



THE PETALUMAN



Branch 58 Newsletter – March 2022

Big SIR Report

Sir Jerry Pagnusat

Well, let's try again. This virus has made it hard for us to keep things going, but we are still here. The plans are to have our March 15 meeting, a guest speaker and Corn Beef and Cabbage for lunch.

Thanks to all for bringing your vaccination cards to the November meeting. If you weren't there in November and plan on attending in March, please bring it so we can check you off the list. If you show it once you won't have to show it again.

Phone calls will be going out to confirm your attendance to the luncheon. It is important that we get the head count right because we have to pay for all the lunches that are not used.

Derlin is looking for volunteers to man the Butter & Egg Days Beer Booth. It's fun and you get a couple of dinners and a T-shirt.

Please bring a check for \$30 made out to "SIR Branch 58" for the 2022 dues and you will get the new 2022 roster.

We have some of the board members moving or retiring from their important position with our branch.

To move forward, we need to have some of the general membership step up and help lead us into the future. Please let me know if you are interested.

Sunshine Report

Sir Len Svinth

As we all know, today the sun came up and we had a new day. So now you can say "It a great day for the race, the human race". I trust that as you read this report that the days gone by were good.

Each day is what you make of it, so let's call thank the leadership of SIRS 58 for the extra effort to restart the events. WE are well aware of the loss of members (and loved ones) since we last met. Please take time to let me know about these events and I will send a card.

Let's all now smile.

Little SIR Report

Sir Jerry Pozo

Good Morning Brothers,

So here are some issues I wanted all to know about.

- COVID Protocols remain unchanged, vaccinations are required for those attending indoor events.
- Many branches have fewer board members, but the only tried and true way to regain is thru existing members or new members.

We have pushed back to the 3rd week of March for the next in-person meeting with a guest speaker discussing health, physical exercise and how to slow the aging process. April should be Benita Mattioli & Pete tell the titillating details of The Condor Club in North Beach San Francisco. May will bring Chad Costa, Asst. Fire Chief to speak. These next few months will allow us time to reorganize our outdoor and indoor activities. We need to look for member position to deal with potential travel opportunities/activities as well. Any Volunteers?

In April and May events in Petaluma will be opening-up and we can all be part & participate in those happenings. Well, stay in touch and we will look forward to seeing you again on March 15th.

Something to Think About: Positive thinking doesn't mean that you ignore life's less pleasant situations. Positive thinking just means that you approach unpleasantness in a more positive and productive way.

Annual Membership Dues:

\$30

Please be prepared to pay 2022 membership dues at the next meeting. We have reduced dues by 25% to \$30 for 2022 as a thank you for returning to our great group after 2 years. When dues are paid you will receive an updated 2022 Roster.

NEXT MEETING: Mar. 15, 2022

Social Hour 11:00 – Lunch 12:00

Corned Beef and CabbageElks Lodge, 2105 S McDowell Boulevard
Petaluma, CA 94954**Financial Report**

Sir Brian Tolson

February 2022

Checking Account Balance	3399.00
Change Fund	300.00
Total Assets on 2/28/2022	3699.00

Joke Corner

Sir Derlin German

It is a slow day in the small Saskatchewan town of Pump-handle and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt and everybody is living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town, stops at the motel and lays a \$100 bill on the desk, saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs to pick one for the night. As soon as he walks upstairs, the motel owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher. The butcher takes the \$100 and runs down the street to retire his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the Co-op.

The guy at the Co-op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer her "services" on credit. The hooker rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill with the hotel owner.

The hotel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter. Moments later the weary traveler comes down the stairs, states the rooms are not satisfactory, picks up the \$100 bill and leaves.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything. However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how a "Stimulus Package" works.

Membership Report

Sir Ralph Sartori

As I write my report to you, things are looking up for gatherings to take place once again. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we will finally be able to get together in March. To keep our cost down phone calls will be made to confirm if you will be attending the luncheon. The requirement regarding confirmation of COVID vaccination is still in effect. Thank all of you who provided us with your vacation information. A logbook has been established which will speed up the check in process. I look forward to seeing all of you and getting the dust off our badges.

Active Members: 61

Alumni Members: 6

Member Medium Age: 77.3 yrs.

Happy Birthday to the following Sirs:

March: Joe Augustine, Jerry Pagnusat, Hans Verhoeff, Glenn Hunsicker and Ralph Sartori

I encourage you to bring a guest to the meeting as we would like to get our membership numbers up. Any questions feel free to contact me at 707-484-4977

2022 Membership Dues are \$30
Please pay at the March Meeting

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