

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

(November 2009)

Here's Joe

Our next retiree meeting will be on Tuesday November the 10th at the Union Hall. Need a bite to eat before the meeting? Head for the Carvery (Harry's) in Foster City at about 11:30 AM.

The Retiree Picnic on October the 13th was almost a washout with the heavy rain and wind. (The picnic became an indoor event at the Union Hall.) Special thanks to Jim Gallagher for cooking the dogs and sausages and Mary for the chili and cornbread, Ed Towle for bartending and cleanup and Detlef Siarkowski who provided his special Syrah bottled in 2006 by the Siarkowski Winery in El Dorado County. A great turnout with tons of food and help from the staff at Local 617. (We may have to have our picnic earlier next year to avoid those raindrops!)

Some retirees attended the Italian Evening in South City recently. Jim and Mary Gallagher brought a little Irish luck with them and won FOUR door prizes. A great event thanks to the efforts of Marie and Ray Yoschak from our club.

Our social calendar for October was capped with the Belmont Community Player's production, "Dirty Work on the Trail" or "Go Slow with the Pony Express". Twenty eight members and friends enjoyed the lunch matinee performance with our own Kathy Havener and her husband Ron playing key roles in the production. (Kathy is the Local 617 bookkeeper.) If you want to mark a date for next year's companion event "The Chicken's Ball" it would be the Sunday matinee on April 25th, 2010.

The 617 Christmas Party for the Local members' children and grandchildren will be at the hall on Saturday, December the 12th. Details will be in the Retiree Newsletter in December.

Our annual Holiday Lunch will once again be at the Basque Restaurant in South San Francisco. The date is the third Tuesday, December 15th. A flyer is enclosed with all the details. This once a year event is a chance to see and visit old friends and maybe make some new ones.

2009 has been a tough year for the members of Local 617. Construction employment is the worst in recent history. The Retiree Club made a donation to help the members and families most in need this year. If the opportunity comes up, try to help if you can during the holiday season.

On a sad note, Charlie Balestrero passed on October 24th at the age of 91. He will be missed.

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?
Don't let aging get you down it's too hard to get up

Joe