

THE PETALUMAN



Branch 58 Newsletter - October 2023

Big SIR Report

Sir Jerry Pozo

The summer is slowly fading away, leaves are turning, and we are officially in Fall. But, unlike our counterparts across the US, Life is Good here in Sonoma County.

This month we look forward to the Blue Angels Hornblower Extravagate on the bay, dining and watching these precise flyers scream over the bay and hills with pin-point maneuvers. As a child in Alameda, I remember sitting on our roof watching them fly across the bay. In my work years I used to pick up a box lunch and find a seat down at SF's Aquatic Park and watch them.

Our Herzog Hall Security staff will be part of the Fairgrounds Appreciation Dinner for us on October 18th @ 5PM. October has the Cypress Hills Cemetery Tour featuring those select Petalumans that have a final burial plot up there. Check with the Historical Library/Museum (707) 778-4398, open Thurs – Sunday 10-4 to reserve a spot on the 2 tours on October 21st.

That's all for Now. I am looking forward to seeing you at our October gatherings, and planned trips.

Trips & Tours

Sir Bruce Sheibach

The final planned activity on the schedule this year is the Sunday October 8th fleet week trip. We will board our motor coach transportation at the Petaluma Fairgrounds parking lot at 10:45 am and will leave at 11:00 am, with one stop at the Smith Ranch Road Park & Ride to pick up several people from other SIR's branches. Please be on time for those attending. The bus will drop us off at the Hornblower pier to board the 292-foot Belle sternwheeler for a gourmet champagne luncheon buffet. After the airshow, featuring the Blue Angels, is over we will dock and board our motor coach for the return to Petaluma around 6:00 pm. We currently have 42 SIR's members, family members and friends signed up for the event. (Continued on pg. 2)

Little SIR Report

Sir Rich Inman

Petaluma.

This is the month when the eight-legged bears wake up from hibernation.

It's when the Octo-bears wake up...

It was good to see a well-attended meeting last month. Ralph's nephew, Richard, gave an informative presentation on heart valves. In October we will have the inimitable Ralph give his speech that he was scheduled to give last

his speech that he was scheduled to give last month, about his trip with FFA to Europe.

My two guests were very impressed with our group.

Rick Briggs will be our newest and youngest member! Hopefully my friend Mel will also join. Remember the first luncheon is on us for any friends or relatives who would like to join. Carry a few of those SIR welcome cards around with you. I will be hosting October's bocce ball tournament at my house, weather permitting, on October 20th at 11:00. It's only one court, so we will play four person teams to roll per game and others can socialize while waiting. I will provide wine and water. Bring an appetizer to share and any other beverage you prefer. I will have a cooler. Please call 707-763-9108 and leave a message if you can make it. The address is 452 Casa Verde Circle.

We will be signing people up for the Ladies' Holiday Luncheon scheduled for December 8th. It should be a fun one with Petaluma Pete playing some music for us during lunch and then leading us in Christmas Carols. Menu options and cost are below and will be available at October's meeting. Bring your checkbook and sign up early. The "More the Merrier" for the holiday season. Ho Ho hope to see everyone there!

NEXT MEETING: Oct 17, 2023

Social Hour 11:00 - Lunch 12:00

Pork Roast - Scallop Potatoes for Lunch

Financial Report

Sir Jose Tamayo

Sept 2023

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Checking Account Balance	2712.23
Change Fund	300.00
Total Assets	2412.13

Great Time at Pacific Coast Air Museum



Birthday Boy Ray Singing

Speaker, Richard Thomas







For more photos see web site

Trips & Tours (Continued from pg. 1)

SIR Bruce Sheibach

One note, I was listening to KCBS radio this morning and they mentioned that if the government does shut down, Fleet Week and the Blue Angels show could be cancelled. If this were to happen, we will still have our champagne luncheon buffet and a cruise on San Francisco Bay.

On September 7th members from Branch 58 attended and were treated to a free hot dog, chips and a soft drink and admission thanks to a gutter guard company (Leaf Filter). All in attendance had a great time.

If you have any ideas for additional trips, please contact me at the number listed below or email me at bscheibach@aol.com.

Membership

Sir Ralph Sartori

Our September meeting was well attended with 47 people including guest and visitors. This was our highest attendance for the year. Thank you, brothers, for letting me know you would not be attending.

Our Yearly attendance is 73% which is above the State target of 70%. Hopefully we will continue to keep our numbers up.

Congratulations to Brother Sir Richard Inman for bringing in a new member. I encourage all of you to invite a guest to join us.

Listed below please find our branch numbers for September:

Active Members: 53 Deceased Members: 0 Resigned Members: 0 New Members: 0

October Birthdays:

Robert Larsen Ron Frank Jerry Pozo Ike Tolks Richard Gosser

September Birthdays:

Ray Anderson, Joe Gala

Alumni Members: David Backman, & Gary Hagen

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