



The PETALUMAN SONS IN RETIREMENT Branch #58

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

December 2009

Veterans Building. 1094 Petaluma Blvd. S.
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Big SIR Report

Sir Brian Tolson

The years seem to zip by as we get a little older. For me, as your Big Sir, my tenure in 2009 has been no exception. Despite the rapid pace, this has certainly been a great year for SIR Branch #58. Attendance has been strong with good food and fellowship. We have 10 new members. Our Ladies Day Luncheon in May, the July Barbecue, and our many trips and tours showed strong participation. And judging by the sign ups, our Holiday Luncheon in December will accommodate a full house. In conversation with Roy Dorn, our Area Governor, he described our Branch as one of the best in the North Bay. Of course, this kind of reputation and success doesn't happen by accident. It's the energy and dedication of the members. I did a head count of the members who have been actively serving SIR #58 this year as officers or committee persons, and the total was clearly a third of our branch. Thank you all for your dedication and service. Let's maintain this momentum for 2010!

As I write this article, I realize, that by the time it is read, Thanksgiving will have come and gone and the December holiday observances will be well underway. Time certainly moves on with an accelerating pace. But I wanted to ask that you take a moment to remember

your good friends in SIR #58 and offer a little thanks. There are few gifts better than good friends.

For all of you on the Executive Committee, don't forget our meeting at STARS Restaurant in Petaluma on December 16 at 9AM. It's our last meeting of the year.

Little SIR Report

Sir Marshall West

We all enjoyed hearing Captain **Ronn Patterson** talk about our Petaluma River last month and his adventures on the *Delphinus*, his 50 foot trawler. Ronn will be back in the spring following his charter cruises to the Sea of Cortez and the Amazon.

As usual, the November raffle drew a lot of attention and again 1st prize was near \$100.00. Don't forget to participate in the raffle at our lunch in January. And, be sure to buy a chance on Bob Myer's photo (on display at his table). All it takes is one ticket to win these stunning photos. I was a lucky winner in October of his scene of a Napa vineyard and it is already framed and hanging on my wall. There will be no regular member luncheon in the month of December, as we have the annual **Holiday Party**. We hope you have plans to come. The **Fondettes** will be singing.

2009 has been a fun year and I have enjoyed being your *Little Sir* the last 12 months. I could not have done it without a lot of help from you all, and I want to especially thank Brian Tolson for being my mentor as *Big Sir*. Also thanks to those that helped during the year.

Golf:

Sir Steve Tasselmyer

Winners for the month were:

Nov. 2 at Adobe Creek, Tom Richards Net first flight.

Nov. 9 at Petaluma C.C., Steve Tasselmyer Net first flight.

Nov. 16 at Adobe Creek, No Winners.

Nov. 23 at Petaluma C. C., Tom Richards Low Net first flight, Ray Anderson Low Gross 2nd flight.

Continuation of the schedule is as follows:

Dec. 7, Monday, at Petaluma C. C. Shotgun start at 07:30 AM.

Dec. 14, Monday, at Adobe Creek regular start at 07:30 AM.

Dec. 21, Monday, at Petaluma C. C. Shotgun start at 07:30 AM.

Dec. 28, Monday, at Adobe Creek regular start at 07:30 AM.

Jan. 4, Monday, at Adobe Creek regular start at 07:30 AM.

Jan. 11, Monday, at Rooster Run regular start at 07:30 AM.

Note: We return playing at Rooster Run next year. The first date of play will be on Jan. 11th as indicated above.

NCGA dues for 2010 need to be paid as soon as possible. The dues are \$36.00. I will need a check payable to: SIR Branch 58 Golf.

Trips and Tours

Sir Bob Smith

Ready for takeoff

April 27-30, 2010 - Spring Sojourn - Santa Barbara, Solvang, San Luis Obispo and San-Simeon. Currently Full: Wait list available.

