



# 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

**October 2009**

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

Big Sir Brian Tolson (707) 778-7278 <a href="mailto:btolson711@aol.com">btolson711@aol.com</a>	Secretary Bill Sovel (707) 762-2387 <a href="mailto:wmsovel@comcast.net">wmsovel@comcast.net</a>	Treasurer Joseph Augustin (707) 763-5584 <a href="mailto:josephfa@aol.com">josephfa@aol.com</a>	Directors Marvin Dolowitz (707) 763-3502 Bill Allen (707) 762-1857 Bill Lassen (707) 766-9656 Loris Scott (707) 762-8074 Larry Tacherra (707) 526-7509 Len Svinth (707) 763-3254 Art Adams (707) 773-2888
Little Sir Marshall West 707 776-4973 <a href="mailto:BMarshWest@aol.com">BMarshWest@aol.com</a>	Asst. Tres. Walt Ehlers 707 769-0228 <a href="mailto:joanehlers@sbcglobal.net">joanehlers@sbcglobal.net</a>	Branch 58 Website <a href="http://58.sirbranch.com">http://58.sirbranch.com</a>	
Newsletter Editor Fred Stoneburner, (707) 763-8150 <a href="mailto:fst@sonic.net">fst@sonic.net</a>			

## Big SIR Report

Sir Brian Tolson

The Old Form 20 is A'changin'

The "Form 20" is a report that Branch 58 submits each year to the State Sir Organization listing newly elected officers. Notable this year are the names that are "not" listed. Bill Sovel is stepping down as secretary, and Bob Smith, long time travel chairman, is passing the torch to Derlin German. A special thank you to these gentlemen who have served SIR 58 faithfully for a number of years. Both Bill and Bob are going out of their way to see that their successors are well oriented in their new positions, so transitions should be very smooth. A blend of "new blood" and experienced personnel among officers is a healthy formula for an organization, but it is often difficult to achieve. Our branch is doing well in this regard. I thank the nominating committee of Shep Shepherd and Len Svinth, and extend my appreciation to all of those members willing to step up and assume responsibilities among the ranks as officers.

While speaking of "passing the torch", I have heard from Roy Dorn, our Area Governor, that he will be stepping down this year. Roy will be with us in November to install officers, so take a moment to thank him for his service. Roy has been a good friend to SIR 58 and has done his job well. There are still travel opportunities out there, and we have our Ladies Day Luncheon in December. Don't miss out on the fun!

## Little SIR Report

Sir Marshall West

August's speaker was David Yearsley, the Executive Director of the non-profit Friends of the Petaluma River. Dave gave a fine PowerPoint presentation; there were a number of interesting questions following his speech. As usual, our raffle was enthusiastically received and I want to thank all of you who invest monthly in this endeavor. Also, kudos to the winners. And, in our new drawing our own Brian Tolson won the great matted photo of the Windmill at Sunset with Moon. What a beautiful scene! Be sure to buy a chance. All it takes is one ticket to win a photo. And, we will have a monthly drawing for more of Bob's photos -- similar to this one. And you will hear about travel opportunities from Bob Smith and Derlin German.

December's meeting, of course, is the upcoming Christmas Party on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will hear the group below -- the Fondettes (recently pictured at the Carson Mansion).



You have to hear their act; they sound just like the Andrews Sisters (you remember them, of course). Kristin, Sophia, and Michaela have captured the tunes of the 40's. It will take you back in time. Tickets will be on sale in the near future, but mark your calendars for this fun event. It is Friday, December 4, 2009. And of course there will be

another wonderful gourmet lunch by Preferred Sonoma Caterers. Check the menu choices for your favorite. Amber Balshaw does a great job to keep us fed.

Our featured speaker in October, we hope, is the new Fire Chief of the Petaluma Fire Department, Larry Anderson. Plan to come to hear his presentation.

November's speaker will be a gentlemen you may have met a year ago, Ronn Patterson. Ronn is the skipper of the Delphinus, a 50 foot trawler currently in Alaska for the summer season. Ronn is coming back in Petaluma for the fall season. Ronn did the popular Petaluma River cruise a year ago... Ronn will tell us about the life on the river and the ecology and how our river is changing

## **Trips and Tours**

Sir Bob Smith

Aloha

**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. 41 on-board. Still time to sign up.

**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 sign up ASAP.

**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 Christmas Party Luncheon.

Aloha and Mahalo

### IN MEMORIAM WAYNE EUGENE MUSSER

A 20 - YEAR MEMBER OF SIRS #58, Wayne Musser passed away suddenly September 24, 2009, at the age of 91. Born in Nappanee, Indiana, Wayne grew up on a dairy farm. He attended Purdue University and also worked for the Navy as a civilian employee. Encouraged to attend optometry school, he and his wife, Roberta, moved to California in 1944 to enroll at U.C. Berkeley where he completed his education and received his Doctor degree. In 1947, Wayne opened his optometry practice in Petaluma, from which he retired 5 years later.

