



The PETALUMAN SONS IN RETIREMENT Branch #58

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

September 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

SIR #58 is “on the grow”! The response to our membership drive this year has been fantastic! If we can add another 3 members to the 8 already inducted since January, we will have an annual growth rate that exceeds 10%. Thanks to all of you who have brought in new members this year and to those working on the membership drive; Art Adams, John DeJong, Larry Tacherra, and Len Svinth.

A key to the vitality of an organization lies in the talents of the membership. I was reminded of this point as we inducted Bob Myer at our August meeting. He brought a sample of his photography, clearly a passion developed to a professional level. Do you have a passion that you would like to share with others? There is no limit to the kinds of activities that could be accommodated as part of SIR #58. We have golfers and those who love to travel who are already involved in activities beyond our regular meetings, but there is no reason that the photographers, the coin collectors, or the fishermen couldn't get together as members of SIR with a common interest. All it would take would be a little initiative and leadership on the part of individual members who have a passion and want to share it with others. Let me hear from you if you are interested.

We're still looking for a candidate to fill the Little Sir position for next year. If you're interested in “giving back” to your friends in our great organization, this would be a fine opportunity for service. Contact Shep Shepherd or Len Svinth.

Little SIR Report

Sir Marshall West

We all enjoyed hearing about the Petaluma Bounty group at our August luncheon – and September's luncheon speaker will be equally informative. David Yearsley will give us the latest info on his group, Friends of the Petaluma River. A lot has happened since Dave spoke several years ago. You will want to hear what has been happening lately. And, of course, September will feature our usual SIR #58 raffle. Walt Ehlers scored with a big win in August. In addition, there will be a separate drawing for the beautiful 16 x 20 photograph donated by our new member, Bob Myer. This photo was shown in August at our luncheon. This artwork is matted and ready to be framed and hung on your wall. It was taken near Petaluma and is titled Windmill at Sunset with Moon. Be sure to buy a chance. All it takes is one ticket to win this 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.



And, a word about the upcoming **Christmas Party** on

December 4th. The entertainment booked for this event is going to be fantastic. There will be a 45 minute concert by the **Fondettes**. This group (picture page 1) is local and has been performing all over Sonoma County. If you enjoyed the music of the Andrews Sisters (we are all of the age to remember them) you will hear them harmonize to "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree", "in The Mood", "Beer Barrel Polka" and many other selections right out of the 40's. These three young ladies have captured the flavor of the period. 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 **December 4, 2009**. And of course there will be another gourmet lunch by Preferred Sonoma Caterers. Amber Balshaw does a great job to keep us fed.

Trips and Tours

Sir Bob Smith

Aloha

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 available cost is \$112 per person.

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. 34 on board - signup ASAP.

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.

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

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 Bob Smith 763-9323 or Derlin German 763-6162 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

Members receive Certificates of Appreciation

Sir Steve Tasselmyer during the August Luncheon meeting awarded Larry Tacherra and Al Caletti Certificates of Appreciation on behalf of SIR 58.

Larry Tacherra's certificate was for his work as Big Sir, Little Sir, Director, and as chairman of the Lady's Day Luncheon and Christmas Party during his tenure as Little Sir.

Al Caletti was awarded his certificate for all the many years he has helped with the SIR 58 picnic.

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.

Golf:

Sir Steve Tasselmyer

Recent winners were:

August 3, at Petaluma Country Club, Dave Brooks Low Gross 1st flight, Steve Tasselmyer Net 1st flight, Art Adams Closest to Hole 2nd flight.

August 10, Adobe Creek, Steve Tasselmyer Net 1st flight, Ray Anderson Low Gross 2nd flight.

August 17, Petaluma Country Club, Art Adams Low Gross 2nd flight, Ray Anderson Closest to Hole 2nd flight.

August 24, Adobe Creek, No Winners.

The schedule continues as follows:

September 10 Thursday at Adobe Creek Regular start at 07:30 AM.

September 14 Monday at Petaluma C.C. Shotgun start at 07:30AM.

September 21 Monday at Adobe Creek Regular start at 07:00 AM.

September 28 Monday at Petaluma C.C. Shotgun start at 07:30AM.

October 5 Monday at Adobe Creek Regular start at 07:30 AM.

NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME ON SEPTEMBER 21.

