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Branch #58



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We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00am-
Lunch is served at 12 noon



March 2014

Elks Lodge, 2105 So. McDowell Blvd
The Board meets at 10am

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Big SIR Report SIR Bill Tennyson

Jim Filippo, our region 10 director, commented that SIR branch #58 is one of the most vital and growing branches in our area. This is because all of you are inviting guests to our meetings, and sponsoring them for membership. Our club is growing and it is to our credit that it is happening. Sir Derlin German sponsored Tony Kamby, and Sir Al Butler sponsored Steve Collins last month and additionally we had three guests. We had an exceptional turnout for our luncheon last month. There were 75 members present, so the caterer even set up an additional table to accommodate all of us.

Please know that all of our members are welcome to attend the executive board meeting which precedes our monthly luncheon. We meet at 10:15 in the dining room at the Elks. If you are unable to attend, but would like to read the minutes they will be available soon on our website. SIR #58 is a club that appreciates all input from our members, so this is your opportunity to participate.

Kudos to Sir Tom Richards for "volunteering" to do the new member interviews for our newsletter. All of us enjoy reading about our new members, so we are particularly grateful to Tom for his willingness to assume this job.

The reason our club is so successful is because all of our members "pitch in" and help.

Bill

Little SIR Report SIR Ben Barnes

March's guest speaker will be Scott Holder, a general partner at Edward Jones. Scott will be here to give us some fascinating insight about his passion for mountain climbing.

The title of his talk will be "Into Thinner Air: A Rotarian's pursuit of the Seven Summits". The Seven Summits has long been regarded as the most coveted accomplishment in mountaineering. They are comprised of each of the tallest mountain peaks on each of the seven major continents. To date, fewer than 300 mountaineers have achieved this prize.

Follow along as Scott recounts his recent climbs to the summits that represent North America (Denali, aka Mt. McKinley 20,320') and South America (Aconcagua, 22,840'). These peaks located in Alaska and on the border of Chile and Argentina are very similar and yet very different. We will go from ski planes to mule rides as we travel into thinner air!

When Scott gives us his presentation, he will have just returned from Kilimanjaro.

Plans for the Spring Luncheon are progressing well. The menu will be selected and announced in March.

The cost of the luncheon will also be announced at that time. If you want to arrange a table with your friends, please contact Brian Tolson at 778-7278 for a table chart.

Remember this is the luncheon which we invite our spouses or friends to join us.

Ben

TRIPS & TOURS:**SIR Derlin German****Ready for takeoff?**

March 22-29, 2014 - 8 day to Giant's Spring Training.
2 games then coach to Laughlin for 2 nights via Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon RR from Williams to overnight on canyon rim. Air to Phoenix and back through Las Vegas, many side trips, meals and tips all for only **\$1796**.

April 20, Fresno Br 159 - Oak. A's vs Astro's \$11/tix! Your transportation . Cont. Lee Moy (559) 709-9851, or Derlin.

May 22-31, 2014 – Here is the trip of a lifetime. 10-day trip up the Mississippi on the American Queen. New Orleans to Memphis with historic stops every day. Two night overnight in New Orleans prior to cruise. Inside cabins start at **\$3260pp**.

May 1, 2014 - Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields. VIP seating in the Turf Club, sumptuous buffet luncheon, racing program, deluxe coach and driver tip. Price held at **\$ 68**.

At our age, our secrets are safe with our friends. That's because they can't remember them either.

July 3, 2014 - Giants vs St. Louis Cards at ATT Park..
12:30 game. Coach and tickets, \$48 - \$54. Wait list. Call Derlin.

Other Branches – Dennis Nowicki, Br 100,
California Coastal Cruise – April 6-13. Round trip from San Francisco. Oceanview cabins start at **\$1270 pp 795-3857**

Let us know if you have interest. Contact Derlin German **763-6162** or Brian Tolson **778-7278** for information or brochures for any of the above trips.

Happy Landings!**Derlin****Golf:****SIR Steve Tasslemyer****Winners lately, were:**

Jan 27 - at Adobe Creek; Ray Anderson, closest to hole second flight.

Feb 03 - at Foxtail North, No Winners.

Feb 10 - at Rooster Run, did not play due to wet grounds.

Feb 20 - Jack Schipper Low Net second flight.

