



The PETALUMAN SONS IN RETIREMENT Branch #58

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SIR Branch #58 meets the third
Tuesday of each month at noon

April 2009

Veterans Building. 1094 Petaluma Blvd. S.
The Board meets at 10:00 a.m.

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Big SIR Report

Sir Brian Tolson

Thanks to all you SIR 58 members who attend regularly. Have you noticed the crowds and the energy at our recent meetings? We're having a great time together every month. And it's been nice to see new guests. Keep spreading the word about SIR.

The monthly raffle has been a big hit! Thank you Marshall West for making that happen. Derlin also jumped in to lend a hand and seems to really enjoy collecting that money.

Don't forget to sign up for the Ladies' Day Luncheon in May. We only have our April meeting before the sign up deadline on May 1.

As we try to bring in new members, it is also important to watch out for those who have been faithful in the past. Pay attention to those who have been missing meetings or have not been well. They may need a little help in getting to meetings, but aren't comfortable about asking someone. Let's not lose a good member, because they didn't have a ride.

Little SIR Report

Sir Marshall West

April's meeting will feature a program by well-known Petaluma landscape architect, Janet Gracyk. Janet has done extensive research on Petaluma's wonderful parks. Janet was the featured speaker in January at the *Petaluma Garden Club* here at the Vet. bldg. Mary Savage told me "she was the best speaker in the last four years". That is quite a recommendation! We know SIR #58 will enjoy her talk too! Janet will discuss how and why Petaluma parks came to be. Janet asks if any of our members remember listening to music from the bandstand in Walnut Park. Also, does anyone have information on the World War I

cannon in Penry Park, when it was called Hill Plaza Park or Cannonball Park? Bring your photos, if you have them, of the Petaluma parks to share.

DON'T FORGET - Ladies Day Luncheon on May 8, 2009. Our caterer, Amber, is offering two very special gourmet entree choices: Lemon Rosemary Chicken or Sage Rubbed Pork Loin. The menu includes an organic salad with sherry vinaigrette, buttermilk mashed Yukon potatoes, roasted asparagus and yellow peppers. For dessert a lemon mousse plus cookies, coffee, and hot tea will be provided. I know the ladies always have a good time at this annual event. There will be door prizes, entertainment, and music too. The beautiful centerpieces are given to a lucky lady at each table. **There will be a special sign-up table in April to accept your check for \$27.00 and you can make your table and menu choices then.**

Mark your calendar and save Friday, December 4th for the Christmas Party.

Golf:

Sir Steve Tasselmyer

We were rained out on March 2 and 16 but we played on the 9th, 23rd and 30th.

Winners were:

March 9 at Adobe Creek

Art Adams Net 2nd flight, Ray Anderson Closest to the hole 2nd flight.

March 23 at Adobe Creek

Ray Anderson Net 2nd flight.

March 30 at Petaluma Country Club

Art Adams Closest to the hole 2nd flight
Ray Anderson Low Net 2nd flight.

The schedule continues with play at:

Monday **April 13, 20 and 27**, Petaluma Country Club
shotgun start 07:30AM.

Monday **May 4**, Adobe Creek, regular start 07:30AM.

The State Golf Committee tournament in Las Vegas will be April 27 to May 1. If you want more information see me at the golf course.

Two Area 25 tournaments are coming up on May 14th and June 11th. May 14th will be at Foxtail South and is the first round of Individual qualifying for the State Championship.

June 11th will be at Foxtail North and is the qualifier for the Area Team Championship. This is a four man scramble with A,B,C and D players needed.

Trips and Tours

Sir Bob Smith

Aloha -

May 6, 2009 - "California Academy of Science" - Features include: Deluxe motor coach; Admission to the Academy including the Morrison Planetarium; Steinhart Aquarium; Kimball Natural History Museum and Rainforest; Hosted box lunch (Ham or Turkey sandwich etc.) Tax and Driver gratuity. Cost \$78.00 per person. Brochures available. Have 30 on board now; can take more

July 7-9, 2009 -"Celebrities, Surf and Sanctuary" - (Featuring Monterey Peninsula and Carmel) deluxe motor coach; 2 nights at the Carmel Mission Inn; Guided Monterey Movie Tour "Theater on Wheels"; hosted luncheon at the Tap Room (Lodge at Pebble Beach); Guided tour and admission at Point Lobos State Reserve; hosted luncheon at the Rocky Point Restaurant; Continental breakfast daily at the Mission Inn. Luggage handling and driver gratuity. Brochures available. Cost \$498.00 per person double occupancy. 24 on board now can take 8 more. Tour is limited to 32 passengers. Sign up and enjoy.

September 1-11, 2009 "ALASKA" Cruise aboard Princess Cruises ("Sea Princess") Features include: Ten night cruise round trip from San Francisco (NO AIR); Ports of call include KETCHIKAN - JUNEAU - SKAGWAY - VICTORIA - Scenic cruising the inside passage and Tracy Arm Fjord; All meals and entertainment aboard ship; Deluxe motor coach to/from the ship and Petaluma; Driver and stevedore gratuity; Port taxes and government fees;

Sunshine:

Sir Rollie Leeburg

Bring a little cheer into these gentlemen's lives. Give them a phone call or drop them a line.

