

I.B.E.W. RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB NO. 617
(June 2008)
Here's Joe

The monthly meeting for June will be on Tuesday, the 10th starting at 1PM in the Union Hall. Want a bite before the meeting? Join us at The Carvery (Harry's hof Brau) in Foster City about 11:30AM.

You should receive a Retiree Health Plan letter outlining the changes any day now. The plan consultant (ICMS) will be at our next meeting on the 10th to answer questions and provide additional counsel to those who are covered by the plan. There have been some delays in making the necessary changes. At the present time July 1st is the target date selected for the changes in the plan, until then no change.

Local 617 did a fine job placing the photos from Old Timer's Night in the 617 Newsletter and the Labor Paper. Retiree Lin Cardelli once again had star status as a 65year member (top photo) of Local 617. He also made the evening news on television as a submarine veteran and storyteller at the Memorial Day celebration in San Francisco. Lin was on a sister sub during WWII to the Pompanito, which is berthed on the S.F. waterfront. He continues to be a docent for the Pompanito and we are glad that he still finds time to participate in our club activities.

The Panama Canal Cruise for members and their friends is proving to be quite popular. We have 20 cabins booked for the trip in April/May of 2009. If you need information contact Wendy Hogan (650) 726-0607 or our booking agent Judie at AAA (650) 572-5653. Prices for this popular trip will not be discounted and any delay in booking (with a deposit) will only cost more due to rising fuel surcharges. This trip will sell out.

The formal invitation for the 617 Anniversary Party will be mailed shortly. If you need a hotel room at the Hyatt, contact them ASAP at 1-800-233-1234. The date is 8/16/08.

SAVE THE DATES

The biotech industry has been a major source of employment for Local 617 for over 20 years. Working in lab facilities can be a unique and interesting experience. The Retiree Club is going to be provided an opportunity to tour Genentech, a major player in San Mateo County on Thursday, July 24, 2008, more details to follow in the July newsletter. This should be a great field trip!

A trip to the Tank Farm (a private collection of military vehicles) is on the radar screen for Saturday, September 20, 2008.

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Friday, December 12, 2008 at the Basque Cultural Center in South City.

A get-well wish goes out to Detlef Siarkowski who is recovering well from major heart surgery. Detlef went to the hospital for a heart test and didn't leave until the repair work was done. Close call but all is well!

It is very scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

Joe