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MENU

Mar: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Fruit Salad, Rainbow Sorbet

April: Tri-Tip with Red Wine Mushroom Sauce, Chef's Salad, Chocolate Cake

(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

Big SIR Wayne Veatch



Hi! Fellow SIR members,
Hello from Australia - The Land of Wonder - The Land Down Under. As you read this and as you meet on March 3, I will be in Australia, returning to San Francisco on April 6. Janet and I lived in Australia from 1969 to 1973 and were married in Sydney on January 30, 1970. We have returned to see friends and celebrate our anniversary every ten years since then. We lived in Sydney (on the beach, at Coogee) until mid-1971 then in Melbourne until 1973. I was working as an engineer and she as a nurse. We returned to the States by driving west across the Nullarbor Plain to Perth, then by plane and ship to the east coast of Russia, where we took the Trans-Siberian Railway west to Europe.

In my absence, I want to thank you for your monthly donations. We need and use this money to continue to bring you the monthly Foghorn and to offset our branch expenses. If you miss a meeting, please make up your donation by bringing it to or mailing it to Bill Gipe. If we all keep current, we may be able to avoid increasing the donation or cutting expenses.

If your email address is not in the roster, please send it to Jack Major, jemajor@pacbell.net.

Sons In Retirement San Francisco Branch 4

The Fog Horn



A Luncheon Club promoting The Independence and Dignity Of Retirement

Elks Lodge 650 589-4030
Stonegate & Hillside Blvd.
So. San Francisco, CA 94080

10:30 Board Meeting
11 AM Social-12 Noon Lunch
*Every friend is a potential
Member!*

Speaker

Woody LaBounty

San Francisco Historian

Subject: "Carville by the Sea"

**Ed Woodward receiving two
awards from Flor Mendoza.
The Milestone Award and the
Unsung Hero Award for his
service to SIR Branch 4.**



Flor S. Mendoza, 2007 Big Sir, presents to Ed Woodward "Milestone Achievement" and the "Unsung Hero" awards.



To "SIR" with Love
Birthdays come and Birthdays go
Here we are and sing to you
"We do Thank You"

**The Birthday Boys for
February**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Fog Horn Issue March 2010

Meeting March 3rd

Next meeting April 7th

Editor *George Rodriguez*

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Little SIR – Robin Jaquith

At our last SIR executive meeting Flor presented us, as our auditor, with a positive balance sheet. This means we have money in the bank. Will we continue to have money in the bank? It appears as our membership decreases we may eventually have a problem with income being less than expenses. We need members to keep us alive and when you bring in a new member you are contributing to us. I point this out because our membership is smaller than it has been in the past which means our income is smaller, however our cost to survive increases. This is a fact, to increase our income we have to work and to increase the SIR income we have to increase our membership. I hope you will give this some consideration when we come together at our monthly meetings, so bring a new member.

At the same meeting Jack Major, our past Big Sir, informed us that we now have a web site. We are in the 21st Century. As hard as it to believe that our SIR founders relied on the phone and the personal letter, now we are using Dick Tracy technology. If you type in "branch4.sirinc.org" you will be directed to our very own site.

I bring our website to your attentions as it has some implications to our future when it comes to communication. We are now putting our monthly Fog Horn on the web, in all its glory. I hope you will come to familiarize yourself with this new way to know what is happening with our Branch. We are beginning to look at how we, too, can become more politically responsible, and green, without leaving anyone behind. So what this means is if you can keep in touch with Branch 4 without the written word on paper and use the "internet" then that puts us with those who don't know any other way to communicate.

March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb, I hope this is true. We don't need another February.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday March 9, 2010, first tee-off is 0930.

SIR members and their guests are invited. Sign up for tournaments at the golf table at the first Wednesday's lunch. Since there's breakfast, **check in one hour before your tee time, or risk being removed from the tournament.** Sharp Park fees are \$42 for green fees, cart, breakfast, and prizes (\$3 each). This will be a combined tournament with Branch 4 and Branch 25. Jim Smith coordinates the match, so Branch 4 goes out first.

The **February 9th Sharp Park Tournament** was cancelled due to the wet conditions.

2010 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for 2/17, 4/20, 6/24, 8/18, 10/24, and 12/14. Prices are up \$2 from 2009. **Chronic no-shows** will be required to place a **\$20 non-refundable deposit** to sign up in the future.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday April 20th , first tee-off is 1030.

The tournament starts at 1030 for 40 golfers. Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or George. Green (\$30) and prize fees (\$7) are \$37; optional cart fees are \$13.50 per player double, \$18 single.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855, 430 Forest View Drive, South SF, CA 94080. These tournaments are scheduled for Tuesdays.

Metropolitan Golf Links, 10051 Doolittle Dr.,Oakland, hosts the Tuesday March 23, 2010 shotgun tournament. Bus leaves SSF Elks at 0630 for an 0830 start. Bus \$60, drive \$55.

Upcoming Awy Trips – 4/27 Foxtail–North, 5/25 Crystal Springs, 6/29 Santa Clara.

Editor's Note

Hello Branch 4: Getting ready for spring and we're starting to get some nice weather. Hope you are getting out and about. Time to clean up the golf clubs and get out your walking shoes. The Olympics sure have been exciting, **Go USA!** Inspiring! The results of our last audit revealed that expenses are getting tight. Please make sure to get your \$2.00 to Bill Gipe if you do not attend the meeting. The dinner for 2 contest has been rescinded because of budget constraints. The Better Business Bureau has issued a warning, to be aware of scams regarding the Census. Protect all of your personal information such as, Social Security number, bank account info, pin numbers, etc. Be Wise! See you at the meeting. Bring a friend!

