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10:30 Bd. Mtg. 11:00 Social 12:00 Lunch

Luncheon Speaker:

John Hill

Subject:

SFO History

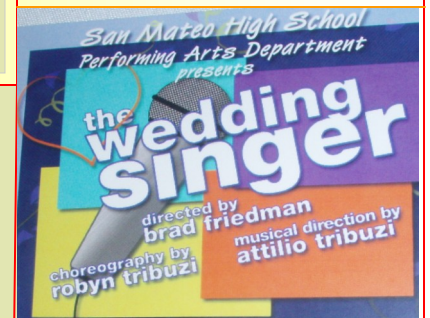
M E N U:

FEB: *Shrimp & Crab Sandwich*
Cobb Salad, Tapioca Pudding

MAR: *Corned Beef & Cabbage*
Fruit Salad, Raspberry Sorbet

APR: *Roasted Beef a ju,*
Chef's Salad, Carrot Cake

NOTE: *Salads must be ordered one month in advance. When you pay for the current meal, please sign the salad sheet for the following month.*



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From the Big Sir

Robin Jaquith



I cannot believe it is already the middle of the month and I am preparing my February message. When I think of February I naturally think of President's Day, February 21st, and of course Valentine's Day, February 14th. While Valentine's Day is for the young and romantic President's Day is for all of us to reflect on our nation's heritage and history. Looking over the internet entries about President's Day I found that in reality we are honoring only George Washington's birthday, however over time it has become a holiday for both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. For me it is a time to look back at our countries history and think of what has transpired since George Washington was our first president. Also in February we can look forward to Chinese New Year, February 3rd, and Super Bowl Sunday, February 6th. We also celebrate Black History Month.

I was glad to see some of you step up to the plate and propose some new activities for our Branch. Harry Lieberman's idea of starting a bocce ball group sounds great and the idea of a game of bocce ball and then lunch sounds even better. Even though we do not have a bocce ball team as of

yet, we have already been challenged by another branch. I am sure there will be more information on this activity at our next meeting as well as in the Fog Horn. Henry Chu proposed that we attend a performance of the "Wedding Singer" at San Mateo Performing Arts Center. Henry and our new activities chair, Bob Fox, and our new travel chair, Wayne Veatch, will be working with Henry to make this happen.

What makes our Branch work is the effort our various activity chairs put into seeing that their activities run smoothly. I personally appreciate all that they do for you and our Branch.

Don't forget that you can pay your \$2.00 meeting donation for the year at any of our meetings. Once you have paid your donation you will get a "Gold Star" for your badge. By paying in advance you can then put that monthly two dollars toward a raffle ticket, remember tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Our monthly raffle is a win, win for you and the Branch. Thanks to George Rodriguez, Fred Dannecker, and Tom Sylvester for making the raffle such a success.

See you all in February.

CLUB ACTIVITIES



From Little Sir
Robert Fox

As the Activities Chair I am providing each of you with a list of possible outside activities at our February lunch. Please check any that you might want to participate in. If any of them have sufficient interest, I will coordinate in getting them started. I left off the current activities like golf, bowling, computer club, etc. that we currently provide. Other local SIR organizations have activities we don't currently participate in and it may make sense to join together if we don't have sufficient interest from our Branch alone to pursue any of the activities. Please leave your completed questionnaire on the desk by the door on the way out. It is recognized that many of you enjoy our monthly lunches to socialize with familiar faces which is the primary function of SIR. We are interested in knowing if we can add anything additional that you may enjoy.

Let me offer a suggestion for something akin to a New Year's resolution. There are people living in local nursing homes that cannot get around and have no one that visits them. Consider contacting a few of those homes and volunteer to visit one of those lonely people for a short period. Some confined to a wheel chair might enjoy you taking them for a walk around the block while you chat with them. Guaranteed they will greatly appreciate that visit from you.

Should the mid-winter cold spell have cast a nasty cold on you, while watching the pro football playoffs, enjoy some hot chocolate with a spot of peppermint schnapps.