Dick Weber, Bill Lassen Vern Garzoli, Larry Ashdown and Harold Genazzi

Look over the names on our inactive list. Find a name of someone you would like to visit. They need our support. If any of them could be brought to a meeting they would be welcome.

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Bon Voyage Orientation party Luggage handling.. Cost from \$1130.00 and up depending on cabin selected. Brochures available.

If interested in any of the above please call Bob Smith 763-9323 or Derlin German 763-6162 and we will furnish you with a brochure or answer questions etc.

In the Works for early December - Reno Aloha and Mahalo



Meet our New Member

GARY RAMAGE badge #29

Gary joined us at our March meeting. After spending 18 years in the construction industry he and his wife, Jenifer came to Petaluma about 5 years ago from San Rafael, where Gary was a partner in the Yaste Construction Company. Gary and Jenifer enjoy going RV'ing, fishing and outdoor camping with their grandchildren. They just returned back to Petaluma after spending two weeks in the Southern California desert. Some of Gary's favorite pastimes besides camping and RV'ing are bowling and golfing.

Say hello to Gary at our April meeting. To Gary and his wife, Jenifer, we here at SIR 58 say hello and welcome aboard.

**Need a ride to the meetings?
Want to offer a ride to those in need?**

Call me. Fred Stoneburner 763-8150

Treasurer's Report

Sir Joseph Augustin

Here is the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2009

Beginning month cash:	\$2,616.16
March cash in:	
Contributions	160.00
Raffle Proceeds	115.00
March luncheon	\$1,210.00

March cash out:	
Newsletter	160.00
Postage	43.55
Vet's rent	180.00
Caterer -March luncheon	1,100.01
Ending month cash balance	\$2,616.60



MEMBER BIOGRAPHY
Eugene R. Senften, Badge # 50

Gene Senften was born September 6, 1922, on a 160 acre diversified farm in Castleford, Idaho. The youngest of 5 children, he received his elementary and high school education in the Castleford schools. His father raised potatoes, red beans, barley and wheat, and did all the tillage with "horse power". When the farm added a 15-30 McCormick--Deering tractor, the business expanded to doing "custom threshing" for extra income.

Gene's parents were adamant that all the children receive a college education. Gene enrolled at the University of Idaho located in Moscow, Idaho, from 1940-1942. His education was interrupted by the Army Air Corp. Gene had never been in an airplane prior to his flight training. He trained at several U.S. air bases and qualified as a pilot. He did combat time as pilot of a B 17 Flying Fortress Bomber. On D-Day plus 1, Gene and his nine man crew flew their first bombing mission. Even though the German Air Force was severely weakened, anti-aircraft artillery did serious damage to the Allies aircraft. Frequently, planes returned to the base

with less than four engines. Once Gene and his crew completed their mission and returned to base with only one engine still functioning.

Gene completed 35 missions in the European Theater. He returned to school and completed his studies at the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degree in Dairy Manufacturing, Chemistry and Bacteriology. He became the first director of the Dairy Laboratory for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture-- a position he held for eight years.

Gene was discharged in November, 1945. The Korean War broke out and he was recalled by the 190th Fighter Squadron Air National Guard. Lt. Colonel Gene Senften retired from reserve duty on September 6, 1982.

In 1960, he became laboratory director of the Petaluma Cooperative Creamery which was the first dairy lab accredited by Cal State Agriculture Dept. As Quality Control Manager for the Co-op, his strict adherence to demanding regulations helped the excellent reputation Clover products still enjoy today. Many ideas for higher quality milk that Gene advocated were adopted by the State Dairy Industry. He retired in 1987.

Gene married Gloria (Chub) in 1946, in Dallas Texas. They are the parents of Brad (Lutheran Minister), and Robert (Managing Partner of Friedman Bros.), and the grandparents of three grandsons. Gene is a 19 year member of SIR #58. He and Chub enjoy the many trips and tours. Gene and Gloria attend the Elim Lutheran Church.

By SIR John De Jong

ROSTER CHANGES:

- #58 Gary De Graffenreid-----Resigned
- #29 Gary Ramage -----New Member --(Jenifer)
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**Next Meeting Tuesday
April 25th 2009.**
Menu - Beef stew w/mashed potatoes.

**Save the day for the SIR picnic. This
years annual SIR #58 barbeque will be
Sunday, July 28th hosted by our own John
Fomasi.**

April Birthdays

**René Einardt Derlin German
Jack Hansen James Paddor
Dick Weber Marshall West**

**ATTENDANCE
March 16**

Members Present	80
Members Excused	11
Members Unexcused	8
Members ill	5
Total	104
Deceased	0
Visitors	4
New Member	1
Resigned	1
Inactive	0
Re-instated	0