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### MENU

**Mar:** Corned Beef and Cabbage, Fruit Salad, Raspberry Sorbet

**April:** Roasted Beef a jus, Chef's Salad, Carrot Cake

(Salads must be ordered one month in advance)

### **Big SIR Robin Jaquith**



Hi Fellow SIR Members:

March is upon us and as we prepare for Spring let's hope that it comes in like it is supposed to, a Lion.

A few weeks ago, I and fellow SIRs, along with their lovely ladies, had the opportunity to attend the production of the *Wedding Singer* put on by the San Mateo High School Drama Department. It was a great show. Henry Chiu and Wayne Veatch did a great job heading up this wonderful activity. It was a great chance for us to get together and spend some time outside our usual luncheon setting. I say we had a chance to get together, but then I realized that I do not really know everybody. How many of us are in the same situation?

We have lunch with those we feel comfortable with and do not seek new acquaintances or friendships as it makes us feel uncomfortable. There are ways for all of us to get to know each other better. We can participate in many of our branches activities, make an effort to know those around us and maybe risk sitting at another table.

## Sons In Retirement San Francisco Branch 4



### **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 for March SIR Branch 4 Treasurer Paul Rosenberg, Member of S.F. Historical Society and the Outside Lands and Market St. Railway Group**

We are SIRs, let's know each other better. Bob Fox and Wayne Veatch are making great efforts in providing us with more activities. Bob's survey last month showed that you are all interested in our current activities as well as new ones. Wayne is working on more outings for us that will be easy to get to, be inexpensive, and informative. Wayne is working on a follow-up tour of the airport museum. Bill Gipe, our membership and speaker chair is always looking for speakers for our luncheons, if you can think or know of anybody who would be informative and entertaining please let Bill know. Our activity chairs are hard workers, who continue to make our branch one that meets the needs of its members.

I like to share with you selected dates during the month and March has a few dates that might bring back some school day memories. Would your grandchildren know them? March 1<sup>st</sup> is the anniversary of the Peace Corps, March 8<sup>th</sup> is Mardi Gras, which means Easter is only 47 days away, the 11<sup>th</sup> is Johnny Appleseed Day and the 15<sup>th</sup> is the Ides of March, while the 19<sup>th</sup> is the day the swallows return to San Juan Capistrano and we end up with March 20<sup>th</sup> which is the first day of Spring. See you at the meeting!

## Fog Horn Issue March 2011

**Meeting March 2nd**  
**Next meeting April 6th**  
**Editor: George Rodriguez**  
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**Little SIR – Bob Fox**

I was elated to see a good response to the Activities Survey circulated at the February lunch. 71 members indicated an interest in one or more recurring activities. For the activities we currently schedule like golf, pinochle, etc. I will provide your name to the appropriate activities coordinator. He will contact you to schedule you for near term event. Regarding the other activities, bocce ball and beer tasting received the highest member interest. I am currently reviewing possible options to schedule those remaining activities. One option is to appoint an activities coordinator and schedule an initial event. Where the number of members is low and a neighboring Branch is currently engaged in that activity, I will work with that Branch activity coordinator to schedule a future event jointly with them. There will be more updates for scheduling these activities to follow.

It is mid-winter but the crazy weather this year hardly reflects the usual steady rain and cold. The East coast is buried in snow and our streams are low. This is most definitely global warming. Vehicles are by far the biggest contributor to greenhouse emissions. By virtue of driving less now that we are retired, that helps cut down on pollution. Taking that one step further, when it is time to purchase a new vehicle, we can consider a more fuel efficient model.

I will provide a monthly quote from a famous person. This month is from Yogi Berra who said "when you come to a fork in the road, take it".

**Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243  
Ken Reed 415 810-3832**

**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 [SIR Branch 4 Golf](#). 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 March 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. Jim Smith coordinates the match, so Branch 4 goes out first.

**2011 Poplar Creek Tournaments** are scheduled for Tuesday 2/15, 4/19, 6/29 (Wednesday), 8/16, 10/18, and 12/13. **No-shows without notification** will require a **\$10 contribution** to the prize fund at the next tournament.

**Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Tuesday April 19th, 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 this year.

On **Monday March 28th, Spring Valley GC**, 3441 East Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, 408-262-1722, hosts the next shotgun tournament. Bus leaves the SSF Elks Club at 0630 for 0830 tee off. Bus rate \$65, drive \$60.

**Upcoming Away Trips** – 4/25 Mare Island, 5/23 Foxtail-South, 7/25 Napa.

Check the web site [SIR Branch 4 Golf](#) for updates!