SCOREBOARD AND
TOURNAMENT
SCHEDULES

Jack Major 415 566 2243 Ken Reed 415 586 3104

2011 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 0930, with the exception of June 14 which will start at 1030. The results are out on the the web site, so enter the SIR Branch 4 Golf address <http://branch4.sirinc.org/golf.htm>. If I have your email, you will be notified when new results are posted. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too.

Next Sharp Park Tournament:

Tuesday February 8, 2011 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 (at 0830), and prizes (\$3 each). This will be a combined tournament with Branch 4 and Branch 25. Jack Major coordinates the match, so Branch 4 goes out second.

2011 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tuesday 2/15, 4/19, 6/29 (Wednesday), 8/16, 10/18, and 12/13. **Chronic no-shows** will be required to place a **\$20 non-refundable deposit** to sign up in the future.

Next Poplar Creek Tournament:

Tuesday February 15th, first tee-off is 1030.

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

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855

430 Forest View Drive, South SF, CA 94080.

These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays, starting March 28 at Spring Valley in Antioch. I'll put the full schedule out when I get it from Jim.

Check the web site SIR Branch 4 Golf for updates!



THE BIRTHDAY
CELEBRANTS
FOR THE
MONTHS OF
DECEMBER AND
JANUARY.



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 computer are welcome to attend.

ANTIQUÉ CARS: Wayne Veatch 415-821-1806

We meet immediately after the monthly luncheon meeting in the parking lot. At our last meetings, we viewed and discussed Wayne's 52 Studebaker, Tony Ramirez's 36 Buick and Jim Moore's 68 Plymouth Roadrunner. All who are interested in older cars are welcome.

PINOCHLE: George Samoulides 415 564 5384

Our games start at 1:30PM on the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month. We meet at the Holy Trinity Christopher Community Center, 999 Brotherhood Way, in San Francisco. Join us in the games or for a cup of coffee and fellowship.

POKER CLUB: Bob Fox

No Report

GLEE CLUB: George Rodriguez

To be announced

BOWLING / BASEBALL: Robert Fox

To be announced



George Rodriguez, Editor

Hello Branch 4: It's February! Time is moving right along. Thought for the day: Fill you mind with good thoughts, your body with good food, and get in to exercise. Get out and about. A good time to volunteer for one of the Branch 4 positions. Get involved!

Sit in on a board meeting. How about handling the raffle ticket sales, or become a badge man. The main thing is get involved. You will be surprised at what you can accomplish, and the positive results that will come from your efforts. Branch 4 needs you, and you will gain a sense of pride for your service. See at the meeting. Bring a friend!

From your Travel chair - Wayne Veatch

As your new Travel Chair, my objective is to identify trips and events we in in Branch 4 may wish to participate in, from day trip "freebies" to local activities to multi-night outings and cruises.

Our first event offering is on Sunday, February 13 at 2 PM: a matinee performance of The Wedding Singer by San Mateo High School Performing Arts Dept. at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center, promoted by Henry Chu. Tickets are only \$10. Bring your wife or S.O. We'll look for an early dinner option after the show. Call me on 415 -821-1806, email me on veatchlaw@gmail.com or give us your names and money at the Feb 2 meeting. Henry will get us tickets together.

I left brochures on the table for bus tours to Wonder Valley Ranch April 4-7, \$629 pp, Chukchansi Resort May 3-5, \$399pp, and a Star Princess cruise to Hawaii April 28-May 13, \$2100-\$3000pp. Many were taken. Please let me know if you do want to go on any of these. If not, please bring the brochure back to the next meeting.

We have other outings cooking. Stay tuned for more travel news.

Humor

**The husband and his young wife
were not on good terms.**

**In fact the wife was convinced that he was carrying
on with the pretty housemaid, so she laid a trap.**

One evening she suddenly sent the maid home for the weekend, and didn't inform the husband. That night when they went to bed, the husband gave the old story: "Excuse me my dear.....my stomach," and disappeared towards the bathroom.

The wife promptly dashed along the corridor, up the back stairs into the maid's bed. She just had time to switch the lights off when in he came silently....

