

I.B.E.W. RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB NO. 617  
(October 2007)

Here's Joe.

The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Union Hall at 1:00P.M. If you want a bite before the meeting, join us at the Carvery (Harry's hof Brau) in Foster City at 11:30A.M.

We had a great trip last month for lunch at the historic Duarte's Restaurant in old Pescadero. It is amazing that a rural area in San Mateo County remains much the same as it did in the past. Some of our members who have been traveling a lot were a pleasant addition (Bob and Sharon Keating, Bob and Faye Lynch and Frank and Jan Oates). The "Occasional Lunch" outing continues to flourish with thirty members in attendance at this event.

There has been an excellent response for the Sunday matinee melodrama of the Belmont Players production of "Evil Is As Evil Does" or "She's Only A Orphan, Annie" on October 28<sup>th</sup>. We have secured tables for thirty, but if you want to attend you can contact the Belmont Community Players Ticket Sales at (650) 599-2720 for possible tickets for this performance.

Everyone covered under the 617 Retiree Health Plan should have received a new prescription card. There is a new phone number for member services but the mail order information is unchanged. You may have noticed that our advanced age is recognized on the front of the card.

How about a trip to New Orleans? Well, rather than buying plane tickets, we're going to visit a restaurant in San Carlos that features specialties of the "Crescent City" on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. This event may be the last "Occasional Lunch" for 2007, so don't miss it. Please contact Jim Gallagher at (650) 358-9523. "Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez! (Let The Good Times Roll)

Are you getting tired of watching Sunday football? A one day steam train excursion may be the answer with an adventure through the Sierra foothills on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>. The train will travel from Oakdale into the Dry Creek Canyon and back pulled by two locomotives on the rails traveled during the filming of old westerns. Ticket applications will be available at the October meeting. The cost is \$89.00 per person. If you're interested contact Joe Hogan (650) 726-0607 for more information.

On a sad note, Mike Vella, a 617 member since 1954 passed away on September 25, 2007. Mike was an active member helping make the local union picnic enjoyable and setting up events for the 617 golf club. Mike was 78 years old.

My young grandson called the other day to wish me a Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, "62".

He was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

Joe.