Life is short! Break the rules! Forgive quickly! Kiss slowly! Love truly, Laugh uncontrollably, and never regret anything that made you smile!



If you want to get a notification of when the Foghorn is available, email Jack Major at jemajor@pacbell.net to set up our email list.

**Travel Chairman – Robin Jaquith
Put Some Travel in Your Plans!**

We are working on what looks like could be two very good outings. One under consideration is a trip to the Disney Museum at the Presidio. It has been said that this is really an adult oriented museum and people tend to spend more time than they had anticipated. This outing could include lunch at the Presidio Golf Club. The other excursion is a luncheon cruise on the bay. A lovely afternoon sailing from Pier 39 with lunch and beverages should make for a fun filled afternoon. We are trying to keep the prices down so all of you can participate in these events. If you have any ideas like those mentioned please do not hesitate to contact me, Little Sir Robin at 650-355-0805.

Rewards for Branch 4

When you make a purchase at Office Depot, give them the Rewards # 1738924784 and Branch 4 will get the credit. A win win situation! This will help defray expenses. Thank You!

A magician is working on a cruise ship, but there is one problem. The captain's parrot watches every show he does, And after figuring out the tricks, the parrot yells out the secret of how the tricks are done. The bird says, "look it's not the same hat" or "Hey! He's hiding the flowers under the table." The magician is enraged, but since it's the captain's parrot, he can't do anything about it. One day the boat crashes and the magician and the parrot end up clinging to a plank. For days neither one says a word. Finally after a week with no hope in sight, the parrot says, "OK I give up. Where's the boat?"

SIR Happenings is now in its fifth year of publishing, and the readership is growing. Enjoy reading SIR Happenings, the State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: sirinc.org. Don't forget to wear your pin to the meetings. The Bolo Ties, Lapel Pins, Patches, and Decals are all reasonably priced at \$2 to \$3 each. **Fly the SIR Colors!** See Bill Gipe!

Check out the January SIR Happenings on line now!

**Birthday Greetings
Chairman: Robert Hennig**

February 2010 Birthday Celebrants

Lee Appel, James Dariotes, Alfred Delclaux, Maurice Gonzalez, RodolfoGuiterez, Nick Kyriakis, Patrick Long, Jon Lucero, Dave Marconi, GeorgeMourgos, Ed Murphy, Jack Negrin, Weldon Nicolson, Dan O'Leary, Greg Pantages, Ernest Pead, Robert Ratto, Joe Sangiacomo, John Souza, and Peter Stambollis

Absentee Special Donor List for January

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Thanks to Feb. donors Peter Angelonides, Wm. Angelopoulos, AnthanasiosKastoris, Constantine Konstin, Nick Kyriakis, Charlie Leach, WarrenLee, Harry Lieberman, Rush Manbert, Peter Roosakos, George Staniotos, Marios Stathopoulos, and thanks to annual donors Joe Jacinto, Charles Gochez, and Joe Sangiacomo.

Please notify Bill Gipe (650-878-5746) if you'll miss a lunch meeting.
Remember the SIR monthly lunch donation of \$2 helps meet branch expenses. Thank you.

Please see me at the meeting if your name is missing from this partial list.

**Membership and attendance
Report for January 2010**

Authorized membership- 250, Active 141, Inactive 18 (1 H.L.M.)

Please note: #238 Roy Bauer moved to Inactive #411.
Branch 4 lost our senior member #403 Berthold Herpe in January.

At the Feb. meeting there were 3 guests, meeting attendance totaled 90 active members. That's 63.8% of the active membership.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Berthold Herpe

Pinochle George Samoulides 415 564 5384
Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Sessions start at 1:30 PM at the Holy Trinity Christopher Center, 999 Brotherhood Way SF. This is a SIR sanctioned activity for the members. We look forward to seeing you.

Sunshine Committee

**Shut ins Chairman Lee M. Appel 415 221 6664
Sick List for January 2010**

137 Charles Blake, #118 Bill Cooper, #82 John George

Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal 415 681 1208

Meeting at 11:45 every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake – Daly City. All those interested in computers are welcome to attend.

Next meeting – March 17th

Glee Club – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321

We meet at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake, Daly City. We will meet once a month on the 3rd Monday at 1PM to 3 PM in room 5. Our meeting will be on **Mar. 15th**. We are the Sons in Retirement Branch 4 Glee Club. All of you crooners come out and give your lungs a workout.

Ladies Welcome!

Bowling – Joe Jacinto 415 681-8719

Thursdays- 12:30 warmup, 1pm bowling – Classic Bowl, Daly City

Hi-H/C Games:

Art Tanjuaquio – 236, 224, 228

Leo Juarez – 218, 223, 232,

Joe Jacinto – 213, 225, 229,

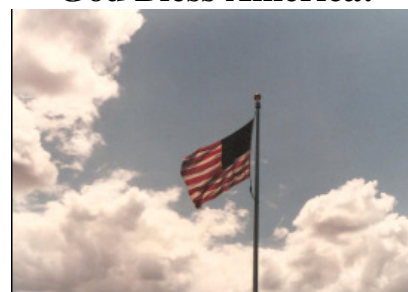
Ernie Gochez - 237

Splits (Scorekeepers: please record splits)

Leo Juarez – 5-6

Art Tanjuaquio – 3-10, 2-7-8

God Bless America!



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Ben Franklin Quiz

1. Franklin was the only person to sign the four key documents that created America. What are they?
2. Which office did Franklin's illegitimate son hold?
3. What did Franklin produce every year for twenty-five years?
4. What did his famous kite experiment prove?
5. What was his greatest accomplishment during the Revolutionary War?
6. Franklin preferred what animal as America's symbol?
7. What was Franklin's final public role?

Answers will be in next month's Fog Horn.

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