Thanks to everyone that volunteered to participate in the Adopt-A- Building program at the Sonoma-Marin Fair this year. It was another job well done by SIR Branch 58. Thanks to the following members of the Branch: Art Adams, Ted Adkins, Bill Allen, Joe Augustin, Marvin Dolowitz, Derlin German, Rollie Leeburg, Bud Nelson, Ralph Pelton, Charlie Petersen, Gary Ramage, Leonard Sabourin, Mike Savage, Gene Senften, Bob Smith, Marshall West along with Pat Kitsman and Mabel Petersen.

We appreciate your coming out and giving your time this year and hope to have you come and volunteer at Fair Time next year.

Co-chairmen Bill Sovel and Steve Tasselmyer

Meeting Attendance

August 1 - John De Jong

Members Present	76	
Members Excused	11	
Members Unexcused	11	
Members ill	11	
Total		109
Deceased	1	
Visitors	4	
New Member	1	
Resigned	0	
Inactive	0	
Re-instated	0	

Welcome to Bob Myer our newest member



Bob's point of origin was near Boise, Idaho where he lived as a boy before moving into the wilderness at the age of five for some 6 years in two camps. The golden hand camp with his pet fox and in Warren, Idaho with today's population of 14. And it's on the map! I say camp, it had two buildings, one for the mine and a cabin to live in. Recently Bob has converted to DVD the movies his grandfather took of the area showing how they built roads in the wilderness, and the snow, oh yes, Idaho does have a bit of snow. They were of particular interest because they showed how dog teams were the mode of travel in the winter time in the back woods of Idaho. After Idaho he moved to Seattle around the time of WWII where he attended high school and graduating from the University of Washington. Bob spent some time in Korea, 1951-1952 after his schooling before coming back and settling in Oregon for 12 years. He and his wife moved from Oregon to Marin county and 30 years ago moved again to Rohnert Park. Together they raised 2 children sending them to UC Davis. His career was in sales working for companies that sold chemicals and also building materials. Bob is retired now and has been able to travel overseas for the last 12 years taking in different countries and areas each year. Today Bob spends many hours enjoying his hobbies which are photography, gardening and occasional travel. If you could still catch salmon that would be a hobby too. He has some wonderful photographs you will be seeing starting at our September meeting.

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 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.



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Next Meeting Tuesday
September 15th 2009.
Menu - Classic Meatloaf

September Birthdays

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| Ray Andeson | Al Behrens |
| Louie Birolo | Ralph Davis |
| Walt Ehlers | Bob Fajardo |
| Ray Fletcher | Terence Garvey |
| Frank Harrigan | Charles Linder |
| Boyd Mahrt | Marvin Mars |
| Mike Hansen | Mike Savage |
| Gene Senften | Len Svinth |

**PLEASE ADD NEW MEMBER TO
YOUR ROSTER**

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Treasurer's Report

Sir Joseph Augustin

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

Beginning month cash:		\$968.28
August cash in:		
Contributions	\$ 24.50	
Refund on Deposits	100.00	
Picnic Proceeds	452.00	
Raffle proceeds	133.00	
Luncheon receipts	1140.00	
August cash out:		
Printing and Supplies	\$ 88.00	
Postage	43.55	
Vet's month rent	188.00	
Caterer - Luncheon	1053.40	
Ending month cash		\$ 1444.83

IN MEMORY
Aurelio (Gig) Gonella

Gig Gonella died in his Petaluma home on August 5, 2009. He was born and raised in San Francisco. After completion of high school, he enlisted in the Army Air Force. During World War II he served in the Pacific Theatre.

Upon his honorable discharge, Gig returned to attend San Francisco City College and the Academy of Arts and Design. Gig spent 25 years as creative director in advertising.

At the Cannes Film Festival, his dog food commercial --"A Square Meal in a Round Can" -- won top award. Upon his retirement in 1986, Gig founded The Vancouver Yacht Co. which manufactured 35 foot sailing boats. Retiring again, Gig and wife Else moved to Petaluma eleven years ago. He joined SIRS #58 on November 15, 2005, and was sponsored by Tom McKenna.

A Funeral Mass was held August 15, 2009, at St. James Catholic Church in Petaluma.

SIRS 58 convey their expression of sympathy to Else, two sons Victor and Chris and their families.
by John De Jong