



THE PETALUMAN



Branch 58 Newsletter – April 2023

Big SIR Report

Sir Jerry Pozo

Our Branch seems to be reaching out and touching those who may have gone silent during the pandemic. As we come out of that lockdown, we are getting about, resuming life in the world around us, and hopefully will bring a friend/family member to our next meeting. Bruce will advise us on local and distant locations to visit for the day or a week or two on a travel route. Many need to voice their choice for local day trip, afternoon-evening event, or other places of interest to Bruce and our group. (Keep in mind the air/bus/train trip from Anchorage Alaska to Vancouver, BC in Aug-Sept – sign up ASAP – magnificent scenery & wildlife)

We should all discuss the advantages and disadvantages of merging with Branch 147. The board and I would like to begin that process and find the right solution, for us. Please make your feelings known to me or any board member.

Ladies Day Luncheon is coming Friday, May 5th, so sign-up/pay-up today, and choose your entrée. Due to my positive Covid, I was unable to attend the McNear Family meeting on March 21st. Like many families, the history reenactors were able to tell them way much more about their own history and relatives. We will no doubt meet with them again soon. Perhaps I can ask them for a tour of the McNear Brickyard for us....interested?
Be Well, looking forward to seeing you in April.

Activities

Sir Derlin German

Butter and Egg Days Beer Booth Volunteers Needed.

On April 22, Petaluma will celebrate its 40th anniversary parade.

Those of you who have participated in the past know how much fun it is. Those who haven't yet, come join us and share in the fun event.

Contact Derlin 707-763-6162

Email: derlin@comcast.net and let him know.

Little SIR Report

Sir Rich Inman

I saw a lady in tears at the store. She said she had lost an envelope with her tax refund inside. I gave her \$100 because I felt sorry for her. Plus I had just found about \$1600 in the parking lot..

I hope everybody enjoyed the presentation by Scott Hess last month. Sorry we had to go through it so quickly. Thanks to Chris Mattioli for bringing Len Svinth's video for us to see. Hopefully we can visit him and give Len a little sunshine! This month's speaker is Dave Lapp. He will talk to us about his firsthand missionary work to the Ukraine. We are little over one month till the ladies' luncheon. I hope everyone can attend with a guest. Feel free to invite a third guest if you would like. It would be great to have at least 60 people there to make it cost effective for the group. So, if you haven't already, please bring a check and your choice of beef or seafood for your selection. It will be an entertaining afternoon! We will have "Petaluma Pete" as our entertainment and as always, great raffle prizes. Remember to respond when you receive that phone call for the April lunch. See you all then!

Spring Ladies' Lunch - May 5th

Put it on your calendar.

Last chance to sign up.

Bring checkbook and meal choice to next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2023

Social Hour 11:00 – Lunch 12:00

French Country Chicken for Lunch

Web Site: www.sirbranch58.weebly.com

Financial Report

Sir Brian Tolson

February 2023

Checking Account Balance	3703.01
Change Fund	300.00
Total Assets	4003.01

Hans Verhoeff and Glen Huntsicker Sing Happy Birthday



Table Mates



Jerry Pozo at Shollenberger



For more photos - www.sirbranch58.weebly.com

Membership

Sir Ralph Sartori

Our March meeting was the first meeting this year that we did not meet our numbers to the catering. We were 3 short, Last-minute sickness along with weather conditions were the main reasons for low attendance however we did have several members who confirmed but did not attend.

Congratulation to all members attending, we had 65% of our active members in attendance. Our yearly attendance dropped to 75% although this exceeded the Branch goal of 70% we will need your attendance in April to bring our numbers up. Let's see what we (you) can do to bring in a new member.

Listed below please find our branch numbers:

Active Members: 54 Alumni Members: 9

Resigned: 0 Moved to Alumni: 0 New: 0

April Birthday's

Derlin German, Robert Mawyer, Tim Talamantas
Alumni Members: James Paddor & Jack Hansen

Looking forward to seeing you on at our next meeting on April 18, 2023

Encouragement

Mystery Contributor

I want to remind you that age is just a number, and that you are never too old to continue growing and learning. You have lived rich and full lives and have acquired a wealth of knowledge and experience that is invaluable. Now is the time to share that knowledge with others, and to continue pursuing your passions and interests.

BRANCH 58 Officers 2023

Big SIR:	Jerry Pozo	780-7792
Little SIR:	Rich Inman	478-8235
Secretary:	George Matt	763-4738
Treasurer:	Jose Tamayo	763-4738

Directors: Mike Bakalar 2025, Bill Tennyson 2025,
Wally Curtis 2024, Glen Hunsicker 2024,
Bruce Schiebach 2024. Jerry Pagnusat 2024

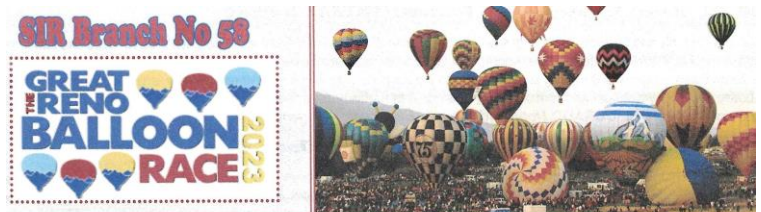
Trips and Tours

Sir Bruce Scheibach

Still looking for people to sign up for the train ride through the Sierra Mountains and snow will likely still be around in September. I only have four checks deposited for the trip, with two more committed to going. I will have to check with the travel agent to see how many we need to make it happen.

The trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation from Petaluma to the Amtrak station in Emeryville. During our train ride, the bus will drive to Reno with our luggage and meet us at the station in Reno and take us to the El Dorado Resort & Casino for our two-night stay. Early on Friday morning the motor coach will take us to Rancho San Rafael Park to watch the launch of some 100 balloons. It is highly recommended that you also sign up for the Cloud 9 VIP ticket at the balloon race, which includes a heated tent, catered breakfast, drinks and seating on the field. The cost for the trip is \$394 per person and the Cloud 9 VIP ticket is an additional \$123 per person. More information (bscheibach@aol.com).

I phoned the Buck Center on Friday and they got back to me today saying they will not start tours until July of this year, so there is no firm date at this time. I have also been in touch with our travel agency regarding a possible trip to Texas for the April 8, 2024, total solar eclipse.



September 7 - 9, 2023

Escorted by **BRUCE Scheibach**
(707) 477-3505
338-2593



FEATURES Include

- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- AMTRAK California Zephyr (Emeryville to Reno)
- Two Nights at the EL DORADO Resort & Casino
- Celebration of flight at the GREAT RENO BALLOON RACE
(EARLY Morning Super Glow Show, Dawn Patrol, Mass Ascension & Tissue Paper Balloon Launch)



OPTIONAL: Cloud 9 VIP CLUB at the Balloon Race
The Cloud 9 Vip Ticket (tables of 8) includes ...
Heated indoor/patio outdoor (tented) seating on the field (4:00am-9:30am)
Catered breakfast, Champagne, Bloody Marys and Mimosas (4:00am-8:30am)

Taxes and Gratuities for included features
Driver Tip

COST

\$394 Per Person (double occupancy)
Single Supplement \$124



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DAY ONE - Thursday, September 7 **Petaluma/AMTRAK to RENO**
Meet our coach and fellow travelers for transfer to Emeryville AMTRAK Station. Then, it's time to "ride the rails" on board the *California Zephyr* for the scenic trip north into the Sierra toward our destination of **Reno, Nevada**. (Note: Once on board, a narrow and winding staircase leads to the upper deck seating area). Along the way, enjoy lunch on your own aboard the Zephyr; casual and formal dining offered. A late afternoon arrival in Reno, where we rendezvous our coach and transfer to the **EL DORADO Hotel and Casino**. Evening free for gaming and dinner on your own.

DAY TWO - Friday, September 8 **Great Reno Balloon Race**
An early morning (4:15am) transfer to **Rancho San Rafael Park** where you'll witness **The Great Reno Balloon Race**, world's largest free hot-air ballooning event. Marvel at the **Super Glow Show, Dawn Patrol and Mass Ascension Launch**, when some 100 balloons take to the morning skies; a visually dramatic event that celebrates the joy of flight! Later we return to the El Dorado for the remainder of the day at leisure.

DAY THREE - Saturday, September 9 **RENO/Petaluma**
We have a late morning check-out before we board our private coach for the trip homeward bound. Rest stops will be made along the way at the discretion of our escort. A late afternoon arrival in Petaluma.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: JULY 7, 2023

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CANCELLATION: All monies are refundable up to 06/07/23 at which time the cost of the Amtrak Ticket is non-refundable. Penalties apply as follows: 90 - 31 days prior: 50% penalty plus tickets; 30 - 0 days prior to departure: 100% penalty. Trip cost is transferable up to two weeks prior to departure providing the minimum passenger count (36) is met.

RENO BALLOON RACE **APPLICATION** Make check(s) payable to: ON TOUR Trust

SIR Branch No. 58 MAIL TO: Bruce Scheibach

September 7 - 9, 2023 199 Haverfield Lane

Accommodation Request: 2Beds King Petaluma, CA 94952

Enclosed is payment of \$ _____ (\$150 deposit per person) reservations for _____ person(s). (707) 762-1948

Name(s) _____ Nickname(s) _____

Address: _____ Phone (____) _____

City/State/Zip _____

CLOUD 9 VIP: \$123 Per Person Yes No *Non-refundable once purchased. (Even if event is cancelled due to weather.)*

Cancellation Insurance (for medical reasons only) Age: 60-69: \$48; 70-74: \$73; 75-79: \$91; 80-84: \$136 Yes No

If you wish to secure coverage, date of birth is required: Passenger (1) _____ Passenger (2) _____