



The PETALUMAN SONS IN RETIREMENT Branch #58

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

July 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

The 4th of July puts us solidly into summer and reminds us of the good fortune we enjoy as citizens of this great country. Modern communication conveys grim details of demonstrations in Iran, journalists on trial in Korea, or actions of genocide in Darfur which are clearly the antithesis of freedoms that we may take for granted. Be thankful my friends, and marvel at the wisdom of our Founding Fathers who understood that the best in quality of life is predicated upon a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people".

Thanks to all of you who have supported our membership drive by bringing guests to our meetings. The net result has been three new members since January with a number of potentials waiting at the door. Keep up the good work, but also remember that getting them to the door is only the first step. Each SIR member who invites a guest should follow through:

- A. Make their guest feel welcome; introduce him to other members; and do everything possible to make their first luncheon a pleasurable experience.
- B. Follow up after the meeting to invite the guest to become a member; obtain an application from John De Jong; and help the member to fill out and return the form to John at least one week prior to the next luncheon meeting.
- C. Finally, check in over the next 2 or 3 meetings to make certain that your new member continues to feel welcome and is thriving as a member of SIR 58.

THE STATE SIR "WHO ARE WE" BROCHURE HAS BEEN REVISED AND TAILORED TO

PROMOTE BRANCH 58. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY TO SHARE WITH A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Little SIR Report

Sir Marshall West

July luncheon speakers will be individuals who are well recognized Petalumans, Dave Glass and Pam Torliatt. They will join us in July, perhaps not for lunch, but to deliver a most timely and interesting program about some of the goings on in our town. We have had both Dave and Pam as speakers in the past few years, but as you know much has happened politically here and I am sure they will give us an update. Dave is back on City Council and of course Pam is and has been a most active mayor for many years now.

Come to the July luncheon; enjoy the gourmet catering of Amber Balshaw and her crew from Preferred Sonoma Caterers, and stay for the speaker's program. And, don't forget to join in on the SIRs #58 raffle. June's raffle was the biggest yet (and of course, the prize money was more than ever). Tickets are only 6 for \$5 or you can get a single ticket for only \$1. It only takes one ticket to be a winner.

Also, mark your 2009 calendars for the annual SIR #58 barbeque on Sunday, July 26th hosted by our own John Fomasi. John will be selling tickets at a table during the July luncheon, so bring your cash or check-book. It is the biggest bargain in town at \$10.00 per person. This provides an afternoon of fellowship and the best barbequed chicken ever plus all of the sides.

And, in December we have the annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 4th so mark your calendar and be prepared to get your ticket. We will announce the menu and the entertainment program at a later date.

Golf:

Sir Steve Tasselmyer

Winners for the month of June were:

June 1 at Adobe Creek, Ray Anderson Low Gross 2nd flight.

June 8 at Petaluma Country Club, Dave Brooks Low Gross 1st flight, Steve Tasselmyer Low Net 1st flight, Ray Anderson Low Net 2nd flight.

June 15 at Adobe Creek, Art Adams Closest to the Hole 2nd flight, Ray Anderson Low Net 2nd flight.

June 22 at Petaluma Country Club, Steve Tasselmyer Low Gross 1st flight, Art Adams Low Gross 2nd flight, Ray Anderson Closest to the Hole 2nd flight.

June 29 at Adobe Creek, No Winners.

The schedule continues:

July 6 Monday at Petaluma Country Club, Shotgun Start at 07:30 AM.

July 13 Monday at Adobe Creek, Regular Start at 07:30

July 20 Monday at Petaluma Country Club, Shotgun Start at 07:30 AM.

July 27 Monday at Adobe Creek, Regular Start at 07:30

August 3 Monday at Petaluma Country Club, Shotgun Start at 07:30AM.

State Golf Tournaments :

Fall Classic South, September 13-16 at The Santa Ynez Marriott in Buellton.

Fall Classic Northwest, September 30- October 4 at the Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort & Casino in Oregon.

Trips and Tours

Sir Bob Smith

Aloha

September 1-11, 2009 "ALASKA" Ten nights cruise round trip San Francisco aboard the Sea Princess. (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; Bon Voyage orientation party; luggage handling. Cost from \$1130.00 per person double occupancy depending on the cabin selected. Brochures and cabins available.

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, Vern Garzoli, Larry Ashdown, Gig Gonella, Bill Maples, Wayne Musser 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.

Newly added September 24, 2009 King Tutankhamun and Golden Age of Pharaohs for the first time in 30 years, the artifacts from the tomb of King Tut return to the de Young Museum. Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of Pharaohs presents more than 130 important objects, including 50 from the tomb of King Tut and an additional 80 objects from the tombs of his ancestors.

Trip Features Include: Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation; Admission to the Golden Age of the Pharaohs at the de Young Museum and Hosted Four-Course Egyptian Luncheon with entertainment; all taxes and gratuities. Brochure and cost available.

