



THE PETALUMAN



Branch 58 Newsletter – February 2023

Big SIR Report

Sir Jerry Pozo

In January, I assumed the duties of your Big SIR. But you also received a revamped Board of Directors which help us muddle through the issues we face today. These are my unsung heroes and people that bind us together.

Dave Inman's Memorial Service was a wonderful venue for family and friends of this diverse man. Plenty of food, drink, and conversations. Then watching a military memorial flag service complete with bugler and bagpipes. He truly had a following of many varied people.

This year we should all put more thought into enhancing our lives through fun activities, travels, and events. Participate in activities and try and bring in a new member or two this year so we can maintain a healthy balance of newer and older members. We are working on procedures for addressing potential new members.

The merger of Branch #7 & 68 is postponed. We will be discussing this year, the advantages and disadvantages of merging with Branch 147, with the potential to do so later this year.

Finally, our Honorary Life Member, Len Svinth has turned over duties for: Pledge of Allegiance, Sunshine Report and Prayer. He assured me he would return to our luncheon meeting. Who would like to fill Len's position above? Or share it? Happy Valentine's Day and see you February 21st.

Sunshine Report

Sir Len Svinth

This was going to be Len's last report but he took a fall, bumped his head and hurt his back. He is going into rehab and if you want to send him your good wishes, contact Gary Haugen for phone number. Thank you Len for your years of service to our group.

Little SIR Report

Sir Rich Inman

I love February because it contains two of my favorite annual events, Groundhog Day and the state of the Union address. One involves a meaningless ritual in which we look to a notoriously unreliable mammal for prognostication with no basis in reality. The other involves a Groundhog... Really nice to see all the sunshine again. Hope everybody is shaking off the dust and getting outside! Good time to start working on the gardens. Crab feeds are poking up at various venues. Most benefit a great non-profit. The Argus usually lists them.

We will have Mike Harris as our speaker this month talking about cryptocurrency past and present. Speakers in the future will be Scott Hess who had to cancel last month and Dave Lapp, a man who did missionary work in the Ukraine getting food to the war-torn areas. If any members know of anybody who would like to give a 15-minute or so presentation that would interest our group, please let me know. As always, bring a friend and treat him to lunch. I promise we will be on our best behavior! See everyone on the 21st.

NEXT MEETING: Feb 21, 2022

Social Hour 11:00 – Lunch 12:00

Beef Stew & Mashed Potatoes for Lunch

Elks Lodge, 2105 S McDowell Boulevard
Petaluma, CA 94954

Annual Membership Dues: \$40

They help pay for room rentals, bar tender and misc. operating expenses.

Receive 2023 Roster when dues paid.

Make out check to "SIR Branch 58" (Cash is OK :)

Web Site: www.sirbranch58.weebly.com

This Newsletter, Photos, Updates, Past Meetings

Financial Report

Sir Brian Tolson

December 2022

Checking Account Balance	2580.15
Change Fund	300.00
Total Assets	28980.15

January speaker had Flu and didn't want to share.



Gene Smith and Joe Galea receive the 95 Award



New Member Ed Souza brought in by Bob Mawyer



Wally Curtis Sings Happy Birthday



Rich Inman did a great job with the memorial to his brother and our SIR brother, Dave Inman on January 21st in Sonoma

For more photos - www.sirbranch58.weebly.com

Membership

Sir Ralph Sartori

I think everyone would agree that it was good to get together to start the new year off. It was our first Regular Meeting since November. There was a total of 45 attending the luncheon. Congratulation to all members attending, we had 80% of our active members in attendance. This well exceeded the Branch goal of 70%. Let's keep up the good work. Our newest member Ed Souza was introduced to the club. Welcome aboard Ed. Also in attendance was our former member, Charles Wolf. I would like to encourage you to invite a friend to our next meeting. New members are an important part of our success. Now that COVID is under control, you could bring in someone to share our fellowship with others.

Listed below please find our branch numbers:
Active Members: 51 Alumni Members: 10
Resigned: 0 Moved to Alumni: 1 – James Paddor

February Birthday's: Ben Barnes, George Gambonini, Joe Luevano, Steve Tasselmyer, Bob Souza

Alumni Birthday's: Harold Nelson, Ken Joseph
Looking forward to seeing you on February 21, 2023

P.S. Don't forget that special person on Valentines Day!!

I was cleaning out a closet and came across 6 SIR Branch 58 caps. I'll bring to next meeting and you can purchase for \$10. See Jerry Pagnusat



BRANCH 58 Officers 2020

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

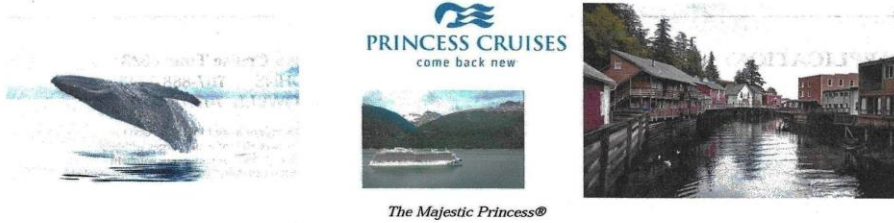
Sir Bruce Sheibach

Thanks to Chuck Wolf for passing along the name of the travel agent he and others before him have used for the SIRs trips. The travel agent is working up the pricing for Sept 8-10 Reno hot air balloon festival (train up and bus back), two nights in Reno and one day attendance at the Hot Air Balloon Festival, and a bus ride back to Petaluma. I will pass along the trip details once I receive them.

I'm looking into a Columbia River cruise (fly out of Santa Rosa and back) Also the April 8th 2024 total eclipse in Texas. We could fly to Austin or San Antonio before the eclipse and stay a day or so after. If you have not experienced one before it should be on your bucket list.

I have sent email to the Buck Institute and UC Davis Marine Sciences Institute regarding tours, and I am waiting to hear back. They were not doing tours during Covid but hope they have started up again.

Below is a cruise offering by Branch 147 Petaluma



The Majestic Princess®

Alaska Cruise Tour w/Denali Park & Mt. McKinley Rail included.....

Includes:
Beverage Package, WIFI, gratuities
\$100. PP Holds your cabin



SIR Branch 147
Escorted By:

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August 23 – Sept 2, 2023

Date	Description	Start	End
Aug 23	Transfer: Anc Airport to Hotel	Captain Cook	
Aug 24	Coach to McKinley Wilderness Lodge		
Aug 25	Coach: McKinley to Denali Park Tour		
Aug 25	Denali Park Tour Options		
Aug 26	Transfer: Lodge to Rail Depot- Denali to Whittier		
Aug 27	Hubbard Glacier	3:00P	8:00P
Aug 28	Glacier Bay	9:15A	7:30P
Aug 29	Icy Strait Point	6:00A	7:00P
Aug 30	Juneau	6:30A	4:00P
Aug 31	Ketchikan	9:00A	3:30P
Sep 01	At Sea		
Sep 02	Vancouver	4:45A	
Sept 02	Transfer: ship to Airport		



Transfers to Hotel and airport included.



725 E Washington St Suite 100
PETALUMA CA 94952
707-763-1545

From:	
Mini Suite	\$4,285
Balcony	\$3,825
Ocean view	\$3,171
Interior	\$2,845

Prices per person, based on double occupancy and are subject to change.

Does not include air and insurance

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* Insurance not included * Single rates upon request. * 3rd and 4th available, Princess reserves the right to re-instate the fuel supplement. Prices subject to change. Bermudan Registry