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## MENU

**April:** Tri –Tip with Red Wine  
Mushroom Sauce, Chef's Salad,  
Chocolate Cake  
**May:** Sliced Ham with Pineapple Sauce,  
Chinese Chicken Salad, Cream Puffs.  
(Salads must be ordered one month in  
advance)

### Big SIR Wayne Veatch



**Hi! Fellow SIR members,**  
My remarks this month will be brief,  
as I'm still in Australia, enjoying  
summer, as this Fog Horn goes to  
print. I want to thank my Little SIR,  
Robin Jaquith, for doing a great job  
filling in for me and chairing the  
March meeting. Robin may have to  
chair the April meeting as well, as I  
will arrive back in San Francisco the  
day before the meeting, may succumb  
to jet lag and fall asleep in the  
meeting.

But, seriously, I can (and you can)  
keep up with Branch 4 from anywhere  
in the world! Jack Major has done a  
great job putting up our Branch  
website, Branch4.Sirinc.org. The Fog  
Horn is there - in full color. More stuff  
will be there soon. Check it out!

### Editor's Note!

Hello Branch 4! Don't forget to file  
you taxes by April 15<sup>th</sup>, or file an  
extension. Safety Tip: Don't walk  
around the house in socks, especially  
if you have hardwood or tile floors.  
Beware of Census Scams! **Do not** give  
bank information, pin numbers, Social  
Security numbers, etc. The Census  
form will come in the mail (no email).  
If the mail form is not filled in and  
mailed, then a Census Taker will  
follow up. See you at the meeting.  
Bring a friend!

## 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-12Noon Lunch**  
*Every friend is a potential  
Member!*

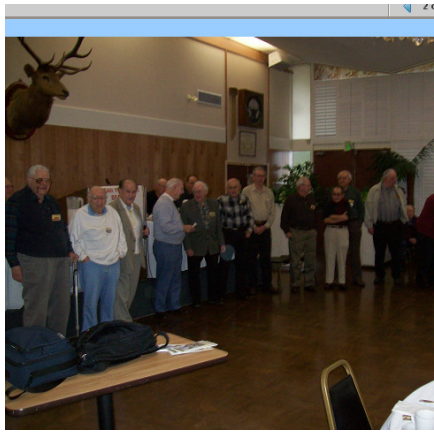
### Speaker

Pat Vitucci

Financial Advisor, Speaker, Radio Host  
and Author.

**“Don't Invest and Forget”**

### March - Birthday Boys



### March Speaker Woody LaBounty “Carville”



## Fog Horn Issue April 2010

Meeting April 7th  
Next meeting May 5th  
Editor *George Rodriguez*  
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### Little SIR – Robin Jaquith

As I write this I am hoping that some of  
you are reading this on your computer. As  
you know Jack Major has been working  
quite diligently on the Branch 4 web-site.  
Over time you will be able access our  
membership list, calendar, and news from  
other Branches. We owe a lot to Jack for  
his work. Who says you can't teach old  
dogs' new tricks! We will never be  
completely paperless but we will be as  
close as possible.

April is national volunteer month. How  
many of you spend a little extra of your  
time helping out a cause or someone in  
need. It doesn't take much and it is very  
much appreciated by those receiving your  
time and assistance. If you want to lift  
yourself up, lift up someone else.

I have been thinking about our last guest  
speaker, a bit of history about an area of  
San Francisco few of us probably didn't  
know. Carville by the sea, using old street  
cars as housing units. What a great  
recycling idea. If you know of anyone  
who would make an interesting  
presentation, don't keep it a secret. Let  
Bill Gipe know and he will invite the  
person to be one of our interesting  
luncheon speakers.

Let's hope April brings us warm weather  
and pleasant evenings, after all March  
came in like a lion and left us like a lamb  
so this should be a wonderful spring.

If your email address is not in the roster,  
please send it to Jack Major,  
[jemajor@pacbell.net](mailto:jemajor@pacbell.net).

**Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243**

**Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday April 13, 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 **March 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.

**Foxtail Golf Club**, 100 Golf Course Drive, Rohnert Park, CA 94928 707-584-7766, hosts the Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 shotgun tournament. Bus leaves SSF Elks at 0630 for an 0830 start. Bus \$60, drive \$55.

**Upcoming Away Trips** – 5/25 Crystal Springs, 6/29 Santa Clara, 7/27 Foxtail - South.

Check the website [branch4.sirinc.org](http://branch4.sirinc.org) for updates!

