



# THE PETALUMAN



## Branch 58 Newsletter – February 2024

### Big SIR Report

Sir Rich Inman

February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

Thanks to everyone for a great meeting in January. Just a reminder that the meals are now \$25. If you have not paid your dues, please do so at this meeting. I'm sorry that Jerry was absent to receive his perfect attendance award...

It was good to have a live person explain artificial intelligence to us rookies. I tried to use it to write this, but it made me look too smart. ;-)

While it was raining, I planned our vacation to Maui and Kawaii in May. Where is everyone else going this year?

It was great to see two new prospective members attend. Let's keep the ball rolling! For the ladies' luncheon in May, we will make it an open house. Feel free to invite any friends or family to enjoy it with us. The same price for guests will apply. Hopefully we can get a few more members that way. Cheers!

### Trips & Tours

Sir Bruce Sheibach

As I mentioned in the January newsletter, we have a reservation for a tour of the "Buck Institute for Research on Aging" located in Novato on April 4th at 11:00 am. We are allotted 20 attendees and so far, 14 people have signed up. It should be an interesting tour of the I.M Pei designed facility. If you are interested, please email me at [bscheibach@aol.com](mailto:bscheibach@aol.com). I have contacted the Ellis Creek Water Recycling Facility here in town about a tour and asked for a date during the first week in March. Will have more information about this free 1 ½ hour long excursion at our February 20th meeting. Looking into Fort Ross Conservancy about a private tour to learn about the rich and diverse natural and cultural history of Fort Ross. The 1 ½ hour long private tour will cost \$20 per person and is tentatively scheduled for the first week in May. I spoke with our travel agent about a Canadian Railroad trip in early August and I'm waiting to hear back from her. (cont. below)

### Little SIR Report

Sir Glen Hunsicker

At the January meeting I sat at the front table for the first time as Little Sir. The view is different from there! It was a good turnout. I believe Ralph mentioned he reported 44 for lunch, and that is how many turned up.

I have been to several of Mike Burwen's (our January speaker) computer classes at the Petaluma Senior Center. As always, he puts on informative presentations. In February we will have a speaker from Canine Companions, should be good! As usual if anyone has ideas for speakers at our lunches, don't hesitate to pass the information along. Also, we had a guest, let's all try to continue to add to our membership.

I'm sure a lot of you have experienced this but it has been a challenging time at my house since mid-December. My wife fell and is not able to put any weight on her right ankle. She is learning to navigate our home with a wheelchair, walker and crutches. I would suggest giving it some thought as to mobility around your home. We thought those issues were way down the line, but...

Looks like we may be in for a wet February, maybe time to pick up that book you have put off, or finally binge that show everyone is talking about.

Remember it's time to put the May Ladies' unch on your calendar May 3, 2024. Consider asking that couple you have fun times with, but he is not a SIRS member! (Yet)

### **NEXT MEETING: Feb 20, 2024**

Social Hour 11:00 – Lunch 12:00

### **Beef Stew & Mashed Potatoes**

### **2024 Dues: \$40**

**If you haven't already, please bring payment to the next meeting.**

**You will receive a 2024 roster upon receipt of payment.**

## Financial Report

Sir Jose Tamayo

Feb 2024

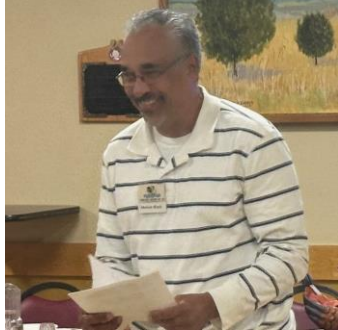
Checking Account Balance	2819.17
Change Fund	300.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2519.17</b>

## Trips & Tours (cont. from pg. 1)

She also mentioned that an Amtrack trip to Southern California would be less costly and could include several stops in the Los Angeles area. More to follow.



Wally Curtis receives 95 year award



New member Mel Black welcomed



Don Deal introduces Larry Reed



Bill Tennyson introduces guest

## Membership

Sir Ralph Sartori

Our first meeting of 2024 saw 44 in attendance. This was a great start, let's keep it up. We had 2 guests in attendance and thanks to Don Deal we have a new member to approve. One change we made for this year was the birthday month members to select between a free meal ticket or a raffle ticket. I know it sounds like old news but, don't be afraid to invite a prospective member to a meeting, Prospective members meals are not charged.

Listed below please find our branch numbers:

Active Members: 53

Deceased Members: 0

### February Birthday's

Ben Barns, Rick Briggs, George Gambonini, Joe Luevano, Steve Tasselmyer, Bob Souza, Rod Washowich

Alumni Members: Harold Nelson and Ken Joseph

My report would not be complete without complimenting Big Sir Richard Inman on a successful meeting. Rich handed out perfect attendance certificates to the 10 members who never missed a meeting last year and Certificates to our two members over 90 years old.

Looking forward to seeing you on at our next meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Golf

	2/5	9:00	Rooster Run
Sir Jack Shipper	2/12	10:00	Foxtail North
707-762-2213	2/22	10:00	Rooster Run
	2/27	9:00	Bennett Valley

### BRANCH 58 Officers 2024

Big SIR:	Rich Inman	780-7792
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