



The PETALUMAN SONS IN RETIREMENT Branch #58



Devoted to the enjoyment and dignity of retirement

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

January 2009

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

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Big SIR Report

Sir Brian Tolson

Welcome to 2009, another great year for SIR Branch #58 and success toward a goal of building our membership. I look forward to serving as your Big Sir.

It is certainly true that you can get to the top of this organization in one "helluva hurry"; just one of many enticements you can cite when you recommend SIR #58 to prospective members. And how many social groups do you know that boast a monthly attendance rate of nearly 80%? Where else can you go to see interesting programs and get a good meal for \$15? This is a great organization!

I was very impressed when I sought out chairpersons for this year's committees. Almost everyone was willing and genuinely wanted to help. During my tenure as Little Sir, I found that our members offered me incredible support. They made suggestions for speakers, offered innovative ideas for running the organization, and "pitched in" to work on the Ladies' Day Luncheons. It is this type of commitment and effort by our members that makes SIR Chapter #58 so strong. We have momentum, so now is the time to build our membership. **Bring a guest. See if you can be responsible for bringing in one new member this year. That's not a lot to ask, and it will make a huge difference!**

Little SIR Report

Sir Marshall West

As the new Little Sir for 2009, I am pleased to tell you about our January speaker. Dr. Jason Bacharach returns to SIR #58 as our guest and featured speaker. Dr. Bacharach is an expert on pathology of the eye, and will discuss many of the eye ailments that may affect an aging population. such as macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, and other conditions. Dr. Bacharach spoke to our group several years ago and was very well received by all. At the suggestion and request of some of our members, he has been invited to come again. So, please attend in January and enjoy SIR fellowship, a great speaker, and a delicious lunch. You won't want to miss this presentation!

Treasurer's Report

Sir Joseph Augustin

Financial Report for the month of December 2008:

Beginning month cash	\$ 2,658.16
December cash in:	
Holiday Luncheon Receipts	135.00
	\$ 2,793.16
December cash out:	
Caterer(Luncheon) & Supplies	2,388.92
Printing	31.31
Postage	43.15
	2,463.38
Ending month cash	329.78

SPECIAL NOTE: At its December 9th meeting the Executive Board has set the annual Contribution at \$35.00 for the coming year. We will be collected these monies (check or cash) at the January 20th,2009 meeting. This is an increase from last year but we had price adjustment in rent at the Vet's Hall. The cost of the monthly luncheon will remain at \$15.00. We ask that members pay the annual contribution at the January meeting. As you can see, our cash position is rather low. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Trips and Tours

Sir Bob Smith

Aloha -

March 29- April 1, 2009 "Yosemite and the Chukchansi Resort Casino" Features include: Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation; One night at Chukchansi; \$20.00 Food and Gaming credit at Chukchansi. Two nights at the Yosemite Lodge; Hosted deli lunch at Hilmar cheese; Hosted luncheon at the Wawona Hotel (Yosemite); Hosted dinner at the Yosemite Lodge Food Court; Hosted lunch at the National Hotel (Jamestown); Optional touring aboard the free shuttle; luggage handling and tip, tax and all gratuities included. Cost = \$568.00 per person double occupancy. Brochures available. Sign up soonest-- first come - first served. **September 18-28, 2009 Alaska Cruise** - aboard the "MILLENNIUM" (Celebrity Cruise Line) Included features: Round trip airfare; 10 night cruise round trip from the port of Vancouver; Ports and highlights include Vancouver; Ketchikan; Juneau; Skagway; Icy Strait Point; Hubbard Glacier; Sitka and Victoria. Scenic cruising the Inside Passage and Hubbard Glacier; All meals and entertainment aboard. Deluxe motor coach transportation to/from airport(s) and ship. Port taxes, government fees and service charges. Bon Voyage orientation and party. Driver and stevedore gratuities and luggage handling. Cost from \$1,963 per person double occupancy. Brochures available. You will enjoy this itinerary and ship. Lets come aboard first come - first served. 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. Aloha and Mahalo

Sunshine:

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

Dwayne Sogis, Dick Weber, Don Carlson

Vern Garzoli and Larry Ashdown

If you know of any members who are a little under the weather, call me at 763-1009

Golf:

Sir Steve Tasselmyer

The latest winners are:

December 1, at Adobe Creek: Ray Anderson Low Net 2nd flight.

December 8, at Petaluma Country Club: Art Adams Closest to hole 2nd flight.

We were rained out December 15 and 22, and are scheduled to play at the Country Club on the 29th weather permitting.

The first 8 weeks of 2009 we are scheduled to play at Adobe Creek. The first time we play at the Country Club is March 2.