### February Speaker

**John Hill, Assistant Director  
SFO Aviation Museum**



John spoke of the days of Pan Am and the China Clippers. Our Songmeister, Greg Pantages was a radioman first class on a China Clipper. After being inducted in the US Navy, he spent many days installing communications across the South Pacific during World War 2.



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

### Travel Chairman – Wayne Veatch 415 821-1806

Aside from encouraging participation in the "grand tours" that are offered to members of the Bay Area branches, I'm planning some "local" tours and events. Our first, a performance of The Wedding Singer on February 13, was enjoyed by 22 members and guests. Thanks to Henry Chiu. What a great show! Our next will be a follow-on to the presentation at the February lunch by John Hill of the SFO Museum: a guided tour of the aviation museum at the International Terminal, from 10:30 to noon on March 21. We are limited to 30 participants and will take signups, to me by phone (415-821-1806) or email ([veatchlaw@gmail.com](mailto:veatchlaw@gmail.com)) and at lunch on March 2, first come first served. Guests and spouses are welcome. As for the "grand tours," several of you have taken flyers for the Sequoia Park / Wonder Valley Ranch tour on April 4-7, the Hawaiian Islands cruise April 28-May 13 and the Puerto Vallarta, Mexico tour June 22-29. Please let me know if you will be going on any of these, so we can coordinate with other branches."

**Wayne**

### 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!

**SIR Happenings** is now in its sixth 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!

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

### Attention all past Big Sirs

Our Historian, Tony Ramirez needs your picture! Please Bring your picture to the meeting or see George Rodriguez, and he will take your picture at the meeting. Thank You!

**Birthday Greetings**

**Chairman: Robert Hennig**

**March 2011 Birthday Celebrants**

Lee Appel, Al DelClaux, Maurice Gonzalez, Rodolfo Gutierrez, Nick Kyriakis, Patrick Long, Jon Lucero, Dave Marconi, George Mourgos, EdMurphy, Jack Negrin, Dan O'Leary, Ernest Pead, Robert Ratto, and Peter Stambollis.

**Absentee Special Donor List for January**

Chairman, Bill Gipe

Paul DeNatale, Art Encabo, Bill Gipe, and Warren Lee.

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 List 143

Honorary Life Member 1

(#406 Sam Riskin)

Inactive List 16

Additions 2

Deletions 2

Branch 4 welcomes **Dan Machado & Steven Machado**, and thanks their sponsor **Ken Reed**

Feb.2, 2011 attendance was 95 members or 67%

***IN REMEMBRANCE***

***Frank Boone  
Charles Mertes***

**Pinochle George Samoulides 415 564 5384**

If you know the game or are interested in learning the game, join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. Meetings are at the Holy Trinity Christopher Community Center, 999 Brotherhood Way, in San Francisco. Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun.

**Sunshine Committee**

**Shut ins Chairman Lee M. Appel 415 221 6664**

**Sick List for January 2010**

Peter Angelonides, Stephen Costakis, Raino Kandelberg, and Ed Woodward

**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**

**Glee Club – George Rodriguez 650 992-8321**

We will practice after the meeting.

**Bowling – Joe Jacinto 415 681-8719**

Four weeks into the 2nd. half of the season (Week 20 of 33) Teams 11 finds the standings jumbled somewhat. Including other members of the league (other than Sirs) there's a different picture. Team 11 with Art Tanjuaquio, Joe Jacinto, Rudi Gutierrez and Team 4 with Marie Burkhardt, Celia Castillo, Alberta Siegel share first place. Team 9 with Mila Balcita, Delly Lombos, Pete Balcita are in 3rd. place and Team 13 with Ross Johnson, Mary Lopez, Joe Lopez are in 4th. place.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Highest Scratch Average: John Ghiglieri (175.03), Joe Lopez (174.43), Pete Balcita (166.53). Among Women: Celia Castillo (137.60), Maxine Smith (132.43), Dot Carrara (131.88)

**Branch 4 thanks annual contributors which include:**

Henry Albert, Peter Angelonides, Fred Danneker, Kenford Dong, Elmer Eckart, Larry Farrell, George Fenech, Henry Fields, Bob fox, Bud Howard, Joe Jacinto, Robin Jaquith, Leo Juarez, Mike Keller, Alex Koliopoulos, Harry Lieberman, Jon Lucero, Jim Mayo, Dennis Meixner, Flor Mendoza, George Mourgos, Thomas Mrakava, Dan O'Leary, Leonel Parra, Joe Pierce, Jesus Pilare, Henry Ratti, Bob Ratto, Ken Reed, Mario Reyes, George Rodriguez, Lloyd Rinde, Paul Rosenberg, Joe Sangiacomo, Herman Scholz, Tom Sylvester, Wil Uclusin, Wayne Veatch, and Mike Vriheas.

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