He wasted no time or words but quickly took out his willy, and got on top of her. When he finished and still panting, the wife said "you didn't expect to find me in this bed, did you? " and switched on the light. "No Madam," said the GARDENER.

Anyone who has any suggestion, article, or message to publish, please send it to: **George Rodriguez, Editor (650) 992 8321**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS-Chairman: Robert Hennig

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

**Peter Ashe, Roy Bauer, Kenford Dong, David Krow,
John Lombard, Flor Mendoza, David Nigel
Nick Tamaras, and Jesus Pilare**

Membership & Attendance Chairman, William Gipe

Annual Contribution in Advance

**Frank Boone, Mike Vriheas, Will Uclusin, Flor Mendoza,
Henry Albert, Joe Sangiacomo, Herman Scholz, Jessie Pilare,
Mario Reyes, Paul Rosenberg, Joe Pierce, Jon Q. Lucero,
Jim Mayo, Amon Bud Howard, Fred Danneker, Leonel Parra,
George Mourgos, George Rodriguez, Robin Jaquith,
Dennis Meixner, Elmer Ekhart, Joe Jacinto, Wayne Veatch,
Harry Lieberman, Larry Farrell, Tom Mrakava, Mike Keller,
Kenford Dong, Alex Koliopoulos, Henry Fields,
Lloyd Rinde, Dan O'Leary**

Special farewell contribution from Chas Blake, and Ed Murphy

Absentee Contributions, January 2011 from:

Andy Banis, Pablo Magat, Rudy Gutierrez, Bill Robles, Maurice Gonzalez, Al Delclaux, Gus Kostan, Jack Benjamin, Bob Hendricks, Flor Mendoza, Larry Farrell, Tom Mrakava, Bill Angelopoulos

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Shut Ins:Chairman: Lee M. Appel (415) 221 6664

Peter Angelonides, Stephen Costakis, Raino Kandelberg.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Chairman: William Gipe

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<i>Active Membership—</i>	<u>142</u>
<i>Addition:</i>	
<i>Deletions</i>	()
<i>Active Membership—FEBRUARY 2011</i>	<u>142</u>
<i>Open Active Numbers</i>	108
<i>Inductions Pending</i>	0
<i>Inactive Members (400 List)</i>	19
<i>Honorary Life Member(s)</i>	01
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The Toilet Cleaner

The Story of the Unemployed Entrepreneur

An unemployed man applies for the position of a janitor at Microsoft. He is interviewed by the HR Chief and subjected to a battery of employment tests. The HR Chief tells him: Congratulations, you got the job! Just give me your e-mail address so that I can send you an employment package and let you know when to start work.



The man is distraught.... He has no choice but to tell the HR Chief that he has no computer and therefore no e-mail. The HR Chief tells him that, if he has no e-mail address, he virtually does not exist and therefore cannot hold the job.

The man leaves in a desperate mood. He is down to his last \$10 with no job in sight. He sees a supermarket and decides to buy a 10 lb box of strawberries. He starts out making door to door calls, selling those strawberries by the pound. Within 2 hours, he manages to double his capital. He repeats the deal 3 times more and goes home with \$60 in his pocket. He comes to see that he can survive this way. He starts every day earlier and goes home later every day tripling or quadrupling his money every day.

Before long, he buys a wheel-barrow so he can buy and sell more strawberries. After a while, he is able to buy a truck and eventually becomes the owner of a fleet of delivery trucks with several employees working for him.

He adds other produce items to his deliveries. 5 years go by... The man is now the owner of the largest food chains in the United States.

He starts thinking about the future for him and his family and decides to buy some life insurance. He calls an agent and selects a good policy. The agent ask him for his e-mail address to send him a confirmation of the policy. The man tells him he doesn't have an e-mail address. That is incredible, says the agent. You have no e-mail but you have built this large empire! Can you imagine where you would be if you had an email address?

The man briefly thinks and then answers: I would be a toilet cleaner at Microsoft!

Moral 1 of the story: The internet doesn't solve all the problems in our lives!

Moral 2 of the story: When you have no e-mail but work hard, you can become a millionaire!

Have a good day!