August 9-20, 2010 - Scandinavia cruise aboard the STAR PRINCESS featuring DENMARK, SWEDEN, FINLAND, RUSSIA, ESTONIA, POLAND, GERMANY. Brochures are available with cost and complete details. If interested, get signed up as the choice cabins are being taken!

In the works: Mar 11, 2010 - A Day at the Races. A trip to Golden Gate Fields for a day of horse racing. The day will include motor coach transportation, exclusive seating in the VIP Turf Club and buffet luncheon, and the excitement of watching the horses run. Brochure and cost available.

June 19-27, 2010 - Glacier Country Tour. We fly to Salt Lake City, then Deluxe Motor Coach with stops at Jackson, WY; Teton Nation Park; stay at The Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone Park with guided tour of the Park; Bozeman/Helena, MT; Glacier National Park and guided tour; Coeur d'Alene, ID. Many side trips and tours, only \$2095 per person.

Contact Derlin German 763-6162 or Bob Smith 763-9323 for information or brochures for any of the above trips.

Happy landings

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Attendance & Membership

Sir John De Jong

We always appreciate those individuals who notify the Attendance Chairman when they are unable to attend the luncheon meeting.

If you need to have a "special luncheon" (other than what is on the menu) it is the member's responsibility to phone the catering office (769--7208) three (3) days before the luncheon. Attendance is recorded by the badges that are returned to 'the box' after the meeting.

Retiring directors Loris Scott and Larry Tachera are to be thanked for collecting dinner tickets. With this system in place, the members attending and luncheon tickets paid has been very successful. Larry Tachera also makes certain the wine for the 'birthday drawing' is always ready for the winners.

Sixteen members enjoyed perfect attendance during 2009.

Walter Ehlers	Arnold McDonald
Fred Stoneburner	John Fomasi
Ralph Pelton	Steve Tasselmyer
Mike Hansen	Charlie Petersen
Marshall West	George Katen
Charlie Phillips	John De Jong
Floyd Kirby	John Phillips
Rollie Leeburg	Shep Shepherd

Sunshine:

Sir Rollie Leeburg

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

Mert Doss, Leon Jensen, 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.

From the Editor - Our apologies.

The November newsletter went missing from some mail boxes on the East side of Petaluma. There may have been others although we are not aware of them.

Somehow the post office seems to have lost or misplaced a portion of our bulk mailing. For many of you who have an email address you should have received a copy in your internet mailbox. By the way, this is an excellent way to get your newsletter. Not only do you get it sooner but it is in color. We encourage all of you to sign up for email delivery of your newsletter.

Given that we have had a delivery problem, not once but twice just this year, we encourage you to opt out of regular US postal delivery for email receipt of "The Petaluman". If we can get 50 members who are willing to receive their newsletter electronically in exchange for receiving a mailed hard copy, There is a cost break for our organization which would allow us to send hard copies to those without email via 1st class postage, and thus better the chances of an on time dependable delivery.

So let us know your preference. When we reach the magic number I'll ask the board for approval to make the switch.

Fred Stoneburner Editor, "The Petaluman"

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Treasurer's Report

Sir Joseph Augustin

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

Beginning month cash \$ 1,751.48

November cash in:

Raffle & Auction \$165.00

Luncheon Receipts 1,080.00

Holiday Party 2,433.00

November cash out:

Newsletter printing \$ 86.00

Postage 43.55

Wine for birthdays 73.94

Vet's Holiday luncheon rent 574.00

Caterer - luncheon 986.40

Ending month cash \$ 3,665.59



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There is no December meeting. As usual, we will have our Holiday Luncheon which takes place on December 4th.

The November edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/index.htm>

November Meeting Attendance:

Sir John De Jong

November meeting		
Members Present	73	
Members Excused	10	
Members Unexcused	12	
Members ill	11	
	Total	106
Deceased	0	
Visitors	0	
New Member	0	
Resigned	0	
Inactive	0	
Re-instated	0	