

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

(May 2008)

Here's Joe

Our monthly meeting for May will be on Tuesday, the 13th starting at 1:00P.M. in the Union Hall. You can grab lunch at the Carvery (Harry's hof Brau) in Foster City about 11:30AM. If you do, save some room for birthday refreshments after our meeting.

One enemy retirees face is inflation. Rising food and fuel prices can take a toll but healthcare costs are also rising. The cost of our Retiree Plan is going to **increase** soon. At our meeting this month the plan consultant (ICMS) will go over the costs and changes to our Retiree Plan. John Valdez, our Trustee representative on the plan, encourages everyone that can attend the meeting to do so. Showing an interest and getting good information will help to **preserve your healthcare** in the future.

The last meeting for the 617 Picnic Committee will be on Wednesday, May 28th at the Union Hall. The Retiree Club has volunteered to welcome everyone on the day of the picnic, **June the 7th**. Some retirees had asked that the Local consider having a picnic on the old time basis. The Local listened, so make a point to attend and participate; it should be a great day!

The 100 Year Anniversary Party is shaping up to be an event that no 617 Member should miss. The hotel room block at the Hyatt sold out but the local has secured some additional rooms. If you need one you better get it. The Hyatt's # is 800-233-1234.

The service pin party (Old Timer's Night) was a big success last month. A big thanks to the 617 Staff for all their hard work to make this an especially great evening for all the retirees who were seated at reserved tables.

Have you ever been through the Panama Canal? If not and you would like to go, the club has planned a fine trip in 2009. The 15-day one-way trip is from Ft Lauderdale to San Francisco on the Celebrity Cruise Ship the Infinity. The dates are April 26th – May 11th, 2009. We have sixteen cabins so far and a call on just a few more. For complete details you can contact Wendy Hogan at (650) 726-0607 or call Judi at AAA at (650) 572-5653 and ask about the Retired Electrician's 2009 Panama Canal Cruise. Interested? Reserve now before it's too late. (Trip insurance has been included in the price.) This is a very popular cruise and will **sell out soon**.

Our Christmas lunch will be discussed at this month's meeting. An early decision will insure a favorable location and date.

THE SENILITY PRAYER: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Joe