



The PETALUMAN SONS IN RETIREMENT Branch #58

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

November 2009

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Big SIR Report

Sir Brian Tolson

Have you been bitten by the "travel bug"? If not, why not? Traveling with Sir 58 is a great experience! Just back from our trip to San Francisco where we enjoyed lunch at the Marine Memorial and Golden Gate Theatre's production of South Pacific, I cannot say enough about the care and planning that goes into these trips. Kudos to Col. Bob and Derlin, our travel team. Transportation was comfortable and convenient. The view from the sky room at Marine Memorial was spectacular, and one of our travelers said that the pesto sauce on the salmon was the best he had ever tasted. If you haven't tried a SIR 58 travel adventure, the time is now. It's a wonderful way get out in the world while connecting with other SIR members and their wives.

Don't forget the installation of new officers coming up this month. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve in the upcoming year. Our branch is successful, because we have good people who are willing to "roll up their sleeves".

Also, don't forget your sign ups for the Holiday Luncheon. We had over 50 people sign up on the first day, but there is still room for more!

Little SIR Report

Sir Marshall West

We all enjoyed hearing Fire Chief Larry Anderson's presentation at the October luncheon. There was lots of good info on what is happening with the Petaluma Fire Department. Larry, of course, was on call with his department during our lunch, but fortunately was able to join us for a complete meal

and a 30 minute presentation plus questions and answers. Fortunately there were no fires to call him away. We heard about special challenges our city departments are facing in this down economy.



The speaker at the November meeting will be Ronn Patterson. Ronn is founder of Dolphin Charters, as well as the skipper of the Delphinus, his 50 foot trawler. Ronn is a naturalist by profession, a marine biologist by training, a student of whales by practice, a professional photographer, a teacher, and a writer. Ronn has extensively traveled the world, and has spent many hours on the Petaluma River doing river cruises during the spring and fall. Many in SIR #58 have been on his various cruises, including the special tour of the mothball fleet at Benicia several years ago. Ronn is pictured above. Ronn was associated for a long time with the University of California at Berkeley, but since 1981 has been doing his charters. This has brought Ronn's life full circle with his continuing interest in teaching, lecturing, writing, photography, research and natural history...

As usual, the October raffle was enthusiastically received and there were some big winners. Your participation helps the club financially, plus it gives us all an opportunity to pick up a few bucks.

Be sure to buy a chance on Bob Myer's new photo that will be on display. All it takes is one ticket to win this stunning photo.

December's meeting is the annual Holiday Luncheon...

The Fondettes are coming to entertain us. This group's act will take you back to the forties with their rendition of various Andrews Sisters songs... Kristin, Sophia, and Michaela are Sonoma County ladies and have performed for many groups and we are fortunate to have them give us a 45 minute concert. Reservations are being taken now. 51 people have already signed up at the October meeting; you still have time to sign up at the November meeting. Bring your checkbooks and your menu choices. Menu entrée choices feature sirloin tips or tilapia (beef or fish), which will be accompanied by bread and butter, a wonderful salad, some side dishes, and tiramisu for dessert, plus coffee. There will be door prizes, plus festive and beautifully decorated tables for your enjoyment. The date is Friday, December 4, 2009, starting at 11:00 with lunch being served at noon.

Welcome our new SIR 58 Member
Bill Harrison



At our regular October meeting we ushered in Bill Harrison who transferred to SIR #58 from Fresno California, SIR branch #159. Bill originally joined the SIR organization through Berkeley SIR branch #2. He was born in Pittsburgh PA., graduated from Michigan State University and served in both WWII and the Korean War. Bill retired as a Major from the US Air Force Reserve. He came out of the service and went to work for U.S. Rubber Co. and Chrysler Corp from 1946 until 1949, when he entered into the insurance business as an owner and partner of Oren, Harrison, Kennedy Insurance Agency of Oakland CA. Retiring in 1991 he and his wife, June, have been following their children around the country. Together he and June have one son and three daughters, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Bill enjoys reading, golf and he and his wife like to go dancing and play bridge. A hardy welcome to fellow SIR Bill Harrison.

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Trips and Tours

Sir Bob Smith

Aloha

November 30-December 1-2, 2009 - Reno - El Dorado *Holiday Ice Spectacular* 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. 44 on board signup ASAP. Space still available.

April 27-30, 2010 - **Spring Sojourn** - Santa Barbara, Solvang, San Luis Obispo and San Simeon. Features include: deluxe motor coach transportation; AMTRAK's Coast Starlight with lunch (Emeryville to Santa Barbara); two nights at the Mar Monte Hotel- Santa Barbara; one night at the APPLE FARM INN - San Luis Obispo; full American Breakfast at the Apple Farm Inn; luncheon at the historic Cold Spring Tavern; dinner at Harry's Plaza Cafe; wine tasting and picnic lunch at the Fess Parker Winery; narrated Santa Barbara Trolley Tour; "Experience Tour" at Hearst Castle; visit to "Danish" Solvang; taxes and tips for all included features; luggage handling throughout; driver tip. Cost \$739.00 per person (double occupancy). Brochures available.

Currently Full: Call Derlin German 763-6162 or Bob Smith 763-9323 to get on wait list. Wait list does not obligate you to go, just establishes priority in case an opening does occur.

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 in any of the above please call Derlin German or 763-6162 Bob Smith 763-9323 and we will furnish you with a brochure or answer questions etc. Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Luncheon.

Aloha and Mahalo



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Next Meeting Tuesday
November 17, 2009
Menu - Classic turkey dinner

December's meeting is the
Holiday Luncheon on
December 4, 2009

Meeting Attendance:

Sir John De Jong

Members Present	72	
Members Excused	13	
Members Unexcused	9	
Members ill	12	
Total		106
Deceased	3	
Visitors	0	
New Member	1	
Resigned	1	
Inactive	1	
Re-instated	0	

November Birthdays

Art Adams	Michael Bakalar
George Castleberry	Ken Clark
Merton Doss	Vernon Garzoli
Floyd Kirby	James Larsen
Bud McCord	Ivar Bostrom
Gary Paupst	John Phillips
Angelo Scavarda	Charles Spaletta

Sunshine:

Sir Rollie Leeburg
Bring a little cheer into these gentlemen's lives. Give them a phone call or drop them a line.
Marvin Mars, Mert Doss, Rod Dawe, Leon Jensen, Bud McCord, Marvin Dolowitz
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

December Birthdays

Bill Allen	Martin Bohn
Al Caletti	Don Gilardi
Bill Harrison	Ralph Pelton
Gary Ramage	Bob Smith
Bill Tennyson	

Since in December the Holiday party replaces our regular monthly meeting those who celebrate their birthday in December will get their chance at the birthday drawing for the wine or luncheon meal ticket at the regular November meeting. So those listed above be sure to attend this months meeting.