



THE PETALUMAN



Branch 58 Newsletter – May 2023

Big SIR Report

Sir Jerry Pozo

Just coming off our first 2023 hot weekend with our Butter & Eggs Parade, etc. and Marshall West's Memorial Service & Reception.

This was a very good time being in Petaluma, happy-waving people along the parade route and except for dealing with the large influx of cars, brightly colored cow pies & street closures, I am very happy to live & play here.

We have our Ladies Luncheon coming up shortly, and John Maher, aka Petaluma Pete will be playing for us. He was prominent at the memorial for Marshall West at Springhill Ranch, a lovely catered gathering in a beautiful garden & pond setting headed seaward out of town.

We are still discussing the advantages and disadvantages of merging with Branch 147. Some other cities are consolidating their branches to provide a little more stability, talents, and depth to their chapter. As always, the Board would like your feedback on issues like this. So please text, email, or call me or others on the board and express your feelings. We need to know your opinions. Last call for the Alaska air-sea-land Cruise in Aug-Sept. Final booking within the next month. That's all for Now. Be Well, network, and I am looking forward to seeing you in May.

Trips & Tours

Sir Bruce Sheibach

The Reno Hot Air Balloon trip has been canceled due to a lack of interest and those that sent in a deposit will have your checks returned.

During our April 18th lunch I passed out a list of potential trips that we could take, including local day trips and longer and asked for each member's input as to what they were interested in. I received responses from about half of the members.

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Little SIR Report

Sir Rich Inman

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims... Hope everyone has been enjoying the beautiful weather we've had lately.

Whale watching at the coast after a good crab lunch is highly recommended! Looking forward to the ladies' luncheon on the 5th.

Just a reminder for all board members to bring a bottle of wine or a box of candy for door prizes. We have over 50 people attending the event. Would like to see that number go up for the holiday luncheon.

For our speaker this month we have Skip Sommer. A Petaluma developer and historian extraordinaire who will regale us with a little tale of Petaluma's past. We celebrated Marshall West's life recently and will be celebrating Len Svinth's on Memorial Day. Both were caring and truly upstanding men. We need more of them in our lives. They will be missed. As always, tell a friend and invite them to lunch with the guys! Remember to let Ralph know if you cannot make the next luncheon.

Spring Ladies Lunch

Friday May 5th

Social Hour 11:00 – Lunch 12:00

NEXT MEETING: May 16, 2023

Social Hour 11:00 – Lunch 12:00

Pork & Green Chili Enchiladas

Elks Lodge, 2105 S McDowell Boulevard
Petaluma, CA 94954

Web Site: www.sirbranch58.weebly.com

Travel, Activities, Photos, Updates, Past Meetings

Financial Report

Sir Jose Tamayo

April 2023

Checking Account Balance	4309.06
Change Fund	300.00
Total Assets	4609.06

Tim, Bob and Derlin Sing Happy Birthday



Speaker, Dave Lap Talks about his time in Ukraine



Table Mates



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BRANCH 58 Officers 2023

Big SIR:	Jerry Pozo	780-7792
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Bruce Schiebach 2024. Jerry Pagnusat 2024

Membership

Sir Ralph Sartori

Our April meeting saw our attendance numbers rise back up to normal numbers. Our branch attendance numbers are 75% which is over the state goal of 70%. Thank you, brothers that attended and thank those, who called to say they were unable to attend. It helps to keep our catering cost down. A special thanks to Tim Talamantes for bringing a guest to the meeting.

Listed below please find our branch numbers:

Active Members: 53

Deceased Members: 1 Len Svinth, Badge # 132

Deceased Former Member: Marshall West

Alumni Members: 9 Resigned: 0

Moved to Alumni: 0 New: 0

May Birthday's

Jack Shipper, Roger Wills, Pete Azevedo

My report would not be complete without mentioning two members that will be missed by all. Len Svinth and Marshall West. They were great members that will be missed by all. They did so much for so many people. May they Rest in Peace. Looking forward to seeing you on at our next meeting on May 16, 2023

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SIR Bruce Sheibach

There was great interest in the local trips that could include Safari West, USS Hornet, Buck Institute, Hornblower and Blue Angles, the air museum in Santa Rosa, see a play and lunch, and the UC Marine Center in Bodega Bay. There seems to be interest in longer trips also, with cruises along the Columbia River, British Isles and one to Ireland, Iceland and Scotland leading the list. I have contacted our travel agent and she is looking into Safari West and lunch for us. I will also ask her to provide information and initial cost for the cruises. I will continue to phone the Buck Institute and will contact the USS Hornet along with the UC Marine Lab to see about possible tours for us.