The schedule will go as follows:

Mar 03 - Rooster Run with a reg start, 1st tee time at **8:00am**

Mar 10 - Adobe Creek with a reg start, 1st tee time at **8:00am**

Mar 17 - Foxtail North with a shotgun start at **8:00am**

Mar 24 - Rooster Run with a reg start, 1st tee time at **8:00am**

Mar 31 - Adobe Creek with a reg start, 1st tee time at **8:00am**

Apr 07 - Petaluma CC with a reg start, 1st tee time at **8:00am**

The state Golf schedule stars with a Two Day Tournament at Eagle Vines GC and Chardonnay GC on **Apr 21 and 22**.

If interested, you can get an entry form at sirstategolf.com.

Steve

Shown below are the March birthday salutations of our active members. On page 3 of this newsletter are listed April's upcoming birthday salutations also. This allows for ample time to send out (if you choose) a friendly greeting to those whose birthdays come early in that month. This notice is being posted, as our monthly newsletter is issued *after* the first of any given month- yet still ahead of the upcoming luncheon and meeting. The wine bottle drawings at each months meeting will pertain to that particular month's birthday boys.

**Ralph Sartori 3/03****Tom Richards 3/06****Bill Krelle 3/14****Joe Augustin 3/16****Bob Kinsman 3/18****Len Sabourin 3/18**

FROM THE RAFFLE MASTER- SIR 58 appreciates your participation each month in the cash raffle; it's fun and rewarding too. In February, the 1st prize was about **\$100 cool bucks**; not bad for a \$5 investment!

More importantly, it helps our club to stay strong financially. And, if you don't get your tickets, **how can you can win any prizes!?!?** So, I encourage you to pick up your six tickets at the head table when you check in, as we do appreciate your effort to help SIR #58.

Thank you! **SIR Marshall West**

REGARDING OUR BACKLOG OF NEW MEMBERS

We have found that there is a significant backlog of interviews to be conducted and included in our upcoming newsletters and website.

As we have not anyone to perform this task for some months now, Tom Richards has graciously accepted the duties of interviewing our newer members.

Originally, Part Two (of four) of Harry Hubinger's "Rob" was to be included in the hardcopy newsletter. The Board has decided to put the story's continuation on 'hiatus' for the time being, until we can 'catch-up' with the backlog. Even still, you can find the next installment of 'Rob' at Fred Stoneburner's <http://rfst.users.sonic.net/March.pdf> 'site.

A sincere thanks to all members in the using of our new SIR 'Invitation cards'. Let's continue to drive our membership numbers up- It's good for our Branch 58 and it's good for the great turn-outs we've had recently.

- DUE TO INCREASED PUBLICATION COSTS -
Please confirm your desire to continue receiving a hard copy of 'The 'Petaluman', by replying to the email of the Editor at apbutler1@gmail.com-
Just enter the words 'Please continue' in the text frame.

The latest edition of SIR Happenings is posted on the SIRINC website- To those who might find interest, you can copy/paste or type in the link below into your search bar to access it's contents and comments at:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

*** MARCH'S LUNCHEON MEAL ***
CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

EDITOR'S DESK:

SIR Al Butler

Since the new SIR 58 'invite' cards have arrived, I've been passing them out left and right. I have a list of nearly 15 friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to which I've been handing these cards out to, including guys I've just met- all interested in attending a meeting. These cards will be of no use unless we promote them! I hope to be bringing new guests in on a pretty regular basis, and I'm quite confident that the presentation of these cards adds a real sense of credibility to our SIR meetings and activities.

How do you start a conversation about SIR?

Running into a friend, a neighbor, or someone at the market or your barber shop, is a great way to open a conversation about the benefits of our monthly luncheons and get-together's.

While you're 'talking-up' our monthly meetings, hand them one of your cards— this is *your* 'calling' card. Just as Paladin used his calling card in "Have Gun - Will Travel", the TV series of the 50's and 60's, let your potential guest see and sense your endorsement and enjoyment of the meeting up with old friends (and new ones) and listening to interesting speaker presentations on local, timely issues.

I ran into an early morning walker down at Wiseman Airport park. We started chatting and I asked him if he had heard of SIR's- his positive reply was "Yes, my dad had been a member who always said he enjoyed going to the meetings!" I gave him one of my prototype cards, and he was quite open to getting back to me to come along to a meeting in the near future. *It's as simple as that.*

Please help our branch grow. Use your cards freely! Every time you get someone to join- you get a free meal- Sign up three, and your yearly contributions will be waived.

Sign up ten and get a free car! Sorry, that's a lie! :) **AI**

To those who have no problem walking, we ask that you leave the front parking spaces available for those who have difficulties walking longer distances.

Thank you!

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!

Marshall West 4/11

Jim Paddor 4/12

Jack Hansen 4/14

Bob Mawyer 4/16

Derlin German 4/23

Rene Einardt 4/26