



# The PETALUMAN SONS IN RETIREMENT Branch #58

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

**February 2010**

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## Big SIR Report

*Sir Marshall West*

**Welcome to 2010!** I know SIR #58 is going to have a great year. I remember all the hoopla in 2000 - dire predictions of crashing computers, falling airplanes, banks erasing all numbers to zero. Well, obviously none of that ever happened! We got beyond the uncertainties. Ten years later we face another decade with optimistic expectations.

I have great hopes for 2010 as your Big Sir. Since the year 2000, SIR #58 has grown even stronger. Good membership numbers, super programs, and fun parties and picnics not to mention our extremely strong travel offerings. I hope to keep the success of the past going into the future. We had the area governor guest at our December combined board meeting, Bob Jaeger, and he was so impressed by our chapter and the folks that make it run. Every Sir #58 committee is alive and well and functioning and we hope this will continue.

We are committed to making our chapter grow. We had good increases in our numbers in 2009, but we know through experience we will see some attrition. If you have any friends, neighbors, acquaintances, or family who would be interested in SIR #58 be sure to talk it up with them and give them our brochure and an application too. Very few guests who come to give us a look-see do not join our chapter. They like what they see. Also, every member is encouraged to be involved in

some way this year. There are always opportunities to volunteer a little of your time by helping with the parties, being on a committee, or being interested to serve on our board.

I hope to see you all at the February meeting!

## Little SIR Report

*Sir Jack Schipper*



The speaker that we have coming for February is Captain Barbara Schoen from the Two Rock Coast Guard Training Center. Captain Schoen is the Medical Officer for the Ralph R. Nix Memorial Clinic. She has a wide range of experience and is a dynamic speaker. Captain Schoen is highly educated with multiple post graduate degrees and trained as an Emergency Trauma Nurse. Her involvement in the community includes volunteering with Spreckels Center, Wells Fargo Center, and Commander of American Legion Post 28 of Petaluma. Captain Schoen has researched the history of the military base at Two Rock and will provide use with a presentation on the colorful past and its' many uses.

It was very entertaining in January to have a visit from Mark Twain and hear of his many adventures. We are planning some exciting programs for the upcoming year. If you know of any potential speakers please call or e-mail me so that I can contact them. Thanks to Big

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Sir Marshall West for arranging for Mark Twain to visit our January meeting.

Save the date of May 14<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming Ladies Day Luncheon. Plans are in the works to make this a special day for all. Tickets will be on sale soon so put this on your calendar so you do not miss it. More information will be shared at our next luncheon.

## Trips and Tours

**Sir Derlin German**

Ready for takeoff

**Mar 11, 2010** - A Day at the Races. A trip to Golden Gate Fields for a day of horse racing. The day includes motor coach transportation, exclusive seating in the VIP Turf Club and buffet luncheon, and the excitement of watching the horses run. \$65 per person.

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

**June 19-27, 2010** - Glacier Country Tour. We fly to Salt Lake City, then Deluxe Motor Coach with stops at Jackson, WY; Teton National Park; 2 night 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.

**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: Reno trip - Looking at the possibility of **20-22nd of Oct** for a Circ de Soliel type performance with buffet dinner prior.

Other branch info: **Sonoma's branch has a trip to Reno Feb 28-Mar 01** to the El Dorado for an entertaining evening with the "Rat Pack". Breakfast/ Dinner/Show and more--\$138

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

Happy landings

## Golf:

**Sir Steve Tasselmyer**

Golf in January was rained out 2 times and was played 2 times. The results were:

January 4 at Adobe Creek, Low Gross 2nd flight Art Adams, Closest to the hole 2nd flight Ray Anderson.

January 11 at Rooster Run, Low Gross 2nd flight Art Adams.

January 18 and 25, Rained Out.

A reminder to all golfers: Starting this month the NCGA has elected to revise handicap indexes twice a month, on the 1st and the 15th. So, watch out for handicap changes during the month.

## Treasurer's Report

**Sir Joseph Augustin**

Here is the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2010

Beginning month cash	\$ 508.81
January cash in:	
Contributions	\$1540.00
Other (Raffle)	182.00
Luncheon	1,125.00
January cash out:	
Newsletter printing	\$ 86.00
Postage	43.55
2010 Roster	285.00
SIRS quarterly assessment	92.00
Room rent (Vets)	188.00
Caterer (luncheon)	1,039.87
Ending month cash balance	\$ 1,621.39

I want to thank all the members who were making their annual contributions at the January meeting. We will be collecting contributions at the February meeting also. Thank you!

### Non-Responsibility Declaration

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement Inc..., and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

**Member Biography**  
**Arnold McDonald - Badge**  
**#120**



Arnold was born November 13, 1929, at home on the family dairy located on D St. Extension in Petaluma. In 1931, the McDonald family moved to Nicasio to improve their opportunities in the dairy business. Arnold attended Nicasio Grammar School for 8 years and graduated from San Rafael High School in 1947. Again, the family moved. This time across the road from Marin-French Cheese Company. Job opportunities abounded for Arnold. The farm raised sheep, laying hens and dairy, in addition to producing the famous Rouge et Noir Cheese. He worked there for 3 years doing a variety of jobs. In 1950 Arnold married June Beltrametti (he also became a partner in the Beltrametti family dairy).

President Harry Truman had other plans for Arnold's life. The Korean War had started earlier, so the Draft Board decided Arnold should help. Off to Fort Ord for 6 weeks basic training and cook school he went! Kitchen patrol (K.P.) duty really did not interest him. Upon his arrival in South Korea, he was assigned to transporting military supplies and food -- by railroad. The Koreans operated the steam engines while the U.S. Army operated diesel locomotives. After a cold and desolate assignment in South Korea (for 19 months), he returned to Petaluma. With his experience in dairy manufacturing, Frenchy Mazza recommended that Arnold apply for a job at Petaluma Co-operative Creamery. This was 1953 ---- Arnold retired from the California Cooperative Creamery 39 years later! Arnold credits Joe Luevano as a great friend and a knowledgeable

mentor. He began his career washing cream cans and retired from the job as Plant Superintendent! Interesting note: The property on which the McDonalds currently reside (purchased in 1953) is adjacent to the dairy farm where Arnold was born eighty years ago. He and June built a beautiful hill top home on McDonald Drive in the Westridge area, and the neatly kept ranchette is a haven for many deer and birds.

He belongs to a "Deer Club" in Nicasio. Arnold and his life long friend, Allan Henderson, still take time to go fishing for those elusive striped bass and sturgeon lurking in San Francisco Bay. He and June will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in October. They are the parents of 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

By Sir John De Jong

**Sunshine:**

Sir Rollie Leeburg

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

**Bud McCord & Glen MacKinzie,**

**Returned to our January meeting and winning a bottle of wine for his birthday was Bill Hayes.**

**Also at our January meeting we welcomed back Merton Doss in his wheel chair and he introduced his helper, Job Figi.**

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.

**January Meeting Attendance:**

Sir John De Jong

January meeting		
Members Present	73	
Members Excused	9	
Members Unexcused	14	
Members ill	10	
	Total	106
Deceased	0	
Visitors	2	
New Member	0	
Resigned	0	
Inactive	0	
Re-instated	0	



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**Next Meeting Tuesday**  
**February 16th**  
Menu - Herb roasted chicken w/ stuffing

### February Birthdays

Theo Adkins	John De Jong
Joe Harn	Alden Hennings
George Katen	Joe Luevano
Pete Matzen	Harold Nelson
Steve Tasselmyer	Shep Shepherd