**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](http://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 March SIR Happenings on line now!**



### **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!

### **Travel Tips by Dick Hurley**

#### **Be a Traveler not a victim**

Travelers are inviting targets, for as one tour guide put it, "The locals think tourists are walking wallets." Physical attacks sometimes happen, but theft is the most commonly reported crime against tourists. Most often the criminals are pickpockets and purse snatchers. Some thieves specialize in stealing wallets from purses. Don't let crime statistics keep you from enjoying a trip but here are some simple steps you can take to make it less likely that you will become a victim while on vacation.

Don't carry large amounts of cash. Use an ATM to get just enough local currency to last a few days and use a credit card for large purchases and for meals. Carry cash and credit cards in a money belt, not a back pack or fanny pack. Do not carry your passport unless going to or coming from a port of entry. Remember, thieves concentrate their efforts on places tourist want to visit, as well as at train stations, air ports, buses and subways so be especially alert in these kinds of locations. Don't advertise your status as a tourist by wearing expensive wrist watches or jewelry.

**Happy Travels!**

**Birthday Greetings**  
**Chairman: Robert Hennig**  
**April 2010 Birthday Celebrants**

Ronald Brown, Leo Juarez, Warren Lee, Anthony Marotto, Henry Norman, and Rolf Rosander

**Absentee Special Donor List for March**

**Chairman, Bill Gipe**

Thanks to March donors: Andrew Banis, John Baumann, Peter Bencharsky, Charles Blake, Arturo Encabo, Amon Howard, Warren Lee, Pablo Magat, Jim Mayo, Dennis Meixner, Henry Norman, Tony Ramirez, Robert Ratto, Nick Rigas, Herman Scholz, Gil Travis, and Wil Uclusin. **Thanks again to Branch 4 annual donors:** Henry Albert, Charles Gochez, Joe Jacinto, Leo Juarez, Henry Ratti, 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 March 2010**

Authorized membership- 250, Actives (revised) 138, Inactives 18 (1 HLM).

Please note that we've been missing three members- James Dariotes, William Oberster, and George Ramirez. At the March meeting there were 3 guests, and the meeting attendance totaled 98 active members. That's 71% attendance.

**Answers to Last Month's Quiz**

1. The Declaration of Independence, The Treaty of Alliance with France, The Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, The Constitution of the United States.
2. Loyal to England, William Franklin became the Royal Governor of New Jersey. During the Revolutionary War he was arrested and later he went to London.
3. He wrote and published *Poor Richard's Almanac* from 1733 to 1758.
4. In 1752, flying a homemade kite he proved that light was electricity.
5. As a commissioner sent to represent the United States in France, Franklin got the French to join the war against England. Their aid was crucial to America winning its independence.
6. In what may have been his only bad idea, he preferred the turkey to the eagle, which he thought was a bird of bad moral character.
7. In 1787, he was elected president of America's first antislavery society, and his last public act was to sign an appeal to Congress calling for abolition.

**Pinochle George Samoulides 415 564 5384**  
Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 March 2010**

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

**Computer Club – Jerry Blumenthal 415 681 1208**

Meeting at 11:45 every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**Sing – a – long – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321**

**This is a sing-a-long session.**

We meet at the Doelger Senior Center, Westlake, Daly City. We will meet once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 1PM to 2:30 PM in room 5. Our meeting will be on **April 19th..** We are the Sons in Retirement Branch 4. 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  
Join and enjoy the afternoon (sometimes free pizza) with us.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery for Sir Leo Juarez from his recent hospitalization.

Results: February 4, thru February 25, 2009

**Hi-H/C Games:**

Art Tanjuaquio – 217, 221, 236, 215, 203, 202, 247, 220

Joe Jacinto – 235, 234, 206, 220, 219

Ernie Gochez – 208

**High H/C Series:**

Art Tanjuaquio – 641, 652,

Splits (Scorekeepers: please record splits)

Art Tanjuaquio – 3-10

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**Sports Quiz**

**By Charlie Leach**

1. What year did the Oakland A's come to the Bay Area?
2. Which SF Seal Baseball Player played in the majors with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and worked as a SF Policeman, (hint, Italian Outfielder) ?
3. What SF Seal Catcher had a rabbit farm in the Seals bullpen?
4. How many SF Giants were starting pitchers in Baseball's All Star Game?
5. What city is the home of the College Baseball World Series?
6. Name the 8- AAA Baseball teams which comprised the Pacific Coast League? Before the Giants.
7. Who were the Bash Brothers?
8. Name the original teams of the All American Football Conference, started in 1946.
9. When the 49ers had the Shot Gun Offense in the 60's, who were the 3 quarterbacks?
10. What Bay Area player was recently inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame?

Answers will be in next month's Fog Horn.

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