drain.'

NEVER BUY A DOG WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK



Silence Is Golden



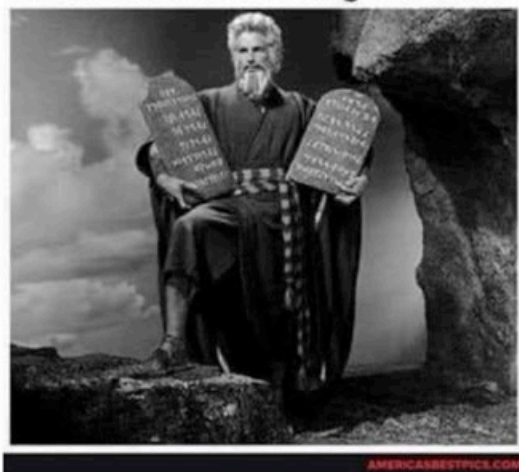
Unless you have kids, then Silence is Suspicious

Our wireless doorbells sitting on their chargers....

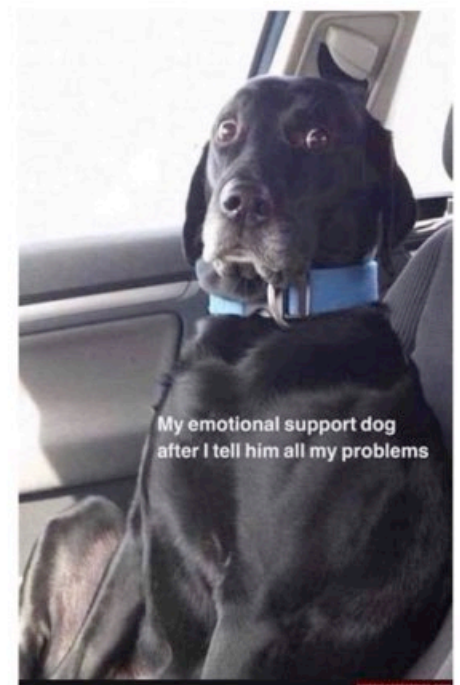




So technically Moses was the
first man to download files
from the cloud using a tablet.



I just replaced my
litter box with a FedEx
box, now when it's
full I just tape it shut
and put it on my
porch for someone
to steal.



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scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.