

I.B.E.W. RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB NO. 617

(February 2010)

Here's Joe

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of February at the Union Hall starting at 1:00PM. The "Lunch Bunch" will be at the Carvery (Harry's) in Foster City around 11:30AM.

Our next "Occasional Lunch" will be in the wine country at the River Rock Casino. This will be a day trip by bus and will start in Redwood City. Transportation cost will be offset by casino and food coupons. The date for this "adventure" is Wednesday, February the 17<sup>th</sup>. Want to go? Contact Jim or Mary Gallagher at 650-358-9523 to join the group and receive the details for the day. It should be fun!

The Spring Brunch this year will be on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>. Back by popular demand, the location once again is the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. A flyer is enclosed with the details and a RSVP for to be sent to Grethe Moller. We are expecting a good turnout and hope you can join us for a good time!

The Chicken's Ball in San Carlos will be in April this year. The club has selected the preview matinee on Sunday, April the 18<sup>th</sup> to attend. This show will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this fundraiser for the San Carlos School District. The show starts at 2PM with food and other entertainment in the "Joy Zone" outside before the show. Final details will be determined at our February meeting. If this event sparks your interest, bring your checkbook to the meeting. If you have any questions you can contact Pat Davey at 650-593-8768 who has volunteered as our representative. Let the good times roll!

Once upon a time, Local 617 had a retirement plan which did not provide for retirees to receive some payments from their plan and have the plan continue to manage the rest of their money. The trustees for the Union thought that it made no sense to close the accounts of the retirees if they wished to continue to participate. The union trustees managed to put in a provision to allow partial payments over the objections of some others in the industry. Fast forward twenty years to 2010. There have been many changes made in the plan that provide for even more flexibility for retirees when they retire. These changes have made the original 8-9-10 option redundant and unnecessary. The retirees continue to enjoy excellent benefits in both the retirement and health plans. Yes, local 617 is tops because of members who provide the leadership to include their retirees. Thank you!

If you want a receipt for your annual club donation, contact Grethe Moller at 650-341-5332 and she will send you one.

Local 617 is planning an "Old Timers night" on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. A mailing from the local will be going out with all the details. Good food and drink will accompany the service pin presentations. Mark you calendar for another good one!

Food for Thought: The economy is so bad Motel Six doesn't leave the light on any more.

Joe