As mentioned previously we will not be playing at Rooster Run in 2009.

If anyone needs the schedule for 2009, see me at the meeting in January or at the golf course.

Branch 58 Committee members for 2009

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MEMBER BIOGRAPHY:
GEORGE CASTLEBERRY – Badge # 100

George W. Castleberry was born November 20, 1919, in Spring Hill, Texas. He spent his early boyhood on a small farm and attended a small 2 room elementary school near Longview, Texas. When oil was discovered on their farm, it became necessary to leave the farm and move into the town of Longview due to the influx of equipment and workers on their farm.

As proven later, George was always an astute manager. The local high school football team won the State Championship 2 years in a row while he served as ‘Team Manager’. George enrolled in Texas A & M (Agriculture & Mechanics) College and joined the Cadet Corps. He not only graduated in 1941, but on a blind date he discovered Lymona Lee Tibbetts. (Her father was a guest professor at the college). Upon graduation from Texas A & M, George taught hydraulics for the Army at Chanaute Field, Illinois. His goal was to serve in the Marine Corps, so off he went to Officer Training at Quantico, Virginia. George was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Cherry Pt., North Carolina. Now guess who came to visit George -- Lymona Lee Tibbetts! They were married August 6, 1943 at New Bern, North Carolina. In the Spring of 1944, George was sent to the South Pacific to the small island, Emirau, that was two miles wide and five miles long. For 18 months their mission was to keep the Japanese Air Force stationed at Raboul confined and out of the conflict. George was responsible for keeping a supply of combat materials and food available for the U.S. Troops on Emirau. Once a load of eggs were brought in by plane from Australia. The easiest place

for the eggs to be ferried was the “bomb bay”. The only problem was, to land the large aircraft, the “bomb bay” doors had to be on “open” upon landing. They were! George said it took a while to clean off the ‘scrambled eggs’ on the runway.

In 1945, V. J. Day meant George could return to the States. Immediately, he enrolled at U.C. Santa Barbara to earn his ‘teaching’ credential. He became an industrial arts teacher at Oxnard, California. Starting pay -- \$200.00 monthly plus housing. He became vice-principal and also took course work for his Masters Degree and E.d. D. (Dr. of Education). Santa Cruz School District hired George as their first Business Manager. With his managerial experience, George was hired by Foothill Jr. College and was responsible for building their first campus. Because of the success, he was also selected to do all the initial plans for De Anza College. In 1964, Lesly H. Meyer- Superintendent of Petaluma School District invited George to become Business Manager for Petaluma – a job he faithfully served for 15 years. In 1999 George served as Big Sir. Their family consisted of two sons, one daughter, and one grandchild. One son, Chris, who passed away recently, owned and operated Pueblo De Sol Restaurant. George and Lymona enjoy traveling, visiting friends and being with family.

By Sir John De Jong

In Memory

William (Bill) Appleton, 82, died in his home on December 3, 2008. A long time SIR member, Bill resigned May 18, 2004 due to complications with diabetes. He was born in San Francisco. As a young man, Bill enlisted during World War II. He became a Navy lieutenant flying bombers in the Philippines. Upon his return to San Francisco, he worked in the family glass business. Eventually, he moved to Sonoma County, becoming a building contractor and worked for the state of California as a building inspector. Bill was active in the Cotati Volunteer Fire Department and the Cotati City Council. For many years, Bill Appleton, Bill Drew and Owen Fredericks owned the Washoe House on Stony Point Rd. His community activities also included serving two terms as Exalted Ruler of the Petaluma Elks Lodge #901. Ellie Appleton, his wife of 53 years, and one son, Guy, survive him. SIR Branch 58 extends their sympathy to the family.



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**Next Meeting Tuesday
 January 20th 2009.**
 Menu -
 Spaghetti w/ meatballs

NOTICE

Beginning in January the 10:00 AM Board Meeting will be located in the same banquet room as our luncheon rather than Room A.

January Birthdays

John Calverley	Rocky Cecchini
Bob Coe	Joe Grob
Bill Haynes	Arnold Jensen
Carlo Panizzera	Bill Sovel

**Congratulations
 Perfect Attendance "SIR Members" 2008**

Al Caletti	Herb Carlson	Gary DeGraffenreid
John De Jong	Merton Doss	Walters Ehlers
Terrence Garvey	Don Gilardi	George Katen
William Lassen	Fritz Maass	Peter Matzen
Arnold McDonald	Charlie Petersen	Melvin Rohde
Loris Scott	Shep Shepherd	Robert Smith
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Glenn Whitney		

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