



# THE PETALUMAN



## Branch 58 Newsletter – March 2023

### Big SIR Report

Sir Jerry Pozo

I was very happy to see our group assemble for lunch this week. Always fun to meet everyone and try and find out a little more about each other, and what we really share with everyone in that room. This year seems like Bruce has found a few great overnight and day trips. I might also suggest local shows in Santa Rosa down thru Marin. Or the old reliable run into the Theater District in San Francisco. (Keep in mind the Branch 147 air/bus/train trip from Anchorage Alaska to Vancouver, BC in Aug-Sept – sign up ASAP) 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. We should all discuss or email me [jerry Pozo@comcast.net](mailto:jerry Pozo@comcast.net) 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. Art Adams has volunteered to do that Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer before our lunch. Rich will do the Sunshine Report for Len this month. Since I have an opportunity with the history museum and a few others to meet with the McNear family in San Rafael, Rich will run the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. I will miss you all this month but know you will all have fun schmoozing.

### 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](mailto:derlin@comcast.net) and let him know.

### Little SIR Report

Sir Rich Inman

Why are leprechauns so hard to get along with? Because they're short tempered! Looking forward to our March meeting. We will have Scott Hess, a great photographer who's made many contributions to the Argus Courier, as our speaker. My apologies for missing February's meeting, but my wife had COVID and I just wanted to make sure that I did not cause the next outbreak! Knock on wood I am still clear. I will be traveling to Virginia for a couple of weeks right before the next meeting, but I will be back filling in for Jerry Pozo. We will be emailing a flyer for the upcoming Ladies Luncheon on Cinco de Mayo (May 5<sup>th</sup>) with menu options very soon. So, ask your favorite gal if she would like to attend. We will start selling tickets at the March meeting. A grand time will be had by all! As always, the earlier the better so we can plan accordingly. Hope everybody enjoyed our little mini winter Wonderland, a once every other decade event. The water table is looking better every day! Shollenberger park is a great day hike to enjoy the local flora and fauna. It's about a two-mile loop with plenty of benches along the way. See everyone on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Don't forget to wear green or you'll get pinched! As an old Irish toast says, "May you live as long as you want and never want as long as you live."

### Spring Ladies Lunch - May 5th

Put it on your calendar.

Bring checkbook to next meeting.

### NEXT MEETING: Mar 21, 2023

Social Hour 11:00 – Lunch 12:00

**Corned Beef & Cabbage for Lunch**

**Web Site:** [www.sirbranch58.weebly.com](http://www.sirbranch58.weebly.com)

## Financial Report

Sir Brian Olson

February 2023

Checking Account Balance	3664.73
Change Fund	300.00
Total Assets	3964.73

February speaker Mike Harris tried to explain cryptocurrency.



Bob Souza & Ben Barnes Sing Happy Birthday



Snow on Feb 24 from Adobe Road



Snow Photo by Jerry Pozo

For more photos - [www.sirbranch58.weebly.com](http://www.sirbranch58.weebly.com)

## Membership

Sir Ralph Sartori

It was windy day, but as usual it was good to get together. Congratulation to all members attending, we had 81% of our active members in attendance. This well exceeded the Branch goal of 70%. Let's keep up the good work. Let's see what we (you) can do to bring in a new member.

On a very high note, we welcomed back to former members David Bachman and Charles Wolf. I thought our speaker did an excellent job of explaining what's new in the financial world. Boy how times change. First it was cash, then checks and then credit cards. Now it looks like the monetary world is about to change again.

Listed below please find our branch numbers:

Active Members: 54      Alumni Members: 9

Resigned: 0      Moved to Alumni: 0

New: 2      David Bachman and Charles Wolf

### March Birthday's

Jerry Pagnusat, Hans Verhoeff, Glen Hunsicker, Ralph Sartori

Looks like the wind is gone now it's the snow on the local mountains. Looking forward to seeing you on March 21, 2023

### American Legion Corned Beef and Cabbage Feed.

Jack Schipper

707-304-3932

[jandjschipper@hotmail.com](mailto:jandjschipper@hotmail.com)

#0130 American Legion Post 28  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 19, 2023  
Petaluma Veteran's Hall

Lounge opens @ 4:00PM - Dinner starts @ 5:00PM

**Tickets \$23.00 each**

## Sunshine

Sir Rich Inman

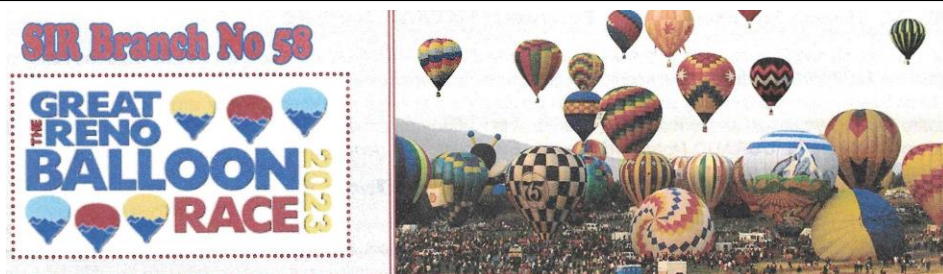
Instead of Little Miss Sunshine like Shirley Temple, I'm little Sir Sunshine... Filling in for Len while he is still recuperating. Good news is that he and his wife are now in a nice, assisted living facility. Should make it easier for him to bounce back. Hopefully we will see him in person soon. If anyone knows of a fellow member who are going through a hardship or good experience, please let me know. Contact information for all members is in the roster. The old Ma Bell adds used to say, "reach out and touch someone". It's amazing the smiles you get back when you greet somebody in passing or give them a wave as you drive by. (Or they might think, who the hell was that! Ahh well, either way you tried!)

## Trips and Tours

Sir Bruce Scheibach

I hope many of you will sign up for the September 7-9th, Amtrack and bus trip to Reno for the Great Reno Balloon Race. The trip includes deluxe motor coach transportation from Petaluma to the Amtrack 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. If you did not pick up the flyer at our lunch, see below or I can email it to you if requested (bscheibach@aol.com). Additional details will follow.

I have contacted the Buck Institute about a tour of their I.M. Pei in Novato. They expect to start tours after the end of the Covid emergency on February 28 and hope to set something up soon. 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)

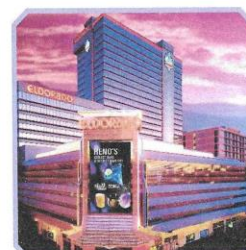
**Taxes and Gratuities** for included features

**Driver Tip**

### COST

**\$394 Per Person** (double occupancy)

Single Supplement \$124



## ITINERARY

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

SIR Branch No. 58

September 7 - 9, 2023

### APPLICATION

Make check(s) payable to: ON TOUR Trust

MAIL TO: **Bruce Scheibach**

199 Haverfield Lane  
Petaluma, CA 94952

(707) 762-1948

Enclosed is payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ 150 deposit per person) reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s).

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) \_\_\_\_\_*

## BRANCH 58 Officers 2023

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