

I.B.E.W. RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB NO. 617
(April 2011)

Here's Joe

Our monthly meeting will be on Tuesday the 12th starting at 1:00PM down at the Union Hall. The hungry ones will gather at the Carvery (Harry's hof Brau) in Foster City around 11:30AM.

Last month the birthday committee headed by Ruby Valdez put out a great refreshment assortment for the birthday month. A big thank you for everyone that helped.

The Spring Brunch will be at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Foster City on Sunday, April 10th. If you want to come, call Jim Gallagher ASAP at 650-358-9523. See you on the 10th.

Recently I wrote a check for the Retiree Health Plan. Our cost after being subsidized by the active members is very reasonable. This past year my family had some huge medical bills and we owe a big thanks to our brothers and sisters of Local 617 for their continued support.

2011 will be a year when seniors will have to "circle the wagons". The budget cutting Congress has declared war on our Medicare and Social Security. Our best chance to protect these programs is in the U.S. Senate. Senator Feinstein has **not** shown support and needs encouragement. The club has form cards provided by CARA that will be available at our next meeting in April to fill out and help save these senior programs and services. Your immediate action is needed now!

Mark your calendar for another 617 Picnic. The date is Saturday, August the 20th. Our location the past couple of years will not work out due to renovations at the park. This year we will be at Coyote Point Park. This San Mateo picnic area is much improved and will be a great place for another fun filled day with friends and family.

My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it's gone.

Joe