October 21, 2009 - "SOUTH PACIFIC" - This breathtaking new production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific swept the 2008 Tony Awards, winning seven honors including best musical revival. Features include: Deluxe motor coach; Hosted buffet luncheon at the Marines' Memorial Club; Orchestra seating at the Golden Gate Theater; Tax, Gratuities and Driver tip. Cost \$134.00 per person. Brochures available. First come - first served. 25 on board - signup ASAP.

November 30-December 1-2, 2009 - Reno - El Dorado Holiday Ice Specular is a fast paced high energy production performed by the shows cast of world class professional figure skaters. Features include: deluxe motor coach; two nights at the El Dorado; reserved seating for the Ice Show; Holiday Ice dinner buffet; hosted cocktail party; breakfast buffet; visit CABELA's world famous outfitter; luggage handling, resort fees, taxes and driver gratuity. Cost \$208 per person. Brochures available. First come- first served. 35 on board signup ASAP.

In the works - April 2010 - Central California . Four or five day trip to visit and enjoy interesting attractions in San Luis Obispo, Solvang, Paso Robles, and surrounding areas. Will advise when a #1 tour is put together and brochure is ready.

August 9-20, 2010 - Scandinavia cruise aboard the STAR PRINCESS featuring DENMARK, SWEDEN, FINLAND, RUSSIA, ESTONIA, POLAND, GERMANY. Will advise when brochures are ready with cost and complete details. 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.

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MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

William "Bill" Sovel - Badge # 42

A native of Petaluma, Bill was born January 29, 1924, at the Old Petaluma General Hospital. Ben and Gussie Sovel were the parents of Bill and Herb Sovel. Bill's father was recognized as one of the first poultry dealers in Petaluma, starting his business in 1921. The Sovels took advantage of a lucrative poultry market in the Bay Area. Ben Sovel was involved in a serious accident which limited his ability to do heavy labor. Gussie Sovel assisted her husband in managing the business. It was a daily routine for Mrs. Sovel to drive the old flat bed truck loaded with live chickens to the 'City' ! As a Future Farmer of America member, Bill began raising "meat birds" to supply the market. The first year Bill was in business,

he raised over 5,000 chicks. His FFA Advisor encouraged him to continue his education as a poultry major at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 1942. But soon, World War II found Bill volunteering in the U. S. Air Corps from 1942 – 1946. Upon his honorable discharge Bill decided to enroll in Oregon State College, He graduated with a B.S. degree in Poultry Science and Agricultural Economics. With all that knowledge , he and brother Herb formed a corporation to become Ralston Purina Feed dealers. They also contracted with local poultrymen to raise 20,000 'birds' per week (1 million per year) for Ben Sovel and Sons. The North and East Bay Processors wanted poultry 'live & dressed". The "dressed poultry" are referred to as "non-eviscerated" poultry. The birds were processed with only the blood and feathers removed. This meant the head, feet and internal organs, as well as the body, went to market. This style of chicken was referred to as "New York dressed". Times changed. Competition from poultry shipped from out of state and a Government Regulation prohibited the sale of "non-eviscerated" poultry. Sovel Poultry discontinued their poultry business. Bill returned to school to earn a teaching credential and taught in the San Mateo School District from 1971 – 1989. In 1946, Rae Alma Ross and Bill were married in Oakland, California. They are the parents of son Barry and daughter Terry Ann. Bill continues to volunteer and is involved in many community activities. Bill joined SIR 58 in June, 1993. In addition to being Secretary, he also keeps a computer record of members past and present. Sol Fishman sponsored a diligent member -- William "Bill" Sovel.

Membership Report

Sir John De Jong

Attendance:	
Members Present	61
Members Excused	25
Members Unexcused	13
Members il	16
Total	105
Deceased	0
Visitors	6
New Member	0
Resigned	0
Inactive	0
Reinstated	0

Applications for member ship in SIR 58 are available from John De Jong.

Since January 1, 2009 we have enrolled 3 new members.

Treasurer's Report

Sir Joseph Augustin

Here is the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2009:

Beginning month cash:	\$1,783.51
June cash in:	
Raffle proceeds	\$ 115.00
Luncheon receipts	990.00
June cash out:	
Newsletter printing	\$ 88.00
Supplies	10.25
Postage	43.55
Vet's rent(July)	188.00
Vet's Processing & set up	170.00
Caterer - Luncheon	904.50
Ending month cash	\$ 1,484.21



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**Next Meeting Tuesday
 July 21st 2009.**
 Menu - Salisbury steak w/ mashed potatoes

July Birthdays

Gig Gonella	Glen Carlson
Glenn Hansen	Don Hobbs
Glenn Whitney	Tom McKenna

**Need a ride to the meetings?
 Want to offer a ride to those in need?**
 Call me. Fred Stoneburner 763-8150

**Save the day for the SIR picnic. This
 years annual SIR #58 barbeque will be
 Sunday, July 26th hosted by our own John
 Fomasi. Tickets available at the July
 Meetings.**

**Meeting Attendance
 June16**

Members Present	69
Members Excused	18
Members Unexcused	11
Members ill	7
Total	105
Deceased	0
Visitors	2
New Member	2
Resigned	1
Inactive	0
Re-instated	0