An astute business couple, Wayne and Roberta owned property in Maui, which they visited frequently, as well as Palm Desert. They also enjoyed travelling worldwide.

Memorial services were held at the Methodist Church on September 28, 2009. Wayne is survived by wife Roberta, two daughters and two sons and their families.

#### 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.

New Member Tom Richards



Tom Richards joined us in SIR 58 during our September meeting. Tom is recently retired from 37 years teaching in the Petaluma School District. He taught shop class and drafting. Having designed and built his home on 2 1/2 acres in western Petaluma he spends his time working on his 1930 Model A Ford Tudor named "Sassy". Raised in Petaluma his father was a dentist and they lived on 6th street until 1965 when they moved to the 9 acres on King road where they raised horses and sheep. Tom and his wife Denice now, however, have only one steer and 12 acres of open field which Tom mows with his tractor. At least he did until the head gasket blew recently. He says this will be his winter project to replace the head gasket. Their totally electric home is almost self sufficient with a 5.3 KW photovoltaic solar collector. Throughout their homestead you will find a most eco friendly environment. PG&E is his best customer. Much of the furniture, cabinetry and other items, Tom made either in shop class as examples for his students to follow or in the shop he now has right next to the Model A. Tom and Denice have three children. A daughter Emily, a son John and another daughter Kate Fitzgerald. Besides keeping up the old homestead Tom likes backpacking and golf. He just bought a new boat so sounds like boating is in the mill as well. Having just gotten into golf he is looking forward to joining the Monday morning SIR golf league and welcomes all the kibitzing his team mates have to offer.

**Golf:** Sir Steve Tasselmyer

Recent winners were:  
 August 31, at Petaluma CC, Dave Brooks closest to the hole, first flight.  
 Sept. 10, at Adobe Creek, Ray Anderson Low Gross second flight.  
 Sept. 14, at Petaluma CC, Dave Brooks Low Gross first flight, Ray Anderson Low Gross second flight.  
 Sept. 21, at Adobe Creek, Ray Anderson Low Gross second flight.  
 Sept. 28, at Petaluma CC, Dave Brooks Low Gross first flight.

The schedule continues as follows:  
 Oct. 5, Monday Adobe Creek, regular start 7:30 am  
 Oct. 12, Monday Petaluma CC, shotgun start 07:30  
 Oct. 19, Monday Adobe Creek, regular start 07:30  
 Oct. 26, Monday Petaluma CC, shotgun start 07:30  
 Nov. 2, Monday Adobe Creek, regular start 07:30

The 2009 Annual Fall Renewal Period for 2010 NCGA membership will commence on Thursday, October 1, 2009. The 2010 membership dues will be \$36.00. This is a \$6.00 increase from the 2009 dues of \$30.00. For all those golfers planning to renew your membership for 2010 I will need a check made out to SIR Branch 58 Golf, sometime soon after October 1st.

**Roster Addition:**

Tom Richards Badge #2 (Denice)  
 399 King Road  
 Petaluma, CA 94952  
 Phone: (707) 696-8237

**Meeting Attendance**

September 15 - John De Jong

Members Present	72	
Members Excused	16	
Members Unexcused	9	
Members ill	13	
<b>Total</b>		<b>110</b>
Deceased	0	
Visitors	0	
New Member	1	
Resigned	0	
Inactive	0	
Re-instated	0	

**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, Bill Maples, Fritz Moss, William Lassen, Harold Genazzi and Ted Atkins**

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.



Branch #58  
8 Blue Heron Place

PRSRT STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
NORTH BAY, CA  
94999  
Quality Printing Service  
QPS

**Next Meeting Tuesday  
October 20th 2009.**  
Menu - Sausage & warm potato salad

### October Birthdays

John Carlson                      Jim Flocchini

### Treasurer's Report

Sir Joseph Augustin

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

Beginning month cash                      \$ 1,444.83

September cash in:

Contributions	\$	12.50
Raffle & Auction		190.00
Luncheon Receipts		1,095.00

September cash out:

Vet's rent	\$	188.00
Postage		43.55
Newsletter printing		92.00
Caterer -luncheon		1,012.87

Ending month cash                      \$ 1,405.91

Just a reminder to all the Fair Volunteers. The Fair Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is on October 15 in Herzog Hall at 6:00 PM.

### OWN an RV?

You should consider joining the SIR Region 10 Marin/ Sonoma Counties SIR Rolling Roamers RV Club. This is a fun group of couples that have seven outings a year. For additional information, contact our Wagon Master, Don Cummings at 415-479-7199 or email [doncumm@aol.com](mailto:doncumm@aol.com).